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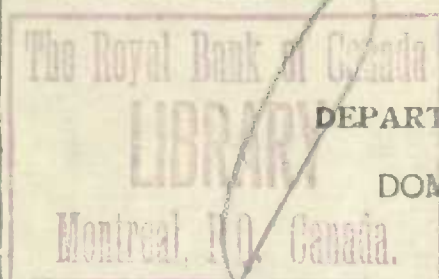
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## PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FISHERIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1925.

The following preliminary report of the fisheries of British Columbia is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

### PRODUCTION

The fisheries production of British Columbia in 1925 had a total value of \$22,420,253, compared with \$21,257,567 in 1924. These figures represent the value of the fish marketed, whether sold for consumption fresh, or canned, cured or otherwise prepared. The value for 1925 exceeds that of any previous year's production, excepting that of each of the years 1918 and 1919, the greater value for each of these two years being due to the higher average prices obtained for fish products. The salmon fishery is of chief importance, the value of its products in 1925 amounting to \$14,966,445, or 67 per cent of the total value of the fisheries production of the province. Although the catch of salmon was less in 1925 than in 1924, the value of production was greater by nearly 2 million dollars. The total pack of salmon in 1925 comprised 1,720,622 cases, valued at \$12,385,098, a decrease in quantity of 26,383 cases, but an increase in value of \$2,067,106, compared with the preceding year. The large increase shown in the total value of the pack is due to the fact that decreases in quantity are confined to the lower priced varieties, while the higher priced kinds of salmon show increased production. The average price in 1925 for all varieties was \$7.20 per case compared with \$5.90 in 1924. Next in importance to the salmon are the halibut and herring fisheries, the former having a production in 1925 valued at \$3,898,385, and the latter a production valued at \$1,721,232. Decreases in quantity of catch and in marketed value are shown for halibut and increases for herring.

### CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

#### PRIMARY OPERATIONS:

Capital.— The amount of capital represented by the vessels, boats, nets, seines, traps, piers and wharves, etc., engaged in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish was \$6,830,365 compared with \$5,595,494 in 1924.

Employees.— The number of men employed in these operations was 9,944, compared with 9,274 in 1924.

#### FISH CANNING AND CURING ESTABLISHMENTS:

Capital.— The value of the capital investment of the establishments, comprising land, buildings and machinery, materials, supplies and products on hand, and cash and operating accounts, was \$14,156,282, a decrease from the preceding year of \$154,127. There were 149 establishments in operation in 1925, classified as follows: 65 salmon canneries; 3 clam canneries; 70 fish curing establishments; and 12 reduction plants. There were increases of 5, 3 and 4 respectively in the numbers of salmon canneries, fish curing establishments and reduction plants, and a decrease of 2 in the number of clam canneries.

Employees.— The number of persons employed in the establishments was 7,573, compared with 6,906 in 1924. The salaries and wages paid amounted to \$3,336,433 in 1925 and \$2,791,637 in 1924.



1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, British Columbia, 1924 and 1925.

Kind	1924		1925		
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
		\$		\$	
Cod, caught	cwt.	40,530	241,372	31,636	190,664
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	39,820	285,030	31,306	262,326
Fresh fillets	"	-	-	10	150
Smoked	"	2	24	-	-
Smoked fillets	"	352	3,775	100	1,500
Total value marketed	-	288,829	-	264,036	
Hake and cusk, caught	cwt.	10	60	1	2
Marketed fresh	"	10	60	1	3
Whiting, caught	cwt.	87	313	1,412	5,573
Marketed fresh	"	87	343	1,412	8,410
Halibut, caught	cwt.	331,382	3,884,150	319,050	3,125,868
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	331,378	5,427,506	319,012	3,898,104
Smoked	"	2	36	19	281
Total value marketed	-	5,427,542	-	3,898,385	
Flounders, brill, plaice, etc. caught	cwt.	509	1,907	3,738	11,841
Marketed fresh	"	509	2,177	3,738	20,914
Skate, caught	cwt.	664	3,185	978	2,359
Marketed fresh	"	664	3,324	978	4,259
Soles, caught	cwt.	4,847	50,095	4,978	33,646
Marketed fresh	"	4,847	31,455	4,978	36,404
Herring, caught	cwt.	1,157,625	764,336	1,457,064	991,560
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	13,891	51,683	22,843	72,109
Boneless	"	245	1,960	-	-
Canned	cases	-	-	391	1,564
Smoked	cwt.	2,948	73,722	5,622	49,203
Dry-salted	"	853,543	1,174,190	1,083,174	1,528,196
Pickled	bbl.	146	2,177	52	484
Used as bait	"	29,971	88,348	22,105	69,671
Total value marketed	-	1,392,580	-	1,721,232	
Pilchards, caught	cwt.	27,485	21,794	318,973	221,557
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	3	15	-	-
Canned	cases	14,298	60,180	37,132	178,121
Dry-salted	cwt.	8,946	20,343	-	-
Used as bait	bbl.	923	2,307	4,045	4,790
Total value marketed	-	82,845	-	182,911	
Bass, caught	cwt.	25	75	25	109
Marketed fresh	"	25	100	25	186
Perch, caught	cwt.	1,299	11,893	1,042	7,529
Marketed fresh	"	1,299	12,793	1,042	9,693

<sup>1</sup> Part used in the preparation of fish oil and meal.

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,  
British Columbia, 1924 and 1925.- con.

Kind	1924		1925	
	Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Salmon, caught	cwt. 1,965,159	5,315,256	1,864,474	7,106,062
Marketed-				
Used fresh	" 272,189	1,811,368	204,319	1,623,042
Canned	cases 1,747,505	10,317,992	1,720,622	12,385,092
Smoked	cwt. 638	8,696	755	8,132
Dry-salted	" 155,191	510,752	136,316	476,367
Mild cured	" 15,796	339,088	27,770	460,922
Pickled	" 3,224	30,693	450	6,075
Roe	" 710	2,735	972	3,531
Used as bait	" 1,610	5,927	512	3,272
Total value marketed	-	13,027,251	-	14,966,445
Shad, caught	cwt. 18	472	-	-
Marketed fresh	" 18	472	-	-
Smelts, caught	cwt. 1,140	11,959	780	7,300
Marketed fresh	" 1,140	12,173	780	7,434
Sturgeon, caught	cwt. 306	6,899	274	5,006
Marketed fresh	" 306	6,899	274	5,604
Trout, caught	cwt. 39	595	42	462
Marketed fresh	" 39	595	42	602
Black cod, caught	cwt. 18,183	95,678	14,956	81,660
Marketed-				
Used fresh	cwt. 6,043	51,781	7,566	59,055
Green-salted	" 32	416	484	7,796
Smoked	" 6,027	77,997	3,001	43,464
Smoked fillets	" 7	140	-	-
Total value marketed	-	130,334	-	110,315
Red cod, caught	cwt. 3,439	19,964	2,960	14,373
Marketed-				
Used fresh	cwt. 3,439	21,886	2,807	17,745
Smoked	" -	-	57	800
Smoked fillets	" -	-	5	80
Total value marketed	-	21,886	-	18,625
Eels, caught	cwt. 1	1	3	18
Marketed fresh	" 1	2	3	18
Gray fish, caught	cwt. 74,000	23,150	74,040	187,740
Octopus, caught	cwt. 403	3,895	586	3,768
Marketed fresh	" 403	3,920	586	5,056
Culachons, caught	cwt. 1,271	5,371	361	1,520
Marketed fresh	" 1,271	6,550	361	2,147

<sup>1</sup>Used in the production of fish oil and fertilizer.

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,  
British Columbia, 1924 and 1925 - con.

Kind		1924		1925	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Tom cod, caught	cwt.	4	8	23	62
Marketed fresh	"	4	16	23	92
Mixed fish, caught	cwt.	-	-	5	25
Marketed fresh	"	-	-	5	30
Clams and quahaugs,					
caught	bbl.	20,030	49,835	26,527	90,508
Marketed -					
Used fresh	bbl.	5,162	29,126	4,496	26,621
Canned	cases	14,868	124,346	22,031	135,043
Total value marketed		-	153,472	-	161,664
Crabs, caught	cwt.	5,957	35,790	6,979	35,785
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	5,566	35,412	6,979	50,605
Canned	cases	195	4,785	-	-
Total value marketed		-	40,197	-	50,605
Oysters, caught	bbl.	1,663	26,422	1,468	22,905
Marketed fresh	"	1,663	29,051	1,468	23,107
Shrimps, caught	cwt.	867	15,354	1,157	16,035
Marketed fresh	"	867	15,608	1,157	23,331
Fur seals, caught	no.	2,232	21,658	4,465	46,590
Skins marketed	"	2,232	24,221	4,465	52,373
Whales, caught	no.	415	359,714	351	309,608
Marketed-					
Whalebone and meal	tons	292	7,592	347	7,260
Whale oil	gal.	645,657	310,407	556,939	266,651
Whale fertilizer	tons	926	41,715	835	35,697
Total value marketed		-	359,714	-	309,608
Miscellaneous products -					
Fish oil, n.e.s.	gal.	241,576	88,855	250,506	313,085
Fish meal	tons	1,508	83,892	4,094	202,854
Fish fertilizer	"	201	10,411	455	20,825
Total Value of Fisheries -					
Caught and landed		-	10,954,271	-	12,520,735
Marketed		-	21,257,567	-	22,420,253

2. Value of the Fisheries Production of British Columbia  
1906 - 1925.

Year	Value \$	Year	Value \$
1906	7,003,347	1916	14,637,346
1907	6,122,923	1917	21,518,595
1908	6,465,038	1918	27,282,223
1909	10,314,755	1919	25,301,607
1910	9,163,235	1920	22,329,161
1911	13,677,125	1921	13,953,670
1912	14,455,483	1922	18,849,658
1913	13,391,398	1923	20,795,914
1914	11,515,086	1924	21,257,567
1915	14,538,320	1925	22,420,253



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