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FISHERIES OF THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY, 1929.

Production

The product of the fisheries of the Prairie Provinces and Yukon Territory in 1929 was valued at \$4,075,095, compared with \$3,580,562 in 1928. These figures represent the value of the fish as marketed. To the total value in 1929 Manitoba contributed \$2,745,205, or 67 per cent; Saskatchewan, \$572,871, or 14 per cent; Alberta, \$732,214, or 18 per cent; and the Yukon Territory, \$24,805, or 1 per cent. For the provinces and territory as a whole, whitefish is of chief importance with a total value of \$1,407,402, or 34½ per cent of the total value of fisheries production. The catch of whitefish amounted to 133,113 cwt., an increase over the preceding year of 11,992 cwt. Taking the provinces individually, whitefish is first in order of value in Saskatchewan and Alberta, but in Manitoba, pickerel, with a value of \$988,563 occupies first place. Other principal kinds of fish taken in the Prairie Provinces are tullibee, trout, pike, goldeyes and saugers, and in the Yukon Territory, salmon. The total catch of fish of all kinds in 1929 amounted to 564,653 cwt., and the value of this to the fishermen was \$2,833,183.

Capital Equipment and Employees

The value of the boats, nets, piers and wharves, used in connection with the catching and landing of the fish in 1929 was \$1,998,491, apportioned by provinces, as follows: Manitoba, \$1,316,795; Saskatchewan, \$121,970; Alberta, \$547,271; and the Yukon Territory, \$12,455. The boats used comprise steam tugs, sail and row boats, and gasoline boats, while the fishing gear consists chiefly of gill nets.

The total number of men engaged in fishing operations was 7,552, of which 2,516 were employed on the boats, and 5,036 in fishing, but not in boats.

General Tables

The following tables give statistics of the quantity and value of fish caught and marketed, the number and value of boats and gear, and the number of fishermen, by provinces, for the year 1929, and the total value of the fisheries of each province for the years 1924 to 1929.

1. Quantity and Value of the Fisheries Production of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Yukon Territory, 1929.

Kind of Fish		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Yukon Territory
Catfish	Cwt.	116	-	-	-
	\$	1,205	-	-	-
Goldeyes - Used fresh	Cwt.	2,543	35	11	-
	\$	17,033	420	106	-
	Cwt.	5,137	-	-	-
	\$	174,234	-	-	-
Smoked	Cwt.	-	-	-	-
	\$	-	-	-	-
Herring	Cwt.	-	25	-	-
	\$	-	250	-	-
Mixed fish	Cwt.	118	2,396	5,506	121
	\$	1,228	3,559	9,360	3,025
Mulletts	Cwt.	16,767	2,444	431	-
	\$	32,755	9,192	1,105	-
Perch	Cwt.	932	-	698	-
	\$	11,799	-	7,320	-
Pickerel	Cwt.	94,055	2,835	7,418	-
	\$	988,563	26,155	76,026	-
Pike	Cwt.	54,919	3,636	8,115	-
	\$	225,277	22,939	46,236	-
Salmon	Cwt.	-	-	-	784
	\$	-	-	-	15,680
Langlers	Cwt.	8,181	-	-	-
	\$	63,478	-	-	-
Sturgeon	Cwt.	71	353	-	-
	\$	2,840	14,120	-	-
Trout	Cwt.	2,020	2,478	23,491	120
	\$	22,255	28,186	235,391	3,000
Tullibee - Used fresh	Cwt.	83,898	1,024	5,627	-
	\$	585,350	6,702	30,580	-
	Cwt.	87	-	-	-
	\$	2,324	-	-	-
Smoked	Cwt.	-	-	-	-
	\$	-	-	-	-
Whitefish	Cwt.	58,964	45,934	28,091	124
	\$	616,864	461,348	326,090	3,100
Total Value of Fisheries		\$ 2,745,205	572,871	732,214	24,805

2. Value of Fisheries, 1924 to 1929.

Year	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Yukon Territory
	\$	\$	\$	\$
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
1929	2,745,205	572,871	732,214	24,805

3. Capital Equipment, 1929.

		Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Yukon Territory
Steam tugs	No.	21	-	5	-
	\$	277,895	-	69,000	-
Sail and row boats	No.	1,182	29	108	22
	\$	51,505	970	5,240	715
Gasoline boats	No.	152	10	171	11
	\$	115,200	3,050	93,260	8,220
Barges	No.	6	-	5	-
	\$	7,600	-	37,500	-
Gill nets, seines, etc.	No.	63,752	8,514	8,960	100
	\$	593,722	115,400	173,966	2,000
Fish wheels	No.	-	-	-	8
	\$	-	-	-	1,200
Pound nets	No.	6	-	1	-
	\$	1,200	-	300	-
Hoop nets	No.	10	30	-	-
	\$	120	300	-	-
Dip or roll nets	No.	44	-	-	-
	\$	176	-	-	-
Lines	No.	50	-	-	-
	\$	200	-	-	-
Fishing piers and wharves	No.	59	5	58	-
	\$	83,140	450	36,230	-
Ice houses	No.	93	8	97	2
	\$	149,637	1,800	68,775	200
Small fish and smoke houses	No.	82	-	45	1
	\$	36,400	-	63,000	120
Total Value	\$	1,316,795	121,970	547,271	12,455

4. Employees in Fishing Operations, 1929.

	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta	Yukon Territory
No. of men employed	4,687	1,313	1,516	36

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