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FISHERIES OF THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY, 1928.

The following preliminary report of the fisheries of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Yukon Territory for the year 1928 is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The value of the combined product of the fisheries of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta and the Yukon Territory in 1928 was \$3,558,523, an increase over the preceding year of \$290,617, or 9 p.c. The product of the fisheries of Manitoba had a total value in 1928 of \$2,218,275; of Saskatchewan, a value of \$563,533; of Alberta, a value of \$725,050; and of the Yukon Territory, a value of \$51,665. Compared with the preceding year, Manitoba shows an increase of \$178,537, or 8½ p.c.; Saskatchewan an increase of \$59,924, or 12 p.c.; Alberta an increase of \$12,581, or 1½ p.c.; and the Yukon Territory an increase of \$39,575, or 327 p.c. In Manitoba the principal kind of fish in 1928 was pickerel, with a total value of \$921,010, followed by tullibee with a value of \$480,159, and whitefish with a value of \$473,232. In Saskatchewan and Alberta the principal kind of fish is whitefish, with values in 1928 of \$439,075 and \$340,407 respectively. In the Yukon Territory the salmon is of first importance. For the provinces and the territory as a whole, the whitefish is of chief importance, with a catch of 121,121 cwt. in 1928, and a marketed value of \$1,266,089, a decrease in quantity from the preceding year of 1,741 cwt., but an increase in value of \$22,594. The total catch of all kinds of fish in the provinces and the territory in 1928 amounted to 443,287 cwt., compared with 449,041 cwt. in 1927.

CAPITAL, EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

The amount of capital represented by the boats, nets, piers and wharves, etc. for the three provinces and the territory in 1928 was \$1,603,071, distributed by provinces as follows: Manitoba, \$1,054,889; Saskatchewan, \$118,627; Alberta, \$416,185; and the Yukon Territory \$13,370. Manitoba shows an increase of \$22,590 over the preceding year; Saskatchewan an increase of \$26,660; Alberta an increase of \$137,695; and the Yukon Territory an increase of \$6,825.

The total number of men employed in catching and landing the fish in 1928 was 6,699, of which number, 4,172 are recorded for Manitoba; 1,084 for Saskatchewan; 1,401 for Alberta; and 42 for the Yukon Territory. The total number for the provinces and the territory shows an increase of 436 over the preceding year.

GENERAL TABLES

Statistics of the quantity of fish caught and the value marketed are given by provinces in table 1, the total value of the fisheries for a period of years in table 2; the number and value of boats and gear in table 3; and the number of fishermen in table 4.





1.- Quantity and value of the Fisheries Production of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Yukon Territory, 1928.

Kind		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Yukon Territory
Bass	Cwt.	142	-	-	-
	\$	709	-	-	-
Carp	Cwt.	15	-	-	-
	\$	75	-	-	-
Catfish	Cwt.	1,018	-	-	-
	\$	10,096	-	-	-
Goldeyes - Used fresh	Cwt.	3,000	61	10	-
	\$	19,110	732	100	-
Smoked	Cwt.	4,585	-	-	-
	\$	77,945	-	-	-
Herring	Cwt.	-	3	-	-
	\$	-	54	-	-
Mixed Fish	Cwt.	78	3,403	4,723	277
	\$	1,014	4,945	4,743	6,920
Mulletts	Cwt.	11,657	3,529	514	-
	\$	23,797	11,664	1,001	-
Perch	Cwt.	1,521	-	817	-
	\$	17,326	-	10,669	-
Pickereel	Cwt.	101,870	3,054	8,499	-
	\$	921,010	27,248	92,427	-
Pike	Cwt.	36,366	4,875	6,657	-
	\$	154,550	27,960	32,056	-
Salmon	Cwt.	-	-	-	866
	\$	-	-	-	17,320
Saugers	Cwt.	4,104	-	-	-
	\$	28,795	-	-	-
Sturgeon	Cwt.	6	342	-	-
	\$	345	20,520	-	-
Trout	Cwt.	935	2,408	19,371	562
	\$	10,112	26,908	222,312	14,050
Tullibee	Cwt.	89,068	589	4,184	-
	\$	480,159	4,427	21,335	-
Whitefish	Cwt.	49,899	43,667	27,020	535
	\$	473,232	439,075	340,407	13,375
Total Value of Fisheries \$		2,218,275	563,533	725,050	51,665

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2. - VALUE OF FISHERIES, 1923 to 1928.

	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	2,039,738	503,609	712,469	12,090
1928	2,218,275	563,533	725,050	51,665

3.- Capital Equipment, 1928.

		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Yukon Territory
Steam tugs	No.	17	-	4	-
	\$	228,559	-	43,000	-
Sail and row boats	No.	938	29	121	35
	\$	53,845	575	8,205	875
Gasoline boats	No.	117	9	179	14
	\$	78,950	2,760	118,305	6,745
Barges	No.	3	-	4	-
	\$	5,500	-	18,000	-
Gill nets, seines, etc.	No.	52,378	7,130	7,439	85
	\$	486,474	112,702	114,690	3,600
Fish wheels	No.	-	-	-	6
	\$	-	-	-	900
Hoop nets	No.	13	28	-	-
	\$	150	280	-	-
Dip or roll nets	No.	22	-	-	-
	\$	88	-	-	-
Lines	No.	-	82	-	-
	\$	-	110	-	-
Fishing Piers and wharves	No.	54	5	58	-
	\$	56,993	450	14,090	-
Ice Houses	No.	86	8	130	4
	\$	107,730	1,750	97,875	400
Small fish and smoke houses	No.	81	-	28	7
	\$	36,600	-	2,020	850
Total Value	\$	1,054,889	118,627	416,185	13,370

Employees in Fishing Operations, 1928.

	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Yukon Territory
No. of men employed	4,172	1,084	1,401	42



