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PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FISHERIES OF QUEBEC, 1926

The following preliminary report of the fisheries of Quebec is issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

PRODUCTION

The value of production of the fisheries of Quebec for the year 1926 was \$3,110,964, compared with \$3,044,919 in 1925. These totals represent the value of the fish marketed, whether sold for consumption fresh, or canned, cured or otherwise prepared. The cod fishery is of chief importance, with a total marketed value in 1926 of \$1,408,516, or 45 per cent of the total value of the fisheries production of the province: dried cod was the main product, the quantity so prepared amounting to 172,099 cwt., valued at \$1,274,294. The lobster fishery was second in order of value, followed by herring, eels, salmon, mackerel, carp, smelts and pickerel. Cod, salmon and mackerel show decreases in catch, while increases are shown for the other principal kinds.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES

PRIMARY OPERATIONS:

Capital.— The amount of capital represented by the vessels, boats, gear, piers wharves, etc., used in the primary operations of catching and landing the fish, was \$2,054,832, compared with \$2,026,431 in 1925.

Employees.— The number of men employed in the primary operations was 10,892, an increase over the preceding year of 181.

FISH CANNING AND CURING ESTABLISHMENTS:

Capital.— The capital investment of the establishments engaged in fish canning and curing operations was valued at \$711,704, compared with \$681,808 in 1925. The lobster canneries in operation numbered 57, the salmon canneries, 3, and the fish curing establishments, 34, a total of 94, compared with a total of 102 in the preceding year. Lobster canneries show a decrease in number of 3, and salmon canneries a decrease of 1, while fish curing establishments increased by 1.

Employees.— The establishments gave employment in 1926 to 1,118 persons and paid in salaries and wages, \$132,192, while in the preceding year the number of persons employed was 1,097 and the total amount paid \$140,018.

Detailed statistics of fisheries production and of capital and employees are given in the following tables.

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,
Quebec, 1925 and 1926.

Kind		Sea Fisheries			
		1925		1926	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Cod, caught	Cwt.	602,099	1,068,221	584,567	1,082,605
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	2,746	11,694	2,528	6,386
Green salted	"	28,455	129,855	30,891	110,497
Canned	Cases	40	400	100	1,000
Smoked fillets	Cwt.	-	-	120	720
Dried	"	180,914	1,403,855	172,099	1,234,294
Boneless	"	-	-	1,198	11,979
Cod liver oil,	Gal.	68	128	2,635	2,275
medicinal	"	127,414	44,555	112,183	41,365
Cod oil					
Total value marketed			1,590,487		1,408,516
Haddock, caught	Cwt.	1,514	1,514	2,000	2,000
Marketed dried	"	505	3,030	666	3,330
Hake and Cusk, caught	Cwt.	1,277	1,277	1,480	1,480
Marketed dried	"	425	2,125	494	1,976
Halibut, caught	Cwt.	1,365	8,655	900	6,519
Marketed fresh	"	1,365	9,415	900	7,189
Herring, caught	Cwt.	278,913	100,976	317,930	148,701
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	5,206	5,479	2,942	4,272
Smoked	"	9,404	38,483	12,763	50,731
Dry-salted	"	6,000	3,000	-	-
Pickled	Bbl.	9,009	47,682	7,787	55,334
Used as bait	"	21,230	95,478	68,525	27,349
Fertilizer	"	29,741	19,934	59,775	29,527
Total value marketed			210,061		237,213
Mackerel, caught	Cwt.	47,135	90,117	22,765	44,728
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	5,997	13,875	5,146	6,430
Salted	Bbl.	14,022	112,354	5,873	64,923
Total value marketed			131,229		71,353
Sardines, caught	Bbl.	99	261	65	290
Marketed fresh & salted	"	99	531	65	410
Alewives, caught	Cwt.	150	150	-	-
Marketed, salted	Bbl.	50	300	-	-
Salmon, caught	Cwt.	19,313	177,636	14,624	139,887
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Cwt.	17,759	167,723	12,441	125,299
Canned	Cases	406	3,077	980	10,677
Dry-salted	Cwt.	22	220	-	-
Pickled	"	783	3,848	991	5,962
Total value marketed			174,868		141,938
Shad, caught	Cwt.	33	430	63	712
Marketed fresh	"	33	430	63	712
Smelts, caught	Cwt.	2,842	28,707	4,710	30,798
Marketed fresh	"	2,842	30,307	4,710	32,748
Sturgeon, caught	Cwt.	6	72	12	144
Marketed fresh	"	6	72	12	144

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1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,
Quebec, 1925 and 1926. Con.

Kind		Sea Fisheries			
		1925		1926	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
			\$		\$
Trout, caught	Cwt.	216	2,312	443	4,244
Marketed -	"				
Used fresh	"	171	2,109	430	4,166
Canned	Cases	18	144	15	120
Pickled	Cwt.	20	90	-	-
Total value marketed			2,343		4,286
Caplin, caught	Bbl.	3,482	5,315	5,094	6,947
Marketed fresh	"	3,482	5,315	5,094	6,947
Eels, caught	Cwt.	65	570	161	1,526
Marketed fresh	"	65	570	161	1,556
Squid, caught	Bbl.	978	1,970	5,161	6,904
Used as bait	"	978	1,970	5,161	6,904
Tom Cod, caught	Cwt.	800	600	500	750
Marketed fresh	"	800	600	500	750
Mixed Fish, caught	Cwt.	720	595	5,795	25,795
Marketed fresh	"	720	595	5,795	25,795
Clams and Quahaugs, caught	Bbl.	2,949	16,654	4,335	16,135
Marketed -					
Used fresh	Bbl.	2,924	16,504	4,335	16,160
Canned	Cases	25	250	-	-
Total value marketed			16,754		16,160
Lobsters, caught	Cwt.	25,676	210,054	29,358	251,321
Marketed -					
In Shell	Cwt.	1,313	15,716	847	9,804
Canned	Cases	12,395	362,729	13,759	422,560
Tomalley	"	111	1,135	254	2,510
Total value marketed			379,580		434,874
Scallops, caught	Bbl.	1,195	7,156	2,722	11,662
Marketed -					
Shelled	Gal.	2,362	7,086	5,445	11,662
Canned	Cases	11	110	-	-
Total value marketed			7,196		11,662
Tongues and Scounds pickled or dried	Cwt.	176	1,135	88	520
Hair Seals, caught	No.	4,746	12,348	3,723	9,067
Marketed -					
Skins	No.	4,746	12,201	3,723	13,915
Oil	Gal.	10,391	4,215	8,265	3,526
Total value marketed			16,416		17,441
Porpoises, caught	No.	-	-	2	69
Marketed -					
Skins	No.	-	-	2	24
Oil	Gal.	-	-	140	49
Total value marketed			-		73
Miscellaneous -					
Fish skins	Cwt.	-	-	200	500
Fish bones	"	-	-	300	75
Total Value Sea Fisheries -					
Caught and Landed			1,735,590		1,792,284
Marketed			2,585,329		2,433,072

1. Quantity and Value of Fish Caught and Marketed,
Quebec, 1925 and 1926. Concluded

Kind		Inland Fisheries x			
		1925		1926	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Bass	Cwt.	229	2,653	472	6,913
Carp	"	2,563	18,216	4,868	60,825
Catfish	"	1,583	15,769	2,679	26,261
Eels	"	11,751	103,893	21,011	194,052
Herring	"	7,115	36,054	8,486	41,582
Maskinonge	"	58	1,317	62	1,296
Mixed Fish	"	26,885	141,680	33,581	193,563
Perch	"	1,184	10,058	1,649	12,879
Pickereel	"	2,016	40,211	2,104	39,214
Pike	"	2,158	21,285	1,965	23,436
Salmon	"	1,401	14,450	912	17,365
Shad	"	1,105	11,876	1,032	12,189
Smelts	"	558	6,936	549	9,063
Sturgeon	"	1,759	27,976	1,996	32,033
Trout	"	100	1,835	100	1,852
Whitefish	"	545	5,381	585	5,369
Total Value Inland Fisheries			459,590		677,892
Total Value All Fisheries -					
Caught			2,195,180		2,470,176
Marketed			3,044,919		3,110,964

x In the statistics for Inland Quebec no distinction has been made between values caught and values marketed.

2. Quantity and Value of Chief Commercial Fishes,
Quebec, 1922-1926

Kind of Fish		1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Cod	Cwt.	416,732	409,701	417,783	602,099	584,567
	\$	839,435	795,140	1,120,570	1,545,804	1,408,516
Lobsters	Cwt.	33,082	37,764	22,742	25,676	29,358
	\$	470,667	538,654	283,899	379,580	434,874
Herring	Cwt.	188,946	226,426	206,135	286,028	326,416
	\$	149,009	190,462	161,119	246,115	278,795
Eels	Cwt.	10,020	12,338	11,918	11,816	21,172
	\$	60,118	73,946	86,756	104,463	195,608
Salmon	Cwt.	12,206	14,765	15,080	20,714	15,536
	\$	122,001	137,024	136,725	189,318	159,303
Mackerel	Cwt.	53,770	46,211	79,437	47,135	22,765
	\$	213,964	157,864	246,278	131,229	71,353
Carp	Cwt.	-	-	3,224	2,563	4,868
	\$	-	-	25,472	18,216	60,825
Smelts	Cwt.	3,613	4,055	2,854	3,400	5,259
	\$	27,363	34,677	32,466	37,243	41,811
Pickereel	Cwt.	1,307	1,307	1,226	2,016	2,104
	\$	13,757	19,010	16,883	40,211	39,214

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3. Value of the Fisheries of Quebec, 1917-1926

Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$		\$
1917	3,414,378	1922	2,089,414
1918	4,577,973	1923	2,100,412
1919	4,258,731	1924	2,283,314
1920	2,592,382	1925	3,044,919
1921	1,815,284	1926	3,110,964

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4. Capital Equipment, 1925 and 1926

In Primary Operations	1925		1926	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$
Sailing and gasoline vessels	102	46,500	108	46,800
Sail and row boats	2,642	122,483	2,743	115,383
Gasoline boats	2,871	816,421	2,885	777,800
Carrying smacks	449	11,300	7	3,100
Gill nets, seines, trap nets, etc.	32,074	588,709	33,464	592,397
Hoop nets	641	14,570	-	-
Tubs of trawl	1,214	28,470	1,425	25,120
Lines	26,713	67,766	28,401	69,016
Weirs	-	-	1,308	83,222
Lobster traps	123,702	124,564	111,373	128,732
Fishing piers and wharves	324	33,750	478	43,350
Ice houses	374	89,587	344	75,390
Small fish and smoke houses	1,424	82,311	1,479	94,522
Total value		2,026,431		2,054,832

In Fish Canning and Curing	1925		1926	
	No.	Value	No.	Value
		\$		\$
Lobster canneries	65	181,294	57	101,531
Salmon canneries	4	9,164	3	12,587
Fish Curing Establishments	33	491,350	34	597,586
Total	102	681,808	94	711,704

5. Number of Employees, 1925 and 1926

	1925	1926
	No.	No.
In primary operations	10,711	10,892
In fish canning and curing establishments	1,097	1,118
Total	11,808	12,010

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