

# 80 per cent

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 creased to 18 and 19 million pounds in 1961 and 1962, respectively. Prices have shown little signs of upward movement. Some 96 per cent of Jamaica's requirements of salt cod were supplied by Canada in 1961 and 1962.

Puerto Rico imports approximately 26 million pounds of salted cod annually, of which Canada traditionally has supplied

from 86 to 96 per cent but in 1962, this share of the market dropped to 59 per cent. Dried heavy salted cod from Canada replaced, for a time, the decrease in output of Newfoundland light-salted cod, preferred in Puerto Rico. However, strong Spanish and French competition in light salted cod reduced sales of heavy salted cod considerably in 1962.

The United States also provides an important outlet for Can-

adian boneless salt cod. More than six million pounds of this product are exported to that country.

#### CANNED FISH

The pack of canned salmon, mostly of sockeye and pink, reflects the wide variations in the catch of these two species from year to year. The average pack for the period 1949-1962 was 1,450,000 standard cases of which about 600,000 cases were exported and 850,000 cases retained for domestic consumption. The demand for Canadian canned salmon is more broadly based than that for the other products of the Canadian fisheries.

Of the markets to which canned salmon is exported, the United Kingdom is the most important. Countries of Western Europe, like Belgium and France, Commonwealth countries, like Australia and New Zealand, and the United States are relatively important customers. In these markets the Canadian product competes with similar products originating in Japan and the USSR. Exports have been impeded by protective devices and important controls that make

assessment of the situation in these markets difficult. There is no doubt, however, that a strong foreign demand exists.

The production of canned sardines is also subject to large fluctuations, depending on the annual catch of immature herring on which it is based. During the period 1949-1962, the smallest pack was 446,000 standard cases and the largest over one million cases with the average pack being approximately 724,000 cases.



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