

22 provincial camps, parks have off-time camping mark

Development of provincial parks continue at an accelerated rate with the province now having 23 camp and picnic sites.

This chain of park and camp sites, planned by the parks division of the department of industry and natural resources, is continually being improved with the installation of modern conveniences.

Industry and natural resources minister Leo Rossiter said recently that at many of the sites bath houses will be built, electric power provided, comfort stations installed and picnic shelters built.

Where a count was made last season, approximately 25,000 cars visited nine parks on week-ends alone. Assuming that each car had an average of four persons, that means that at least

all other dealers whose living depends indirectly from the fishing industry.

The catches of the dragger fleet consists mainly of Cod, Haddock, and Flounder. Other varieties caught in smaller amounts include Hake, Grey Sole, Catfish, Ocean Perch.

The sixty-five foot boats will hold about one hundred thousand pounds of fish, while the sixty foot boats will carry six to five thousand pounds. The largest catch ever landed by one of the Souris fleet was last year when the M.V. Ireland came in with about one hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

The draggers are usually at sea for a week at a time. Each boat is equipped with a galley and sleeping accommodations for five men. They are able to carry enough fuel to last slightly over a week. Each boat which leaves port has at least six tons of ice aboard in which to preserve the fish.

The method of fishing is called "dragging" or "towing". It consists of a large net capable of holding over 5,000 pounds of fish. This net is towed over the side to the bottom of the sea, then, the dragger moves ahead, towing the net behind.

This is done for several hours under normal conditions. Longer periods are necessary when fishing is slack, and shorter tow are made when fishing is extra good. After the towing period has expired the net is hauled on board, and the fish dumped on deck. Here they are graded as to variety, then gutted and put into the hold where they are well cooled to preserve them until they are unloaded.

In the plants, the fish are filleted, skinned, cleaned and treated with ice and salt on a Canadian and American markets.

The fish filleting plants are supplied mainly by the dragger fleet, which consists of 21 boats. Each of these boats have five men aboard, a total of 105. The Cannery is supplied by about 150 fishermen. At least half of these fishermen have helpers. This would make a grand total of about 630 people directly connected to this business. Then there are the merchants, and

100,000 persons made use of these nine parks on the week-ends.

TOURIST OVERFLOW. At has been pointed out several times by Premier Walter R. Shaw that the provincial parks provide much needed facilities to take care of the tourist overflow from the National Park at busy peaks of the season.

Five provincial parks received major improvements last year.

At Jacques Cartier Park, playground equipment was provided, electric power installed and a new bathing house and comfort station with flush toilets was built.

The shore area of Green Park was cleared and trees planted at the park entrance. Electric power was connected, playground equipment installed and bath house and comfort station provided.

A considerable area at St. Peter's Park was broken up and needed and trees were planted along the driveway. A new bathing house and comfort station were built.

At Strathgortney and Red Point, electric power was installed and comfort stations built.

This year there will be eight new parks and campsites under development as improvements continue on the older sites.

At Argyle Shore, on Route 19, a seven-acre site will provide a much-needed public swimming area in that section of the province.

At Malpeque, 15 miles from Kensington, on Route 20, Jerry's Rock Park, an old established picnic ground and swimming area will be an attractive park with its sandy beach and magnificent view of Daraville.

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FULL FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN PARKS SUCH AS BEAUTIFUL STRATHGORTNEY

Ass'n plays prominent role in developing tourist industry

BY R. GORDON SHAW
President, P.E.I. Tourist Ass'n
I believe the greatest manner in which our association benefits the tourist industry is through providing what I might call "a parliament" for discussion of the countless problems faced by tourist operators. The association thus becomes a forum in which we can all work together to solve those problems.

To the individual operator his particular problem may seem insoluble, but when he puts it before the combined experience of all other operators the advice they can offer almost always provides the answer he needs.

PROMINENT ROLE
Over the years since its formation the association has played a very prominent part in helping develop what was a rather private way of making a living. Now the tourist industry takes its place close to the top in the matter of bettering the economy of the province through bringing up to \$10,000,000 annually into Prince Edward Island in the form of new money.

Taking the long range view of changes, probably the most important of the many affected by the association have been those contained in the Inkeepers Regulations Act dealing with sanitation and health.

I feel there is little doubt that without these regulations pioneered by the industry itself this province would never have known the tremendous number of visitors which comes here each year.

But there are a variety of other ways in which the association has proven its usefulness and perhaps not the least of them was in working for the formation of the Tourist Loan Committee to make financing available for needed expansion in the industry.

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