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It is estimated by some that this season's total Pacific coast salmon pack will be about 3,000,000 cases compared with 4,630,685 cases in 1905 a decrease of 54.3 per cent.

The St. John, N. B., salmon fishing season just ended beats the records of all previous years. The total catch was 16,000 fish, valued at \$20,000 and divided among 50 small boats. The catch would have been heavier but for the spring dispute between fishermen and carriers, which resulted in a large number of salmon going to Eastport instead of St. John.

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