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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FISHERIES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1927

The following preliminary report on the fisheries of Prince Edward Island 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 Prince Edward Island for the year 1927 was \$1,367,807, compared with \$1,358,934 in 1926. These totals represent the value of the fish marketed, whether for consumption fresh or canned, cured or otherwise prepared. The increase in value is accounted for by the higher prices obtained for some of the fish products in 1927, as the catches of all of the principal kinds of fish were smaller than in 1926. Lobstering is the most important branch of the fisheries industry of Prince Edward Island, its product in 1927 representing 63 per cent of the total value of production of the fisheries of the province. In 1927 the total catch of lobsters was 62,800 cwt., a decrease of 3,498 cwt. from the previous year, while the marketed value was \$855,917, a decrease of \$70,801. The fish which contributed chiefly to the increase in total value of production was the smelt, which almost doubled its marketed value, although the catch was less than in 1926. The catch of smelts in 1927 was 14,936 with a marketed value of \$179,232, compared with 15,390 cwt. and a marketed value of \$98,670 in 1926. Of the other principal kinds, cod showed a decrease in catch and an increase in marketed value, while herring and oysters showed decreases in catch and in marketed value.

Statistics of production are given in tables 1, 2 and 3.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

PRIMARY OPERATIONS:

Capital.— The amount of capital represented by the vessels, boats, traps, nets, piers and wharves, etc., used in catching and landing the fish was \$866,833, a decrease of \$38,212 from the preceding year.

Employees.— The number of men engaged in these operations in 1927 was 2,675 compared with 2,916 in 1926.

FISH CANNING AND CURING ESTABLISHMENTS.—

Capital.— The total amount of capital invested in fish canning and curing establishments was \$250,640, compared with \$260,575 in 1926. These totals comprise the value of land, buildings and machinery, supplies on hand and cash and operating accounts. The number of establishments in operation in 1927 was 137, a decrease of 9 from the preceding year. The number of lobster canneries was 133, compared with 137 in 1926; the number of clam canneries 2, compared with 3; and the number of fish curing establishments 1, compared with 6. One establishment classified as a miscellaneous fish cannery in 1927, was formerly operated as a clam cannery.

Employees.— The number of persons employed in the establishments in 1927 was 1,449, compared with 1,564 in 1926.

Tables 4 and 5 contain statistics of capital and employees for 1926 and 1927.

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ALBANY, N. Y., 1892

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1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Prince Edward Island, 1926 and 1927.

Kind of Fish		1926		1927	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Cod, caught and landed	Cwt.	49,823	\$ 73,513	49,419	\$ 77,681
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	14,219	42,307	9,578	47,270
Green-salted	Cwt.	16,483	68,016	19,490	78,607
Dried	"	929	6,293	320	1,750
Cod liver oil, medicinal	Gal.	30	45	-	-
Cod oil	"	5,730	1,719	4,010	1,203
Total value marketed		-	118,380	-	128,830
Haddock, caught and landed	Cwt.	1,472	2,325	1,168	2,613
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	1,126	2,565	650	3,010
Green-salted	"	29	116	259	777
Dried	"	96	384	-	-
Total value marketed		-	3,065	-	3,787
Hake and cusk, caught and landed	Cwt.	13,803	11,825	11,326	8,403
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	80	120	190	440
Green-salted	"	6,360	19,281	4,350	13,050
Dried	"	370	1,480	815	3,290
Total value marketed		-	20,881	-	16,780
Herring, caught and landed	Cwt.	63,930	73,996	51,834	71,908
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	11,443	23,561	7,023	27,224
Smoked	"	8	40	-	-
Dried	"	-	-	390	2,340
Pickled	Bbl.	666	4,308	632	5,006
Used as bait	"	25,336	62,006	20,287	53,798
Total value marketed		-	89,915	-	88,368
Mackerel, caught and landed	Cwt.	6,054	15,164	6,455	19,889
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	2,572	12,164	3,347	16,133
Canned	Cases	50	250	130	992
Salted	Bbl.	1,130	9,424	1,005	11,130
Total value marketed		-	20,653	-	28,255
Alewives, caught and landed	Cwt.	360	480	-	-
Marketed, salted	Bbl.	120	720	-	-
Salmon, caught and landed	Cwt.	164	3,195	124	2,434
Marketed fresh	"	164	4,015	124	3,031
Smelts, caught and landed	Cwt.	15,390	87,906	14,936	126,459
Marketed fresh	"	15,390	98,670	14,936	179,232
Trout, caught and landed	Cwt.	111	1,127	61	606
Marketed fresh	"	111	1,332	61	646
Caplin, caught and landed	Bbl.	157	471	183	635
Marketed fresh	"	157	628	183	850
Eels, caught and landed	Cwt.	192	1,589	131	921
Marketed fresh	"	192	2,162	131	1,358
Tom Cod, caught and landed	Cwt.	2,331	4,664	1,823	4,147
Marketed fresh	"	2,331	4,664	1,823	4,195

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed - Prince Edward Island, 1926 and 1927.
(Concluded)

Kinds of Fish		1926		1927	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Clams and Quahaughs, caught and landed	Bbl.	867	1,080	1,174	1,374
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Bbl.	101	151	273	518
Canned	Cases	766	4,382	901	5,242
Total value marketed		-	4,533	-	5,760
Crabs, caught and landed	Cwt.	-	-	135	303
Marketed canned	Cases	-	-	15	360
Lobsters, caught and landed	Cwt.	66,298	610,757	62,800	617,057
Marketed -					
In shell	Cwt.	3,153	42,057	1,847	40,817
Meat	Cwt.	-	-	50	4,000
Canned	Cases	29,442	877,955	27,896	801,542
Tomalley	Cases	374	6,706	630	9,558
Total value marketed		-	926,718	-	855,917
Oysters, caught and landed	Bbl.	5,161	36,161	4,071	29,068
Marketed fresh	Bbl.	5,161	61,898	4,071	48,838
Scallops, caught and landed	Bbl.	-	-	96	192
Marketed shelled	Gal.	-	-	192	240
Tongues and Sounds, pickled or dried	Cwt.	35	700	68	1,360
Total Value Sea Fisheries -					
Caught and landed		-	924,253	-	963,690
Marketed		-	1,358,934	-	1,367,807

2. Quantity and Value of the Chief Commercial Fishes, Prince Edward Island, 1923-1927

Kind		1923	1924	1925	1926	1927
Lobsters	Cwt.	97,456	65,893	78,570	66,298	62,800
	\$	1,405,906	777,301	1,088,712	926,718	855,917
Smelts	Cwt.	9,784	14,273	17,595	15,390	14,936
	\$	121,233	133,747	142,496	98,670	179,232
Cod	Cwt.	27,291	41,036	61,483	49,823	49,419
	\$	61,395	81,885	150,135	118,380	128,830
Herring	Cwt.	53,313	37,716	64,942	63,930	51,834
	\$	76,975	58,664	83,703	89,915	88,368
Oysters	Bbl.	4,035	7,945	5,278	5,161	4,071
	\$	40,350	63,840	52,780	61,898	48,838

3. Value of the Fisheries of Prince Edward Island, 1918 - 1927.

Year	Value \$	Year	Value \$
1918	1,148,201	1923	1,754,980
1919	1,536,844	1924	1,201,772
1920	1,708,723	1925	1,598,119
1921	924,529	1926	1,358,934
1922	1,612,599	1927	1,367,807

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries, Prince Edward Island, 1926 and 1927

In Primary Operations	1926		1927	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
Sailing and gasoline vessels	9	\$ 7,600	8	\$ 7,000
Sail and row boats	468	5,520	453	5,170
Gasoline boats	1,504	355,830	1,379	335,030
Carrying smacks	3	2,450	13	5,500
Gill nets, seines, trap nets, etc.	8,325	54,642	8,566	56,114
Tubs of trawl	900	18,000	723	14,460
Lines	1,290	2,580	1,193	2,386
Lobster traps	363,923	363,923	345,923	345,923
Fishing piers and wharves	29	67,000	29	67,000
Ice houses	6	11,800	6	11,800
Small fish and smoke houses	442	16,700	437	16,450
Total Value	-	906,045	-	866,833

In Fish Canning and Curing

	1926		1927	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
Lobster canneries	137	\$ 247,775	133	\$ 239,140
Clam canneries	3	800	2)	
Other fish canneries		-	1)	
Fish curing establishments	6	12,000	1)	11,500
Total	146	260,575	137	250,640

5. Number of Employees 1926 and 1927

	1926	1927
	No.	No.
In primary operations	2,916	2,675
In fish canning and curing establishments	1,564	1,449
Total	4,480	4,124

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