

previous year the quantity of the leading species caught is notably less. The gain in value is due to an increase in the prices received from the catch.

"The estimate of the general fisheries by species for the fiscal year is as follows: Salmon, \$10,726,818; Cod, \$300,049; Herring, \$1,009,708; Halibut, \$1,972,290; Whales, \$136,030.

"The salmon packed in the province for the calendar year 1916 totalled 995,065 cases as against 1,133,381 cases in 1915. The pack, however, is valued at \$10,726,818 as against \$8,018,835, for that of 1915. The decrease in the salmon pack is attributed to the smallest run yet recorded on the Fraser and to a poor season in the north. The run in the northern waters was not disappointing and since the spawning area of the northern rivers and inlets have been shown to have been abundantly seeded in previous years, the poor run is attributed to unfavorable conditions on the feeding grounds in the open sea. It is anticipated that this coming season on the Fraser will be a good one, as it is the year of the big run.

"Agriculture has well maintained its own during the year 1916. This is very satisfactory when consideration is given to the many difficulties with which our farmers have had to contend owing to war conditions.

"Thousands of our agriculturists have left the different farming centres of the province to fight for our Empire, and those who remain at home have had to redouble their efforts to meet the insistent demand for increased food products. That they have well done their duty is evident in the fact that the value of farm products for 1916 amounts to \$32,259,157, or an increase of \$1,131,356 over 1915

"It is well to bear in mind, however, that prices for practically all products of the farm in 1916 were considerably in excess of those prevailing the previous year, and that, therefore, whilst the value of our farm production shows an increase, actual production would show a slight falling off.

"In conclusion, as will be seen in the preceding portions of my address, there is every reason to hope that in the lumbering, mining, fishing and other industries of the province a decided and permanent improvement is taking place. That we have, at the moment, to increase the burden of taxation is regrettable, but, by taking a strong stand and insisting that our expenditure shall be within our revenue, we believe we will receive the support of all right-thinking people of the province, and that by this method we can bring about conditions within the next few years which will make for greater production, more extensive development of our natural resources and the creation of a condition, provincially, which will materially assist us to better take care of those who, returning from the front, have to seek new lines of activities in order to become self-supporting members of society.

"And while it takes a considerable measure of courage to knowingly bring about the unpopularity which must follow the increase in our general taxation, we feel that the duty, having fallen upon us, we would be recreant to our principles should we shirk the issue. We have, therefore, decided that the public interest demands that this drastic action be taken in order that further and more detrimental effects shall not follow."

The Canadian Northern Pacific Railway has opened its gas-electric service on the Patricia Bay line. Service is being given twice a day, except Sunday, from Alpha Street 15-2 miles north to Patricia Bay. This is the third railway line running from Vancouver through the Saanich Peninsula.

Mr. J. H. Welsford, president of the Union Steamship Company of British Columbia, and one of the best known shipowners of Great Britain, is dead. The news, which will come as a shock to the many friends in this province, was received by Mr. E. H. Beazley, manager, of the Union Steamship Company, from the head office at Liverpool.

ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND RECEIPTS

Fiscal Year ending 31st March, 1918.

	1918	1917
Dominion of Canada .....	\$ 623,135.06	\$ 723,135.06
Land Sales .....	350,000.00	300,000.00
Land Revenue .....	75,000.00	75,000.00
Survey Fees .....	500.00	5,000.00
Rents (exclusive of Land) .....	15,100.00	100.00
Timber Licences .....	1,168,000.00	1,049,000.00
Timber Leases .....	77,000.00	70,000.00
Timber Royalty .....	900,000.00	502,000.00
Timber Sales .....	154,000.00	73,500.00
Log-scaling Fees .....	40,000.00	35,000.00
Water Revenue, Rentals .....	45,000.00	30,000.00
Water Revenue, Records .....	10,000.00	20,000.00
Real Property Tax .....	1,330,000.00	450,000.00
Personal Property Tax .....	700,000.00	225,000.00
Land Taxes—Wild Land, Coal, and Timber Lands.....	915,000.00	520,000.00
Income Tax .....	1,090,000.00	300,000.00
Mineral Tax .....	300,000.00	100,000.00
Tax on unworked Crown-granted Mineral Claims .....	50,000.00	40,000.00
Coal and Coke Tax .....	120,000.00	100,000.00
Amusement Tickets Tax .....	100,000.00	.....
Poll Tax .....	150,000.00	.....
Tax Sale Deeds .....	500.00	500.00
Trade and Liquor Licences.....	40,000.00	40,000.00
Game Licences.....	55,000.00	65,000.00
Marriage Licences .....	16,000.00	16,000.00
Fishery and Cannery Licences	40,000.00	30,000.00
Licences, Taxes and Fees under Insurance Acts.....	65,000.00	65,000.00
Fees for Incorporation of Joint Stock Companies, etc. ....	35,000.00	25,000.00
Fees under "Motor-traffic Regu- lation Act" .....	120,000.00	80,000.00
Boiler Inspection and Examina- tion Fees .....	25,000.00	22,000.00
Fees under "Moving Pictures Act" .....	17,010.00	16,700.00
Free Miners' Certificates .....	50,000.00	55,000.00
Mining Receipts, General .....	65,000.00	60,000.00
Fines and Fees of Court.....	20,000.00	20,000.00
Probate Fees .....	75,000.00	50,000.00
Succession Duty .....	400,000.00	150,000.00
Law Stamps .....	60,000.00	80,000.00
Registry Fees .....	180,000.00	200,000.00
Reimbursements for Keep of Prisoners .....	10,000.00	10,000.00
Interest on Investment of Sink- ing Funds .....	90,000.00	100,000.00
Interest, Miscellaneous .....	50,000.00	75,000.00
Revenue Service Refunds .....	500.00	500.00
Printing Office .....	45,000.00	25,000.00
Bureau of Mines .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mental Hospital .....	35,000.00	35,000.00
Provincial Home .....	4,000.00	4,000.00
"Dyking Assessment Act, 1905" (Interest on fixed capital).....	19,080.17	19,080.17
Sale of Government Property.....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Traffic Tolls, New Westminster Bridge .....	36,000.00	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	100,000.00	70,000.00
Total .....	\$9,868,325.13	\$5,944,015.13

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE

	1918	1917
Public Debt .....	\$1,985,520.67	\$1,422,254.11
Civil Government (Salaries).....	1,453,256.00	1,687,736.00
Administration of Justice (Sal- aries) .....	56,484.00	67,428.00
Legislation .....	108,620.00	167,620.00