

Fish inspection is carried out under federal and provincial legislation by provincial inspectors, who are vested with additional powers for export purposes by the Federal Government.

Educational work among the fishermen and producers is also conducted by the Department in order to teach the latest methods of fish preparation and obtain high quality products. The new Fisheries Training School at Grande Rivière gives to fishermen of all ages the opportunity of taking free theoretical and practical courses in fishery, while the Superior School of Fisheries at Ste. Anne-de-la-Pocatière trains technologists in a four-year course. The encouragement given to the co-operative associations of fishermen through the Social Economic Service of this same institution constitutes another phase of the work.

Another form of assistance is the maritime credit system whereby fishermen are enabled to obtain loans from credit unions for the purchase of boats and gear. The Department adheres to the federal-provincial agreement on the building of druggers (small trawlers) and long-liners and assumes the building costs on a five-year capital refunding plan.

The fish trade is being promoted by advertising campaigns in newspapers and magazines, cooking demonstrations, educational films and free distribution of fish recipes and publicity leaflets, as well as at fairs and exhibits.

Hydrographical research in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the location of new fishing grounds as well as experiments of all kinds on sea-fish biology are being conducted by the Marine Biological Station at Grande Rivière and the two substations of the North Shore and Magdalen Islands. This research has brought into use new types of modern fishing vessels recommended to fishermen.

*Inland Fisheries.*—The Division of Fish and Game exercises jurisdiction over the inland waters. Protection of the fish and game is in the hands of 300 full-time wardens. Residents are required to purchase a licence for sport-fishing and hunting and the proceeds are applied to the improvement of fishing and hunting conditions. Commercial, non-resident, tourist and club sport-fishing licences are also issued.

Five hatcheries are maintained at strategic points throughout the Province: St. Faustin, Lachine, Baldwin's Mills, Tadoussac and Gaspé. These establishments distributed nearly 9,000,000 fry, fingerlings and older fish, during the year ended Mar. 31, 1950, the species being speckled trout, Atlantic salmon and grey trout.

The Department administers four parks or reserves in which excellent fishing can be found. The Gaspé and Laurentides Parks are renowned for their trout fishing. The Chibougamau Reserve and the La Vérendrye Park, situated on the height of land, are eminently suited to canoe trips, in search of pickerel, pike and grey or speckled trout. Four salmon streams, all under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game Division, are open to anglers: the Romaine River, the St. Jean River, the Petite Cascapédia River and the Matane River.

The Department co-operates with sportsmen through a joint committee composed of departmental officials and the directors of the larger fish and game associations. The Committee studies the maintenance of satisfactory fishing and hunting conditions and other problems arising out of the ever-changing conditions of modern life and their effect on the wildlife of the Province.

The Biological Bureau of the University of Montreal and the big piscicultural laboratory at Quebec City, with its two stations for practical work, located in the Mont Tremblant and Laurentides Parks, study problems connected with marine life.