

The Department conducts some scientific research on its own behalf and co-operates with and participates jointly in certain research work with the Dominion Fisheries Research Board.

Section 4.—The Modern Fishing Industry*

Subsection 1.—Primary Production

The latter half of the nineteenth century saw the commencement of expansion in the commercial fishing industry of Canada. In 1844 the estimated value of the catch was only \$125,000. It doubled in the following decade and by 1860 had passed the million-dollar mark. Ten years later it reached \$6,500,000 and this was again more than doubled by 1878. By 1900 it had reached almost \$22,000,000 and the growth continued with little interruption until 1918, when it reached \$60,000,000. This figure was not again reached until 1941, owing largely to lower prices rather than to smaller catches, but in that year a new peak of \$62,258,997 was reached. In the two latest years further increases were recorded, the 1943 figure of \$85,594,544 showing a gain of 37.5 p.c. over 1941. The figures given represent the total value of fish as marketed, whether in a fresh, dried, canned or otherwise prepared state.

2.—Values of the Products of the Fisheries of Canada, 1870-1943

Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$		\$		\$		\$
1870.....	6,577,391	1907.....	25,499,349	1920.....	49,241,339	1933.....	27,496,946
1875.....	10,350,385	1908.....	25,451,085	1921.....	34,931,935	1934.....	34,022,323
1880.....	14,499,979	1909.....	29,629,169	1922.....	41,800,210	1935.....	34,427,854
1885.....	17,722,973	1910.....	29,965,142	1923.....	42,565,545	1936.....	39,165,055
1890.....	17,714,900	1911.....	34,667,872	1924.....	44,534,235	1937.....	38,976,294
1895.....	20,199,338	1912.....	33,389,464	1925.....	47,942,131	1938.....	40,492,976
1900.....	21,557,639	1913.....	33,207,748	1926.....	56,360,633	1939.....	40,075,922
1901.....	25,737,153	1914.....	31,264,631	1927.....	49,123,609	1940.....	45,118,887
1902.....	21,959,433	1915.....	35,860,708	1928.....	55,050,973	1941.....	62,258,997
1903.....	23,100,878	1916.....	39,208,378	1929.....	53,518,521	1942.....	75,116,933
1904.....	23,516,439	1917.....	52,312,044	1930.....	47,804,216	1943.....	85,594,544
1905.....	29,479,562	1918.....	60,259,744	1931.....	30,517,306		
1906.....	26,279,485	1919.....	56,508,479	1932.....	25,957,109		

In the early days of the industry Nova Scotia held the leadership among the provinces, but British Columbia now occupies first place with 37.9 p.c. of the total value of products, Nova Scotia second with 25.3 p.c., and New Brunswick third with 13.0 p.c.

* Revised by W. H. Lanceley, Chief, Fisheries and Animal Products Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. For a list of the publications of this Branch, see Chapter XXX.

3.—Values of the Products of the Fisheries of Canada, by Provinces, 1938-43

Province	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island.....	930,874	950,412	714,870	952,026	1,639,539	2,800,946
Nova Scotia.....	8,804,231	8,753,548	9,843,456	12,634,957	15,297,482	21,684,435
New Brunswick.....	3,996,064	5,082,393	4,965,618	6,484,831	7,132,420	11,128,864
Quebec.....	1,957,279	2,010,953	2,002,053	2,842,041	4,194,092	5,632,809
Ontario.....	3,353,775	3,010,252	3,035,100	3,518,402	4,135,205	5,292,268
Manitoba.....	1,811,124	1,655,273	1,988,545	3,233,115	3,577,616	4,564,551
Saskatchewan.....	468,646	478,511	408,510	414,492	585,782	1,154,544
Alberta.....	492,943	430,724	450,574	440,444	492,182	795,000
British Columbia.....	18,672,750	17,698,989	21,710,167	31,732,037	38,059,559	32,478,632
Yukon.....	5,290	4,867	4,994	6,652	3,056	2,495
Totals.....	40,492,976	40,075,922	45,118,887	62,258,997	75,116,933	85,594,544