

operated seines and dip-nets. Fishing methods and equipment have been modernized extensively during the past few years. Diesel-driven steel-hull tugs have replaced steam-driven wooden tugs, such aids as depth-sounding devices, radar, ship-to-shore and ship-to-ship communications have been developed and a better knowledge of the fish and their movements has been established from biological research findings. Modern icing facilities and transportation methods are in use as well as new types of fishing gear. Trawling has proved very efficient in harvesting smelt on a year-round basis in Lake Erie.

Most Ontario fishermen are organized into various local associations. Many of these associations are, in turn, represented by the Ontario Council of Commercial Fisheries which performs important services to the industry. The Ontario Fishermen's Co-operative and its member groups are of interest also in the organization of the fishery in the province.

*Sport Fisheries.*—Angling in Ontario is rapidly becoming one of the major industries of the province. With an estimated freshwater area of some 68,490 sq. miles, the province is one of the most attractive fishing areas on the Continent. Excellent angling opportunities are available for such prized fish as brook, rainbow, lake and brown trout, walleye, smallmouth and largemouth bass, pike and maskinonge. It is difficult to measure the total value of the sport fishing industry to the province but the annual revenue from the sale of angling licences alone (mainly to non-residents, as residents require a licence for provincial parks only) is in the neighbourhood of \$2,500,000. The management of this valuable resource is administered by a well-trained field staff of conservation officers and biologists located in the 22 forest districts of the province.

*Provincial Hatcheries.*—Ontario operates 17 hatcheries and rearing stations and excellent results have been produced in the culture and distribution of various species of game fish. The primary species reared in these operations include brook trout, rainbow trout, lake trout, smallmouth and largemouth bass, and maskinonge. Four of the finest trout-rearing stations on the Continent are located in this province—at Dorion near Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie, Hill Lake near Englehart, and Chatsworth.

*Fisheries Research.*—Research in Ontario is carried on in the Great Lakes and in inland waters. At the South Bay Mouth Station on Manitoulin Island in Lake Huron, Wheatley on Lake Erie, and Glenora on the Bay of Quinte on Lake Ontario, fishery biological stations are operated for the investigation and study of the commercial and sport fisheries on the respective lakes. In Algonquin Park, detailed studies concerning lake trout, smallmouth bass and brook trout are in progress and management techniques are being tested against the background of a creel census which has been continuous since 1936. Studies are also being conducted on walleye, parasitology and limnology. A selective breeding experiment concerning the hybrid between lake trout and brook trout is progressing; the deep-swimming character of the lake trout and the character of maturity at early age of the brook trout are those being selected for combination in the hybrid. Co-operation by Ontario in the field of sea lamprey control is being extended through the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

*Manitoba.*—Commercial fishing has been carried on in Manitoba since 1880. The province has almost 40,000 sq. miles of freshwater and 400 miles of coastline on Hudson Bay but, altogether, about 300 lakes and rivers, covering 30,000 sq. miles, are commercially fished. Some 3,500 persons are employed in primary commercial fishing and an equal number derive part of their living from fish processing and the supply of materials and services to the industry. The industry is particularly important to people living in remote northern communities where fishing provides a major part of their cash income but, even