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THE FISHERIES OF THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY, 1927

The following preliminary report on the fisheries of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Yukon Territory for the year 1927 is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The total value of production of the fisheries of the prairie provinces and Yukon Territory for the year 1927 was \$3,221,261, in comparison with \$3,540,033 in the preceding year. These figures represent the value of the fish marketed. By provinces the values were as follows: Manitoba, \$1,993,093; Saskatchewan, \$503,609; Alberta, \$712,469; and the Yukon Territory, \$12,090. Compared with the preceding year, Manitoba shows a decrease of \$335,710 or 14 per cent; Saskatchewan an increase of \$59,321, or 13 per cent; Alberta a decrease of \$36,607, or 5 per cent; and the Yukon Territory a decrease of \$5,776 or 32 per cent. For the provinces and the territory as a whole, whitefish was of chief importance in 1927, with a catch of 122,862 cwt., and a total marketed value of \$1,243,495, followed by pickerel with a catch of 110,312 cwt. and a marketed value of \$904,335, and tullibee with a catch of 106,184 cwt. and a marketed value of \$438,724. Compared with the preceding year the catch of whitefish shows a decrease of 3,143 cwt. or 2 per cent; while the catch of pickerel increased by 9,769 cwt, or 10 per cent and the catch of tullibee by 16,630 cwt. or 19 per cent. Average prices for pickerel and tullibee were lower in 1927 than in 1926, while prices for whitefish were about the same in both years.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

The boats, nets, seines, etc., employed in the fisheries of the prairie provinces and the Yukon Territory in 1927 had a total value of \$1,409,301, compared with \$1,309,498 in 1926. The number of men engaged in fishing operations was 6,263 in 1927, compared with 5,917 in the preceding year.

The tables which follow give (1) detailed statistics of fisheries production for the year 1927; (2) the value of the fisheries of the respective provinces and the territory for the years 1923-1927; and (3) the number and value of vessels, boats, etc. in 1927.

1. Quantity and value of the Fisheries Production of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Yukon territory, 1927.

Kind		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Yukon Territory
Carp	cwt.	40	-	-	-
	\$	240	-	-	-
Catfish	cwt.	1,434	-	-	-
	\$	17,610	-	-	-
Goldeyes - Used fresh	cwt.	4,420	65	-	-
	\$	21,000	780	-	-
Smoked	cwt.	3,700	-	-	-
	\$	63,000	-	-	-
Herring	cwt.	20	-	-	-
	\$	100	-	-	-
Mixed fish	cwt.	217	2,380	2,281	80
	\$	918	4,999	2,881	1,600
Mulletts	cwt.	11,739	2,647	1,265	-
	\$	19,653	10,871	2,356	-
Saugers	cwt.	2,461	-	-	-
	\$	13,348	-	-	-
Perch	cwt.	2,161	-	673	-
	\$	23,816	-	6,560	-
Pickerel	cwt.	99,813	3,753	6,746	-
	\$	804,854	34,224	65,257	-
Pike	cwt.	40,166	3,731	10,473	2
	\$	149,658	24,215	63,516	40
Salmon	cwt.	-	-	-	805
	\$	-	-	-	8,050
Sturgeon	cwt.	820	-	-	-
	\$	28,610	-	-	-
Sturgeon caviar	lb.	910	-	-	-
	\$	1,050	-	-	-
Trout	cwt.	1,111	2,700	10,882	50
	\$	12,097	29,784	126,955	1,000
Tullibee - Used fresh	cwt.	102,391	1,201	2,532	-
	\$	418,678	9,551	10,195	-
Smoked	cwt.	-	-	30	-
	\$	-	-	300	-
Whitefish	cwt.	49,114	41,323	32,355	70
	\$	418,461	389,185	434,449	1,400
Total Value of Fisheries		\$ 1,993,093	503,609	712,469	12,090

2. VALUE OF THE FISHERIES, 1923 to 1927

	Manitoba \$	Saskatchewan \$	Alberta \$	Yukon Territory \$
1923	1,020,595	286,643	438,737	11,917
1924	1,232,563	482,492	339,107	18,773
1925	1,466,939	494,882	458,504	15,370
1926	2,328,803	444,288	749,076	17,866
1927	1,993,093	503,609	712,469	12,090

3. Capital Equipment, 1927

		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Yukon Territory
Steam tugs	No. 20 \$ 240,048		-	-	-
Sail and row boats	No. 953 \$ 54,665		67 1,720	106 14,880	17 350
Gasoline boats	No. 105 \$ 55,750		27 7,850	135 81,170	7 2,645
Barges	No. 2 \$ 5,000		-	-	-
Gill nets, seines, etc.	No. 62,170 \$ 483,558		4,204 74,837	5,683 118,805	60 2,200
Fish wheels	No. - \$ -		-	-	7 1,050
Pound nets	No. 16 \$ 3,200		-	-	-
Hoop nets	No. 13 \$ 150		24 240	-	-
Dip or roll nets	No. 10 \$ 40		-	-	-
Lines	No. 3 \$ 15		2 20	-	-
Fishing Piers and wharves	No. 43 \$ 54,093		30 2,650	50 12,375	-
Ice houses	No. 85 \$ 106,430		38 4,250	103 47,290	2 200
Small fish and smoke houses	No. 72 \$ 29,350		6 400	55 3,970	1 100
Total Value	\$ 1,032,299		91,967	278,490	6,545

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