



Ottawa, January 16th, 1920.

A preliminary report on the Fisheries of Canada for the year 1918 has just been issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Sea Fish caught and landed.

The total value of the catch of the sea fisheries of Canada in 1918 to fishermen at the point of landing was \$32,741,998 as compared with \$29,373,022 ¹ in 1917. The quantity and value of the principal commercial fishes landed in 1918 were as follows:

	cwt.	\$
Salmon	1,529,925	9,378,018
Cod	2,206,666	7,867,670
Halibut	207,139	3,131,651
Herring	1,764,223	2,295,611
Lobsters	264,096	2,123,406
Haddock	554,366	1,851,137
Sardines	295,770	1,479,050
Mackerel	196,779	1,354,400

By provinces British Columbia leads with a catch valued at \$13,632,828 followed by Nova Scotia with \$10,759,974, New Brunswick with \$4,241,773, Quebec with \$3,285,182, and Prince Edward Island with \$822,241.

Fish and Fish Products Marketed.

The total value of the fish marketed fresh and prepared for all Canada was \$60,363,502, as compared with \$52,312,044 ¹ in 1917. Of the total value of fish marketed in 1918, the inland fisheries of the provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairie Provinces and the Yukon, contributed \$6,000,000.

The quantities and values of fish marketed fresh, by principal varieties were:

Sea Fisheries.

	cwt.	\$
Halibut	203,379	6,448,544
Salmon	291,896	3,571,865
Lobsters	59,251	1,273,247
Cod	202,235	1,207,758
Smelts	94,158	1,046,153
Mackerel	106,804	959,302
Haddock	191,596	950,845
Herring	181,576	508,937
	bbl.	
Sardines	218,515	1,092,525

Inland Fisheries.

	cwt.	\$
Whitefish	199,623	1,884,728
Herring	201,813	993,293
Trout	72,186	716,882

Footnote:

¹ It should be noted, however, that fish landed by United States fishing vessels are included with the 1918 total, and not with the figure for 1917. In 1917 halibut to the value of \$1,604,081, cod \$18,053, and salmon \$2,576 were landed by U.S. vessels and should be added to the total value for 1917 for purposes of comparison with 1918.



Canned fish products which totalled 2,107,462 cases, valued at \$18,683,759 comprised -

	cases	\$
Salmon	1,633,849	14,067,249
Lobsters	107,812	2,244,690
Sardines	177,193	1,227,988
Herring	73,060	421,399
Pilchards	63,693	326,225
Haddock	28,360	227,107
Clams & Quahaugs	16,809	101,990
Miscellaneous	6,686	57,111

The principal varieties of fish marketed green-salted, dried, smoked, boneless and pickled, by values were:

Sea Fisheries.

	\$
Cod	8,868,909
Haddock	1,618,219
Herring	2,731,471
Mackerel	960,181
Hake and Cusk	791,594
Pollock	544,444

Among the miscellaneous products were 1,317,445 gallons of whale oil valued at \$1,175,437, and 457,870 gallons of fish oil valued at \$457,483.

The values of fish and fish products marketed by provinces are as follows:

Sea Fisheries.

	\$
British Columbia	28,329,501
Nova Scotia	15,183,949
New Brunswick	6,305,168
Quebec	4,395,756
Prince Edward Island	1,148,201
Total Sea Fisheries	55,362,575

Inland Fisheries.

Ontario	3,175,194
Manitoba	1,820,157
Saskatchewan	447,012
Alberta	318,913
Quebec	173,193
Yukon	37,820
New Brunswick	28,728
Total Inland Fisheries	6,000,927

Total for Dominion

60,363,502

The report shows that 939 factories were in operation in 1918 as compared with 982 in 1917, classified as follows:

	1918 No.	1917 No.
Lobster canneries	534	610
Salmon "	81	89
Sardine "	3	2
Clam & other fish canneries	14	12
Whale oil factories	4	1
Fish oil factory	1	-
Fish curing establishments	302	268