

FISHING INDUSTRY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONTINUES TO SHOW REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Industry is Providing Opening for More Capital and Employment for More Men—21,000 Men Now Employed in the Trade and \$15,800,000 Are Invested.

The Canadian Department of Public Information supplies the following article on the Pacific Fisheries which is of interest to the fishing communities of this province:

Notwithstanding the somewhat gloomy reports from the Fraser river fishing grounds during the present year, the fishing industry in British Columbia continues to develop and to provide openings for more and more capital and employment for more men. Year by year the total sum invested in plants and apparatus and the number of men who make their living from the products of the coast waters increases. There are now approximately 21,000 men employed in the trade while more than \$15,800,000 is invested in plant and equipment. At the same time it is casting no shadow on the fishing pioneer work which has been done in the fishing industry, to say that it is still in a crude and undeveloped state. Even in British Columbia itself the people are hardly yet aware of the enormous store of undeveloped wealth which lies in the waters of the Pacific at their doors.

Along the 700 miles of coast-line, with its countless sheltered bays and inlets, rivaling, perhaps, even the famed fjords of Norway in scenic beauty, there are found all manner of fish life from the whale of the northern coasts to the tiny pilchard, little bigger than a sardine.

In 1918 the value of the products of this coast was over \$21,000,000 an increase over the previous year's figures of \$6,881,249. Salmon was responsible for the great majority of this increase, while herring shows a satisfactory increase in value. The total value of the salmon catch was \$18,523,883, halibut coming next with a value of \$1,721,012.

The most remarkable feature in the salmon pack of the last two or three years has been the enormous increase in the number of "chums" and "pinks" which have been packed. Until a few years ago these species of salmon were regarded as of a quality inferior to the other commercial varieties. Under the pressure of war conditions they were first packed in large quantities and since then they have been steadily gaining in favor, until today the market is absorbing them readily. The 1918 pack of "chums" and "pinks" combined totalled over 1,000,000 cases, where five years ago it was almost negligible.

The three whaling stations on the British Columbia coast have reported a satisfactory season during 1919, although they can hardly expect to reach every season the success they attained in 1918. In that year the catch totalled 500 whales. Five principal varieties of whale are caught in these waters, Sperm, Sulphur Bottom, Finback, Set, Hump and Bottle-Nose. Of these the commonest is the Finback, while the largest is the Sulphur Bottom. In June this year, one of the latter variety was taken measuring 86 feet long, 42 feet in girth, and weighing 90 tons. On an average the whales weigh about one ton to every foot of length, while there is extracted from the carcass from 100 to 150 barrels of oil. No particle of the whale is wasted. The blubber is cut into strips and boiled down into oil for soap-making purposes, oil is also extracted from the head of the sperm in large quantities; the bone is utilized for combs, corsets, etc., much of the meat is roasted down to a fine powder and makes excellent fertilizer, while the best of the meat of small whales is now canned and used as human food. In appearance and taste it resembles canned beef. Last year no less than 29,546 cases of canned whale-meat were shipped from the Krugot whaling station on Vancouver Island alone. Sufficient experience has been gained to demonstrate that there is a big field for development in this line.

Pilchard is a fish which up to the last two years, has attracted little attention from canners. The run of these fish, which in size and appearance are something between a mackerel and a herring, has been noted in the last two years in waters where they have not previously appeared. They have been canned extensively during the last two years, and, as they have proved to be wholesome and nutritious fish, no doubt the market will be developed.

Deep-sea trawling experiments, which have been conducted out of the northern British Columbia port of Prince Rupert, have demonstrated that there are "banks" adjacent to that port where highly successful operations can be carried on. It is on record that during the season one trawler made 48 trips out of Prince Rupert between February 28th, and December 19th, occupying 151 days which resulted in the landing of some 2,000,000 lb. of fish consisting of flounders, sole, witch, brill, cod, skate and halibut. The average trip of the trawler from dock to dock was three days. The fish were placed in cold storage after being cleaned and sold mostly in the Northwest where they retailed at from 10 to 11 cents per pound. There is no longer any question of the existence of suitable trawling "banks" off this coast. Once the

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PASSPORTS WILL BE GRANTED TO THOSE ENTITLED

Recent Decision of State Department Will Lighten Lot of Men and Women "Without a Country."

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 13.—(Canadian Press.)—The decision of the State Department to grant passports and naturalization to those entitled to them, on the pre-war basis, will considerably lighten the lot of the men and women "without a country." Many women who were born in Canada and who had married citizens of the United States and then returned to the Dominion as widows, were practically without a country, for the reason that they were no longer Canadian, and the United States laws required that they must register with a United States consul within two years of leaving the States. This many did not do, and found themselves barred from Europe, where they wished to visit relatives, by the impossibility of obtaining passports, as the State Department could not issue these and the United States State Department, it is said, refused to do so.

Another class of people affected by the decision to grant passports are the many citizens of the United States resident in Canada who had not changed their naturalization, and found themselves liable for double income tax. They are now freed from the double burden.

A statement issued by the American Chamber of Commerce in London reviewed the new trade agreement between Czechoslovakia and Austria, which is characterized as of first class importance from an economic point of view. Some economic readjustments were needed, unless Austria was left to starve, as was shown in previous despatches from London to The Sun and New York Herald.

The frontiers between Austria and Czechoslovakia have been closed, causing an over supply of goods in some localities and a grave shortage in others. The Chamber of Commerce announcement said that the readjustments between Austria and Czechoslovakia would be cordially welcomed by all persons who desired to see a return of prosperity to Eastern Europe.

Czechoslovakia and Austria have agreed to cooperate in economic affairs and trade without restriction will be resumed between them. Despite the labor unrest here at this time, the consensus is that manufacturers are better able to obtain the help they need here than are manufacturers in either the United States or Canada.

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TO MAKE AMERICAN GOODS IN ENGLAND

New Corporation Formed in London to Market United States Products.

London, Feb. 10.—Showing the trend toward the establishment of British companies to manufacture and market American products in England and in the British colonies, the American Chamber of Commerce here announced that a new company, to be known as the British-American Industries Limited, had been formed for this purpose. In this connection it may be said that, with the growth of the movement for preferential tariffs and preferential arrangements among the countries making up the British Empire, many American manufacturers already have established factories in Canada.

The British-American Industries Limited, however, is proceeding on a different basis. Men at the head of this corporation believe it is better to manufacture within the British Empire because of the larger market, and also because of the fact that England, with her great steamship and shipping facilities, is so well situated for export trade. Furthermore, London, the financial centre of the empire, offers exceptional advantages in the way of insurance. The fact that British colonial buyers find London more easy of access than America or Canada also entered into the calculations of the men at the head of the new corporation.

Another factor which American manufacturers are taking into consideration is the cheapness of British labor as compared with American. Despite the labor unrest here at this time, the consensus is that manufacturers are better able to obtain the help they need here than are manufacturers in either the United States or Canada.

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of the first division of the C. E. F., enlisting in the west. The bride and groom were unattended. The bride was given away by Captain W. R. Wilcox, of this city. Captain and

Mrs. Cockrill will leave for a short honeymoon trip through Nova Scotia, after which they will go to the Canadian West, where they will make their home.