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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FISHERIES OF NOVA SCOTIA, 1926.

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

PRODUCTION

A large increase is shown in the fisheries production of Nova Scotia for the year 1926. The total value of the product was \$12,510,885, an increase over the preceding year of \$2,297,106, or 22 per cent, and an increase over the year 1924 of \$3,733,634 or 43 per cent. The value given represents the total value of the fish marketed, whether sold for consumption fresh or canned, cured or otherwise prepared. All of the principal kinds of fish excepting mackerel show increases in quantity caught and all excepting mackerel, hake and cusk and pollock show increases in marketed value. The marketed value of cod was \$4,578,153, an increase over the preceding year of \$817,320 or 22 per cent; of lobsters, \$3,386,416, an increase of \$371,453 or 12 per cent; and of haddock, \$1,671,039, an increase of \$536,712, or 47 per cent. The value of these three kinds together in 1926 represents 77 per cent of the total value of the fisheries production of Nova Scotia in that year. The catch and marketed value of cod, lobsters and haddock are the largest recorded for a number of years.

Statistics of fisheries production are given in detail in table 1, while tables 2 and 3 give totals for a period of years.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

PRIMARY OPERATIONS:

Capital.— The amount of capital represented by the steam trawlers, vessels, boats, nets, seines, traps, piers and wharves, etc., used in catching and landing the fish was \$7,979,774; compared with \$7,880,136 in 1925.

Employees.— The number of persons employed in these operations was 16,315, compared with 16,266 in the preceding year.

FISH CANNING AND CURING ESTABLISHMENTS.—

Capital.— The total amount of capital invested in the fish canning and curing industry in 1926 was \$4,087,213, an increase over the preceding year of \$292,559. The number of establishments in operation was 246, comprising 132 lobster canneries, 7 clam canneries, 2 miscellaneous fish canneries, 101 fish curing establishments, and 4 plants for the manufacture of fish oil and meal. The number of lobster canneries shows a decrease of 1 compared with the preceding year; and the number of fish curing establishments a decrease of 5. The number of clam canneries increased by 3, while the numbers of miscellaneous fish canneries and reduction works remained the same. The total number of establishments shows a decrease of 3.

Employees.— The persons employed in the establishments in 1926 numbered 3,812, compared with 3,604 in 1925.

Table 4 gives statistics of capital and employees for 1925 and 1926.



1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Nova Scotia,  
1925 and 1926.

Kind		1925		1926	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Cod, caught	Cwt.	1,408,238	3,029,376	1,858,944	3,633,929
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	97,866	363,036	144,127	519,643
Fresh fillets	"	1,616	16,164	2,043	20,430
Green-salted	"	88,826	387,498	80,281	361,066
Canned	Cases	1,906	16,107	2,835	18,756
Smoked	Cwt.	-	-	1,175	9,400
Smoked fillets	"	51,226	624,027	75,143	919,479
Dried	"	300,932	2,102,897	411,230	2,443,845
Boneless	"	24,443	251,104	29,362	285,534
Total value marketed		-	3,760,833	-	4,578,153
Haddock, caught	Cwt.	323,718	629,149	458,301	835,418
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	148,935	566,070	204,015	775,822
Fresh fillets	"	2,298	20,448	4,002	47,739
Canned	Cases	5,543	51,434	14,734	105,300
Smoked	Cwt.	32,437	240,648	53,449	431,601
Smoked fillets	"	12,666	145,949	16,335	205,141
Green-salted	"	6,582	19,509	4,335	17,152
Dried	"	16,818	90,269	19,432	88,284
Total value marketed		-	1,134,327	-	1,671,039
Hake and Cusk, caught	Cwt.	91,027	94,764	91,946	91,701
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	4,856	6,360	6,445	9,315
Fresh fillets	"	437	3,596	-	-
Green-salted	"	10,178	28,134	14,698	29,148
Smoked fillets	"	6,537	66,910	4,042	39,686
Dried	"	15,395	78,465	13,724	52,124
Boneless	"	-	-	867	5,244
Total value marketed		-	183,465	-	135,517
Pollock, caught	Cwt.	47,592	62,618	48,145	52,556
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	8,021	23,336	8,132	22,384
Green-salted	"	8,130	23,280	5,627	14,727
Smoked fillets	"	-	-	318	2,862
Dried	"	7,732	42,777	9,253	37,517
Boneless	"	-	-	44	282
Total value marketed		-	89,393	-	77,772
Halibut, caught	Cwt.	20,250	216,764	23,725	295,620
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	19,911	279,761	23,657	380,486
Smoked	"	8	200	-	-
Canned	Cases	226	2,157	127	1,234
Total value marketed		-	282,118	-	381,720
Flounders, Brill, Plaice, etc., caught	Cwt.	10,930	13,712	13,941	26,067
Marketed fresh	"	10,930	43,507	13,941	68,699
Skate, caught	Cwt.	6,785	6,853	16,150	18,204
Marketed fresh	"	6,785	23,380	16,150	54,110
Solos, caught	Cwt.	2,948	4,015	5,173	12,518
Marketed fresh	"	2,948	14,740	5,173	29,123

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1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Nova Scotia,  
1925 and 1926. (Con.)

Kind		1925		1926	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Herring, caught	Cwt.	206,863	200,602	264,823	291,060
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	44,673	107,138	61,055	164,968
Boneless	"	20	340	22	220
Canned	Cases	911	5,788	553	3,900
Smoked	Cwt.	24,365	122,146	19,280	89,180
Pickled	Bbl.	14,116	91,964	27,527	172,197
Used as bait	"	35,390	106,589	45,544	116,141
Fertilizer	"	110	165	471	942
Total value marketed		-	434,130	-	547,548
Mackerel, caught	Cwt.	117,599	288,871	67,580	173,049
Marketed-					
Used fresh	"	39,255	225,210	31,113	153,091
Smoked	"	60	720	74	888
Salted	Bbl.	26,086	219,255	12,103	131,982
Total value marketed		-	445,185	-	285,961
Sardines, caught	Bbl.	175	350	1,464	1,464
Sold fresh and salted	"	175	350	1,464	2,368
Alewives, caught	Cwt.	22,352	23,279	19,002	17,519
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	9,905	17,885	7,777	12,144
Smoked	"	975	3,450	631	1,773
Salted	Bbl.	3,499	17,679	3,321	18,255
Total value marketed		-	39,014	-	32,172
Bass, caught	Cwt.	55	759	45	375
Marketed fresh	"	55	759	45	450
Salmon, caught	Cwt.	8,422	128,210	13,428	194,865
Marketed-					
Used fresh	Cwt.	8,059	151,692	12,768	244,070
Canned	Cases	211	2,116	623	6,692
Smoked	Cwt.	100	3,316	83	2,510
Total value marketed		-	157,124	-	253,272
Shad, caught	Cwt.	602	6,503	556	5,956
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	557	8,053	436	6,526
Salted	Bbl.	15	450	40	1,200
Total value marketed		-	8,503	-	7,726
Smelts, caught	Cwt.	8,328	105,245	10,981	119,243
Marketed fresh	"	8,328	130,182	10,981	165,630
Sturgeon, caught	Cwt.	15	75	6	44
Marketed fresh	"	15	75	6	47
Trout, caught	Cwt.	983	16,059	1,051	16,991
Marketed fresh	"	983	16,705	1,051	18,821
Albacore, caught	Cwt.	1,626	7,897	1,523	9,113
Marketed fresh	"	1,626	8,352	1,523	12,491
Eels, caught	Cwt.	1,246	11,273	1,453	13,424
Marketed fresh	"	1,246	12,612	1,453	14,781
Grey fish, caught <u>1</u>		-	-	2,000	120
Squid, caught	Bbl.	11,556	33,739	16,747	41,643
Used as bait	"	11,556	39,037	16,747	52,375
Swordfish, caught	Cwt.	4,551	67,776	12,936	146,530
Marketed fresh	"	4,551	78,209	12,936	207,248

1 Used in the manufacture of fish oil and fertilizer.

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1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Nova Scotia,  
1925 and 1926. (Concluded)

Kind		1925		1926	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Tom Cod, caught	Cwt.	195	\$ 160	329	\$ 233
Marketed fresh	"	195	160	329	233
Mixed Fish, caught	Cwt.	1,010	967	3,955	5,108
Marketed fresh	"	1,010	1,890	3,955	12,162
Clams and Quahaugs, caught	Bbl.	4,454	8,348	8,937	14,952
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Bbl.	3,322	6,615	4,963	10,532
Canned	Cases	1,132	6,746	4,006	20,891
Total value marketed		-	13,361	-	31,423
Lobsters, caught	Cwt.	170,698	2,140,228	183,928	2,491,980
Marketed -					
In shell	Cwt.	63,525	1,343,435	71,443	1,611,049
Meat	"	33	2,768	49	4,410
Canned	Cases	53,745	1,659,642	56,277	1,753,150
Tomalley	"	801	9,118	1,556	17,807
Total value marketed		-	3,014,963	-	3,386,416
Oysters, caught	Bbl.	2,644	15,747	2,354	13,571
Marketed fresh	"	2,644	20,773	2,354	19,199
Scallops, caught	Bbl.	12,404	71,977	19,918	134,374
Marketed -					
Shelled	Gal.	24,561	75,045	39,332	134,787
Canned	Cases	83	980	335	3,685
Total value marketed		-	76,025	-	138,472
Tongues and Sounds, pickled or dried	Cwt.	342	4,792	248	3,250
Winkles, caught	Cwt.	975	1,406	2,847	4,673
Marketed fresh	"	975	1,842	2,847	8,455
Dulse, green	Cwt.	1,456	4,240	76	760
Marketed dried	"	208	4,288	16	760
Miscellaneous Products -					
Cod liver oil, medicinal	Gal.	26,743	22,697	86,358	50,527
Cod liver oil, crude	"	130,403	52,171	79,371	30,073
Fish oil, n.e.s.	"	18,728	9,968	37,783	23,720
Fish glue	"	11,000	13,200	13,600	16,320
Fish skins and bones	Cwt.	12,691	16,828	12,689	20,460
Fish meal	Tons	612	36,180	1,554	132,090
Fish offal	"	2,651	6,141	6,407	17,577
Fish Fertilizer	"	275	16,500	400	20,000
Other products		-	-	-	2,725
Total value -					
Caught and landed		-	7,190,962	-	8,663,060
Marketed		-	10,213,779	-	12,510,885



2. Quantity and Value of the Chief Commercial Fishes, Nova Scotia,  
1922 - 1926.

Kind of Fish		1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Cod	Cwt.	1,560,271	1,048,943	1,129,801	1,408,238	1,858,944
	\$	3,555,727	2,474,492	3,309,209	3,760,833	4,578,153
Lobsters	Cwt.	173,706	172,720	115,275	170,698	183,928
	\$	2,917,087	3,081,647	1,904,407	3,014,963	3,386,416
Haddock	Cwt.	298,593	297,023	320,804	323,718	458,301
	\$	974,138	1,029,787	975,660	1,134,327	1,671,039
Herring	Cwt.	183,138	165,886	267,413	206,863	264,823
	\$	364,815	295,391	542,658	434,130	547,548
Halibut	Cwt.	29,007	19,197	27,407	20,250	23,725
	\$	409,163	319,199	441,113	282,118	381,720
Mackerel	Cwt.	166,538	79,184	114,662	117,599	67,580
	\$	1,129,104	388,051	688,350	445,185	285,961
Salmon	Cwt.	8,577	11,217	10,127	8,422	13,428
	\$	154,771	202,090	181,966	157,124	253,272
Swordfish	Cwt.	11,164	14,343	5,575	4,551	12,936
	\$	102,789	155,020	96,157	78,209	207,248
Smelts	Cwt.	7,133	7,169	8,186	8,328	10,981
	\$	85,020	120,816	131,523	130,182	165,630
Scallops	Bbl.	10,732	11,839	7,504	12,404	19,918
	\$	63,339	72,547	51,793	76,025	138,472
Hake and Cusk	Cwt.	150,009	58,819	119,988	91,027	91,946
	\$	232,269	93,185	203,352	183,465	135,517

3. Value of the Fisheries of Nova Scotia, 1917 - 1926.

Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$		\$
1917	14,468,319	1922	10,209,253
1918	15,143,066	1923	8,448,385
1919	15,171,929	1924	8,777,251
1920	12,742,659	1925	10,213,779
1921	9,778,623	1926	12,510,885

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