

Quebec.—The provincial Ministry of Game and Fisheries administers both the sea and the inland fisheries of Quebec. The Ministry 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 Ministry 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 Ministry 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 by the Provincial Government with respect to local sales.

Educational work among the fishermen and producers is conducted by the Ministry 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 School of Fisheries at Ste. Anne de la Pocatière conducts a four-year course for technologists. 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 may obtain loans from credit unions for the purchase of boats and gear. The Ministry adheres to the federal-provincial agreement on the building of draggers and longliners and assumes the building costs on a capital refunding plan.

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

Hydrographical research in the Gulf of St. Lawrence includes studies on the location of new fishing grounds, and experiments on seafish biology are conducted by a Marine Biological Station at Grande Rivière and two substations on the North Shore and the Magdalen Islands. This research has brought into use new types of fishing vessels recommended to fishermen. The Ministry also operates a Limnological Laboratory at Quebec City for studying the biology of the freshwater fish of the St. Lawrence River and its tributaries. The Quebec Aquarium at Quebec City exhibits freshwater and saltwater fish in 30 large tanks.

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, Lac Lyster, Tadoussac and Gaspé. These establishments distribute speckled trout, Atlantic salmon and grey trout fry, maskinonge fingerlings and older fish.

The Ministry administers five parks and 13 reserves in all of which, except for Mount Orford Park, excellent fishing may be found. Gaspesian and Laurentide Parks are renowned for their trout fishing. Chibougamau Reserve and 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. Five salmon streams, all under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game Division, are open to anglers—the Romaine River, the St. Jean River,