

SEA FISHERIES: Landings and landed value of products of the sea fisheries of Canada both showed substantial increases during the first nine months of this year. During the period, landings reached 925,600,000 pounds, which is 125,000,000 pounds more than the 799 800,000 pounds last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics, and the landed value at \$47,100,000 rose 33 per cent over the figure of \$35,400,000 for the same period in 1947.

Landings in September amounted to 106,500,000 pounds, a decline of 25,000,000 pounds from the 1947 figure of 131,500,000 pounds, but their value rose to \$6,800,000 as compared with \$5,400,000, a gain of \$1,400,000. The drop in the salmon catch in British Columbia was mainly responsible for the reduced quantity.

Although the salmon fishery in British Columbia usually continues until the end of November, the catch after September is not large. During the current season the catch has followed almost exactly the pattern of last year, nearly 80 per cent having been canned and about 20 per cent marketed in the chilled or frozen form. A probable pack of at least 1,200,000 cases is indicated by the latest reports.

On the Atlantic Coast, the downward trend in the cod catch has been checked and landings for September were somewhat higher than in 1947. Vinegar curing of Atlantic herring is reported larger this year, about 10 per cent of the total catch being diverted to this product with an indicated production of some 30,000 barrels to the end of September.

Shipments of chilled salmon to the United States have been larger this year, amounting to 11,600,000 pounds to August 31 as compared

with 8,100,000 for the same period in 1947, and sales of canned sardines in South Africa have increased to 3,900,000 pounds as compared with the 1947 figure of 2,300,000 pounds. Exports of kippered herring to the United States are also higher than usual, although production appears to be down.

The index of wholesale prices of fishery products is at an all-time high. On the base 1935-39=100, the August figure is at 258.0, an increase of 26 points from the previous month. This sharp increase was due almost entirely to the higher prices of the 1948 pack of canned salmon.

MOTOR VEHICLES SHIPMENTS: Factory shipments of Canadian-made motor vehicles rose sharply in September after a two-month recession in July and August. The month's shipments totalled 23,775 units, the highest since April, comparing with 16,959 in August and 24,205 in September last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. During the first nine months of this year, 185,022 units were shipped compared with 187,986 in the similar period of 1947.

Shipments in September comprised 16,378 passenger units and 7,397 commercial units. Of the former, 13,384 were made for sale in Canada and 2,994 for export, while of the latter, 5,936 were for sale in Canada and 1,461 for export.

During the nine months ending September, 94,622 passenger models were shipped for sale in Canada and 17,170 for export. During the same period, 55,476 commercial units were shipped for sale in Canada and 17,754 for export.