

### Cod is still king

The fish the men of the *Matthew* pulled up by the basket were probably cod. Since then the gear has become more varied — otter trawls, line trawls, handlines, jiggers, pair trawls, Danish seines, traps, gill nets. But cod continues to dominate the Atlantic fishing industry. So much so that in 1983, as in previous years, it was the biggest seller among all Canadian fish products with shipments of 145 000 tonnes valued at \$396 million.

The second most important Canadian fish product is herring (90 000 tonnes at \$192 million) followed by salmon (28 700 tonnes at \$213 million). Other valuable species include lobster and crab.

Today, almost half of Canada's fishery product exports are frozen, 14 per cent are fresh and the remainder are canned or treated products.

