

Subsection 2.—The Provincial Governments*

An outline of the work undertaken by each of the provincial governments in connection with administration of commercial and game fisheries is given in the following paragraphs.

Newfoundland.—The provincial Department of Fisheries in conjunction with the Newfoundland Fisheries Development Authority, a Crown corporation established in 1953, is concerned mainly with improvement and development of fishing and production methods. It conducts experiments and demonstrations in longlining, Danish seining and otter trawling, in the construction of multi-purpose fishing craft, and in the exploration of potential fishing grounds.

Loans are made to processors for the establishment and expansion of fish processing plants and for deepsea draggers and also to fishermen for the construction and purchase of modern vessels capable of a greater variety of fishing operations and larger production. Fishermen receive further aid through bounty payments at the rate of \$160 per ton for newly constructed vessels under the Fishing Ships (Bounties) Act of 1955. The Fishing and Coastal Vessels Rebuilding and Repairs (Bounties) Act was passed in 1958 to enable the government to assist financially in maintaining and prolonging the life of the existing fleet, and in 1959 the Coasting Vessels (Bounties) Act was passed, designed to encourage the construction of new coastal vessels for service in Newfoundland waters by granting a maximum bounty payment of \$300 per ton for locally built ships not exceeding 400 gross tons.

Other services include the operation of fisheries training schools in navigation and engineering, advisory services to fishermen on gear and equipment, industrial research, plant construction, plant engineering and economics, assistance to fishermen's unions, weather and ice reports, and search and rescue. The Fisheries Salt Act passed in 1957 implements more rigid control over the use of fisheries salt.

The inland waters of Newfoundland, though they provide excellent sport fishing, are not commercially exploited. The lakes and ponds remain under the authority of the Natural Resources Branch of the provincial Department of Mines and Resources, but the rivers and streams—the resort of migratory fish such as salmon and sea trout—are under federal control. Matters of conservation and guardianship are therefore mainly or wholly the concern of the federal Department of Fisheries although, to the extent to which they affect the ponds and lakes, they are subject to provincial or joint action.

Prince Edward Island.—The sea and inland fisheries of Prince Edward Island are administered by the Federal Government. The provincial Department of Fisheries supplements federal activity, and is mainly concerned with development of the fisheries industry. The Department provides technical assistance and, in conjunction with the Fisheries Research Board of Canada and branches of the federal Department of Fisheries, engages in some experimental work.

Financial assistance is made available to fishermen through the Fishermen's Loan Board of Prince Edward Island, a body corporate operating under the provincial Department. The Fishermen's Loan Board operates under authority given by the Re-establishment Assistance Act and regulations thereunder, approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, Jan. 7, 1949, with amendments. Loans are made to fishermen and companies for the purchase of boats, engines and other deck machinery at an interest rate of 5½ p.c. Since its reorganization in 1949, the Board has lent approximately \$1,500,000 for the modernization of the inshore and offshore fleets. Loans for the construction or expansion of processing plants are available through the Industrial Establishments Promotion Act under which loans may be made for facilities handling agricultural, horticultural or fisheries products.

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