Cold Storage Holdings of Fish.—Normally, stocks of frozen fish decrease gradually during the early months of the year and reach a low point at the beginning of April or May when fishing activity is at its lowest ebb; during subsequent months they increase and reach a peak at the beginning of October or November. In 1962, stocks followed the usual seasonal trend but were, on the average, slightly lower than in 1961.

The three main items in the production of frozen fish in Canada are groundfish fillets, Pacific salmon and halibut. The production of frozen groundfish fillets on the Atlantic Coast reached an all-time high of 164,000,000 lb. in 1962, 22,000,000 lb. more than in 1961. Demand for these products in the domestic and United States market was good so that year-end stocks were only slightly higher than the year before. At the beginning of the year, stocks of frozen Pacific salmon were much lower than at the beginning of 1961 but production increased by about 3,000,000 lb. and exports did not keep pace, with the result that stocks were higher in the last few months of the year. The 1962 production of frozen Pacific dressed halibut, at 17,500,000 lb., was about the same as in 1961 and prices were high. Demand was good in the United States market and stocks were, on the average, below those of 1961.

32.--Storage Stocks of Fish, by Month and by Type, 1961 and 1962

Norn.-Stock totals are as at the beginning of each month; stocks of the individual products are monthly averages.

Month	1961	1962¤	Group and Product	1961	1962¤
	'000,000 lb.			'000,000 lb.	
Jan. 1	55.0	50.4	Frozen, Fresh Seafish ¹	42.1	40.7
Feb. 1	44.2	38.8	Salmon, Pacific, dressed and filleted	5.0	4.7
Mar. 1	34.4	30.7	Halibut, Pacific, dressed	7.2	6.5
Apr. 1	28.0	23.0	Cod, Atlantic, filleted	9.9	12.4
Мау 1	29.9	23.3	Frozen, Freshwater Fish ¹	6.4	7.0
June 1	36.9	30.9	Whitefish, dressed and filleted	1.8	2.0
July 1	48.7	48.0	Tullibee, round or dressed	0.1	0.2
Aug. 1	62.5	66.1	Pickerel (yellow and blue), dressed and filleted Sauger, dressed and filleted	1.3 0.9	0.7 0.3
Sept. 1	70.5	72.1	Frozen, Smoked Fish ¹	1.8	2.0
Oct. 1	69.8	75.5	Cod, Atlantic, filleted	0.7	1.0
Nov. 1	64.1	71.0	Sea herring, dressed	0.5	0.5
Dec. 1	60.2	67.1	Haddock, dressed	0.2	0.2
Averages	59.3	49.7	Averages	50.3	49.7

¹ Includes other items not listed.

Subsection 3.-Storage of Petroleum and Petroleum Products

Bulk storage plants for petroleum and petroleum products are established at convenient distributing centres, often on a waterfront so that full advantage may be taken of the lower cost of water-borne traffic. From these centres the goods are transferred by boat, rail or truck to smaller distributing depots or directly to retail outlets. The principal refining and distributing centres are located at or near Halifax, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Sarnia, Fort William, Regina, Calgary, Turner Valley, Edmonton and Vancouver.