

Section 4.—Statistics of Newfoundland Fisheries Prior to Union

Statistics of the Newfoundland fisheries, as hitherto compiled, are not strictly comparable with those of Canada and for that reason as well as the fact that they cover a period prior to Union, they are shown separately in this Section. The information given below is prepared from reports of the Newfoundland Fisheries Board and from customs and census returns.

Trade statistics are covered in this Section because they are closely related to production and because the trade of Newfoundland is not discussed in the Foreign Trade Chapter. The export values are in fact the most nearly accurate indication that can be given of the relative importance of the various species in the Newfoundland fisheries, and of the developments that have taken place in production and marketing in recent years—particularly in the direction of greater diversification of species handled and products marketed.

9.—Production and Exports of Salted Codfish of Newfoundland, 1938-48

NOTE.—Production is shown by calendar years, but value of exports is available only on a fiscal-year basis before 1946. The exports during any fiscal year represent almost entirely fish produced in the calendar year ending within that fiscal year.

PRODUCTION		EXPORTS		
Calendar Years	Quantity	Fiscal Years ¹	Value	Salted Codfish as Percentage of All Fishery Exports
	cwt.		\$'000	p. c.
1938.....	1,294,758	1938-39.....	5,318	71.5
1939.....	1,170,664	1939-40.....	5,072	62.6
1940.....	980,553	1940-41.....	6,292	64.6
1941.....	930,449	1941-42.....	8,845	69.9
1942.....	787,871	1942-43 ²	9,257	76.8
1943.....	1,052,800	1943-44.....	12,218	66.1
1944.....	1,107,420	1944-45.....	12,447	56.9
1945.....	1,069,843	1945-46.....	16,375	55.1
1946.....	1,106,043	1946-47.....	15,659	50.5
1947.....	1,306,960	1947-48.....	16,405	56.6
1948.....	1,052,800	1948-49.....	17,723	55.2

¹ Fiscal years ended June 30, 1939-41, years thereafter ended Mar. 31.

² Nine months ended

Mar. 31.

Of the total weight of salted codfish exported from Newfoundland in 1948, 45 p.c. went to Europe (47 p.c. in 1938), and 53 p.c. to Western Hemisphere countries (52 p.c. in 1938). In Europe, Italy was the largest buyer in 1948, taking 21 p.c. (17 p.c. in 1938), while Puerto Rico led the Western Hemisphere consumers with 23 p.c. in 1948 (17 p.c. in 1938).