

VAST FISHERIES

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programs, with particular reference to stocks of ground fish, pelagic fish, scallops, and other varieties not utilized in our fishery. We would hope that this would lead to the development of a resource inventory.

On the matter of a 12-mile Canadian fishing limit being declared, the provincial government, in its brief, recommended "that the government of Canada endeavour to bring to successful conclusion the negotiations with foreign fishing powers designed to establish a 12-mile fishing limit, headland to headland."

RESERVE GULF
"That no change be made in the existing regulations whereby Canadian trawlers over 65 feet in length are excluded to the 12 mile limit."

On the latter point, the government stated "our position leans to the theory that boats over 65 feet in length can very well conduct profitable operations outside the 12-mile limit."

Another area in which federal co-operation was sought was that of pollution of waters. It was suggested that much research is needed and that "a strong committee representative of federal and provincial agencies be set up to give some attention and guidance toward the solution of the problem."

Pointing out that some sections of the submission stressed technical training as essential to development of the fishing industry, the government felt that low earnings in the fisheries service is a drawback to recruiting qualified men. "Chief among the many steps," it was stated, "which may be necessary to analyse and propose solutions to the problem of low earnings in fisheries is the question of price spreads in fisheries products. We propose that the department of fisheries, together with other federal agencies able to contribute in such matters, initiate an inquiry into the price spread in fisheries products, devoting particular attention to those areas of product movement on the distribution level."

NEW MARKETS
It was suggested that immediate steps be undertaken to intensify the search for new markets and the expansion of existing markets in foreign countries for fishery products. "For areas of special attention, we would suggest the European markets and such Commonwealth markets as New Zealand and Australia."

A provincial matter, which the government suggested was worthy of national attention, was the development of commercial farming of trout. Proposed was the establishment of this province of a pilot operation for the commercial raising of trout.

"We would propose this on a 75-25 ratio with the understanding that this joint participation extend until all pilot operations reach a commercial production and might be disposed of to private industry."

Mentioning the proposed January federal-provincial fisheries conference, the government suggested that "some serious consideration be given at the conference to the problem of restriction of credit or loan assistance, or if grants, solely to bona fide fishermen, and an attempt be made to develop some criteria to define 'bona fide fisherman.'"

It was also suggested that the conference give some attention to the need "for more rigid inspection of certain fresh and frozen products, particularly lobster and mackerel."

The final recommendation was that "there be appointed a continuing committee, with a representative of each government, of the fishermen and of the trade, to have responsibility, under joint auspices of the two governments, for advising on the implementation of the fishery development program by reviewing progress, making further recommendations, and working toward the co-ordination of the efforts of all agencies concerned."

"To this we would recommend the addition in the terms of reference of such a committee, the power to call for conferences or for committees of wider representation to better deal with respective problems which might arise."

In the preamble to the brief, it was stated "the province of Prince Edward Island welcomes this opportunity to make known suggestions considered useful in its area of fisheries activity toward the development of policies which may result in an expanded and profitable fisheries economy, guided by a sound national policy."

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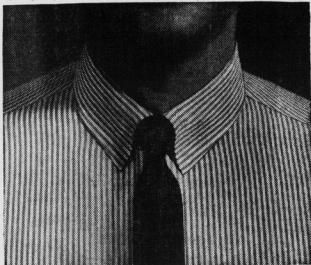
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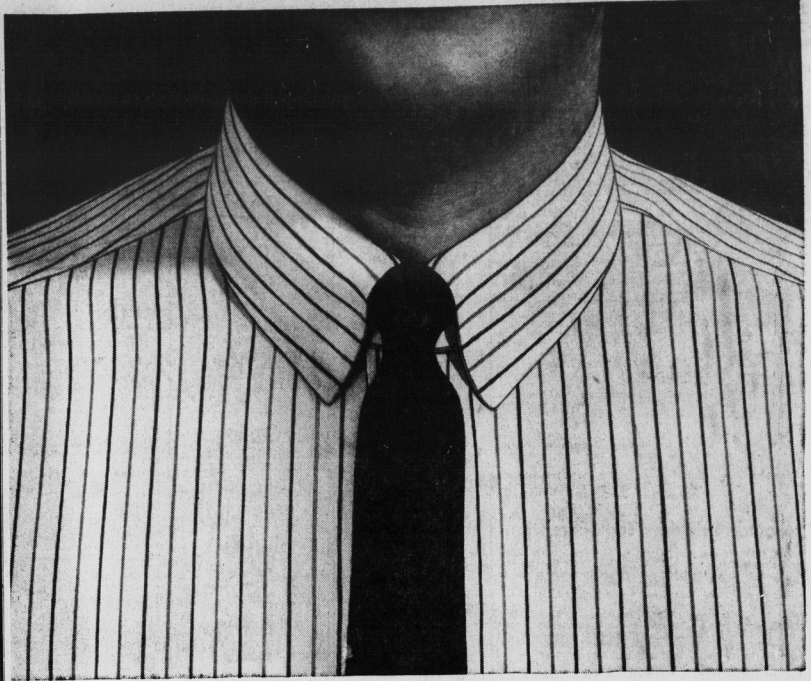
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