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The Fisheries of Nova Scotia, 1923.

The following preliminary statement of the Fisheries of Nova Scotia is today issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Introduction

Statistics of the fisheries of Nova Scotia for 1923 show a decrease in total production for that year as compared with the previous year. The value of fish marketed fresh and canned, cured or otherwise prepared amounted to \$8,448,385 in 1923 compared with \$10,209,258 in 1922, a decrease of 17 per cent. The cod fishery shows the largest decrease, the value of the product having dropped from \$3,555,637 in 1922 to \$2,434,492 in 1923. The lobster fishery in 1923 displaced cod and took first place in order of value, with a product valued at \$3,081,647, a slight increase over the previous year. The increase in total value of lobster production is due to higher prices, the quantity of the catch being less than in the previous year. Decreases in catch are shown for nearly all of the chief commercial fishes. The catch of cod decreased by 33 per cent of lobsters by 0.6 per cent, of mackerel by 52 per cent, of haddock by 0.5 per cent and of halibut by 34 per cent. The catch of salmon and of swordfish increased by 31 per cent and 28 per cent respectively.

Capital Equipment and Employees.

Primary Operations.—The amount of capital represented in the vessels, boats, nets, piers and wharves, etc. engaged in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish in 1923 was \$8,114,885, a decrease of \$649,979 from the previous year. The number of steam trawlers increased by two, while the number of sailing and gasoline vessels showed a decrease of 84. The number of men employed in the primary operations was 16,742 compared with 19,495 in 1922.

Fish Canning and Curing Establishments. The number of fish canning and curing establishments in operation was 266 comprising 163 lobster canneries, five clam and other fish canneries and 98 fish curing establishments. Compared with the previous year, the number of lobster canneries showed an increase of six, and the fish curing establishments a decrease of three. The capital investment of the establishments was \$4,067,611, a slight decrease from the previous year. The number of persons employed was 3,801, compared with 4,482 in 1922.

The following tables show (1) the quantity and value of fish caught and landed and marketed, 1922 and 1923; (2) the value of fisheries production by counties, 1922 and 1923; and (3) the value of the fisheries production of Nova Scotia, 1914 to 1923. The curves on page 7 show (1) the value of production for 1914 to 1923 and (2) the value of production of lobsters, cod and haddock for 1914 to 1923.

I. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Landed and Marketed, 1922 to 1923.

Kind	1922		1923	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cod, caught	cwt. 1,560,271	3,003,056	1,048,943	1,796,770
Marketed-				
Used fresh	cwt. 61,691	213,428	75,970	307,359
Green-salted "	122,758	495,207	75,991	316,789
Smoked				
fillets	cwt. 15,392	165,160	20,398	225,781
Smoked	" 5,809	63,372	10,490	104,599
Dried	cwt. 372,699	2,350,752	219,405	1,136,086
Boneless	" 24,769	245,713	26,059	278,408
Canned	cases 2,554	21,505	1,935	15,470
Total value marketed		3,555,637		2,434,492
Haddock, caught	cwt. 298,593	530,316	297,023	436,492
Marketed-				
Used fresh	cwt. 112,931	395,987	132,202	480,864
Canned	cases 6,069	47,253	5,353	36,008
Boneless	cwt. 464	4,192	603	5,689
Smoked	" 49,231	383,869	47,860	399,394
Smoked				
fillets	"	-	3,621	40,469
Green-salted	" 14,260	34,535	6,332	19,475
Dried	" 15,109	68,302	12,551	47,888
Total value marketed		934,138		1,029,787

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1922 and 1923.-con.

Kind		1922		1923	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Hake and cusk	cwt.	150,009	121,647	58,819	54,727
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	1,687	3,628	6,971	8,246
Green-salted	"	27,254	58,428	7,300	17,618
Smoked fillets	"	5,445	49,125	3,934	32,875
Dried	"	25,080	109,686	7,188	23,265
Boneless	"	1,427	11,401	1,061	8,693
Canned cases				367	2,569
Total value marketed			232,269		93,186
Pollock, caught	cwt.	77,135	75,563	42,408	42,332
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	4,705	11,493	5,262	14,011
Green-salted	"	10,322	26,508	5,642	15,508
Smoked fillets	"			128	1,408
Dried	cwt.	16,525	72,828	8,476	34,338
Total value marketed			110,829		65,205
Halibut, caught	cwt.	29,007	333,671	19,197	248,423
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	28,620	406,510	19,088	317,930
Canned cases		240	2,553	30	300
Smoked	cwt.	8	100	52	969
Total value marketed			409,163		319,199
Flounders, Brill, Plaice etc.	cwt.	1,564	2,089	5,885	6,721
Marketed fresh	"	1,564	7,581	5,885	26,115
Skate, caught	cwt.	2	36	504	531
Marketed fresh	"	2	36	504	1,260
Sole, caught	cwt.	232	222	-	-
Marketed fresh	"	232	555	-	-
Herring, caught	cwt.	133,138	187,681	165,886	151,179
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	25,129	75,214	32,857	64,694
Canned cases				531	2,229
Smoked	cwt.	12,299	60,780	18,714	94,651
Pickled	bbl.	15,368	86,417	9,452	57,519
Used as bait	"	44,402	142,245	33,635	76,048
Fertilizer	"	110	105	325	250
Total value marketed			364,315		295,391
Mackerel, caught	cwt.	166,538	825,852	79,184	245,666
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	108,386	860,618	49,307	290,536
Smoked	"	-	-	19	199
Canned cases		474	3,314	-	-
Salted	bbl.	19,170	264,956	10,024	97,316
Roe	cwt.	27	216	-	-
Total value marketed			1,129,104		388,051
Alewives, caught	cwt.	16,116	21,585	8,689	9,521
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	6,060	9,971	3,231	6,540
Salted	bbl.	2,296	13,900	1,010	3,790
Smoked	cwt.	1,564	4,863	1,217	3,170
Total value marketed			28,814		13,506

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1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Landed and Marketed,  
1922 and 1923-con.

Kind		1922		1923	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Bass, caught	cwt.	40	390	60	568
Marketed fresh	"	40	390	60	762
Salmon, caught	cwt.	8,577	128,932	11,217	165,055
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	8,458	152,697	11,025	199,115
Canned	cases	21	232	30	360
Smoked	cwt.	61	1,842	97	2,615
Total value marketed			154,771		202,090
Shad, caught	cwt.	570	7,316	930	9,983
Marketed-					
Used fresh	cwt.	333	5,074	642	9,586
Salted	bbl.	79	4,194	96	2,880
Total value marketed			9,268		12,466
Smelts, caught	cwt.	7,133	73,627	7,169	86,499
Marketed fresh	cwt.	7,133	85,020	7,169	120,816
Sturgeon, caught	cwt.	11	119	5	15
Marketed fresh	"	11	147	5	15
Trout, caught	cwt.	470	6,986	540	11,173
Marketed fresh	"	470	7,146	540	12,413
Albacore, caught	cwt.	2,451	5,733	3,310	7,697
Marketed fresh	"	2,451	10,209	3,310	9,659
Eels, caught	cwt.	743	5,337	767	5,293
Marketed fresh	"	743	6,923	767	6,036
Squid, caught	bbl.	2,101	5,129	7,112	22,427
Used as bait	"	2,101	5,135	7,112	33,949
Swordfish, caught	cwt.	11,164	81,110	14,343	94,690
Marketed fresh	"	11,164	102,789	14,343	155,020
Tom cod, caught	cwt.	238	506	62	124
Marketed fresh	"	238	506	62	124
Mixed fish, caught	"	1,032	719	624	461
(not including any kinds					
mentioned elsewhere)					
Marketed fresh	cwt.	1,032	747	624	516
Clams and Quahaugs,					
caught	bbl.	4,018	10,237	4,383	7,965
Marketed-					
Used fresh	bbl.	3,153	9,828	3,870	7,222
Canned	cases	865	5,190	534	3,239
Total value marketed			15,018		10,461

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1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Landed and Marketed,  
1922 and 1923<sup>a</sup> concluded.

Kind	1922		1923	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	\$		\$	
Lobsters, caught cwt.	173,706	1,953,848	172,720	2,239,187
Marketed-				
In shell cwt.	45,504	880,620	46,161	1,030,132
Canned cases	64,552	2,018,315	63,971	2,040,905
Tomalley "	1,111	14,152	1,093	11,009
Total value marketed		2,913,087		3,081,647
Mussels, caught cwt.	160	113	132	113
Marketed fresh "	160	113	132	113
Oysters, caught bbl.	1,464	9,492	2,765	14,753
Marketed fresh "	1,464	10,823	2,765	18,075
Scallops, caught bbl.	10,732	49,878	11,839	68,337
Marketed-				
Shelled gal.	21,006	61,098	23,364	71,047
Canned cases	153	2,241	125	1,500
Total value marketed		63,339		72,547
Tongues and Sounds, pickled or dried cwt.	499	1,531	266	1,741
Winkles, caught cwt.	1,854	2,147	1,448	1,807
Marketed fresh "	1,854	4,620	1,448	4,245
Whales, no.	-	-	1	40
Oil gal	-	-	100	40
Miscellaneous-				
Cod liver oil, medicinal gal.	126	90	2,320	1,392
Cod liver oil, crude gal.	-	-	47,315	14,875
Fish oil, other gal.	107,914	37,517	20,937	10,300
Fish glue "	-	-	266	135
Fish skins and bones cwt.	2,322	4,862	7,351	11,229
Fish fertilizer tons	82	2,226	930	1,524
Total value of fish from Total value of Fisheries-				
Caught and landed		7,443,346		5,779,049
Marketed		10,209,258		8,448,385

<sup>a</sup> Included in 1922 with fish oil

2. Total Value of Fisheries Production of Nova Scotia,  
by Counties, 1922 and 1923.

County	1922	1923	Increase or decrease
	\$	\$	\$
Richmond	194,717	199,614	Inc. 4,897
Cape Breton	375,187	390,957	Inc. 15,770
Victoria	261,775	229,096	Dec. -32,679
Inverness	705,325	764,138	Inc. 58,813
Cumberland	292,831	222,135	Dec. 70,696
Colchester	11,050	24,474	Inc. 13,424
Pictou	374,744	385,226	Inc. 10,482
Antigonish	188,172	223,730	Inc. 35,558
Guy'sborough	1,092,109	1,008,589	Dec. -83,520
Halifax	1,117,630	1,053,599	Dec. 64,121
Hants	4,927	6,465	Inc. 1,538
Lunenburg	2,316,179	1,268,996	Dec. -1,047,183
Queens	251,295	120,132	Dec. -131,164
Shelburne	891,624	639,921	Dec. -251,703
Yarmouth	1,157,078	1,027,409	Dec. -129,669
Digby	754,486	593,420	Dec. -61,066
Annapolis	169,929	129,007	Dec. -40,922
Kings	50,199	61,567	Inc. 11,368
Total	10,209,258	8,448,385	Dec. -1,760,875

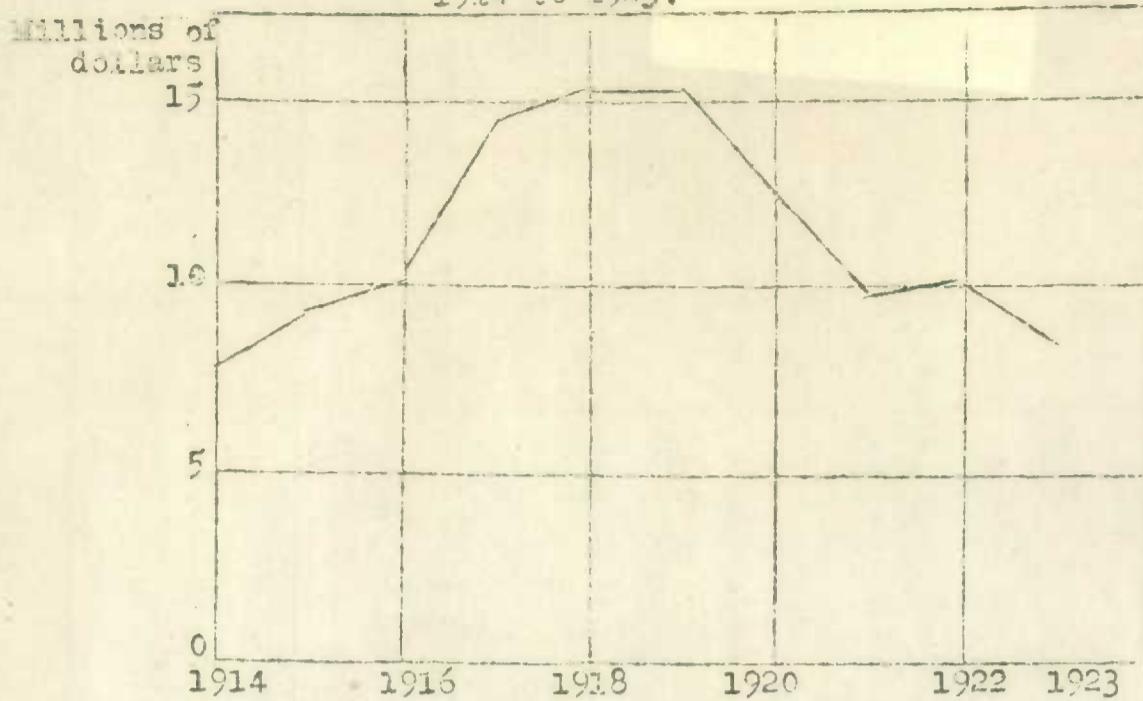
3. Value of the Fisheries Production of  
Nova Scotia, 1914 to 1923.

	\$
1914	7,730,121
1915	9,166,851
1916	10,092,902
1917	14,468,319
1918	15,143,066
1919	15,171,929
1920	12,742,659
1921	9,778,623
1922	10,209,258
1923	8,448,385

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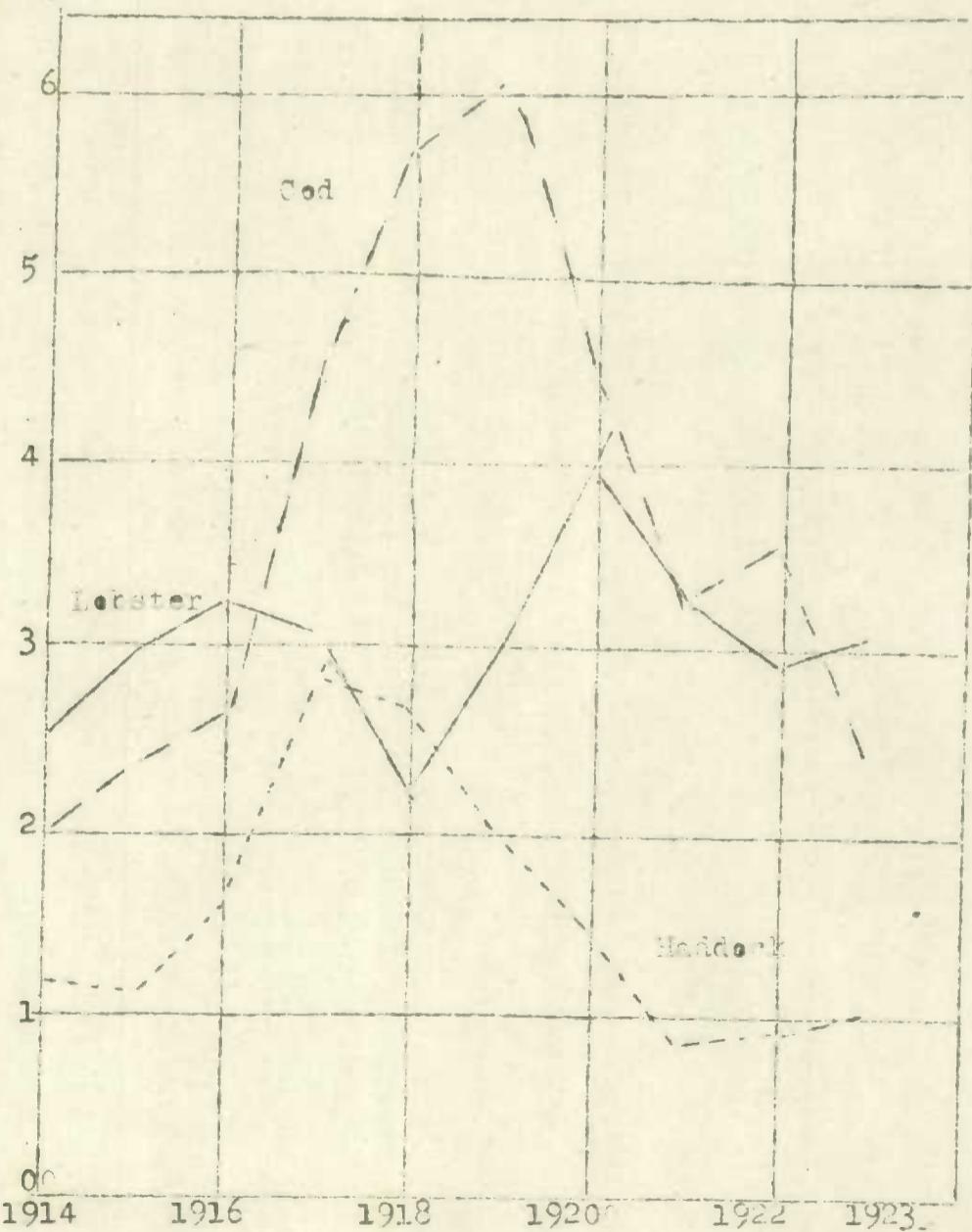
Value of the Fisheries Production of Nova Scotia,  
1914 to 1923.



Value of Product of the Chief Commercial Fishes,

Millions of dollars

Nova Scotia, 1914 to 1923  
(Cod, lobster and haddock)



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