

the Magdalen Islands, along the coast of Gaspé, and in the lower part of the River St. Lawrence.

There are above 70 salmon fishery rivers in Lower Canada, which the Government are now fostering, with a view to enhance the commerce in this valuable fish. The latest annual catch is 3,750 barrels. The Bay of Chaleurs alone formerly exported 10,000 barrels.

The number of boats belonging to Canada, fishing on the Canadian shores, is from 1,200 to 1,500.

Nearly 100 Canadian vessels are employed in the fisheries of Canada.

The number of fishing vessels from Nova Scotia and the other Lower Provinces, fishing on our shores, is from 250 to 300.

The number of fishing vessels from the United States, frequenting our shores, principally for the cod and mackerel fishing, is from 200 to 300.

Quantity of dried and smoked fish yearly exported from Canada	846,567 Quintals.
Quantity of pickled fish exported from Canada.....	118,257 Barrels.
Consumed in Canada, above kinds	75,000 Quintals.
Quantity of fish oil exported from Canada.....	100,218 Gallons.
Number of seal skins ditto ditto ..	12,000
Quantity of salmon taken in the rivers of Canada ...	3,750 Barrels.
Quantity of trout and halibut taken in Canada.....	900 Barrels.

Total fish productions, valued at 942,528 dollars.

NOTE.—The take by vessels other than Canadian is not computed in this table.

Square and manufactured timber is exported in large quantities from the different ports of the coast of Gaspé. There is also found an abundance of wood of the best quality for ship-building purposes. The lands in the district of Gaspé are composed of a light but fertile soil, producing all kinds of grain and vegetables. There are millions of acres of those lands which are still in the wild state and covered by beautiful forests.

The population of the district of Gaspé and of the north coast of the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence is 32,000 souls.

The district of Gaspé alone could contain and support a population of more than 100,000.

The inland lakes and rivers abound in fish.

FISHERIES, U. C.

The merchantable fish products derived from the lakes and rivers of Upper Canada consist chiefly of white fish, salmon, salmon-trout, herring, lake-trout, speckled-trout, sturgeon, pickerel, bass, maskinongé, &c. Inferior kinds also abound in the smaller lakes, tributaries and streams.