

ARDA program of expansion and improvement of park and campground facilities is being undertaken, which will include the development of approximately 1,000 tent and trailer sites, accommodation for day-use of beaches, forest and wildlife recreation areas, scenic lookouts, etc., land purchase and provision of special facilities where warranted by intensity of use, such as boats, ramps, docks, canteens and playgrounds.

The Department maintains a Game Farm at Magnetic Hill near Moncton where various species of wildlife to be found in the province are displayed.

**Quebec.**—The Province of Quebec has seven provincial parks and 12 fish and game reserves. Four of the park areas are quite extensive. La Vérendrye Park, 140 miles northwest of Montreal, has an area of 4,953 sq. miles; Laurentide Park, 30 miles north of Quebec City, has 3,613 sq. miles; Mont Tremblant Park, 80 miles north of Montreal, 920 sq. miles; and Gaspésian Park, in the Gaspé Peninsula, 514 sq. miles. Mont Orford Park, situated 15 miles west of Sherbrooke, has an area of 16 sq. miles and Oka Park, near Oka, 1.5 sq. miles. Newest addition to the provincial parks is the St. Maurice Park, a 131-sq. mile area north of Shawinigan in Champlain County.

Fish and Game Reserves together occupy over 43,000 sq. miles. The Chibougamau Reserve, the Mistassini Reserve and the Assinica Reserve, all northwest of Lake St. John, have areas of 3,400, 5,200 and 3,850 sq. miles, respectively, and farther north is the James Bay Reserve with an area of 25,000 sq. miles. The Aiguebelle Reserve in Abitibi County has an area of 100 sq. miles, the Baie Comeau and Chicoutimi Reserves in the Lake St. John area, 480 and 678 sq. miles, respectively, and the Kipawa Reserve in Témiscamingue County, 3,090 sq. miles. Adjoining Gaspésian Park are the Chic-Chocs and Matane Reserves with areas of 325 sq. miles and 500 sq. miles, and in Rimouski County is the Horton Reserve with an area of 310 sq. miles; this is the only reserve operated for hunting as well as for fishing.

These parks and reserves are wilderness areas of great scenic interest and are for the most part mountainous country threaded with many rivers, lakes and streams and abounding in wildlife. In all of them, except Mont Orford Park and Oka Park, excellent fishing may be found and most of them have been organized to accommodate sportsmen and tourists in camps, cottages and lodges. Mont Tremblant Park, located close to a famous year-round recreational area, is easily reached in summer by highway from Montreal and is very popular for tent or trailer camping and for swimming and picnicking. Mont Orford has an 18-hole golf course and, in winter, is the rendezvous of Canadian and United States skiers and the site of the Canadian Alpine downhill and slalom championship competitions. Hunting is forbidden in all parks and reserves except Horton, Kipawa and James Bay. In recent years, controlled moose hunting in Laurentide, La Vérendrye and Matane Parks has been allowed to remove the surplus population.

Salmon fishing is available in the Gaspé area where the government maintains facilities for anglers along the Port Daniel, St. Jean, Cap-Chat, Matane, Matapédia and Petite Cascapédia Rivers. Facilities are also provided along the estuary of the Moisie River on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River about 15 miles east of Sept Îles, as well as at Petit Saguenay and Laval.

The ever-increasing popularity of camping in Quebec has prompted the Department's Park Service to establish camping facilities. Twenty areas are now well organized for this purpose—Val Jalbert, one mile east of Roberval in Lake St. John County; Grand Métis, six miles from Mont Joli, and Cap Bon Ami, both in the Gaspé Peninsula; Batiscan, on Highway 2, 25 miles east of Trois-Rivières; St. Jean, Île d'Orléans, Stoneham, Ville-neuve and Beaumont in the vicinity of Quebec City; des Voltigeurs, Waterloo and Mont Orford in the Eastern Townships; Brossard, Laprairie, Côte Ste. Catherine, Pointe-aux-Cascades and Oka close to Montreal; and Soulanges, St. Zotique and Rivière-Beaudette near Valleyfield.