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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FISHERIES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1926.
(Issued in co-operation with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.)

PRODUCTION

The value of production of the fisheries of Prince Edward Island in 1926 was \$1,427,072, compared with \$1,598,119 in 1925. These figures represent the value of the product as marketed, whether for consumption fresh, or canned, cured or otherwise prepared. Decreases in catch are shown for all of the principal kinds of fish and decreases in marketed value for all kinds excepting herring and oysters, which, due to higher average prices, showed increases in total value. The principal item of production is lobster, which showed a catch of 66,502 cwt., compared with 78,570 in 1925. The form in which the lobster catch was marketed in each of the two years is as follows: the figures for 1925 being placed within brackets: in shell, 7,591 cwt. (10,272 cwt.); canned, 29,442 cases of 48 lb. (34,121 cases); tomalley or lobster paste, 374 cases (105 cases). The average price per case of canned lobster in 1926 was \$30, compared with \$28 in 1925.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

PRIMARY OPERATIONS:

Capital.— The total value of the vessels, boats, gear, etc., employed in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish was \$906,045, a decrease from the preceding year of \$69,247.

Employees.— The number of men employed in these operations was 2,916 compared with 3,017 in 1925.

FISH CANNING AND CURING ESTABLISHMENTS:

Capital.— A decrease is shown also in the value of the capital investment of the fish canning and curing industry. The total value in 1925 was \$262,680, and this decreased in 1926 to \$260,575. The number of establishments in operation in 1926 was 146, comprising 137 lobster canneries, 3 clam canneries and 6 fish curing establishments, compared with 143 lobster canneries, 5 clam canneries, and 8 fish curing establishments in 1925.

Employees.— The number of persons employed in the establishments was 1,564, compared with 1,732 in 1925. The returns show that fish canning and curing operations were carried on during the months April to November. The months of highest employment were May and June and the lowest, October and November.

The following tables show quantity and value of the catch and the product marketed, 1925 and 1926, and the total value of the fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the years 1917 to 1926.

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Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Prince Edward Island,
1925 and 1926.

| Kind | | 1925 | | 1926 | |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Cod, caught | cwt. | 61,483 | 86,965 | 49,823 | 73,513 |
| Marketed - | | | | | |
| Used fresh | cwt. | 17,746 | 44,128 | 14,219 | 42,307 |
| Green-salted | " | 20,022 | 97,739 | 16,483 | 68,016 |
| Dried | " | 1,230 | 8,268 | 929 | 6,293 |
| Total value marketed | | - | 150,135 | - | 116,616 |
| Haddock, caught | cwt. | 968 | 1,168 | 1,472 | 2,325 |
| Marketed - | | | | | |
| Used fresh | cwt. | 400 | 800 | 1,126 | 2,565 |
| Green-salted | " | 284 | 852 | 29 | 116 |
| Dried | " | - | - | 96 | 384 |
| Total value marketed | | - | 1,652 | - | 3,065 |
| Hake and Cusk, caught | cwt. | 14,939 | 13,512 | 13,803 | 11,825 |
| Marketed - | | | | | |
| Used fresh | cwt. | 144 | 144 | 80 | 120 |
| Green-salted | " | 4,809 | 14,227 | 6,760 | 19,281 |
| Dried | " | 1,722 | 8,610 | 370 | 1,480 |
| Total value marketed | | - | 22,981 | - | 20,881 |
| Halibut, caught | cwt. | 21 | 63 | - | - |
| Marketed fresh | " | 21 | 210 | - | - |
| Herring, caught | cwt. | 64,942 | 67,041 | 63,930 | 73,996 |
| Marketed - | | | | | |
| Used fresh | cwt. | 11,028 | 18,515 | 11,443 | 23,561 |
| Smoked | " | - | - | 8 | 40 |
| Pickled | bbl. | 839 | 6,188 | 666 | 4,308 |
| Used as bait | " | 25,699 | 59,000 | 25,336 | 62,006 |
| Total value marketed | | - | 83,703 | - | 89,915 |
| Mackerel, caught | cwt. | 6,220 | 16,346 | 6,054 | 15,164 |
| Marketed - | | | | | |
| Used fresh | cwt. | 3,211 | 13,824 | 2,572 | 10,979 |
| Canned | cases | 150 | 900 | 50 | 250 |
| Salted | bbl. | 968 | 8,522 | 1,130 | 9,424 |
| Total value marketed | | - | 23,246 | - | 20,653 |
| Alewives, caught | cwt. | 84 | 202 | 360 | 480 |
| Marketed - | | | | | |
| Used fresh | cwt. | 9 | 100 | - | - |
| Salted | bbl. | 25 | 125 | 120 | 720 |
| Total value marketed | | - | 225 | - | 720 |
| Salmon, caught | cwt. | 90 | 1,716 | 164 | 3,195 |
| Marketed fresh | " | 90 | 1,800 | 164 | 4,015 |
| Smelts, caught | cwt. | 17,595 | 112,264 | 15,390 | 87,906 |
| Marketed fresh | " | 17,595 | 142,496 | 15,390 | 98,670 |
| Trout, caught | cwt. | 107 | 1,120 | 111 | 1,127 |
| Marketed fresh | " | 107 | 1,328 | 111 | 1,332 |
| Albacore, caught | cwt. | 975 | 4,875 | - | - |
| Marketed fresh | " | 975 | 4,875 | - | - |
| Caplin, caught | bbl. | 138 | 414 | 157 | 471 |
| Marketed fresh | " | 138 | 552 | 157 | 628 |
| Eels, caught | cwt. | 320 | 2,308 | 192 | 1,589 |
| Marketed fresh | " | 320 | 3,311 | 192 | 2,162 |
| Tom Cod, caught | cwt. | 2,555 | 5,247 | 2,331 | 4,664 |
| Marketed fresh | " | 2,555 | 6,336 | 2,331 | 4,664 |

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1925 and 1926

| Kind | | 1925 | | 1926 | |
|---|-------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value |
| Clams, caught | bb1. | 1,560 | \$ 1,988 | 867 | \$ 1,080 |
| Marketed - | | | | | |
| Used fresh | bb1. | 25 | 50 | 101 | 151 |
| Canned | cases | 1,533 | 9,708 | 766 | 4,382 |
| Total value marketed | | - | 9,758 | - | 4,533 |
| Lobsters, caught | cwt. | 78,570 | 661,095 | 66,502 | 612,593 |
| Marketed - | | | | | |
| In shell | cwt. | 10,272 | 128,888 | 7,591 | 110,195 |
| Canned | cases | 34,121 | 958,492 | 29,442 | 877,955 |
| Tomalley | " | 105 | 1,332 | 374 | 6,706 |
| Total value marketed | | - | 1,088,712 | - | 994,856 |
| Oysters, caught | bb1. | 5,278 | 31,852 | 5,161 | 36,161 |
| Marketed fresh | " | 5,278 | 52,780 | 5,161 | 61,898 |
| Tongues and Sounds, pickled or dried | cwt. | 48 | 960 | 35 | 700 |
| Miscellaneous Products - | | | | | |
| Cod liver oil, medicinal | gal. | 25 | 50 | 30 | 45 |
| Cod liver oil, crude | " | 7,030 | 2,109 | 5,730 | 1,719 |
| Fish oil, other | " | 1,800 | 900 | - | - |
| Total Value of Fisheries - | | | | | |
| Caught | | - | 1,008,176 | - | 926,089 |
| Marketed | | - | 1,598,119 | - | 1,427,072 |

2. Value of Fisheries Production of Prince Edward Island,
1917 to 1926.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-------------|--------------|
| | \$ |
| 1917 | 1,786,310 |
| 1918 | 1,148,201 |
| 1919 | 1,536,844 |
| 1920 | 1,708,723 |
| 1921 | 924,529 |
| 1922 | 1,612,599 |
| 1923 | 1,754,980 |
| 1924 | 1,201,772 |
| 1925 | 1,598,119 |
| 1926 | 1,427,072 |

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