

Let's Go Fishing: An industrial film showing commercial salmon fishing and canning in BC from 1948.  
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This black and white video shows female workers taking cans off a conveyor belt and placing them into wooden boxes. When the box is full, the worker rolls the box along the conveyor.

Narrator: "As the cans roll from the labelling machine, the labelled cans are packed into wooden cases, or fiber board cartons."

The video shows a worker holding a crate sideways and placing the crate around a set of cans that have been stacked by a machine. The crate is filled by the machine in one motion. When the worker tips the crate over, one can falls out, which the worker retrieves and places back in the crate. The crate is labeled "95 ½-lb cans".

Narrator: "Sometimes, however, the cans are packed without labels, to be labelled later. In this case, the unlabeled cans are packed into boxes by machine instead of by hand."

Filled boxes roll along the conveyor toward two more workers. One worker places the wooden lid on the box. The second worker moves the box into the machine where the lid is nailed on.

Narrator: "Then on go the covers, well nailed down, again by machinery, and next into the warehouse by conveyor once more, from where they are shipped by truck, train or steamer to all parts of the world."

Boxes are shown moving along the conveyor.