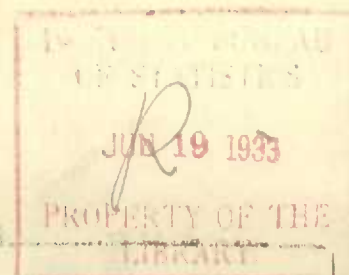


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The following report on the fisheries of British Columbia, for the year 1932, is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The production of the British Columbia fisheries in 1932 had a total value of \$9,914,071, compared with \$11,108,873 in the preceding year. These totals represent the value of the fish as marketed, whether sold for consumption fresh, or as prepared in the various forms - canned, smoked, dry-salted, etc. Of chief importance is the salmon fishery, with a total value of output in 1932 of \$7,592,460, or 77 per cent of the total value of the fisheries production of the province in that year. The catch of salmon was slightly less than in 1931, but the total value was greater, owing to the larger proportions of the higher priced varieties taken in 1932 than in 1931. The pack of salmon was almost double that of the preceding year, amounting to 1,081,011 cases compared with 685,104 cases in 1931. The quantity of salmon sold for consumption fresh was less than in 1931, as was also the production of dry-salted salmon. Halibut, which is next to salmon in importance, had a catch of 168,847 cwt., compared with 182,005 cwt. in 1931, while the marketed value was \$960,166, compared with \$1,373,679. Herring, pilchard and ling cod, which are also among the important commercial fishes of British Columbia, show decreased value of output - herring and pilchard each decreased by about 50 per cent, and ling cod by about 30 per cent.

The total quantity of fish caught and landed in British Columbia in 1932 was 3,450,409 cwt., and the value of this catch to the fishermen was \$4,691,095, compared with a catch of 4,649,962 cwt., and a value to the fishermen of \$5,880,985 in 1931.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

Capital.- The value of the vessels, boats, nets, traps, piers and wharves, engaged in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish in 1932 is recorded at \$7,628,039, and the amount of capital employed in the fish canning and curing part of the industry as \$11,307,873, making a total capital investment in the fishing industry of British Columbia of \$18,935,912, compared with a total of \$20,750,317 in 1931. There were 89 establishments in operation during the year, comprising 44 salmon canneries, 4 clam and other fish canneries, 27 fish curing establishments, 2 freezing plants, and 12 reduction plants. The total number shows a decrease of 10 compared with the preceding year.

Employees.- The number of men employed in the primary operations in 1932 was 10,116, an increase over the preceding year of 621, and the number of persons employed in the establishments, 4,707, an increase of 262. The total number of persons employed in the industry as a whole in 1932 was 14,823, compared with 13,940 in 1931.

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Landed and Marketed,
British Columbia, 1931 and 1932.

Kind		1 9 3 1		1 9 3 2	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Cod, caught	Cwt.	1,628	3,847	2,748	6,296
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	1,303	2,871	2,211	6,025
Smoked	Cwt.	137	822	-	-
Smoked fillets	Cwt.	17	204	180	1,793
Cod livers	Cwt.	-	-	247	4,677
Total Value marketed		-	3,897	-	12,495
Whiting, caught	Cwt.	87	405	35	111
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	87	405	35	111
Halibut, caught	Cwt.	182,005	1,156,177	168,847	677,253
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	181,977	1,373,489	168,835	930,517
Smoked	Cwt.	14	190	6	78
Halibut livers	Cwt.	-	-	2,221	29,571
Total Value marketed		-	1,373,679	-	960,166
Flounders, brill, plaice, caught	Cwt.	1,531	3,890	1,235	3,759
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	1,531	3,890	1,235	3,923
Skate, caught	Cwt.	1,232	3,832	877	2,677
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	1,232	4,271	877	2,748
Soles, caught	Cwt.	4,771	23,962	4,305	25,571
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	4,771	25,372	4,305	25,936
Herring, caught	Cwt.	1,481,080	633,122	1,003,204	183,423
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	8,204	23,283	15,352	30,388
Canned (round)	Cases	43	215	-	-
Smoked (round)	Cwt.	126	873	242	1,788
Smoked (boneless)	Cwt.	-	-	54	432
Kipperd	Cwt.	2,189	26,051	2,652	20,949
Dry salted	Cwt.	788,227	776,442	269,420	213,521
Pickled	Bbl.	142	2,437	50	902
Used as bait	Bbl.	31,676	42,935	20,985	37,563
Oil	Gal.	110,810	14,298	186,173	23,042
Meal	Ton	3,904	171,605	6,195	207,906
Total Value marketed		-	1,058,139	-	536,491
Pilchards, caught	Cwt.	1,472,085	335,514	886,964	74,289
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	4,091	1,773	3,940	1,098
Canned	Cases	17,336	69,344	4,622	11,093
Used as bait	Bbl.	1,552	3,315	1,603	2,891
Oil	Gal.	2,551,914	299,928	1,315,864	166,497
Meal	Ton	14,200	433,482	8,842	202,341
Total Value Marketed		-	807,842	-	383,920
Perch, caught	Cwt.	950	3,540	715	4,578
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	950	3,893	715	4,607
Salmon, caught	Cwt.	1,287,041	3,291,442	1,266,950	3,402,738
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	214,023	1,037,140	182,626	900,166
Canned	Cases	685,104	5,207,698	1,081,011	6,357,813
Smoked	Cwt.	177	2,952	263	2,949
Dry salted	Cwt.	386,693	793,516	127,289	182,904
Mild cured	Cwt.	9,149	127,905	12,141	138,050
Pickled	Cwt.	136	880	206	2,060
Roe	Cwt.	11,447	22,921	3,202	3,639
Used as bait	Cwt.	1,464	2,208	373	740
Oil	Gal.	-	-	10,370	767
Meal	Ton	-	-	149	3,372
Total Value Marketed		-	7,195,220	-	7,592,460

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Landed and Marketed,
British Columbia, 1931 and 1932 - con.

Kind		1931		1932	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Shad, caught	Cwt.	33	198	4	24
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	33	198	4	24
Smelts, caught	Cwt.	1,571	14,725	1,038	6,898
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	1,571	14,928	1,038	7,084
Sturgeon, caught	Cwt.	252	3,024	202	3,126
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	252	3,659	202	2,135
Caviar	Lb.	100	115	-	-
Total Value marketed		-	3,774	-	2,135
Trout, caught	Cwt.	-	-	68	544
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	-	-	68	544
Black Cod, caught	Cwt.	5,845	22,389	6,401	30,637
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	1,111	7,171	3,363	17,776
Green salted	Cwt.	310	4,652	239	1,860
Smoked	Cwt.	2,173	27,698	1,282	19,118
Total Value marketed		-	39,521	-	38,754
Ling cod, caught	Cwt.	50,987	213,012	39,960	154,495
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	49,746	229,492	39,273	155,727
Smoked	Cwt.	454	6,622	147	1,845
Smoked fillets	Cwt.	111	2,900	131	1,962
Total Value marketed		-	239,014	-	159,534
Red and, rock cod, caught	Cwt.	2,735	9,146	2,736	9,271
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	2,735	10,937	2,736	9,333
Grayfish, caught	Cwt.	112,348	22,929	28,020	4,203
Marketed -					
Oil	Gal.	170,271	19,362	35,147	4,629
Meal	Ton	1,010	34,869	264	7,018
Total Value marketed		-	54,231	-	11,647
Octopus, caught	Cwt.	233	1,106	309	1,336
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	233	1,156	309	1,336
Oulachons, caught	Cwt.	198	477	184	390
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	198	477	184	470
Clams, caught	Bbl.	14,403	29,052	13,408	34,677
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Bbl.	608	3,016	2,187	5,366
Canned	Cases	15,288	108,674	11,221	84,482
Total Value marketed		-	111,690	-	89,848
Crabs, caught	Cwt.	5,376	25,201	3,322	16,492
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	4,968	26,221	2,952	15,226
Canned	Cases	204	1,693	251	1,606
Total Value marketed		-	27,914	-	16,832
Abalons, caught	Bbl.	435	1,740	-	-
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Bbl.	14	56	-	-
Canned	Cases	421	4,210	-	-
Total Value marketed		-	4,266	-	-
Oysters, caught	Bbl.	3,555	61,247	2,010	28,638
Marketed fresh	Bbl.	3,555	61,247	2,010	28,800

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Landed and Marketed,
British Columbia, 1931 and 1932 - concluded

Kind		1931		1932	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Shrimps, caught	Cwt.	1,188	14,288	1,449	15,423
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	1,188	15,778	1,109	14,055
Canned	Cases	-	-	209	5,933
Total Value marketed		-	15,778	-	19,988
Far seals, caught	No.	1,463	6,720	1,787	4,246
Marketed - skins	No.	1,463	7,004	1,787	4,885
Miscellaneous fish products -					
Fish oil, n.e.s.	Gal.	71,411	8,417	-	-
Fish meal, n.e.s.	Ton	447	13,256	-	-
Fish fertilizer, n.e.s.	Ton	290	10,272	-	-
Other products		-	7,181	-	-
Total Value of Fisheries -					
Caught and landed		-	5,880,985	-	4,691,095
Marketed		-	11,108,873	-	9,914,071

2. Quantity and Value of the Chief Commercial Fishes,
British Columbia, 1929 - 1932.

Kind		1929	1930	1931	1932	Increase or decrease 1932 compared with 1931
						Increase / Decrease -
Salmon	Cwt.	1,514,038	2,296,213	1,287,041	1,266,950	- 20,091
	\$	14,265,795	16,610,874	7,195,220	7,592,460	+ 397,240
Halibut	Cwt.	303,921	254,796	182,005	168,847	- 13,158
	\$	4,317,235	2,446,775	1,373,679	960,166	- 413,513
Herring	Cwt.	1,315,667	1,221,962	1,481,080	1,003,204	- 477,876
	\$	1,486,655	1,222,303	1,058,139	536,491	- 521,648
Pilchards	Cwt.	1,726,851	1,501,404	1,472,085	886,964	- 585,121
	\$	2,199,874	1,589,609	807,842	383,920	- 423,922
Ling cod	Cwt.	48,489	48,591	50,987	39,273	- 11,714
	\$	415,776	333,564	239,014	159,534	- 79,480

3. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries, British Columbia
1931 and 1932.

In Primary Operations	1931		1932	
	No.	Value \$	No.	Value \$
Steam vessels and tugs	-	-	1	35,000
Sailing and gasoline vessels	228	2,083,500	245	2,384,060
Sail and row boats	1,942	116,124	2,256	172,310
Gasoline boats	4,931	3,407,438	5,031	3,340,755
Carrying smacks and scows	279	321,845	158	134,500
Gill nets	38	5,330	59	4,260
Salmon drift nets	4,559	851,370	5,147	867,788
Salmon purse seines	242	481,200	149	239,150
Salmon drag seines	29	17,300	42	15,840
Seines, other	50	112,700	59	127,075
Bottom drags	41	5,225	36	4,425
Skates of gear	2,160	45,257	1,671	19,010



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