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The following report on the fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the year 1934 is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Department of Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The output of Prince Edward Island fisheries in 1934 had a value of \$963,926, compared with \$842,345 in 1933. 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 first importance, the total value of its products in 1934 amounting to \$674,186, or 70 per cent of the total for all fish. Lobster is marketed by the province chiefly as canned, but a considerable part of the catch is shipped each year to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and is shown in the statistical tables with the province where the product is marketed. The total quantity of lobster shipped from Prince Edward Island for marketing in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in 1934 was 13,380 ^{cwt.} /or 17 per cent of the total catch, and this quantity and the value as marketed will be included with the lobster marketed by the two provinces above mentioned. The Prince Edward Island quantity marketed, and the value thereof, is reduced accordingly.

The lobster catch of Prince Edward Island was less than in 1933 by 16 per cent, but the value to the fishermen, owing to higher prices, was increased by 35 per cent. The average price of lobster at the point of landing in 1934 was \$7 per cwt., compared with \$4 per cwt. in 1933. The cod, oyster, herring and smelt fisheries are also of importance, although falling far behind the lobster fishery. The cod fishery had an output in 1934 valued at \$84,445.

The total quantity of fish of all kinds landed by Prince Edward Island fishermen during the year 1934 was 233,262 cwt., compared with 223,473 cwt. in the preceding year. Among the principal kinds of fish, increases in catch are shown by cod, hake and cusk and oysters.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

Capital.— The total capital investment of the fisheries of the province in 1934 was \$1,097,712, this total comprising \$896,612, the value of the vessels, boats, nets, traps, piers and wharves, etc. employed in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish, and \$201,100, the investment in fish canning and curing establishments. The total capital shows the small increase of \$3,945 over 1933.

Employees.— The number of men engaged in catching and landing the fish was 2,973, while the canneries and fish curing establishments gave employment in the season of operations to 1,501 persons, making a total for all persons employed in the fisheries of the province of 4,474, compared with a total of 4,698 in 1933.

General Tables

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

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,
during the years 1933 and 1934.

Kind of Fish		1 9 3 3		1 9 3 4	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Cod, caught and landed	cwt.	36,429	27,879	46,423	38,024
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	10,029	29,058	15,569	30,599
Green-salted	cwt.	12,828	34,750	14,515	50,339
Dried	cwt.	248	1,113	512	2,114
Boneless	cwt.	-	-	72	554
Cod oil	gal.	500	100	3,266	839
Total value marketed		-	65,021	-	84,445
Haddock, caught and landed	cwt.	438	468	790	1,021
Marketed fresh	cwt.	438	1,668	790	2,124
Hake and cusk, caught and landed	cwt.	8,646	3,772	15,448	6,704
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	435	767	778	1,167
Green-salted	cwt.	2,160	4,320	3,401	8,475
Dried	cwt.	1,297	3,005	2,623	8,175
Total value marketed		-	8,092	-	17,817
Flounders, brill, plaice, caught and landed	cwt.	225	225	155	155
Marketed fresh	cwt.	225	337	155	155
Herring, caught and landed	cwt.	50,610	26,383	48,525	24,855
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	9,311	13,565	6,675	10,012
Pickled	bbl.	611	3,055	670	4,020
Used as bait	bbl.	19,383	46,907	19,920	39,840
Fertilizer	bbl.	350	325	-	-
Total value marketed		-	63,852	-	53,872
Mackerel, caught and landed	cwt.	9,255	8,870	8,963	13,931
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	6,133	15,092	5,962	11,924
Canned	cases	-	-	46	263
Pickled	bbl.	774	4,780	661	6,158
Filletts, salted	bbl.	-	-	3	45
Used as bait	bbl.	400	1,600	480	1,200
Total value marketed		-	21,472	-	19,590

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,

during the years 1933 and 1934 - Cont'd.

Kind of Fish		1-9 3 3		1 9 3 4	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Alewives, caught and landed	cwt.	-	-	1,600	800
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	-	-	1,400	1,100
Salted	bbl.	-	-	66	132
Total value marketed		-	-	-	1,232
Salmon, caught and landed	cwt.	147	1,470	120	1,100
Marketed fresh	cwt.	147	2,205	120	1,440
Smelts, caught and landed	cwt.	9,208	29,136	8,238	31,659
Marketed fresh	cwt.	9,208	46,040	8,072	40,360
Caplin and Lance, caught and landed	bbl.	297	640	213	449
Marketed fresh	bbl.	297	811	213	449
Eels, caught and landed	cwt.	130	550	113	545
Marketed fresh	cwt.	130	710	113	577
Tom cod, caught and landed	cwt.	518	518	355	355
Marketed fresh	cwt.	518	518	355	355
Clams and Quahaugs, caught and landed	bbl.	1,220	1,116	2,581	2,552
Marketed -					
Used fresh	bbl.	899	899	1,089	1,360
Canned	cases	305	1,180	1,277	5,107
Chowder	cases	-	-	125	500
Total value marketed		-	2,079	-	6,967
Crabs, caught and landed	cwt.	-	-	42	100
Canned	cases	-	-	6	120
Lobsters, caught and landed	cwt.	91,547	396,248	76,582	536,012
Marketed					
In shell	cwt.	9,568	71,258	3,546	38,704
Meat	cwt.	26	1,500	29	1,325
Canned	cases	32,895	512,138	30,214	624,771
Tomalley	cases	1,032	6,905	1,149	9,386
Total value marketed		-	591,801	-	674,186

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,

during the years 1933 and 1934. - Concl'd.

Kind of Fish		1 9 3 3		1 9 3 4	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Oysters, caught and landed	bbl.	6,643	21,582	10,160	36,852
Marketed fresh	bbl.	6,643	37,431	10,160	60,061
Hair seals, caught and landed	No.	206	308	-	-
Skins marketed	No.	206	308	-	-
Total Value of Fisheries -					
Caught and landed	-	-	519,165	-	695,114
Marketed	-	-	842,345	-	963,926

2. Quantity and Value of Chief Commercial Fishes,

1931-1934.

Kind of Fish		1931	1932	1933	1934	Increase or Decrease 1934 compared with 1933 Increase + Decrease -
Lobsters	cwt.	94,150	114,570	91,547	76,582	- 14,965
	\$	754,542	750,039	591,801	674,186	+ 82,365
Cod	cwt.	43,043	35,594	36,429	46,423	+ 9,994
	\$	93,664	52,405	65,021	84,445	+ 19,424
Oysters	bbl.	5,326	5,873	6,643	10,160	+ 3,517
	\$	39,806	24,329	37,431	60,061	+ 22,630

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

2. Quantity and Value of Chief Commercial Fishes,

1931-1934. Concl'd.

Kind of Fish		1931	1932	1933	1934	Increase or Decrease 1934 compared with 1933	
						Increase +	Decrease -
Herring	cwt.	48,886	45,436	50,610	48,525	-	2,085
	\$	70,564	68,246	63,852	53,872	-	9,980
Smelts	cwt.	7,522	10,322	9,208	8,238	-	970
	\$	49,246	51,610	46,040	40,360	-	5,680

3. Value of the Fisheries

1917 to 1934.

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	842,345
1925	1,598,119	1934	963,926

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4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries,

1933 and 1934.

In Primary Operations	1 9 3 3		1 9 3 4	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Sailing, gasoline and diesel vessels	5	3,200	4	1,600
Sail and row boats	800	7,456	818	8,220
Gasoline and diesel boats	1,615	410,650	1,602	374,700
Carrying smacks and scows	13	7,200	15	7,800
Gill nets	2,587	20,857	2,630	23,621
Trap nets	6	3,600	4	2,400
Smelt nets	1,922	13,772	2,780	15,139
Tubs of Trawl	613	12,260	621	12,420
Hand lines	1,983	3,966	2,289	4,578
Lobster traps	375,150	375,150	388,920	388,920
Lobster pounds	1	1,200	1	1,200
Oyster rakes	312	936	288	864
Quahaug rakes	50	150	10	30
Fishing piers and wharves	36	34,000	36	34,000
Freezers and ice houses	28	1,450	28	5,675
Small fish and smoke houses	292	15,195	296	15,445
TOTAL VALUE	-	911,042	-	896,612

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries,

1933 and 1934. Concl'd.

In Fish Canning and Curing	1933		1934	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Lobster canneries	91)		94)	
)	182,725)	193,600
Clam canneries	-)		1)	
)			
Fish curing establishments	2)		3	7,500
TOTAL	93	182,725	98	201,100

5. Employees in the Fisheries

1933 and 1934.

	1933	1934
	No.	No.
Men employed on vessels, boats, etc.	3,194	2,973
Persons employed in fish canning and curing establishments	1,504	1,501
TOTAL	4,698	4,474

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