

Canadian Fisheries.

"In the report of the Fisheries Department, which has been brought down in Parliament, the statistics are of interest in view of the present dispute with the States. The report gives the total number of men engaged in the fisheries as close on sixty thousand; to be exact, 59,493. According to provinces, the number are as follows.

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| Nova Scotia | 29,905 | Quebec | 11,322 |
| New Brunswick | 10,185 | Ontario | 2,716 |
| P. E. Island | 3,535 | B. Columbia | 1,830 |

These sixty thousand men are employed in 1177 vessels of 48,728 tons measurement, and \$2,021,633 value, and in 28,472 boats, of \$83,257 value.

The official figures of the value of the Fisheries last year are as follows.

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| Nova Scotia | \$3,283,932 |
| New Brunswick | 4,005,431 |
| Quebec | 1,719,469 |
| Prince Edward Island | 1,293,428 |
| British Columbia | 1,078,038 |
| Ontario | 1,342,691 |

\$17,722,970

The most valuable fish to Canada is the cod, of which \$4,536,732 worth was caught last year. The other chief fish were lobster, \$2,613,731; herring, \$2,475,118; mackerel, \$1,504,420; salmon, \$1,152,348; haddock, whitefish, trout, and sardines, from half to quarter of a million worth each. The exports of Canadian fish are, however, of special interest, as the figures show where our greatest trade lies. The Canadian fish exports last year were as follows:

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| To the United States | \$3,560,731 |
| " Great Britain | 1,543,731 |
| " British West Indies | 1,152,868 |
| " Spanish West Indies | 718,956 |
| " French West Indies | 120,235 |
| " South America | 295,617 |

Besides these, the most important customers for Canadian fish are Portugal and Italy, taking about \$100,000 worth each. The total Canadian export amounts to a few thousands short of eight million dollars (7,960,001). The total cost of the Dominion fisheries service is given by the report as \$153,215, a small sum for the protection of an industry producing nearly eighteen millions a year, and exporting eight millions.



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