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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE FISHERIES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1929.

The following preliminary report on the fisheries of Prince Edward Island, for the year 1929, 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 1929 had a total value of \$1,366,428, compared with \$1,195,577 in 1928. These totals represent the value of the fish as marketed, whether sold for consumption fresh, or canned, cured, or otherwise prepared. The lobster fishery is of chief importance with a product in 1929 valued at \$881,210, or 64 per cent of the total value of fisheries output for the province. Canned lobster is the principal product of this fishery, the pack in 1929 amounting to 28,399 cases of 48 pounds each, valued at \$686,940. Prices for canned lobster averaged \$24 per case, compared with \$25 in 1928. The cod is second in importance among the chief commercial fishes, with a product in 1929 valued at \$119,000, followed by smelt, herring, oyster and mackerel. The total quantity of fish of all kinds caught during 1929 was 243,404 ^{cwt} compared with 204,671 cwt. in 1928. The total value of the fish as caught and landed, i.e., the amount received by the fishermen for their catch, was \$933,563, compared with \$848,118 in the preceding year.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

PRIMARY OPERATIONS:

Capital.- The value of the vessels, boats and gear employed in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish, for the year 1929, was \$725,157, a decrease from the preceding year of about \$25,000. See table 4 for the number and value of vessels and boats and of the various kinds of nets, traps, etc.

Employees.- The number of persons engaged in these operations in 1929 was 2,202, compared with 2,396 in 1928.

FISH CANNING AND CURING ESTABLISHMENTS:

Capital.- The number of establishments in operation during the year was 100, and the capital investment had a total value of \$179,968. In the preceding year the establishments numbered 108, and the capital investment was valued at \$190,290. Nearly all of the establishments are classed as lobster canneries, the number of these in 1929 being 88, and in the preceding year, 103. The number of clam canneries increased from 3 in 1928 to 7 in 1929, and the number of fish curing establishments from 2 to 5.

Employees.- The number of persons employed in the establishments was 3,466, a decrease of 141 from the year 1928.

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1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Prince Edward Island, 1928 and 1929

Kind of Fish		1928		1929	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Caught and landed	Cwt.	36,852	54,190	50,160	68,650
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	8,574	25,474	9,249	28,179
Green-salted	"	13,606	68,921	18,747	78,244
Smoked fillets	"	-	-	58	812
Dried	"	247	1,909	845	6,510
Boneless	"	39	411	197	2,107
Cod oil	Gal.	2,926	1,313	9,985	3,157
Total value marketed		-	98,028	-	119,009
Haddock, caught and landed	Cwt.	996	2,591	1,759	3,001
Marketed -					
Used fresh	"	996	4,254	1,497	5,099
Green-salted	"	-	-	131	468
Total value marketed		-	4,254	-	5,557
Hake and cusk, caught and landed	Cwt.	11,925	9,981	26,338	24,143
Marketed-					
Used fresh	Cwt.	243	406	1,040	2,080
Green-salted	"	4,382	16,998	6,187	18,962
Smoked fillets	"	-	-	302	3,926
Dried	"	1,058	5,758	3,868	18,263
Boneless	"	-	-	31	310
Total value marketed		-	23,162	-	43,541
Herring, caught and landed	Cwt.	47,451	67,384	51,541	72,868
Marketed-					
Used fresh	Cwt.	9,288	26,643	10,895	25,826
Smoked	"	70	420	4	20
Pickled	Bbl.	215	1,969	320	3,150
Used as bait	"	18,603	65,907	19,838	64,927
Total value marketed		-	94,939	-	93,923
Mackerel, caught and landed	Cwt.	10,197	24,334	9,194	26,692
Marketed-					
Used fresh	Cwt.	3,761	14,811	3,330	16,181
Canned	Cases	336	1,955	425	1,938
Salted	Bbl.	2,016	25,302	1,855	26,692
Total value marketed		-	42,068	-	44,811
Alwivies, caught and landed	Cwt.	150	150	-	-
Marketed, fresh	"	150	450	-	-
Salmon, caught and landed	Cwt.	55	1,100	27	540
Marketed, fresh	"	55	1,375	27	595
Smelts, caught and landed	Cwt.	13,122	91,649	9,489	69,888
Marketed fresh	"	13,122	112,319	9,489	104,974
Caplin, caught and landed	Bbl.	178	606	177	547
Marketed, fresh	"	178	682	177	547
Eels, caught and landed	Cwt.	245	1,671	62	422
Marketed, fresh	"	245	2,390	62	642
Tom Cod, caught and landed	Cwt.	1,936	4,325	2,244	5,362
Marketed fresh	"	1,936	5,870	2,244	5,799
Clams and Quahaugs, caught and landed	Bbl.	2,549	3,177	4,275	6,211
Marketed-					
Used fresh	Bbl.	2,103	3,592	2,176	3,512
Canned	Cases	447	2,575	1,761	9,749
Total value marketed		-	6,167	-	13,261
Crabs, caught and landed	Cwt.	523	261	-	-
Marketed canned	Cases	52	1,248	-	-

Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Prince Edward Island, 1928 and 1929.
(Concluded)

Kind of Fish	1928		1929	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Lobsters, caught and landed	65,613	\$ 553,120	73,590	\$ 621,467
Marketed- 1/				
In shell	Cwt. 6,791	99,137	13,095	177,643
Meat	" 68	6,800	75	7,500
Canned	Cases 25,077	635,427	28,399	686,940
Tomalley	" 799	10,759	695	9,127
Total value marketed	-	752,123	-	881,210
Oysters, caught and landed	Bbl. 4,756	30,721	4,928	32,002
Marketed fresh	" 4,756	47,619	4,928	49,030
Scallops, caught and landed	Bbl. 320	1,395	120	576
Marketed shelled	Gal. 640	1,395	240	600
Tongues and Sounds, pickled or dried	Cwt. -	-	84	1,735
Hair Seals, caught and landed	No. 415	1,463	478	1,194
Marketed, skins	" 415	1,488	478	1,194
Total Value Sea Fisheries-				
Caught and landed	-	848,118	-	933,563
Marketed	-	1,195,577	-	1,366,428

2. Quantity and Value of the Chief Commercial Fishes, Prince Edward Island, 1926-1929.

Kind		1926	1927	1928	1929	Inc. or Dec. 1929 compared with 1928.
Lobsters	Cwt.	66,298	62,800	65,613	73,590	/ 7,977
	\$	926,718	855,917	752,123	881,210	/ 129,087
Cod	Cwt.	49,823	49,419	36,852	50,160	/ 13,308
	\$	118,380	128,830	98,028	119,009	/ 20,981
Smelts	Cwt.	15,390	14,936	13,122	9,489	- 3,633
	\$	98,670	179,232	112,319	104,974	- 7,345
Herring	Cwt.	63,930	51,834	47,451	51,541	/ 4,090
	\$	89,915	88,368	94,939	93,923	- 1,016
Oysters	Bbl.	5,161	4,071	4,756	4,928	/ 172
	\$	61,898	48,838	47,619	49,030	/ 1,411
Mackerel	Cwt.	6,054	6,455	10,197	9,194	- 1,003
	\$	20,653	28,255	42,068	44,811	/ 2,743
Hake and Cusk	Cwt.	13,803	11,326	11,925	26,338	/ 14,413
	\$	20,881	16,780	23,162	43,541	/ 20,379

1/ Lobsters amounting to 8,034 cwt. in 1928 and 3,692 cwt. in 1929 were shipped to canneries in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and are included with the marketed values for those provinces.

3. Value of the Fisheries of Prince Edward Island, 1918 - 1929

Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$		\$
1918	1,148,201	1924	1,201,772
1919	1,536,844	1925	1,598,119
1920	1,708,723	1926	1,358,934
1921	924,529	1927	1,367,807
1922	1,612,599	1928	1,195,577
1923	1,754,980	1929	1,366,428

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries, Prince Edward Island, 1928 and 1929

In Primary Operations	1928		1929	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$
Sailing and gasoline vessels	8	5,900	7	5,400
Sail and row boats	630	6,576	632	6,774
Gasoline boats	1,236	299,605	1,177	281,320
Carrying smacks and scows	14	6,900	14	6,750
Gill nets	2,659	21,048	2,726	34,124
Salmon drift nets	11	1,760	11	1,760
Trap nets	3	1,540	5	2,165
Smelt nets	4,594	35,212	5,873	41,520
Tubs of trawl	573	11,960	633	13,260
Hand lines	1,387	2,974	1,266	2,532
Crab traps	25	25	-	-
Lobster traps	283,045	283,045	278,339	278,339
Lobster pounds	-	-	1	1,090
Oyster rakes	228	666	234	702
Scallop drags	4	60	12	180
Quahaug rakes	31	93	32	96
Fishing piers and wharves	39	45,650	37	22,150
Freezers and ice houses	16	11,100	18	11,200
Small fish and smoke houses	318	16,540	305	15,795
Total value	-	750,654	-	725,157

In Fish Canning and Curing	1928		1929	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$
Lobster canneries	103	179,940	88	161,208
Clam canneries	3)	-	7	6,560
Fish curing establishments	2)	10,350	5	12,200
Total	108	190,290	100	179,968

5. Number of Employees, 1928 and 1929

	1928	1929
	No.	No.
In primary operations	2,396	2,202
In fish canning and curing establishments	1,211	1,264
Total	3,607	3,466

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