

in the Game Commission, a branch of the Provincial Government administration. The Game Commission operates a number of trout hatcheries and egg-taking stations for re-stocking purposes.

The harvesting of marine plants of commercial importance in British Columbia, including the kelps, has recently been placed under the Provincial Department of Fisheries for regulation and control. Some research has already been done on a few of the more important species and more will be undertaken as required.

The Provincial Department of Fisheries has established a marine laboratory at Ladysmith on Vancouver Island for the purpose of conducting biological research into those species over which the Province has control, principally oysters, clams and other forms of shell-fish as well as marine plants. This research is conducted with the object of encouraging the industry to produce better products more economically and of enabling the Department to regulate the various species so that maximum exploitation may be obtained on a sustained-yield basis. The Department co-operates closely with the research work done by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, particularly on the Pacific Coast.

Section 2.—Fishery Statistics*

Subsection 1.—Primary Production

The total marketed value of all fishery products in Canada (exclusive of Newfoundland) was \$149,821,000 in 1952, representing a decline of almost 15 p.c. from the record peak of \$175,718,000 in 1951. The landings of fish also dropped by about 10 p.c., from 1,448,000,000 lb. to 1,315,000,000 lb. The lower production of the West Coast fisheries accounted for these declines.

The data for Newfoundland are not included in the following tables because comparable statistics are not available. In 1952, the landings of fish in Newfoundland were estimated at 575,000,000 lb., with a value to the fishermen of about \$13,000,000; the total value of all fishery products was approximately \$27,500,000.

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1.—Marketed Values of All Products of the Fisheries, 1870-1952

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1870.....	6,577	1915.....	35,861	1944.....	89,440
1875.....	10,350	1920.....	49,241	1945.....	113,871
1880.....	14,500	1925.....	47,942	1946.....	121,125
1885.....	17,723	1930.....	47,804	1947.....	123,900
1890.....	17,715	1935.....	34,428	1948.....	139,749
1895.....	20,199	1940.....	45,119	1949.....	131,138
1900.....	21,558	1941.....	62,259	1950.....	151,982
1905.....	29,480	1942.....	75,117	1951.....	175,718
1910.....	29,965	1943.....	85,595	1952.....	149,821