

Atlantic Coast Fish Catch Set Alltime Record in '62

In the fisheries industry last year on the Atlantic coast the value of the catch, the market value of products and the value of exports, trade all at record high levels. According to Mary Hatheway in an article in Trade News, a department of fisheries organization of the United Nations indicate that the world's yearly fish catch now exceeds 41 million metric tons. More than 100 nations contribute to the total but, in terms of value of shipments, 16 fishing countries provide three-quarters of it and half of their contribution comes from only three of them, Japan, Norway and Canada.

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In 1961 the exports of Japan's fishing industry were valued at \$128 million. Norway's at \$137 million and Canada's at \$137 million. Canada exports more than two-thirds of its total output of fishery products and sends 70 per cent of these shipments to the United States. The value of its fish exports with all countries during 1961 - 1962 increased by nine per cent while its trade with the United States increased 10 per cent.

The biggest transaction in fish trade this year is the steady heavy annual sale of Canadian frozen fish to American buyers. It puts Canada in first place as an exporter of fresh and frozen fish. Japan and Denmark, competing for second place, each export only three-quarters as much as Canada in terms of dollar volume. While cod accounts for more than half the output of Canada's frozen groundfish industry, it is also, and much more exclusively, the basis of the Canadian fishing industry. The latter utilizes about 53 per cent of the cod catch and its export shipments reach an annual value of some \$18 million. Major destinations in this case are in the Caribbean area, which is the market for about eleven per cent of the Canadian fisheries' total export trade.

The Canadian catch of Atlantic groundfish in 1962 totaled 963 million pounds and included 586 million pounds of cod, 114 million pounds of haddock, 164 million pounds of small flatfishes, 61 million pounds of pollock, about the same quantity of red fish, and smaller amounts of hake, halibut, cusk and catfish. In several respects Canada's position is unique. The most productive fishing grounds in the world are in the Atlantic off her Pacific coast; she has a greater expanse of fresh water than any other nation in the world; she has a long tradition of fishing; she has been handed down for generations among her coast people. She now has advanced technology, although still a small population, hence a large surplus from her two-billion-pound annual catch and ample facilities to process it for foreign shipment.

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Maine Is Hoping For Oyster Return

Maine is hoping for the eventual return of its once sizeable oyster industry. A small but promising ray of light in the shellfish outlook was given at the recent northeast fish and wildlife conference in Portland. Walter R. Welch, shellfish director of the U.S. Biological Laboratory at Boothbay Harbor reported that a stock of European oysters planted in Maine waters in 1949 have shown a marked increase since 1957.

Welch said that 407 live oysters were uncovered in tests made in 1957 while a comparative search in 1961 showed 2,035.

BALTIC

Mrs. John Nicholson was returned by plane to her home in Hamilton, Ont., after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bryenton, Kennington, also in Hamilton, Ont., and Mrs. Bryenton of Baltic, N.B. Mrs. Nicholson was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Edith Bryenton, who will spend some time there with members of her family.

Don Taylor, Clinton is making a good recovery following an operation in Prince County Hospital.

Mrs. James Bearstaro, Baltic had a most unfortunate accident on Wednesday while working at the Seaman Brothers Poultry Food Plant at New Ansman, she fell from the platform from which she was standing while working there. Dr. Marvin Clark was summoned to the plant and after x-rays were taken in the Prince County Hospital Mrs. Bearstaro was found to be suffering from a broken pelvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Clutter, Perry, Summerside, were recent visitors to Baltic and Darnley.

Mrs. Bearstaro who has been spending the winter months in Charlottetown has returned to Baltic and is the guest of his brother, James Bearstaro and Mrs. Bearstaro.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Croser, Baltic were motorists to the western part of the island on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wigmore, and four children, accompanied by Mr. Wigmore's mother, Mrs. J. Wigmore of Moncton, N.B. left on return for their home in Moncton, after visiting in Baltic the guest of Mrs. Wigmore's sisters, Mrs. Gordon Cousins and Mrs. Edgar Matthews. The Wigmore family attended the Gallant-MacNeil wedding at Summerside on Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Parmenius Phillips formerly of Indian River, who for the past few years have resided in Summerside, have taken up residence in Kennington where they will be welcomed by their friends.

Miss Elizabeth Ramsay, Halifax, left on a visit to Boston.

BRISTOL

News that the village here has at last secured the services of a doctor who will move to the village and open an office next month, is the best news in many a moon. This column has cried for a doctor through the years, and are now happy to know the good people of this village and districts can rest easier, knowing an M.D. is on call all times.

That grand old lady, Mrs. James O'Brien, who suffered a heart attack is much improved. Several of the fishermen here have done real well this spring, headed by that old-fox-of-the-sea lanes, John R. O'Brien, who knows the grounds so well. John R. now at seventy, says this is his last season, but a visit to the shore to see this old veteran would change your thoughts, as he gets around faster than the young men.

A pleasant chat was enjoyed last week, by the writer, with Ethel McEwen, a former resident of this vicinity, after an absence of forty-two years - her old home was near Canavoy, where her father operated a saw mill in the long ago.

A. B. McAdam, that old seadog of long ago, and his late father, the great John Joe McAdam, landed the largest haul of lobsters ever made here, when they brought in thirty-three hundred weight of lobsters in one haul, away back about 1918. Another old timer still around is Alex McEachern who brought in a big haul the same time. The price then was around three cents a pound. John Deveau retired now says he was foreman at the canning plants then, and they worked all day and night for very small pay, some of the help got \$5.00 dollars a month.

Plans are already being made here for the pilgrimage trip to the shrine of St. Anne De Beausport next month. Some of those going will make the trip for the sixteenth time. Maurice Martell, who was cured many years ago will again head the list. Father Phalen McKenna who died last Christmas, headed the list of pilgrims for many years.

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