

THE SEASON'S SEALING.

We have already referred to the results of the operations during the present season of the Victoria sealing fleet. The collector of customs has, it may be stated, forwarded his official report to Ottawa, which contains a great deal of information as to what has been done, and as to the habits and movements of the seal. The report shows that at 59 British Columbia vessels, manned by 818 whites and 518 Indians, went out this year, as against 53 last season, with crews of 847 whites and 432 Indians. The catch of the two seasons may be stated as follows:

	1894.	1893.
B. C. coast catch	11,703	29,113
Japan " "	48,993	29,206
Copper Island "	7,437	12,013
Behring Sea "	26,341

Total B. C. catch.....94,474 70,332

The catches of the American schooners Louis Olsen, Annie Matilda and Josephine, in all 574, landed at Victoria, brought up the number of skin-hauled at this port to 95,048. It may be mentioned, that of the Behring Sea take, in all 26,341, the catch of male seals reached 11,705, and, of females, 14,636, thus disposing of the American pretension that the Canadian sealers slaughtered an undue proportion of female seals.

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