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Abstract

This thesis examines J. H. Todd & Sons Ltd., a British Columbia family-owned and run fish packing company during the years 1881 through 1954. The research presented in this paper outlines the contribution of individual Todd family members to both the success and eventual demise of the company. Also examined is the history of the B. C. salmon canning industry, the evolution of J. H. Todd & Sons Ltd., the role of the company in the broader context of the B. C. fishing industry; and the factors that led to the demise of the company. This thesis relies on documentary primary sources as well as an extensive oral history collection obtained from Todd family members and employees.