

Net-fishing in the non-tidal waters of the Province, including commercial fishing, is regulated and administered by the Provincial Department of Fisheries, while authority for regulation of the game fisheries in the non-tidal waters is vested 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 marketed value of all fishery products in Canada (exclusive of Newfoundland) rose to \$175,718,000 in 1951, a figure higher by almost 16 p.c. than that of 1950. The record production of the West Coast fisheries accounted for most of the increase. The landings of fish, amounting to 1,448,300,000 lb., although 3 p.c. lower than the previous year were, nevertheless, maintained at a high level.

The data for Newfoundland are not included in the following tables as comparable information for that Province is not available. It is estimated, however, that in 1951 the landings of fish in Newfoundland amounted to about 612,500,000 lb., with a value to the fishermen of \$13,500,000, while the marketed value of fisheries products was in the neighbourhood of \$29,000,000.

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1.—Marketed Values of All Products of the Fisheries, 1870-1951

(Exclusive of Newfoundland)

Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1870.....	6,577	1920.....	49,241	1942.....	75,117
1875.....	10,350	1925.....	47,942	1943.....	85,595
1880.....	14,500	1930.....	47,804	1944.....	89,440
1885.....	17,723	1935.....	34,428	1945.....	113,871
1890.....	17,715	1936.....	39,165	1946.....	121,125
1895.....	20,199	1937.....	38,976	1947.....	123,000
1900.....	21,558	1938.....	40,493	1948.....	139,749
1905.....	29,480	1939.....	40,076	1949.....	131,138
1910.....	29,965	1940.....	45,119	1950.....	151,982
1915.....	35,861	1941.....	62,259	1951.....	175,718