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## DECREASE SHOWN FOR FISHERIES DURING MONTH

*Slight Falling in Value of Sea Fish Causes Decrease in Total Value—Some Catches are Large.*

### BOTH COAST RECORDS

Notwithstanding fine, mild weather, the usual slackness which occurs between seasons was in evidence on the Atlantic coast during February. Lobster fishermen in the western part of Nova Scotia were busy putting their boats and gear in order for the opening of the new season on the 1st of March; while line fishermen, both shore and bank, were engaged in preparations for the approaching spring and summer fishery.

The total landings of cod, haddock, hake, and pollock on the Atlantic coast amounted to 24,292 cwt., against 22,045 cwt. last year. The quantity of smelts taken from the 1st to the 15th of the month, when the season for net fishing closed, was 8,897 cwt., against 15,377 cwt. for the same period last year. The falling off is mainly due to the mild weather, which is always detrimental to the smelt fishery. Lobster fishing has been in progress in the counties of Charlotte and St. John, N.B., since the 15th of November, and in the other Bay of Fundy counties, from Albert, N.B., to Annapolis, N.S., inclusive, since the 15th of January. The quantity landed up to the end of February was 3,506 cwt., against 2,878 cwt. to the end of February last year, in the same counties. The catch of scallops in Chester Bay, N.S., amounted to 2,310 barrels, against 500 barrels for the preceding February.

The winter herring fishery in the Nanaimo and Barclay Sound districts of British Columbia ended about the 25th. The catch for the month amounted to 175,853 cwt., against 245,379 cwt. last year and 46,650 cwt. in the year before last. The catch of pilchards for the month of February this year amounted to 30 cwt., against 5,724 cwt. for the same period last year.

In northern British Columbia the weather was cold, but fine, and the total quantity of halibut landed by Canadian and American boats to-

## \$70,493,801 INVESTED IN IMPLEMENT INDUSTRIES

Bureau of Statistics has just completed preliminary Census of Agricultural Implement Industry in Canada—Ontario Leads for Number of Plants.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has completed a preliminary census of the agricultural implement industry in Canada for the calendar year 1917. The census covered altogether ninety establishments. These were located in the provinces as follows: Alberta, 1; Manitoba, 7; Nova Scotia, 1; Ontario, 56; Prince Edward Island, 1; Quebec, 21; and Saskatchewan, 3.

The total capital invested amounted to \$70,493,801, divided as follows: Land, buildings and fixtures, \$13,381,463; machinery and tools, \$6,140,082; materials on hand, stocks in process, finished products, fuel, etc., \$23,127,626; cash, trading and operating accounts and bills receivable, \$27,844,630. The total capital invested represents an increase over 1915 of \$10,964,710, or of 18.4 per cent.

The total salaries paid in 1917 amounted to \$1,329,736, an increase over 1915 of \$273,938, or of 25.9 per cent. The total wage payments rose in 1917 to \$8,027,036 from \$3,125,066 in 1915, or by 156.8 per cent. The average amount paid to wage-earners in 1917 was \$838. The total

number on salaries in 1917 was 10,131, having risen from 6,737 in 1915. The average number of wage-earners employed monthly in 1917 was 9,563; the least number was 9,003 in September; the greatest number was 10,027 in December. The total number of different individual wage-earners on the pay-roll in 1917 was 24,895. From a total summary of 10,051 wage rates, it was found that 1,118 were paid from \$12 to \$15 a week, 4,271 from \$15 to \$20 a week, 2,033 from \$20 to \$25 a week, and 1,163 at a rate over \$25. The balance were paid at a rate below \$12 a week.

The total cost of materials used in 1917 amounted to \$15,599,651, being an increase over 1915 of \$9,616,451, or of 160.7 per cent, and the total value of products rose from \$13,372,506 to \$32,364,340, or by 142.0 per cent. The net value of products, or the value added by manufacture, was \$16,764,649 in 1917; in 1915 it amounted to \$7,389,270. The net value is found by subtracting the total costs of materials used from the total value of products.

### Two Contracts Awarded.

The Department of Public Works announces that the following contracts have been awarded under Orders in Council:—

Toronto.—Alterations and additions to Assistant Receiver General's office. Contractors, Britnell Contracting Company, Limited, of Toronto, at \$12,943. Order in Council dated March 10, 1919.

Winnipeg (Taxedo), Man.—Contract awarded to Carter-Halls-Aldinger Company, Limited, of Winnipeg, at \$172,363, which covers following buildings, for military hospital: Medical officer's residence, nurses' quarters, orderlies' barracks, recreation building, storage building. Order in Council dated March 13, 1919.

gether was 2,914 cwt. greater than that for February last year.

The total value of sea fish at the point of landing, on both coasts, was \$487,664. For the same month last year the value amounted to \$937,986. To the smaller catch of herring and smelts, and a slight decrease in the price per pound of all kinds, is due the decreased total value.

## ELEVATORS ARE INCLUDED IN RECEIVERSHIP

*Grand Trunk Pacific Terminal Elevator Company passes with Railway under Government Control.*

### BY ADDITIONAL ORDER

Inclusion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Terminal Elevator Company in the appointment of a Government receiver for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is provided for in the following Order in Council passed on March 13, as follows:—

Whereas, through inadvertence, there were omitted from the definition of "Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System," in Section 1 of the Order passed by His Excellency in Council on the 7th of March, 1919, providing for the appointment of a Government receiver for the said system, the necessary words relating to Grand Trunk Pacific Terminal Elevator Company, Limited;

Therefore, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that the said Order in Council of the 7th March, 1919, should be and the same is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the definition of "Grand Trunk Pacific Railway System," in Section 1 thereof, the following:—

(5) The properties, elevators, terminals and appurtenances, and the undertaking and works of Grand Trunk Pacific Terminal Elevator Company, Limited.

And His Excellency the Governor General in Council is further pleased to declare and doth hereby declare that the said Order in Council of the 7th March, 1919, and of this present Order shall be, and be read together as, one Order, and shall take effect from the passing of the said Order of the 7th March, 1919.

RODOLPHE BOUDREAU,  
Clerk of the Privy Council.

## TRADE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT LICENSES

The control of licenses for large packing concerns, which hitherto has been vested in the Canada Food Board, has been transferred to the Minister of Trade and Commerce by an Order in Council passed on March 20, as follows:—

His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Agriculture, is pleased to order and it is hereby ordered that Section 1 of the Order in Council approved under date the 9th day of March, 1918 (P.C. 580), wherein it was provided that no person, firm, association or incorporated company shall engage in the slaughtering of live stock, or the manufacture of products therefrom, the gross value of whose sales from such business shall exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars during any one year, without a written license from the Canada Food Board, under provisions made by them in that behalf, shall be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "Canada Food Board" and substituting in lieu thereof the words "Minister of Trade and Commerce."

### CAUSE OF DELAY IN PUBLISHING OFFICIAL RECORD.

Owing to the labour differences which resulted in the closing down of the press room at the Government Printing Bureau, Nos. 23, 24, and 25 of "The Canadian Official Record" have been unavoidably delayed. With the resumption of work at the bureau the three numbers are now issued simultaneously.