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The following report on the fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the year 1935 is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The fisheries of Prince Edward Island in 1935 had a product valued at \$899,685, a decrease from the preceding year of \$64,241, or 7 per cent, but an increase over 1933 of \$57,340, or 6 per cent. Of chief importance is the lobster fishery, with a marketed value of \$605,107, or 67 per cent of the total value for the whole of the fisheries. The catch of lobsters in 1935 amounted to 63,876 cwt., a decrease from 1934 of 12,706 cwt., or 17 per cent and a decrease from 1933 of 27,671 cwt., or 30 per cent. The larger part of the lobster catch is used by the lobster canneries of the province in the preparation of the canned product, but considerable quantities are purchased each year by fishing plants in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and such shipments are credited in the annual statistics to the provinces where marketed. In 1935 the shipments of Prince Edward Island lobsters to be marketed in the two provinces mentioned above totalled 3,470 cwt., compared with 13,330 cwt. in 1934. Next in importance to the lobster fishery are the cod and oyster fisheries. Both of these have shown

steady increases in marketed value of production during the past four years, and increases in quantity of catch up to and including 1934. Reductions in catch for both cod and oysters are recorded in 1935.

The total quantity of fish of all kinds, including shell fish, caught and landed by Prince Edward Island fishermen during the year 1935 was 208,918 cwt., with a value at the point of landing of \$640,764, compared with a catch of 253,262 cwt., and a landed value of \$695,114 in 1934.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

Primary Operations:

Capital.- The vessels, boats and gear used in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish show increases in number, compared with 1934, for all items, while the total value rose from \$896,612 in 1934 to \$901,334 in 1935.

Employees.- The number of fishermen employed during the year was 3,365, an increase over the preceding year of 392. The gasoline and diesel boats provide employment for the greatest number, these boats in 1935 being credited with 2,966 employees, or 88 per cent of the total number of fishermen in that year.

In Fish Canning and Curing:-

Capital.- The amount of capital invested in fish canning and curing establishments in 1935 was \$189,375, to which the lobster canneries contributed \$178,475. The number of lobster canneries decreased from 94 in 1934 to 89 in 1935. There were also in operation, 5 fish curing establishments and 1 clam cannery.

Employees.- The fish canning and curing industry in Prince Edward Island gave employment during the year to a total of 1,386 persons, the majority of these workers being employed in the months of May, June and July. The female employees in the establishments outnumber the men - 750 female workers compared with 636 male employees

General Tables

Statistics of the fisheries of the province are given in detail in the following tables.

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,

during the years 1934 and 1935

Kind of Fish		1 9 3 4		1 9 3 5	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Cod, caught and landed	cwt.	46,423	38,024	45,451	39,276
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	15,569	30,599	14,518	42,403
Green-salted	cwt.	14,515	50,339	30	300
Pickle cured	cwt.	-	-	12,617	34,462
Dried	cwt.	512	2,114	313	1,340
Boneless	cwt.	72	554	720	6,355
Cod oil	gal.	3,266	839	1,614	409
Total value marketed		-	84,445	-	85,269
Haddock, caught and landed	cwt.	790	1,021	646	1,143
Marketed fresh	cwt.	790	2,124	646	2,162
Hake and Cusk, caught and landed	cwt.	15,448	6,704	18,739	7,831
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	778	1,167	1,597	1,597
Green-salted	cwt.	3,401	8,475	6,465	11,952
Dried	cwt.	2,623	8,175	1,404	3,108
Total value marketed		-	17,817	-	16,657
Flounders, brill, plaice, caught and landed	cwt.	155	155	1,303	729
Marketed fresh	cwt.	155	155	1,303	729
Herring, caught and landed	cwt.	48,525	24,855	31,525	23,111
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	6,675	10,012	4,588	6,390
Pickled	bbl.	670	4,020	889	4,445
Used as bait	bbl.	19,920	39,840	12,135	33,667
Total value marketed		-	53,872	-	44,502
Mackerel, caught and landed	cwt.	8,963	13,931	8,041	11,462
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	5,962	11,924	4,470	12,571
Canned	cases	46	263	50	200
Pickled	bbl.	661	6,158	594	4,950
Filletts, salted	bbl.	3	45	9	92
Used as bait	bbl.	480	1,200	859	2,477
Total value marketed		-	19,590	-	20,290

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed.

during the years 1934 and 1935 - Cont'd.

Kind of Fish		1 9 3 4		1 9 3 5	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Alewives, caught and landed	cwt.	1,600	800	974	487
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	1,400	1,100	956	956
Smoked	cwt.	-	-	9	27
Salted	bbl.	66	132	-	-
Total value marketed		-	1,232	-	983
Perch, caught and landed	cwt.	-	-	50	25
Marketed fresh	cwt.	-	-	50	50
Salmon, caught and landed	cwt.	120	1,100	63	630
Marketed fresh	cwt.	120	1,440	63	945
Smelts, caught and landed	cwt.	8,238	31,659	10,015	35,055
Marketed fresh	cwt.	8,072	40,360	9,912	49,560
Capelin, launce and silversides caught and landed	bbl.	213	449	1,119	2,064
Marketed fresh	bbl.	213	449	1,119	2,064
Eels, caught and landed	cwt.	113	545	225	1,311
Marketed fresh	cwt.	113	577	225	1,320
Tom cod, caught and landed	cwt.	355	355	300	300
Marketed fresh	cwt.	355	355	300	300
Clams and Quahaugs, caught and landed (a)	bbl.	2,581	2,552	-	-
Marketed -					
Used fresh	bbl.	1,089	1,360	-	-
Canned	cases	1,277	5,107	-	-
Chowder	cases	125	500	-	-
Total value marketed		-	6,967	-	-
Clams, caught and landed	bbl.	-	-	1,736	1,508
Marketed -					
Used fresh	bbl.	-	-	342	342
Canned	cases	-	-	1,394	4,976
Total value marketed		-	-	-	5,318
Crabs, caught and landed	cwt.	42	100	72	120
Marketed, canned	cases	6	120	9	180

(a) Quahaugs are shown separately after 1934.

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,
during the years 1934 and 1935. - Concl'd

Kind of Fish		1 9 3 4		1 9 3 5	
		Quantity	Value \$	Quantity	Value \$
Lobsters, caught and landed	cwt.	76,582	536,012	63,876	467,804
Marketed -					
In shell	cwt.	3,546	38,704	2,991	32,430
Meat	cwt.	29	1,325	6	420
Canned	cases	30,214	624,771	25,170	556,596
Tomalley	cases	1,149	9,386	1,358	15,661
Total value marketed		-	674,186	-	605,107
Oysters, caught and landed	bb1.	10,160	36,852	10,014	46,973
Marketed fresh	bb1.	10,160	60,061	10,014	60,246
Quahaugs, caught and landed(a)	bb1.	-	-	950	935
Marketed -					
Used fresh	bb1.	-	-	2	3
Canned	cases	-	-	738	3,370
Chowder	cases	-	-	100	350
Total value marketed		-	-	-	3,723
Total Value of Fisheries -					
Caught and landed	-	-	695,114	-	640,764
Marketed	-	-	963,926	-	899,685

2. Quantity and Value of Chief Commercial Fishes, 1932 - 1935.

Kind of Fish		1932	1933	1934	1935	Increase or Decrease 1935 compared with 1934 Increase + Decrease -
Lobsters	cwt.	114,570	91,547	76,582	63,876	- 12,706
	\$	750,039	591,801	674,186	605,107	- 69,079
Cod	cwt.	35,594	36,429	46,423	45,451	- 972
	\$	52,405	65,021	84,445	85,269	+ 824
Oysters	bb1.	5,873	6,643	10,160	10,014	- 46
	\$	24,329	37,431	60,061	60,246	+ 185

(a) Prior to 1935 included in item "clams and quahaugs".

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

2. Quantity and Value of Chief Commercial Fishes.

1932 - 1935. Concl'd.

Kind of Fish		1932	1933	1934	1935	Increase or Decrease 1935 compared with 1934 Increase + Decrease -	
Smelts	cwt.	10,322	9,208	8,238	10,015	+	1,777
	\$	51,610	46,040	40,360	49,560	+	9,200
Herring	cwt.	45,436	50,610	48,525	31,525	-	17,000
	\$	68,246	63,852	53,872	44,502	-	9,370

3. Value of the Fisheries

1918 - 1935

Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$		\$
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
1926	1,358,934	1935	899,685

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries,
1934 and 1935.

In Primary Operations	1 9 3 4		1 9 3 5	
	Number	Value \$	Number	Value \$
Sailing, gasoline and diesel vessels	4	1,600	5	3,200
Sail and row boats	818	8,220	913	10,095
Gasoline and diesel boats	1,602	374,700	1,627	366,200
Carrying smacks and scows	15	7,800	14	7,700
Gill nets	2,630	23,621	2,831	23,570
Salmon trap nets	-	-	1	600
Trap nets	4	2,400	6	180
Smelt nets	2,780	15,139	2,113	14,355
Tubs of trawl	621	12,420	808	16,160
Hand lines	2,289	4,578	2,369	4,738
Crab traps	-	-	40	40
Lobster traps	388,920	388,920	402,565	402,565
Lobster pounds	1	1,200	-	-
Oyster rakes	288	864	347	1,041
Quahaug rakes	10	30	50	150
Fishing piers and wharves	36	34,000	36	34,000
Freezers and ice houses	28	5,675	29	1,180
Small fish and smoke houses	296	15,445	300	15,560
TOTAL VALUE	-	896,612	-	901,334

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries,

1934 and 1935. Concl'd

In Fish Canning and Curing	<u>1 9 3 4</u>		<u>1 9 3 5</u>	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Lobster canneries	94)		89)	
)	193,600)	178,675
Clam canneries	1)		1)	
Fish curing establishments	3	7,500	5	10,700
TOTAL	98	201,100	95	189,375

5. Employees in the Fisheries

1934 and 1935

Employees	1934	1935
	No.	No.
Men employed on vessels, boats, etc.	2,973	3,365
Persons employed in fish canning and curing establishments	1,501	1,386
TOTAL	4,474	4,751

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