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The following report on the fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the year 1936 is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The total value of output of the fisheries of Prince Edward Island in 1936 was \$946,336, compared with \$899,685 in the preceding year. These totals represent the value of the product as marketed, whether in a fresh state, or as canned, cured or otherwise prepared. The lobster fishery is of chief importance, with a marketed value in 1936 of \$614,789, an increase over the preceding year of \$9,682. The catch of lobsters in 1936 amounted to 59,286 cwt., a decrease from the year 1935 of 4,590 cwt. Increased prices for lobster in shell and for canned lobster account for the increase in total marketed value of product. The average price of lobster in shell in 1936 was \$13.10 per cwt., compared with \$10.85 in 1935, and of canned lobster, \$25.21 per case compared with \$22.11. Next in importance is the cod fishery, and following are the herring, smelt and oyster fisheries. The annual catch of oysters for many years ranged from 3,000 to 4,000 barrels, but rose in 1933 to 6,643 barrels and in 1934 to 10,160 barrels. In 1935 the catch dropped to 10,014 and in 1936 to 6,742 barrels. It should be noted in connection...



with the fisheries of this province that each year considerable quantities of lobster are purchased by canners in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and these shipments are included in the statistics with the product of the province where marketed, while Prince Edward Island is credited with the catch. For the year 1936, in addition to the lobster shipments there were small quantities of cod, hake and cusk, smelts and quahaugs shipped for marketing in other provinces.

The total quantity of fish of all kinds caught and landed by Prince Edward Island fishermen during the year 1936 was 248,138 cwt., with a value at the point of landing of \$725,417, compared with a catch of 208,918 cwt., and a landed value of \$640,764 in 1935. The increase in quantity was due chiefly to the larger catches of cod, hake and cusk and herring.

#### CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

##### Primary Operations:

Capital. -- The value of the capital equipment used in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish, comprising vessels, boats, nets, traps, piers and wharves, etc., was \$963,362, compared with \$901,334 in 1935. The principal items with regard to value are lobster traps (\$431,955) and gasoline and diesel boats (\$374,500).

Employees. -- The number of fishermen employed during the year was 3,093, compared with 3,365 in 1935.

##### In Fish Canning and Curing:

Capital. -- The number of fish canning and curing establishments in operation decreased from 95 in 1935 to 93 in 1936, but the value of capital rose from \$189,375 to \$219,119. The larger part of the investment is credited to the lobster canneries, which increased in value although the number in operation dropped from 89 to 84.

Employees. -- The total number of persons employed by the establishments during the year was 1,334, compared with 1,386 in 1935. The period of employment ranges from a few days to several months. The establishments in this province are closed during the months of January, February and March, and operate to only a limited extent in April, November and December. The months of highest employment in the establishments are May and June.

#### 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 1935 and 1936.

Kind of Fish		1 9 3 5		1 9 3 6	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Cod, caught and landed	cwt.	45,451	39,276	62,120	48,581
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	14,518	42,403	17,030	34,447
Fresh fillets	cwt.	30	300	35	350
Green-salted	cwt.	12,617	34,462	18,414	56,263
Smoked fillets	cwt.	-	-	15	150
Dried	cwt.	313	1,340	635	2,298
Boneless	cwt.	720	6,355	415	3,320
Cod oil	gal.	1,614	409	1,580	346
Total value marketed		-	85,269	-	97,174
Haddock, caught and landed	cwt.	646	1,143	715	1,185
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	646	2,162	610	2,200
Fresh fillets	cwt.	-	-	35	350
Total value marketed		-	2,162	-	2,550
Hake and Cusk, caught and landed	cwt.	18,739	7,831	25,597	10,623
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	1,597	1,597	2,032	1,962
Green-salted	cwt.	6,465	11,952	8,600	17,957
Dried	cwt.	1,404	3,108	1,888	5,326
Boneless	cwt.	-	-	20	120
Total value marketed		-	16,657	-	25,365
Flounders, Brill, Plaice, caught and landed	cwt.	1,303	729	185	185
Marketed fresh	cwt.	1,303	729	185	185
Herring, caught and landed	cwt.	31,525	23,111	56,498	29,372
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	4,588	6,390	5,159	6,896
Pickled	bbl.	389	4,445	775	4,475
Used as bait	bbl.	12,135	33,667	24,417	55,526
Fertilizer	bbl.	-	-	90	90
Total value marketed		-	44,502	-	66,987
Mackerel, caught and landed	cwt.	8,041	11,462	10,672	14,016
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	4,470	12,571	6,225	19,919
Canned	cases	50	200	175	695
Pickled	bbl.	594	4,950	309	2,376
Fillets, salted	bbl.	9	92	242	2,499
Used as bait	bbl.	859	2,477	1,215	3,080
Total value marketed		-	20,290	-	28,569

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1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,

during the years 1935 and 1936 - Cont'd.

Kind of Fish		1935		1936	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Alewives, caught and landed	cwt.	974	487	344	172
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	956	956	344	344
Smoked	cwt.	9	27	-	-
Total value marketed		-	983	-	344
Perch, caught and landed	cwt.	50	25	-	-
Marketed fresh	cwt.	50	50	-	-
Salmon, caught and landed	cwt.	63	630	21	210
Marketed fresh	cwt.	63	945	21	210
Smelts, caught and landed	cwt.	10,015	35,055	11,843	37,408
Marketed fresh	cwt.	9,912	49,560	11,542	53,896
Capelin, launce and silversides, caught and landed	bbl.	1,119	2,064	707	1,283
Marketed fresh	bbl.	1,119	2,064	707	1,414
Eels, caught and landed	cwt.	225	1,311	190	730
Marketed fresh	cwt.	225	1,320	190	730
Tom cod, caught and landed	cwt.	300	300	295	295
Marketed fresh	cwt.	300	300	295	295
Clams, caught and landed	bbl.	1,736	1,508	1,914	1,672
Marketed -					
Used fresh	bbl.	342	342	514	514
Canned	cases	1,394	4,976	1,400	6,042
Total value marketed		-	5,318	-	6,556
Crabs, caught and landed	cwt.	72	120	80	20
Marketed canned	cases	9	180	10	240
Lobsters, caught and landed	cwt.	63,876	467,804	59,286	544,365
Marketed -					
In shell	cwt.	2,991	32,430	2,743	35,939
Meat	cwt.	6	420	-	-
Canned	cases	25,170	556,596	22,345	563,286
Tomalley	cases	1,358	15,661	1,499	15,564
Total value marketed		-	605,107	-	614,789
Oysters, caught and landed	bbl.	10,014	46,973	6,742	34,614
Marketed fresh	bbl.	10,014	60,246	6,742	43,067



Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,

during the years 1935 and 1936 - Concl'd.

Kind of Fish		1 9 3 5		1 9 3 6	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Quahaugs, caught and landed	bbl.	950	935	783	686
Marketed -					
Used fresh	bbl.	2	3	69	69
Canned	cases	738	3,370	635	3,060
Chowder	cases	100	350	-	-
Total value marketed		-	3,723	-	3,129
Tongues and Sounds, pickled or dried	cwt.	35	280	65	460
Other products		-	-	-	376
Total Value of Fisheries -					
Caught and landed		-	640,764	-	725,417
Marketed		-	899,685	-	946,336

2. Quantity (a) and Value (b) of Chief Commercial Fishes, 1933 - 1936.

Kind of Fish		1933	1934	1935	1936	Increase or Decrease 1936 compared with 1935 Increase + Decrease -
Lobsters	cwt.	91,547	76,582	63,876	59,286	- 4,590
	\$	591,801	674,186	605,107	614,789	+ 9,682
Cod	cwt.	36,429	46,423	45,451	62,120	+ 16,669
	\$	65,021	84,445	85,269	97,174	+ 11,905
Herring	cwt.	50,610	43,525	31,525	56,498	+ 24,973
	\$	63,852	53,872	44,502	66,987	+ 22,485
Smelts	cwt.	9,208	8,238	10,015	11,843	+ 1,828
	\$	46,040	40,360	49,560	53,896	+ 4,336
Oysters	bbl.	6,643	10,160	10,014	6,742	- 3,272
	\$	37,431	60,061	60,246	43,067	- 17,179

(a) Quantity caught. (b) Value marketed.

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3. Value of the Fisheries, 1919 --- 1936.

Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$		\$
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
1927 .....	1,367,807	1936 .....	946,336

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries, 1935 and 1936.

In Primary Operations	1 9 3 5		1 9 3 6	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Sailing, gasoline and diesel vessels	5	3,200	6	3,300
Sail and row boats	913	10,095	833	9,395
Gasoline and diesel boats	1,627	366,200	1,662	374,500
Carrying smacks and scows	14	7,700	16	8,500
Gill nets	2,831	23,570	3,053	29,320
Salmon trap nets	1	600	2	1,200
Trap nets, other	6	180	3	660
Smelt nets	2,113	14,355	3,463	21,459
Tubs of trawl	808	16,160	1,044	20,880
Hand lines	2,369	4,738	2,395	4,790



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4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries, 1935 and 1936 - Concl'd.

In Primary Operations	1 9 3 5		1 9 3 6	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Crab traps	40	40	40	40
Lobster traps	402,565	402,565	431,955	431,955
Oyster rakes	347	1,041	253	753
Scallop drags	-	-	3	45
Quahaug rakes	50	150	65	195
Fishing piers and wharves	36	34,000	36	34,000
Freezers and ice houses	29	1,180	32	6,425
Small fish and smoke houses	300	15,560	306	15,945
Total Value	-	901,334	-	963,362

  

In Fish Canning and Curing	1 9 3 5		1 9 3 6	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
		\$		\$
Lobster canneries	89 )	178,675	84	188,675
Clam canneries	1 )		2 )	
Other fish cannery	-	-	1 )	6,500
Fish curing establishments	5	10,700	6	23,944
Total	95	189,375	93	219,119

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5. Employees in the Fisheries,

1935 and 1936.

Employees	1935	1936
	No.	No.
Men employed on vessels, boats, etc.	3,365	3,093
Persons employed in fish canning and curing establishments	1,386	1,334
Total	4,751	4,427





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