

Cold Storage of Fish.—Normally, stocks of frozen fish decrease gradually during the first months of the year and reach a low point at about May 1; during subsequent months they increase and reach a peak at the beginning of November. Since the great bulk of the frozen fish production takes place during the summer and early autumn months, stocks pile up in that period to form the main supply of frozen products until the heavy production period of the next season.

Stock figures at the beginning of each month in 1951 and 1952 (including Newfoundland) were as follows:—

| <u>Month</u> | <u>1951</u> | <u>1952</u> | <u>Month</u> | <u>1951</u> | <u>1952</u> |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | '000,000 lb. | | | '000,000 lb. | |
| Jan. 1..... | 46.5 | 44.5 | Aug. 1..... | 43.2 | 55.4 |
| Feb. 1..... | 39.0 | 35.5 | Sept. 1..... | 49.3 | 60.1 |
| Mar. 1..... | 31.5 | 33.1 | Oct. 1..... | 51.0 | 66.3 |
| Apr. 1..... | 25.3 | 27.4 | Nov. 1..... | 57.8 | 68.6 |
| May 1..... | 25.2 | 29.7 | Dec. 1..... | 50.6 | 60.5 |
| June 1..... | 35.7 | 35.0 | | | |
| July 1..... | 38.0 | 46.0 | AVERAGE..... | 41.1 | 46.7 |

The individual item showing the most significant change in 1952 compared with 1951 is that of Atlantic Coast cod filets. Although the demand for imported groundfish filets was high in the United States, Canadian exporters were faced by increased competition from other foreign suppliers. The total holdings of British Columbia salmon were also higher in 1952 compared with 1951, and the increase was fairly evenly distributed among the various species; holdings of chum, representing the largest single increase, amounted to 300,000 lb.

Average monthly holdings of the main fish products in 1951 and 1952 (including Newfoundland) were as follows:—

| <u>Group and Product</u> | <u>1951</u> | <u>1952</u> |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| | '000,000 lb. | |
| FROZEN, FRESH SEAFISH— | | |
| Salmon, Pacific, dressed and filleted..... | 7.6 | 8.4 |
| Halibut, Pacific, dressed..... | 7.4 | 7.5 |
| Herring, Atlantic, round..... | 5.4 | 5.5 |
| Cod, Atlantic, filleted..... | 2.5 | 4.4 |
| TOTALS, FROZEN, FRESH SEAFISH¹..... | 34.7 | 38.9 |
| FROZEN, FRESH INLAND FISH— | | |
| Whitefish, dressed and filleted..... | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Tullibee, round or dressed..... | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Pickarel (yellow pike), dressed and filleted..... | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| TOTALS, FROZEN, FRESH INLAND FISH¹..... | 3.6 | 5.1 |
| FROZEN, SMOKED FISH— | | |
| Cod, Atlantic, filleted..... | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| Sea herring, dressed..... | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Haddock, dressed..... | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| TOTALS, FROZEN, SMOKED FISH¹..... | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| GRAND TOTALS..... | 41.1 | 46.7 |

¹ Totals include other items not listed.