

These vessels require continual looking after, and it is very necessary to have something fast to do it with. On the Great Lakes there is continual poaching going on, and the "Petrel" is not fast enough to cope with the United States' fishing tugs.

On the Atlantic Coast we have a regular system of reporters, this year numbering about 58 stations, who every day report the movements of the United States' fishermen and also the fish, and at what ports, bait and ice can be found, which our fishermen find of great benefit; more especially this year when bait has been so scarce; and it means that they simply have to go to the nearest telegraph office, look at the bulletin board which is displayed at every station and find out where bait can be procured.

### Expenditure

The following table shows the expenditure of the Fishery Branch for the last fiscal year and 1895-6.

Service	Expenditure	
	1895-6	1901-2
Fisheries (proper).....	\$ 96,961	\$104,880
Fish-breeding.....	38,050	79,891
Fisheries Protection Serv.	102,021	152,825
Fishing bounty.....	163,567	155,942
Miscellaneous Expe'dit're	20,203	56,131
Total.. .....	420,805	549,670
	Increase	\$128,865

NOTE. — This increase has taken place notwithstanding that since 1899, the expenditure in the Province of Ontario has decreased by over 80 p. c. and in Quebec by nearly 50 per cent, owing to the withdrawing of our local staff of officers in these provinces.

This pamphlet is submitted to the public with the confident expectation that it will be of interest to those engaged in shipping and others interested in Marine and Fisheries matters.

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