

devotes special attention to the development of the fisheries industry. The Department provides technical assistance to fishermen and to the industry and, through the Fishermen's Loan Board, gives financial assistance for the purchase of boats and engines. Loans of up to 50 p.c. of the cost of such equipment are available.

The streams of the province, mostly spring-fed and fairly constant in flow, provide very favourable conditions for the reproduction of game fish, of which speckled trout is the most important variety. Investigations toward the problem of increasing the production of trout of a size attractive to anglers are being conducted by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada at sites provided by the provincial Department. The necessary dams and the fish required for experimental purposes are provided by the federal Department. Unfortunately many of the fertile and highly productive ponds of the province have disappeared, and the provincial Department is actively concerned with damming and restoring these for the enjoyment of the public.

Nova Scotia.—In Nova Scotia the Federal Government supplements the province's comprehensive legislative jurisdiction by actual supervision, enforcement and administration of the laws and policies relating to both marine and inland fisheries. The provincial government, however, recognizes that several fields exist in which provincial initiative is necessary and appropriate, having regard for the importance of the fishery resources in terms of employment, industry, trade and recreation.

Provincial interests in the commercial fisheries are the concern of the Fisheries Division of the Department of Trade and Industry. The Fishermen's Loan Board and the Industrial Loan Board are administered within this Department; the first makes loans to fishermen for the purchase of new and improved boats and engines, and the second makes loans for the construction or improvement of fish processing plants. Technical advice and direction is provided for applicants for loans and inspection and survey services to the Loan Boards. The engineering staff gives similar services to others in the fish industry who may not require financial assistance, and to dependent or collateral businesses such as the boat-building industry. A staff of instructors conduct training courses in the care and maintenance of marine engines, in basic navigation, and in the design, construction and maintenance of nets and other fishing gear. This program receives substantial assistance from the Vocational Training Branch of the federal Department of Labour. The actual on-course instruction is supplemented frequently by assistance to individuals or small groups coping with particular problems and by actual demonstration or loans of untried types or designs of fishing gear.

The Fisheries Division administers, in co-operation with the federal Departments of Fisheries and National Health and Welfare, the Nova Scotia Fisheries Act, which requires fish processors and wholesale buyers of fish from fishermen to obtain licences. The purpose of the Act is to improve the standards of sanitation, plant construction and operation in the local fish industry and trade. The Division also performs a variety of liaison services between individuals or local groups and the several departments of the provincial and federal governments to which any problem or proposal may have to be referred.

The province's inland fisheries interests are under the observation of a Director of Conservation in the Department of Lands and Forests. Work in this field is carried on in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Research Foundation which has collaborated with the Fisheries Research Board of Canada in a program of research into the Atlantic salmon populations by providing some scientific personnel and by conducting certain investigations on the La Have and Margaree Rivers. Experiments in the fertilization of lakes have been