

The parklands of Ontario are administered by the Parks Branch of the Department of Lands and Forests. Detailed information is contained in various booklets and maps available on request from the Department of Lands and Forests, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Manitoba.—The provincial park system of Manitoba, administered by the Parks Branch of the Department of Mines and Natural Resources, consists of four major classifications of outdoor recreational development: *provincial parks*, which are large-area parks with a variety of natural attractions suited to many outdoor activities; *recreational areas*, the natural attractions of which are modified to accommodate recreational activities of an intensive nature; *waysides*, or highway parks which enhance travel routes and provide attractive rest stops; and *heritage areas*, which are areas of outstanding scenic beauty or have natural and physical features of special provincial interest.

Manitoba's Centennial \$5,000,000 parks program includes the development of three new provincial parks, the rehabilitation and expansion of existing recreational areas with a view to providing new camping and improved day-use facilities, and the development of the heritage area program to preserve and interpret sites, large and small, illustrating the natural and human history of the province; Bird's Hill Provincial Park, 14 miles east of Winnipeg, was officially opened July 15, 1967. A survey has been conducted to establish a development policy for waysides and a study of the shoreline potentials along Lake Winnipeg and Lake Manitoba will provide guidance for the future development of the interlake area.

At present Manitoba has nine provincial parks with a total area of 2,854 sq. miles, of which area 1,945 sq. miles are within provincial forests. In addition, there are 40 recreational areas ranging in size from 2.5 acres to 2,000 acres, and many picnic sites, campgrounds and trailer parks. Hunting and fishing lodges are common and accommodation in some of the parks runs the gamut of modern resorts and motels, hotels and cabins. Golf, tennis, swimming and boating facilities are available, as well as children's playgrounds. About 115 commercial concessions operate within the park system giving a variety of services ranging from restaurants to riding stables and boat marinas. The number of park visitors continues to increase impressively each year. In the year ended Mar. 31, 1966 they totalled an estimated 1,570,000 and camping groups accommodated in tents, trailers or truck campers numbered about 36,000. Admission fees to provincial parks are 50 cents per car per day or \$3 per season.

Saskatchewan.—Saskatchewan has 14 provincial parks with a total area of 1,803 sq. miles. Cypress Hills, Duck Mountain, Greenwater Lake and Moose Mountain are operated as summer resorts with chalet, lodge, cabin and trailer accommodation as well as camp and picnic facilities. The other parks have trailer sites and camping, picnicking, boating and swimming facilities. Recreational activities include fishing, boating, swimming, golf, tennis, dancing, baseball, hiking, nature study, horseback riding, etc., and the parks are all well fitted with playground and beach equipment for children. In Cypress Hills Park, elk, antelope, deer, sharp-tailed grouse and beaver are present, and the streams have been stocked with brook and other trout. Heavy stands of tall, straight lodgepole pine and white spruce provide a unique forest cover in this area. In Duck Mountain, Moose Mountain and Greenwater Lake Parks, moose, elk and bear appear variously, and deer and beaver are common to all, as well as several varieties of grouse and many species of water and smaller land birds. Spruce, poplar and white birch provide excellent cover for wildlife. Pickerel, pike and perch are prevalent in most of the lakes. Lake trout are ardently sought by fishermen in the northern lakes. Three wilderness parks—La Ronge, Nipawin and Meadow Lake—offer wilderness-style canoe routes and 'fly-in' commercially operated fishing and hunting camps. Many roadside picnic grounds are located throughout the province and several excellent Trans-Canada Highway campsites are in use.