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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FISHERIES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1933.

The following report on the fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the year 1933 is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The value of output of the fisheries of Prince Edward Island in 1933 was \$842,315, compared with \$988,919 in 1932. 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, its product contributing annually over 70 per cent of the total value of the fisheries product of the province. The quantity of lobsters taken in Prince Edward Island waters in 1933 was 91,547 cwt., a decrease from the record year 1932 of 23,023 cwt., or 20 per cent. The catch of 1933, however, was higher than the average of the preceding five years. The marketed value of the lobsters in Prince Edward Island is exclusive of the value of a part of the catch which is sold to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick firms for canning, such shipments (amounting in 1933 to 15,981 cwt.) being included with the values of the provinces where canned and marketed. Other principal kinds of fish are cod, herring and smelts, the first two mentioned showing increases in catch over the preceding year, while the catch of smelts shows a decrease.

The total catch of fish of all kinds, including shell fish, in the province in 1933 was 223,473 cwt., with a value to the fishermen of \$519,165, compared with 237,368 cwt., valued at \$713,552 in 1932.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

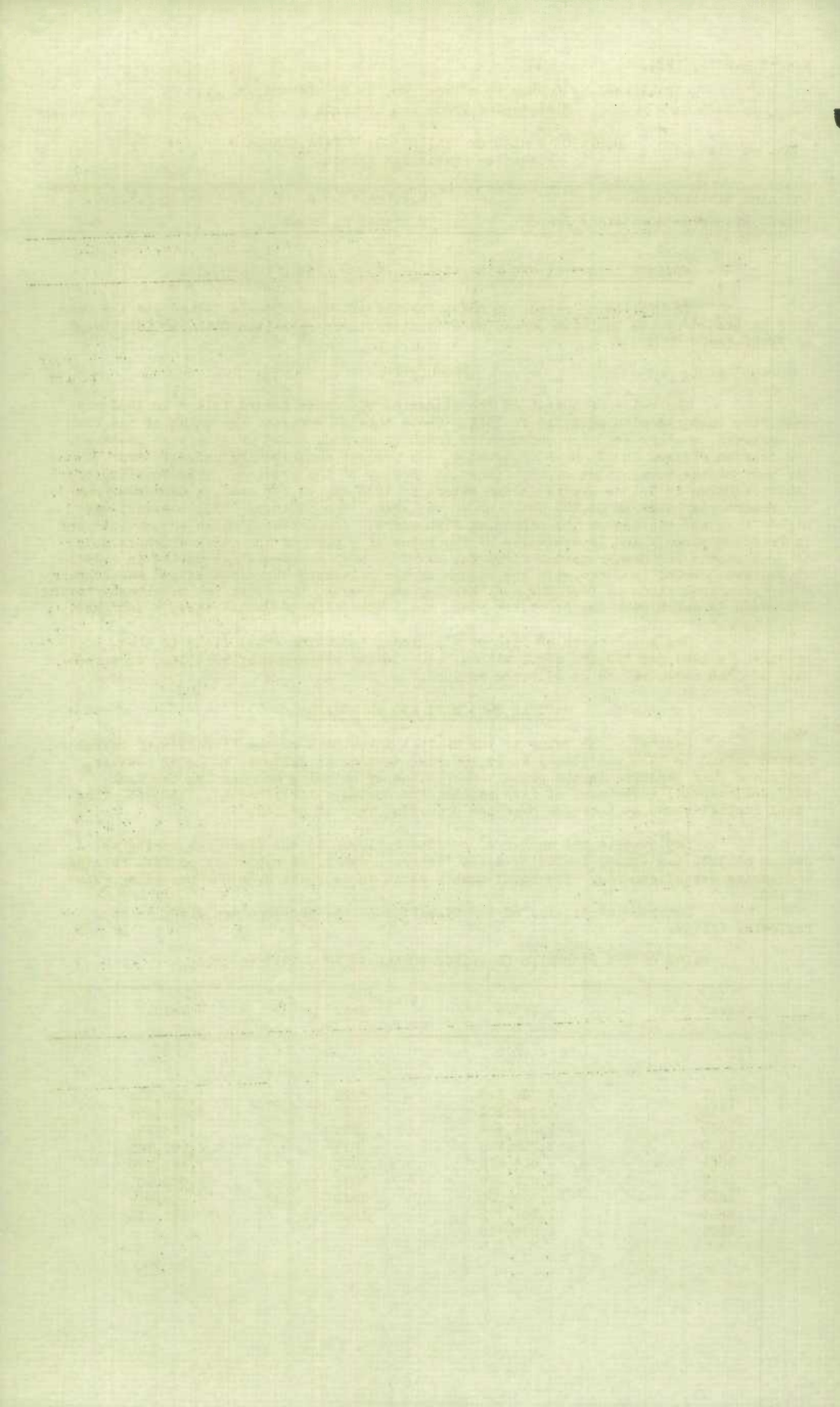
Capital.- The value of the capital investment of the fisheries of Prince Edward Island in 1933 was placed at \$1,109,877, divided as follows: Value of vessels, boats and gear employed in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish, \$927,152; capital investment of fish canning and curing establishments, \$182,725. The total capital shows an increase over the preceding year of \$3,242.

Employees.- The number of persons employed in the fisheries during the season of 1933 was 4,698, including 3,194 fishermen and 1,504 employees of fish canning and curing establishments. The total number shows an increase over the preceding year of 130.

Detailed statistics of the fisheries of the province are given in the following tables.

VALUE OF THE FISHERIES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1917 to 1933.

Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$		\$
1917	1,786,310	1926	1,358,934
1918	1,148,201	1927	1,367,807
1919	1,536,844	1928	1,196,681
1920	1,708,723	1929	1,297,125
1921	924,529	1930	1,141,279
1922	1,612,599	1931	1,078,901
1923	1,754,980	1932	988,919
1924	1,201,772	1933	842,315
1925	1,598,119		



2. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Prince Edward Island, during the years 1932 and 1933.

Kind of Fish		1932		1933	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Cod, caught and landed	Cwt.	35,594	36,030	36,429	27,879
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	13,143	21,743	10,029	29,058
Green salted	Cwt.	9,988	26,839	12,828	34,750
Dried	Cwt.	585	2,408	248	1,113
Boneless	Cwt.	180	1,415	-	-
Cod oil	Gal.	-	-	500	100
Total value marketed		-	52,406	-	65,021
Haddock, caught and landed	Cwt.	598	1,504	438	468
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	598	2,753	438	1,668
Hake and Cusk, caught and landed	Cwt.	7,380	4,681	8,646	3,772
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	981	1,086	435	767
Green-salted	Cwt.	2,213	4,787	2,160	4,320
Dried	Cwt.	657	1,763	1,297	3,005
Total value marketed		-	7,636	-	8,092
Flounders, brill, plaice, caught and landed	Cwt.	-	-	225	225
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	-	-	225	337
Herring, caught and landed	Cwt.	45,436	46,681	50,610	26,383
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	8,196	12,973	9,311	13,665
Pickled	Bbl.	126	630	611	3,055
Used as bait	Bbl.	18,431	54,643	19,383	46,907
Fertilizer	Bbl.	-	-	350	325
Total value marketed		-	68,246	-	63,852
Mackerel, caught and landed	Cwt.	6,077	11,616	9,255	8,870
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	4,435	13,187	6,133	15,092
Canned	Cases	208	1,664	-	-
Pickled	Bbl.	501	3,409	774	4,780
Used as bait	Bbl.	-	-	400	1,600
Total value marketed		-	18,260	-	21,472
Salmon, caught and landed	Cwt.	134	1,975	147	1,470
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	134	1,975	147	2,205
Smelts, caught and landed	Cwt.	10,322	36,611	9,208	29,136
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	10,322	51,610	9,208	46,040
Caplin and Lance, caught and landed	Bbl.	314	833	297	640
Marketed fresh	Bbl.	314	833	297	811
Eels, caught and landed	Cwt.	181	808	130	550
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	181	962	130	710
Tom cod, caught and landed	Cwt.	700	760	518	518
Marketed fresh	Cwt.	700	760	518	518
Clams and Quahaugs, caught and landed	Bbl.	2,001	2,023	1,220	1,116
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Bbl.	607	1,121	869	869
Canned	Cases	1,302	7,314	305	1,180
Total value marketed		-	8,435	-	2,049
Lobsters, caught and landed	Cwt.	114,570	551,731	91,547	396,248
Marketed -					
In shell	Cwt.	3,549	29,277	9,568	71,258
Meat	Cwt.	22	1,320	26	1,500
Canned	Cases	44,490	711,119	32,895	512,138
Tomalley	Cases	939	8,323	1,032	6,905
Total value marketed		-	750,039	-	591,801
Oysters, caught and landed	Bbl.	5,873	17,623	6,643	21,582
Marketed fresh	Bbl.	5,873	24,329	6,643	37,431

2. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed, Prince Edward Island during the years 1932 and 1933 - Concluded.

Kind of Fish		1932		1933	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Hair seals, caught and landed	No.	338	676	206	308
Skins marketed	No.	338	676	206	308
Total Value of Fisheries -					
Caught and landed		-	713,552	-	519,165
Marketed		-	988,919	-	842,315

3. Quantity (a) and Value (b) of Chief Commercial Fishes, Prince Edward Island, 1930 - 1933.

Kind of Fish		1930	1931	1932	1933	Increase or decrease 1933 compared with 1932	
						Increase /	Decrease -
Lobsters	Cwt.	80,820	94,150	114,570	91,547	-	23,023
	\$	694,227	754,542	750,039	591,801	-	158,238
Cod	Cwt.	66,255	43,043	35,594	36,429	/	835
	\$	154,786	93,664	52,405	65,021	/	12,616
Herring	Cwt.	49,818	48,886	45,436	50,610	/	5,174
	\$	80,211	70,564	68,246	63,852	-	4,394
Smelts	Cwt.	7,789	7,522	10,322	9,208	-	1,114
	\$	63,828	49,246	51,610	46,040	-	5,570

(a) Quantity caught.

(b) Value marketed.

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries, Prince Edward Island,
1932 and 1933.

In Primary Operations	1932		1933	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$
Sailing and gasoline vessels	5	2,700	5	3,200
Sail and row boats	802	7,636	800	23,566
Gasoline boats	1,614	403,450	1,615	410,650
Carrying smacks and scows	7	5,000	13	7,200
Gill nets	2,602	21,812	2,587	20,857
Salmon trap nets	9	5,400	6	3,600
Smelt nets	3,872	26,072	1,922	13,772
Tubs of trawl	575	11,500	613	12,260
Hand lines	1,890	3,780	1,983	3,966
Lobster traps	347,972	347,972	375,150	375,150
Lobster pounds	1	1,200	1	1,200
Oyster rakes	347	1,041	312	936
Quahaug rakes	19	57	50	150
Fishing piers and wharves	36	62,800	36	34,000
Freezers and ice houses	26	1,370	28	1,450
Small fish and smoke houses	299	14,870	292	15,195
Total Value	-	916,660	-	927,152

In Fish Canning and Curing	1932		1933	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$
Lobster canneries	91)	174,225	91)	182,725
Clam canneries	2)		-)	
Fish curing establishments	5)	15,750	2)	
Freezing plant	1)			
Total	99	189,975	93	182,725

5. Employees in the Fisheries of Prince Edward Island,
1932 and 1933.

	1932	1933
	No.	No.
Men employed on vessels, boats, etc.	3,018	3,194
Persons employed in fish canning and curing establishments	1,550	1,504
Total	4,568	4,698

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