

FAO and Its Relation to Fisheries.—The term "Agriculture" in the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in its broadest sense includes the fisheries and forestry. The functions of the Organization as they concern the fisheries in particular are given at pp. 291-294 of the 1946 Year Book.

Subsection 2.—The Provincial Governments

A general outline of the work undertaken by the different Provincial Governments in connection with the administration of commercial and game fisheries, assistance to the industry, educational and research work, and conservation may be found at pp. 279-286 of the 1945 Year Book.

Section 4.—The Modern Fishing Industry*

Subsection 1.—Primary Production

Expansion in the commercial fishing industry of Canada began in the latter half of the nineteenth century. In 1844 the estimated value of the catch was only \$125,000. 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. Since that time, the value has increased progressively each year, reaching an all-time high of \$121,124,732 in 1946. This was an increase of \$7,253,632, or 6.4 p.c., over the previous record attained in 1945. 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, 1870-1946

Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$		\$		\$
1870.....	6,577,391	1920.....	49,241,339	1937.....	38,976,294
1875.....	10,350,385	1925.....	47,942,131	1938.....	40,492,976
1880.....	14,499,979	1929.....	53,518,521	1939.....	40,075,922
1885.....	17,722,973	1930.....	47,804,216	1940.....	45,118,887
1890.....	17,714,900	1931.....	30,517,306	1941.....	62,258,997
1895.....	20,199,338	1932.....	25,957,109	1942.....	75,116,933
1900.....	21,557,639	1933.....	27,496,946	1943.....	85,594,544
1905.....	29,479,562	1934.....	34,022,323	1944.....	89,439,508 ¹
1910.....	29,965,142	1935.....	34,427,854	1945.....	113,871,100 ¹
1915.....	35,860,708	1936.....	39,165,055	1946.....	121,124,732

¹ Revised since the publication of the 1947 Year Book.

Among the provinces British Columbia occupies first place, having in 1946 36.2 p.c. of the total value of products. Nova Scotia came second with 28.3 p.c., and New Brunswick third with 13.6 p.c.

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