

The Department maintains a staff of inspectors, fish wardens, technicians and technologists to administer fishery legislation and to assist in the application of new techniques for the expansion of the industry. The central administration is located at Quebec City, with an office at Gaspé for the administration of cold-storage plants. Statistics are compiled by the Department of Trade and Commerce in co-operation with the inspectors of the Maritime Fisheries Division.

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, and the Superior School of Fisheries at Ste. Anne-de-la-Pocatière trains technologists in a four-year course. Encouragement is given to the co-operative associations of fishermen through the Social Economic Service of the latter institution. Under a maritime credit system, fishermen are able 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 draggers 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 by exhibits at fairs.

Hydrographical research in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, studies on the location of new fishing grounds as well as experiments on sea-fish biology are conducted by a Marine Biological Station at Grande Rivière and two substations on the North Shore and Magdalen Islands. This research has brought into use new types of modern fishing vessels recommended to fishermen. The Department also operates a Limnological Laboratory at Quebec City for studying the biology of the fresh-water fish of the St. Lawrence River and tributaries.

*Inland Fisheries.*—The Division of Fish and Game exercises jurisdiction over the inland waters. Three hundred full-time wardens are employed and licences are required for sport-fishing and hunting, the revenue from which is applied to the improvement of fishing and hunting conditions. Five hatcheries are maintained at strategic points throughout the Province: St. Faustin, Lachine, Baldwin's Mills, Tadoussac and Gaspé. These establishments distribute speckled trout, Atlantic salmon and grey trout fry, fingerlings and older fish.

The Department administers five parks or reserves in all of which, except for Mount Orford Park, excellent fishing may be found. The Gaspeian 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.