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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FISHERIES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1928.

The following preliminary report on the fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the year 1928 is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The product of the fisheries of Prince Edward Island in 1928 had a total value of \$1,196,681, compared with \$1,367,807 in 1927. These totals represent the value of the product as marketed, whether sold for consumption fresh, or canned, cured or otherwise prepared. The lobster fishery is of chief importance with a product in 1928 valued at \$752,123, or 63 p.c. of the total value of the fisheries of the province for that year. The pack of lobsters amounted to 25,077 cases, valued at \$635,427, compared with 27,896 cases, valued at \$801,542 in 1927. Lobsters marketed in shell, lobster meat and tomalley had a total value of \$116,696, compared with \$54,375 in 1927. The smelt shery is second in importance, followed by cod, herring, oysters and mackerel, in the order named. The catches of lobsters, oysters and mackerel show increased compared with the preceding year, while those of smelts, cod and herring show decreases. Statistics of fisheries production are given in detail in tables 1, 2 and 3.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

PRIMARY OPERATIONS:

Capital.— The total value of the vessels, boats and gear used in the operations of catching and landing the fish was \$750,654, compared with \$866,833 in 1927. Of the total for 1928, the value of the gasoline boats accounts for \$299,605, or 40 p.c. and the value of the lobster traps for \$283,045 or 37½ p.c.

Employees.— The number of men engaged in these operations in 1928 was 2,396, a decrease of 279 from the preceding year.

FISH CANNING AND CURING ESTABLISHMENTS:

Capital.— The amount of capital invested in fish canning and curing establishments in 1928 was \$190,290, compared with \$250,640 in 1927. The number of lobster canneries decreased from 133 in 1927 to 103 in 1928, while the number of clam canneries increased from 2 to 3, and the number of fish curing establishments from 1 to 2. The total number of establishments in operation in 1928 was 108, compared with 137 in 1927.

Employees.— The number of persons employed in the establishments during the season of operations was 1,211, compared with 1,461 in the preceding year. Tables 4 and 5 contain statistics of capital and employees.

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Prince Edward Island, 1927 and 1928.

Kind of Fish	1927		1928	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Cod, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed -	49,419	\$ 77,681	36,852	\$ 54,190
Used fresh	Cwt.	47,270	8,574	25,474
Green-salted	Cwt.	78,607	13,606	68,921
Dried	"	1,750	247	1,909
Boneless	"	-	39	411
Cod oil	"	1,203	2,926	1,313
Total value marketed	-	128,830	-	98,028
Haddock, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed -	1,168	2,613	996	2,591
Used fresh	Cwt.	3,010	996	4,254
Green-salted	"	777	-	-
Total value marketed	-	3,787	-	4,254
Hake and cusk, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed -	11,326	8,403	11,925	9,981
Used fresh	Cwt.	440	200	406
Green-salted	"	13,050	4,382	16,998
Dried	"	3,290	1,058	5,758
Total value marketed	-	16,780	-	23,162
Herring, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed -	51,834	71,908	47,451	67,384
Used fresh	Cwt.	27,224	9,288	26,643
Pickled	"	-	70	420
Pickled	"	2,340	-	-
Pickled	Bbl.	5,006	215	1,969
Used as bait	"	53,798	18,603	65,907
Total value marketed	-	88,368	-	94,939
Mackerel, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed -	6,455	19,889	10,197	24,334
Used fresh	Cwt.	16,133	3,761	14,811
Canned	Cases	992	336	1,955
Salted	Bbl.	11,130	2,016	25,302
Total value marketed	-	28,255	-	42,068
Alewives, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed, fresh	"	-	150	150
	"	-	150	450
Salmon, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed fresh	"	2,434	55	1,100
	"	3,031	55	1,375
Smelts, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed fresh	"	126,459	13,122	91,649
	"	179,232	13,122	112,319
Trout, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed fresh	"	606	92	920
	"	646	92	1,104
Caplin, caught and landed	Bbl.			
Marketed fresh	"	635	178	606
	"	850	178	682
Eels, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed fresh	"	921	245	1,671
	"	1,358	245	2,390
Tom Cod, caught and landed	Cwt.			
Marketed fresh	"	4,147	1,936	4,325
	"	4,195	1,936	5,870

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1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed -Prince Edward Island, 1927 and 1928,
(Concluded)

Kinds of Fish		1927		1928	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Clams and Quahaughs, caught and landed	Bbl.	1,174	1,374	2,549	,177
Marketed --					
Used fresh	Bbl.	275	518	2,103	3,592
Canned	Cases	901	5,242	447	2,575
Total value marketed		-	5,760	-	6,167
Crabs, caught and landed	Cwt.	135	303	523	261
Marketed canned	Cases	15	360	52	1,248
Lobsters, caught and landed	Cwt.	62,800	617,057	65,613	553,120
Marketed 1/					
In shell	Ewt.	1,847	40,817	6,791	99,137
Meat	Cwt.	50	4,000	63	6,800
Canned	Cases	27,396	801,542	25,077	635,427
Tomalley	Cases	630	9,558	799	10,759
Total value marketed		-	855,917	-	752,123
Oysters, caught and landed	Bbl.	4,071	29,068	4,756	30,721
Marketed fresh	Bbl.	4,071	48,838	4,756	47,619
Scallops, caught and landed	Bbl.	96	192	320	1,395
Marketed shelled	Gal.	192	240	640	1,395
Tongue and Sounds, pickled or dried	Cwt.	68	1,360	-	-
Hair Seals, caught	No.	-	-	415	1,463
Marketed, skins	No.	-	-	415	1,488
Total Value Sea Fisheries -					
Caught and landed		-	963,690	-	849,038
Marketed		-	1,367,807	-	1,196,681

2. Quantity and Value of the Chief Commercial Fishes, Prince Edward Island, 1925-1928.

Kind		1925	1926	1927	1928	Inc. or Dec., 1928 compared with 1927	
Lobsters	Cwt.	78,570	66,298	62,800	65,613	+	2,813
	\$	1,088,712	926,718	855,917	752,123	-	103,794
Smelts	Cwt.	17,595	15,390	14,936	13,122	-	1,814
	\$	142,496	98,670	179,232	112,319	-	66,913
Cod	Cwt.	61,483	49,823	49,419	36,352	-	12,567
	\$	150,135	118,380	128,830	98,028	-	30,302
Herring	Cwt.	64,942	63,930	51,874	47,451	-	4,383
	\$	83,703	89,915	88,368	94,935	+	6,571
Oysters	Bbl.	5,278	5,161	4,071	4,756	+	685
	\$	52,780	61,898	48,838	47,619	-	1,219
Mackerel	Cwt.	6,220	6,054	6,455	10,197	+	3,742
	\$	23,246	20,653	28,255	42,068	+	13,813

1/ 3,034 cwt. of lobsters were shipped to canneries in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and are included with the marketed values of lobsters in those provinces in 1928.

3. Value of the Fisheries of Prince Edward Island, 1918-1928.

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
		1928	1,196,681

1/ Marketed value.

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries, Prince Edward Island, 1927 and 1928.

In Primary Operations	1927		1928	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$
Sailing and gasoline vessels	8	7,000	8	5,900
Sail and row boats	453	5,170	630	6,576
Gasoline boats	1,379	335,030	1,236	299,605
Carrying smacks	13	5,500	14	6,900
Gill nets, seines, trap nets, etc.	8,566	56,114	7,267	59,560
Tubs of trawl	723	14,460	573	11,960
Lines	1,193	2,386	1,387	2,974
Crab traps	-	-	25	25
Lobster traps	345,923	345,923	283,045	283,045
Rakes	-	-	263	819
Fishing piers and wharves	29	67,000	39	45,650
Ice houses	6	11,800	16	11,100
Small fish and smoke houses	437	16,450	318	16,530
Total Value	-	866,833	-	750,654

In Fish Canning and Curing	1927		1928	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$
Lobster canneries	133	239,140	103	179,940
Clam canneries	2)		3)	
Other fish canneries	1)			
Fish curing establishments	1)	11,500	2)	10,350
Total	137	250,640	108	190,290

5. Number of Employees, 1927 and 1928.

	1927	1928
	No.	No.
In primary operations	2,675	2,396
In fish canning and curing establishments	1,461	1,211
Total	4,136	3,607

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