

Throughout its history, a very large proportion of the fishing population of Newfoundland has been concerned primarily with the salt cod-fishery; the numbers of persons engaged in the industry since 1938 are shown in Table 12.

12.—Number of Fishermen Engaged in the Salt Cod-fishery of Newfoundland, 1938-48

Calendar Years	Inshore Fishery	Labrador Fishery	Deep-sea Fishery	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1938.....	19,164	4,128	2,139	25,422
1939.....	18,622	4,545	2,053	25,220
1940.....	17,005	4,082	1,705	22,792
1941.....	13,724	3,239	1,680	18,643
1942.....	13,955	2,868	822	17,645
1943.....	15,554	3,491	974	20,019
1944.....	17,220	4,016	1,151	22,387
1945.....	19,650	4,147	1,039	24,836
1946.....	20,638	4,220	1,304	26,162
1947.....	22,456	4,075	1,550	28,081
1948.....	23,145	3,590	1,255	28,000

The number of persons whose occupation was described as "fisherman" in the Newfoundland Census, 1945, was 30,953. In 1935 the comparable figure was 35,018. Total persons engaged in the industry, including canning, curing and other occupations, as well as fishing, were 31,634 in 1945, and 36,947 in 1935.

Comparatively little information is available as to quantity and value of equipment employed in the Newfoundland fisheries; Table 13 gives, in broad general groupings, a summary of the figures obtained from the Censuses of 1935 and 1945. The total value of vessels, boats, rooms and gear shown in the table was \$6,680,531 in 1935 and \$12,335,461 in 1945.

13.—Fishing Vessels, Boats, Rooms and Gear Used in the Fisheries of Newfoundland, 1935 and 1945

Vessels, Boats and Rooms	Census Years		Gear	Census Years	
	1935	1945		1935	1945
Trawlers..... No	..	13	Cod traps and nets..... No	14,748	13,499
tons	430	Salmon traps and nets... "	12,099	14,548
Other vessels ¹ No	1,307	897	Herring nets and seines... "	13,778	19,142
tons 48,151	32,327		Caplin seines..... "	1,339	1,150
Dories and motor boats .. No	29,043	26,746	Lobster traps..... "	..	150,379
Fishing rooms..... "	13,202	10,848			

¹ Schooners, bankers, Labrador floaters and western boats.