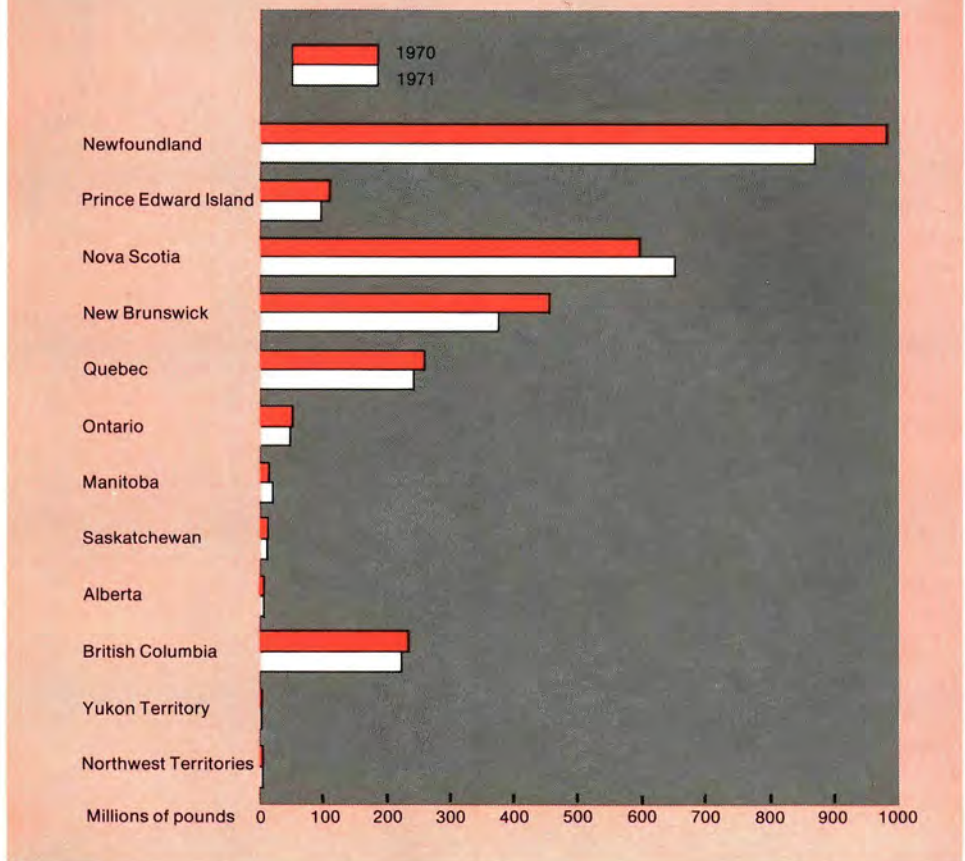


Landings of fish



10.2.3.1 Fish landings

Canadian landings of fish and shellfish in 1971 amounted to 2,548 million lb., 6% less than 1970 and 12% less than the peak year of 1968. Smaller catches were landed on both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, 7% less on the Atlantic Coast and 4% less on the Pacific Coast. The total value to Canadian fishermen at \$201 million was, however, about 1% higher than in 1970 (Table 10.15).

Atlantic Coast. On the Atlantic Coast, total landings have been declining since the peak in 1968. In 1971, they amounted to 2,225 million lb., a decline of 7% compared with 1970 and of 12% compared with 1968. The value to Atlantic Coast fishermen, however, has been increasing steadily and reached an all-time high of \$129 million in 1971 (Table 10.16).

Landings of Atlantic groundfish, taken as a whole, have been rather stable at just over 1,100 million lb. during the last seven years. Two main species of this group, cod and haddock, have been declining in volume, while redfish has been increasing. Cod and haddock landings totalled 575 and 93 million lb., respectively, in 1965; corresponding figures for 1971 were 449 and 54 million lb. On the other hand, redfish landings increased from 130 million lb. in 1965 to 249 million lb. in 1971.

Herring landings were below 1,000 million lb. for the first time since 1968. The large expansion which took place in this fishery in the mid-sixties culminated in landings of 1,200 million lb. in 1968; since that year, however, landings have declined gradually. Gross earnings