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THE FISHERIES OF MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA, 1926.

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

PRODUCTION

The fisheries production of the Prairie Provinces in 1926 shows an increase in value, compared with the preceding year, of a million dollars. The marketed value of the fish caught in Manitoba waters was \$2,328,803, compared with \$1,466,939 in 1925; in Saskatchewan, \$444,288, compared with \$494,882; and in Alberta, \$749,076, compared with \$458,504; a total value for the three provinces of \$3,522,167, compared with \$2,420,325 in 1925. The principal kinds of fish for the three provinces as a whole were whitefish, valued at \$1,295,343; pickerel, \$1,042,303; tullibee, \$520,070; and pike, \$286,590. There was an increase of 9 p.c. in the catch of whitefish, compared with the preceding year; of 71 p.c. in the catch of pickerel; of 70 p.c. in the catch of tullibee; and of 48 p.c. in the catch of pike. The values of these four kinds amounted to \$3,144,306, or 89 p.c. of the total value of the fisheries production of the Prairie Provinces in 1926. Average prices were about the same in both years.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

The boats, nets, seines, etc. employed in the fisheries of the Prairie Provinces in 1926 had a total value of \$1,303,481, an increase over the preceding year of \$214,516. The number of men engaged in fishing operations was 5,885, compared with 5,098 in 1925.

The following tables show (1) the value of the fisheries for the years 1922 to 1926; (2) detailed statistics of fisheries production, 1926; and (3) the number and value of boats, nets, etc.

VALUE OF THE FISHERIES, 1922 TO 1926

	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta
1922	\$ 908,816	\$ 245,357	\$ 331,239
1923	1,020,595	286,643	438,737
1924	1,232,563	482,492	359,107
1925	1,466,939	494,882	458,504
1926	2,328,803	444,288	749,076

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2. Quantity and Value of the Fisheries Production of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, 1926.

Kind		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta
Carp	cwt. \$	82 410	-	-
Catfish	cwt. \$	631 7,112	-	-
Goldeyes - Used fresh	cwt. \$	4,482 17,991	60 692	-
Smoked	cwt. \$	3,863 67,108	-	-
Mixed fish	cwt. \$	139 1,316	3,551 6,313	1,046 1,828
Mullets	cwt. \$	13,743 28,654	3,139 14,191	4,456 2,848
Perch	cwt. \$	6,296 71,958	-	933 11,377
Pickerel	cwt. \$	87,251 900,608	2,913 25,520	10,374 116,175
Pike	cwt. \$	43,467 176,425	4,354 26,606	9,780 83,559
Sturgeon	cwt. \$	1,080 55,721	30 1,200	-
Sturgeon caviar	lb. \$	1,523 2,353	-	-
Trout	cwt. \$	604 6,708	3,106 33,483	3,907 46,418
Tullibee -				
Used fresh	cwt. \$	85,267 501,814	1,890 10,225	2,337 8,031
Smoked	cwt. \$	- -	-	30 180
Whitefish	cwt. \$	54,122 490,625	37,667 326,058	34,132 478,660
Total Value of Fisheries	\$	2,328,803	444,288	749,076

3. Capital Equipment, 1926.

	Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta	
	No.	Value \$	No.	Value \$	No.	Value V \$
Steam tugs	21	230,874	-	-	-	-
Sail and row boats	925	61,760	94	2,945	150	13,315
Canoeing boats	74	42,550	35	13,700	130	58,670
Boats	3	2,500	-	-	-	-
Cast nets, seines, etc.	48,636	444,043	3,624	65,336	5,669	111,775
Porcupine nets	16	3,500	-	-	-	-
Hand nets	13	150	38	760	-	-
Dip or roll nets	8	32	-	-	-	-
Lines	304	1,070	27	128	-	-
Fishing Piers and wharves	42	54,793	32	3,925	48	8,875
Ice houses	84	106,730	36	4,150	100	40,580
Small fish and smoke houses	54	22,350	13	4,750	59	4,220
Total Value	-	970,352	-	95,694	-	237,435

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