

the Provincial Government created, in 1946, a Fisheries Branch and a Fishermen's Loan Board within its Department of Industry and Development. Since its inception, the Fishermen's Loan Board has lent nearly \$5,000,000 to fishermen for the purchase of new fishing boats and modern equipment. Small loans are made available to inshore fishermen for the purchase of new lobster boats and engines, and larger amounts to offshore fishermen for the building and equipping of modern groundfish draggers and longliners. New Brunswick has an 85-dragger fleet which is one of the most efficient on the Atlantic Coast.

New designs of fishing vessels are being prepared every year by the Fisheries Branch and a certain pattern of standardization is followed to maintain building and maintenance costs at the lowest possible level. Recently, a fleet of twenty 48-foot longliners was built by the Board for fishermen of the Gulf of St. Lawrence area. Three newly designed combination longliner-gillnetters are being built on an experimental basis.

Practical training is made available by the Fisheries Branch to dragger operators and inshore fishermen during the winter season in various parts of the province. Instructions are given on navigation, care and maintenance of marine engines and electronic equipment, economics, marine insurance and proper handling of fish aboard fishing vessels. A permanent school of Fisheries was opened at Caraquet in the fall of 1959 where a two-year course (four months a year) is conducted for a small group of young fishermen. This school is operated by the local school board with the joint participation of the provincial Departments of Education and Industry and federal Departments of Labour and Fisheries.

In close co-operation with the Industrial Development Service of the federal Department of Fisheries, experimental projects, such as codfish gill-netting, Danish seining, purse seining for mackerel, mid-water trawling for sardines, mechanical clam digging, etc., are being undertaken by the provincial Fisheries Branch in an effort to introduce modern fishing methods and equipment.

To co-ordinate the efforts of the five Atlantic provinces and the Federal Government in the promotion of the East Coast fisheries, the federal Department of Fisheries, formed a Provincial-Federal Atlantic Fisheries Committee of which the Province of New Brunswick is a member.

**Quebec.**—The provincial Department of Game and Fisheries administers both the sea and the inland fisheries of Quebec. The Department has two divisions—the Division of Maritime Fisheries and the Division of Fish and Game, the latter being charged with the administration of the inland fisheries.

**Sea Fisheries.**—The Quebec Government gives much consideration to the administration of the sea fisheries of the province. For the benefit of producers and fishermen it operates a network of cold storage plants for the freezing and preservation of fish. The network comprises 59 plants together having a daily freezing capacity of 485 tons and a storage capacity of 22,000,000 lb. of fish. These plants also perform a valuable service to fishermen by providing them with frozen bait and ice. In addition, the Department owns and maintains 123 stations in small fishing ports where fish is kept under proper conditions while awaiting collecting trucks or boats, and also operates two artificial drying plants with a processing capacity of 6,000,000 lb. of fish annually.

The Department maintains a staff of 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. Fish inspection is carried out by federal inspectors who are vested with additional powers for local sale by the Provincial Government.

Educational work among the fishermen and producers is conducted by the Department to teach the latest methods of fish preparation and of obtaining 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