

## FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES

FOR THE YEAR 1887.

To the Honorable

GEORGE E. FOSTER,

Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the Fourth Annual Report of the Department of Fisheries. The financial statements are for the year ended 30th June, 1887, while the statistical tables and reports extend to the 31st December of that year; the late date to which these statistics are compiled necessarily delay the annual report. Formerly a preliminary report which contained the financial statements of the Department for the fiscal year was issued; the necessity for this is however now obviated by the printing of all such statements in the Auditor General's Report.

## CONDITION AND YIELD OF THE FISHERIES IN 1887.

The total value of the Fisheries of Canada for the year 1887, is computed as follows:—

Nova Scotia.....	\$8,379,782 68
New Brunswick.....	3,559,506 89
British Columbia.....	1,974,887 08
Quebec .....	1,773,567 43
Ontario.....	1,531,849 73
Prince Edward Island.....	1,037,425 94
Manitoba and North-West Territories .....	129,084 00

Showing an aggregate value of .....\$18,386,103 75

as against \$18,679,288.57 in 1886, or a decrease of \$293,184.82. This deficiency is made up as follows:—

Nova Scotia .....	\$ 35,578 77
New Brunswick.....	620,720 38
Prince Edward Island .....	104,565 46
Manitoba and North-West Territories .....	57,895 84