

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 concerned mainly 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 4 p.c. From its reorganization in 1949 until the end of March 1962, the Board has lent approximately \$1,804,000 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 fishery products.

Game fisheries are the responsibility of the Department of Industry and Natural Resources. 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 concerning 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. Unfortunately, many of the formerly 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.—Although the Federal Government has exclusive jurisdiction over the marine and inland fisheries of Nova Scotia and attends to all phases of administration related thereto, the Nova Scotia Government operates in several fields where provincial initiative is found to be necessary and appropriate, having regard for the importance of the fishery resources in terms of employment, industry, trade and recreation.

In the commercial fisheries, provincial government interests 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 boats and engines, and the second makes loans for the construction or improvement of fish processing plants. A staff of fisheries engineers performs inspection and survey duties for the Loan Boards and provides technical assistance and advice to loan applicants and others in the fisheries and allied industries, notably the boatbuilding industry. A staff of instructors conducts training courses for fishermen in the care and maintenance of marine engines, in basic navigation and in the design, construction and maintenance of nets and other gear. This program receives substantial assistance from the Vocational Training Branch of the federal Department of Labour. The on-course instruction is supplemented frequently by informal on-the-spot assistance to smaller groups who find themselves in need of technical help with particular problems. The Fisheries Division, with financial and/or technical assistance provided by the Industrial Development Service of the federal Department of Fisheries, also organizes and conducts demonstrations of fishing methods and gear of types untried in some or all of the several fishing areas of the province.

Sport Fisheries.—In recent years, Nova Scotia, through the Wildlife Division of its Department of Lands and Forests, has spent a considerable amount of money on the improvement of certain streams in the province with a view to aiding salmon migration. A system of salmon-rearing ponds has been established on the Medway River in Queens