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days before the suspension of fishing, 45 tons of chinooks, equivalent to over 3,600 fish, were landed at one cannery in Astoria. Taking the season through, the year was the best one for gill nets in a long time. According to Mr. Kinney, many gill-net crews took 13 tons of fish, and one caught 17½ tons, equivalent to over 1,700 fish.

The catch of blueback salmon in traps had been unusually large up to the time of the writer's visit (June 22), and advices received after the suspension of the fishery reported a general continuance of the run. Some daily catches of single nets and sets of nets in June were larger than corresponding weekly lifts during the previous season. The season's run was said to have been larger than for five or six years. In the upper river, notwithstanding the destruction of wheels by high water, the catch of bluebacks was at times almost unprecedented. The yield of steelheads was also large.

The catch of chinook salmon in traps was, however, remarkably small. Up to June 22 some traps had taken only 200 pounds of chinooks, and during the whole season the quantities of chinooks obtained in this way were much below the average.

The prices agreed on by the canners and fishermen of the lower river were 5 cents a pound for chinooks, 4 cents a pound for bluebacks, and 2 cents a pound for steelheads. The condition of the industry on June 15 is thus described in a dispatch from Astoria, published in the *Oregonian*, of Portland, on June 16:

The run of salmon has improved greatly, and the catch of the gill-net men to-day was greater than for any day in the history of the canning business for many years past. During the warm and pleasant weather of the last ten days hundreds of boats could be seen out around the jetty. The success of the gill-net men does not, however, mean that their receipts are in excess of those of the corresponding time last year. As yet the traps have yielded but small returns, while seining is out of the question, owing to the high water. Cannery men claim that while the gill nets may take enough fish to pack 100,000 cases more than were packed last year from the same sources of supply, the shortage in receipts from seines, traps, and fish-wheels will reach fully 200,000 cases. This view of the situation is borne out by the fact that orders for over 50,000 cases are known to have been canceled during the past two weeks.

By the end of the month the estimated shortage was considerably reduced, and as the season wore on it became apparent that instead of a shortage there would be a larger pack than in 1893.

The canneries operating in the Columbia basin in 1894 numbered 24 and were located as follows:

Locality.	County.	Number.
Oregon:		
Astoria	Clatsop	9
Clifton	do	1
Tillen	Wasco	1
Maple Dell	Multnomah	1
Warrendale	do	1
Portland	do	1
Total		14
Washington:		
Bay View	Wahkileum	1
Brookfield	do	1
Cathlamet	do	1
Chinook	Pacific	1
Eagle Cliff	Wahklakum	1
Eureka	do	1
Iwaco	Pacific	1
Knappton	do	1
Pillar Rock	Wahklakum	1
Waterford	do	1
Total		10
Grand total		24