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| New Brunswick | 3,775 | 3,654 | Increase |
| Nova Scotia..... | 479 | 372 | |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 804 | 840 | |
| Gulf of St. Lawrence | 272 | 296 | |
| Lobster Licenses..... | 800 | 1,089 | |
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| Maritime Provinces | 6,130 | 6,251 | 121 |
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| Grand total..... | 8,427 | 11,610 | |
| | | Increase | 3,183 |

Fish Breeding.

In 1895 there were only fourteen Fish Hatcheries, from which was distributed about two hundred million fry, while in 1903, there are twenty-one such establishments, and the distribution of fry will be increased fifty per cent over that of 1896, viz : about three hundred millions. These hatcheries are located as follows :

- 5 in Quebec,
- 5 in New Brunswick,
- 3 in Ontario,
- 3 in Nova Scotia,
- 3 in British Columbia,
- 1 in Manitoba,
- 1 in Prince Edward Island.

Lobster Breeding in Pounds.

The question of giving every assistance to the replenishing of the Lobster fishery, both by artificial means and by following nature as closely as possible, has received careful attention by the Department, and as result the experiment of enclosing live female Lobsters in pounds during the open season, and releasing them when the close season commenced, has been tried and proved very successful.

The experiment was conducted in a pound owned by Mr. H. E. Baker and located at Forchu, in Cape Breton County,