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ADVANCE REPORT ON THE FISHERIES OF

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1938.

The following report on the fisheries of Prince Edward Island for the year 1938 is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The fisheries of Prince Edward Island had an output in 1938 valued at \$930,874, compared with \$870,299 in the preceding year. These totals represent the value of the fish as marketed, whether sold for consumption fresh, or canned, cured, etc. Leading all other kinds in order of value of production is the lobster fishery, with a marketed value of output of \$606,134, an increase over the preceding year of \$67,342. The catch of lobster amounted to 71,213 cwt., or 12,975 cwt. in excess of the total for the year 1937. The pack of lobsters totalled 24,625 cases of 48 pounds each, compared with 20,952 cases in the preceding year, and the value to \$474,397, compared with \$497,836. The average value per case was \$19.26, compared with \$23.76 in 1937. The list of marketed products of the lobster fishery includes also the following: lobster shipped in shell, lobster meat, and lobster tomalley. It should be noted in connection with the marketed value of the lobster fishery that considerable quantities of lobsters taken by Prince Edward Island fishermen are purchased each year by canners in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and that while the quantity caught and the value as landed are credited to Prince Edward Island the product and the marketed value are included with the totals of the provinces where such shipments are marketed. In 1938 the total quantity of lobsters in shell shipped from Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for marketing was 10,840 cwt.

Other important kinds of fish are cod, herring, smelts and hake and cusk, although their combined total value of output - \$230,968 - is far behind that of the lobster fishery. Cod, smelts and hake and cusk show increases over 1937 in quantity of catch, but the smelt fishery alone of the four kinds mentioned shows an increase in marketed value of product.

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,

during the years 1937 and 1938.

Kind of Fish	Unit of measure	1 9 3 7		1 9 3 8	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Cod, caught and landed	cwt.	67,504	49,868	68,425	49,880
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	14,856	27,879	12,396	17,795
Fresh fillets	cwt.	43	420	-	-
Green-salted	cwt.	21,948	55,199	21,552	54,144
Dried	cwt.	446	2,254	215	1,275
Boneless	cwt.	198	1,666	140	1,120
Liver oil, medicinal	gal.	98	59	1,989	1,352
Oil	gal.	5,046	1,423	2,888	729
Total value marketed (a)		-	88,900	-	76,415
Haddock, caught and landed	cwt.	403	642	386	636
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	373	1,557	386	940
Fresh fillets	cwt.	10	110	-	-
Total value marketed		-	1,667	-	940
Hake and Cusk, caught and landed	cwt.	38,237	14,244	49,155	19,747
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	3,261	2,752	11,189	12,080
Canned	cases	150	600	-	-
Green-salted	cwt.	13,236	21,711	16,424	30,463
Dried	cwt.	2,755	7,963	1,146	3,497
Boneless	cwt.	-	-	15	60
Total value marketed		-	33,026	-	46,100
Flounders, Brill, Plaice, caught and landed	cwt.	198	189	582	457
Marketed fresh	cwt.	198	198	582	582
Herring, caught and landed	cwt.	64,928	35,752	56,056	29,174
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	4,310	4,760	4,686	5,085
Canned, round	cases	-	-	35	131
Pickled	bbl.	558	2,232	643	3,011
Used as bait	bbl.	29,274	59,774	24,563	49,426
Fertilizer	bbl.	198	198	75	75
Total value marketed		-	66,964	-	57,728

(a) A certain quantity was purchased for Nova Scotia plants and recorded as marketed in that province.

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,

during the years 1936 and 1937 - Cont'd.

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Kind of Fish	Unit of measure	1 9 3 7		1 9 3 8	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Mackerel, caught and landed	cwt.	11,164	18,079	10,559	16,146
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	6,021	17,623	5,715	16,771
Canned	cases	350	1,913	436	1,886
Pickled	bbl.	127	1,102	180	1,470
Fillets, salted	bbl.	440	5,550	107	1,326
Used as bait	bbl.	1,385	2,770	1,775	3,550
Total value marketed		-	28,958	-	25,003
Alewives, caught and landed	cwt.	1,663	875	4,840	2,520
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	1,663	1,514	4,690	4,690
Salted	bbl.	-	-	50	200
Total value marketed		-	1,514	-	4,890
Perch, caught and landed	cwt.	50	25	-	-
Marketed fresh	cwt.	50	50	-	-
Salmon, caught and landed	cwt.	10	100	16	160
Marketed fresh	cwt.	10	150	16	240
Smelts, caught and landed	cwt.	8,900	29,220	9,608	34,125
Marketed fresh	cwt.	8,860	40,856	9,608	50,725
Capelin, Launce and Silversides, caught and landed	cwt.	1,370	1,298	3,078	2,682
Marketed fresh	cwt.	1,370	1,341	3,078	3,078
Eels, caught and landed	cwt.	361	1,373	214	806
Marketed fresh	cwt.	361	1,892	214	919
Tom cod, caught and landed	cwt.	240	240	373	363
Marketed fresh	cwt.	240	360	373	401
Clams, caught and landed	cwt.	7,010	3,505	6,942	3,471
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	1,382	691	1,440	770
Canned	cases	2,218	11,050	2,201	12,502
Chowder	cases	600	2,400	800	2,800
Total value marketed		-	14,141	-	16,072

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Prince Edward Island Fisheries

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed

during the years 1937 and 1938 - Concl'd.

Kind of Fish	Unit of measure	1 9 3 7		1 9 3 8	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Crabs, caught and landed	cwt.	144	36	128	32
Marketed canned	cases	18	360	16	288
Lobsters, caught and landed (a)	cwt.	58,238	524,847	71,213	458,762
Marketed -					
In shell	cwt.	2,064	26,153	11,072	117,044
Meat	cwt.	62	2,858	11	495
Canned	cases	20,952	497,846	24,625	474,397
Tomalley	cases	1,155	11,935	1,559	14,198
Total value marketed		-	538,792	-	606,134
Oysters, caught and landed	bbl.	6,478	32,402	5,242	29,232
Marketed fresh	bbl.	6,478	44,020	5,242	39,193
Quahaugs, caught and landed	cwt.	1,874	937	2,145	881
Marketed -					
Used fresh	cwt.	930	465	1,491	959
Canned	cases	472	3,360	108	785
Total value marketed		-	3,825	-	1,744
Tongues and Sounds, pickled or dried	cwt.	120	885	147	322
Other products		-	2,400	-	100
Total Value of Fisheries -					
Caught and landed		-	713,632	-	649,074
Marketed		-	870,299	-	930,874

(a) Certain quantities are purchased each year by canneries in other provinces and are recorded as marketed in said provinces.

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries, 1937 and 1938.

In Primary Operations	1 9 3 7		1 9 3 8	
	Number	Value \$	Number	Value \$
Sailing, gasoline and diesel vessels	8	4,400	11	6,400
Sail and row boats	356	3,560	722	8,220
Gasoline and diesel boats	1,678	382,770	1,673	377,400
Carrying boats and scows	12	3,900	8	3,000
Gill nets	3,057	23,617	3,114	24,062
Salmon trap nets	2	1,200	1	600
Trap nets, other	2	60	4	860
Smelt nets	2,190	16,246	2,380	16,963
Tubs of trawl	1,257	25,140	1,330	26,600
Hand lines	2,335	4,670	1,918	3,836
Crab traps	40	40	40	40
Lobster traps	426,510	426,510	391,045	391,045
Oyster rakes	469	1,417	339	1,017
Quahaug rakes	79	237	101	303
Scallop drags	7	105	-	-
Fishing piers and wharves	36	34,000	37	34,200
Freezers and ice houses	31	6,075	27	5,875
Small fish and smoke houses	316	16,010	305	18,020
Total Value	-	949,957	-	918,441

Prince Edward Island Fisheries

4. Capital Equipment of the Fisheries, 1937 and 1938 -- Concl'd.

	1 9 3 7		1 9 3 8	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
In Fish Canning and Curing		\$		\$
Lobster canneries	74	166,075	64	139,325
Clam canneries	3)	9,400	4	9,000
Other fish canneries	1)		-	-
Fish curing establishments	8	25,200	10	32,200
Total	86	200,675	78	180,525

5. Employees in the Fisheries, 1937 and 1938.

	1 9 3 7			1 9 3 8		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
Men employed on vessels, boats, etc.	3,310	-	3,310	3,309	-	3,309
Persons employed in fish canning and curing establishments	491	671	1,162	543	691	1,234
Total	3,801	671	4,472	3,852	691	4,543

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