

or slated for future development as recreational parks with camping and picnic facilities. The more important parks in each province are mentioned briefly in the following paragraphs.

Newfoundland.—There are 84 sq. miles of provincial parkland in Newfoundland—Sir Richard Squires Memorial Park, an area of 6 sq. miles on the Upper Humber River, Butterpot Park, an area of 7 sq. miles near St. John's, and Barachois Park, an area of 11 sq. miles near Stephenville, are under development. Two larger areas—42 sq. miles on the west coast known as Serpentine Park and 16 sq. miles in central Newfoundland—are undeveloped. In addition, 15 rest and camping parks have been completed along the Trans-Canada Highway, each park containing about 100 acres.

Prince Edward Island.—Eleven areas totalling 250 acres have been developed as provincial parks: Strathgartney Park, a 40-acre tract of land at Churchill on the Trans-Canada Highway between Charlottetown and Borden, is an excellent picnic site and camping ground with its hardwood groves, fresh spring water and beautiful view over West River and the surrounding country; Lord Selkirk Park, an area of 30 acres at Eldon, is of historic interest in that it contains an old French cemetery and marks the spot on the shoreline where Lord Selkirk landed; Brudenell River Park, comprising 80 acres at Roseneath, has a considerable area of woodland and runs to the shore of the Brudenell River; Jacques Cartier Park, an area of 13 acres under development at Kildare Beach four miles from Alberton, is of historic significance as the place where Jacques Cartier first landed on Prince Edward Island; Green Park, 27 acres of land under development on the Trout River, is an attractive combination of land, trees and water and is also of historic interest as one of the oldest shipbuilding centres in the province. Small parks have been developed at Bloomfield, Linkletter Shore and Pinette, and others are under development at Marie, St. Peters and Red Point Beach. These parks are maintained by the Department of Industry and Natural Resources and fill a long-felt need for public picnic grounds and campsites.

Nova Scotia.—The Department of Lands and Forests of Nova Scotia operates 12 small parks scattered throughout the province, some of which are equipped for camping and picnicking and others for picnicking only. During 1961 considerable improvement and expansion was carried out on existing parks and one new park was opened—Laurie Park, an area of 60 acres on a lakeside 18 miles north of Halifax. The Department also operates the Provincial Wildlife Park at Shubenacadie, a 30-acre tract of land maintained in its natural state, as far as is consistent with the need for providing food and protection for the animals and birds that are its main attraction. Facilities of the park are such that visitors, which number about 200,000 each year, may see the wildlife at close range. Expansion is planned as more varieties of animals and birds become available and can be absorbed.

A master plan has been prepared of theoretically desirable park locations in the province, taking into consideration the need for roadside facilities, regional picnic parks and camping grounds. Geographic location, population density, volume of traffic and aesthetic features are being evaluated for each site. Roadside table sites, formerly administered by the Department of Highways, are being incorporated into this provincial scheme and will be operated according to provincial park standards. Many of the existing sites will be retained and improved, some will be retained on a temporary basis only and unsuitable sites will be discontinued. The provincial parks program will require about five years of development work for completion.

Quebec.—The Province of Quebec has established five provincial parks and seven Fish and Game Reserves. Four of the park areas are quite extensive. La Vérendrye Park, 140 miles northwest of Montreal, has an area of 4,746 sq. miles; Laurentide Park, 30 miles north of Quebec City, is 3,612 sq. miles in extent; Mont Tremblant, 80 miles north of Montreal, 1,223 sq. miles; and Gaspesian Park, Gaspé Peninsula, 514 sq. miles. Mount Orford Park, situated 15 miles west of Sherbrooke, has an area of 15 sq. miles.