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**Value of Fish Crop.**

A writer in a recent issue of The American Exporter places the following value on fish: "The total value of the American fish crop, including Alaska and the insular possessions, is probably \$150,000,000 at the present time, although the latest official figures put the total at \$125,000,000. The fact, however, that a portion of these figures represents the output prior to the advance in prices resulting from the war seems to justify an estimate of approximately \$150,000,000 as the value of the United States output at the present time. This total of \$150,000,000 compares with \$40,000,000 as the value of the fish crop of Canada; Great Britain, \$52,000,000; France, \$33,000,000; Russia (in 1911), \$50,000,000; Germany, \$12,000,000; Scandinavian states, \$25,000,000, and Japan, \$50,000,000.

"In Europe, as a whole, the recorded fish crop in the latest available year is \$225,000,000; for North America (United States, Canada, and Newfoundland), \$175,000,000, and Japan, \$50,000,000, making the total for the countries supplying official figures \$450,000,000. For the remainder of the world, Asia, Africa, South and Central America, Australia, and the islands of the Pacific, there are only estimates, but these estimates bring the total of the world's fish crop at the place where taken from the seas at above \$500,000,000, suggesting that the sums paid by consumers probably exceed a billion dollars per annum.

"The world's oyster crop, it was estimated, amounts to approximately \$25,000,000 a year in value, of which four-fifths are grown in the waters of the United States, most of them along the Atlantic frontage, the remainder chiefly in the waters of France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Great Britain.

"Fish forms a factor of considerable importance in the foreign trade of the United States, the total exported in 1917 amounting to \$25,000,000. If the amount sent from continental United States to its non-contiguous territories is included, fish and fish products passing through the ports of the United States in the calendar year 1917 would amount to approximately \$50,000,000.

"The capital invested in the fisheries of the United States, including vessels and the establishments on land in which the fish are handled, is, according to the latest official figures, about \$75,000,000, the number of persons employed 220,000, and the value of the sea products turned out by the canneries, \$50,000,000."

**Varieties of Fish.**

Fish is one of nature's foods which abounds in many waters, while the aborigines of our country used a good deal of this class of food the present race, as a whole, appear to prefer other forms of diet although fish is more generally used now than it was a few years ago. The following paragraphs are from an article on "Fish—its value as a food" which appeared in a recent issue of the "Literary Digest" giving some idea of the great variety of fish to be found in Canadian waters.

"These divide naturally into two classes: migratory and ground fish.

"The migratory fish are found at or near the surface of coastwise waters. They include: Alewife, Barracuda, Bonito, Bluefish, Butterfish, Croaker, Eel, Flounder, Fluke, Herring, Kingfish, Mackerel (all kinds), Porgy or Scup, Redfish, Rockfish, Salmon (Atlantic and Pacific), Sea-Bass, Sea-Trout (Southern), Shad, Shark (certain varieties), Sheepshead, Silver Hake (also called Whiting), Smelts, Spots, Striped Bass (also called Rock), Swordfish, Weakfish or Squeteague.

"There are many other edible varieties of migratory fish, but these are the most common.

"Ground fish, inhabiting bottom areas, are caught at various points in the open ocean. Among them are:

Cod (according to size) Steak cod, Market cod, Scrod (or baby cod), Dogfish—now termed Grayfish, Flounders or Common Sole, Grouper, Haddock (according to size) Market Haddock, Scrod (or baby haddock), Hake, Halibut, Pollock, Red Snapper, Skate, Tilefish.

"In addition, the sea provides the crustaceans—crabs, lobsters, and shrimps; and shell-fish, such as clams, oysters, mussels, and scallops.

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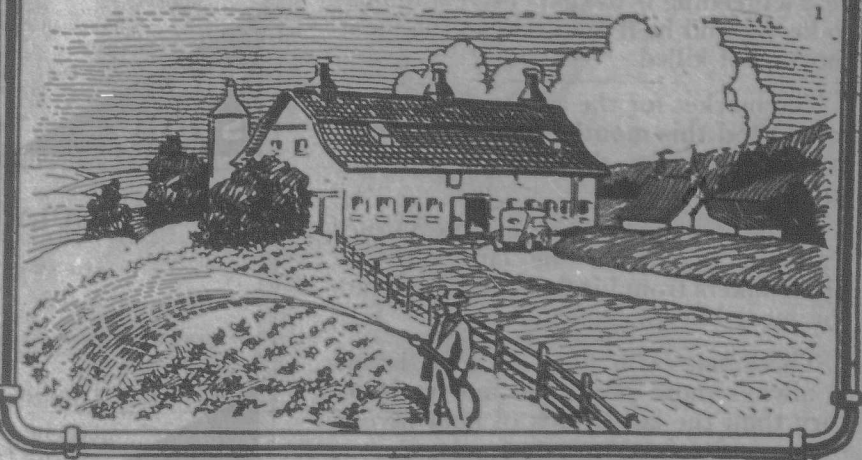
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