

## 5.—Persons Employed in the Primary Fishing Industry, by Province, 1954-56

Province	Sea Fisheries			Inland Fisheries		
	1954	1955	1956	1954	1955	1956
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Newfoundland.....	16,469	16,000	14,956	—	—	—
Prince Edward Island.....	2,794	2,863	2,967	—	—	—
Nova Scotia.....	14,864	14,221	14,379	—	—	—
New Brunswick.....	9,299	9,634	9,399	404	432	386
Quebec.....	5,055	5,147	5,290	1,217	1,236	1,022
Ontario.....	—	—	—	3,567	3,483	3,135
Manitoba.....	—	—	—	5,970	5,775	5,389
Saskatchewan.....	—	—	—	1,066	921	997
Alberta.....	—	—	—	5,324	5,247	4,277
British Columbia.....	13,038	12,836	11,851	—	—	—
Northwest Territories.....	—	—	—	574	716	575
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>61,519</b>	<b>60,701</b>	<b>58,842</b>	<b>18,122</b>	<b>17,810</b>	<b>15,781</b>

<sup>1</sup> Estimate.

## Subsection 2.—The Fish Processing Industry

The Census of Industry survey of the fish processing industry covers establishments engaged in the processing of fish at the secondary industrial level. Some fishermen also process the fish they land to a certain degree but their operations are not included nor are the minor amounts of processing done in the inland areas (Ontario, the Prairie Provinces, and the Northwest Territories). In 1956, products of fish processing establishments had a selling value of \$170,063,000; the East Coast fish plants contributed \$88,450,000 and those of British Columbia \$81,612,700.

## 6.—Summary Statistics of Sea Fish Processing Establishments, 1952-56

Item	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
<b>Establishments..... No.</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>486<sup>1</sup></b>
Newfoundland.....	40	35	29	34	43
Prince Edward Island.....	54	47	41	36	30
Nova Scotia.....	198	199	184	194	140
New Brunswick.....	176	167	166	167	147
Quebec.....	89	82	84	71	74
British Columbia.....	78	77	82	72	52
<b>Employees..... No.</b>	<b>14,354</b>	<b>13,623</b>	<b>14,202</b>	<b>14,626</b>	<b>14,329</b>
Male.....	10,329	9,833	10,225	10,283	10,157
Female.....	4,025	3,790	3,977	4,343	4,172
Salaries and wages..... \$'000	24,426	23,092	26,001	26,320	27,583
Fuel and electricity used.....	2,533	2,410	2,605	2,663	2,860
Materials used.....	86,458	85,908	95,633	101,921	104,575
Value of products.....	134,725	137,310	153,457	159,888	170,063 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding establishments whose main activity was the handling of fresh fish or other products, such establishments being included for previous years. <sup>2</sup> Not strictly comparable with previous years; this figure applies to sales or shipments, while the value of production is given for previous years.

The most important products of the fish processing industry are canned salmon for British Columbia and frozen fillets of groundfish for the Atlantic Coast. Because of small landings of salmon in 1956, the pack of the canned product was the lowest since the year 1944. It fell by 21 p.c. to 1,115,181 cases from 1,410,795 in the preceding year. Its value, at \$31,852,000, represented about 40 p.c. of the value of the British Columbia products reported through the Census of Industry and was 2.5 p.c. less than in the preceding year. A smaller decline in value than in quantity was caused by firmer prices than in the