

Let's Go Fishing: An industrial film showing commercial salmon fishing and canning in BC from 1948. Video AAAA1216 courtesy of the Royal BC Museum and Archives.

This black and white video shows two rows of filled cans moving along a conveyor. The camera view changes to show the cans moving onto weighing machine. The weighing machine comprised of a set of scales and the machine automatically places one filled can per scale.

Narrator: "Regardless of the kind of filling machine used, the filled cans are next conveyed to the weighing machine. Every precaution is taken against a can of salmon being underweight. The carefully inspected weighing machine makes sure that when you buy a pound can of salmon, you are getting exactly that: one pound of British Columbia salmon."

The video shows the cans exiting the weighing machine. Most cans move out of the machine onto the conveyor closest to the viewer. Occasionally, a can is pushed down a second track which is located directly beside the first track.

Narrator: "The weighing machine is so delicately balanced, that it immediately spots any can with even a fraction of an ounce less than the required weight, and any such can is immediately cast out on the inside track and is brought up to full weight before it is allowed to continue on the line."