

LATE START CUTS FISH CATCH BUT VALUE STILL NEAR 4 1/2 MILLION

Fisheries launch educational plan to increase efficiency

Island fishermen did not fare as well in 1961 as they did during the record breaking year of 1960, but they continued to contribute a healthy slice to the economic pie of the province. Returns up until Nov. 30, 1961, showed a decline in dollar value of about \$300,000.

Here is a comparison in poundage and value for the 1961 and 1960 seasons with the 1960 figures in parenthesis.

Sea fish pounds landed 35,819,000 (41,000,000). Estimated landed value \$4,421,000 (\$4,557,900).

In Lobster landings the story was as follows:

Pounds landed 9,512,000 (10,137,000). Estimated landed value \$3,058,000 (\$3,213,000).

The sea fish poundage was down by 13 per cent, and the value down about three percent. In the lobster category, poundage was down six per cent and the value about 4.5 per cent.

REASON LATE

No particular reason could be advanced for lower returns, poundage and dollar-wise, for it was the general picture in many parts of the Maritimes and Newfoundland. The season here, however, was a month late in getting underway.

Recognizing the large investment of island fishermen, particularly the offshore operators, Hon. Leo Rossiter, minister of fisheries has embarked his department on an ambitious educational program designed to increase efficiency.

Some of these courses, like those already instituted at Souris, have been made possible through the co-operation of the federal department of labour and the provincial department of education. One of these sources was in fish cutting and filleting and the other in the making and repairing of trawl nets.

Other courses designed for specific techniques are aimed for particular communities. Still other courses embrace navigation, net hanging and plant operation. All in all 18 to 20 courses will be run-off to aid the fishermen in reaping a profitable harvest from the sea.

3,000 FISHERMEN

The fisheries of the province involve about 3,000 fishermen, conducting their operations from some 1,500 boats. Their capital investment in these boats and equipment amounts to something in the vicinity of \$3.5 million.

These fishermen annually

make use of some 450,000 lobster traps, about 5,500 mackerel and gill nets, about 2,500 smelt gill nets, about 2,000 tubs of trawl and thousands of hand lines. In addition to these the fishermen also make use of smelt bag nets, trap nets, scallop drags and oyster rakes. From their operations the fishermen brought in, during the season, approximately 45 million pounds of product.

Approximately 42 per cent of island fishermen are in Kings county, about 21 per cent are in Queen's and 37 per cent are in Prince county.

The capital investment of fishermen in their primary operations equipment is usually something in the order of \$3.5 million. Approximately 32 per cent of this investment is in Kings county, 16 per cent in Queen's and 32 per cent in Prince county.

KINGS LEADS

Of the landed value of Prince Edward Island fisheries, more than \$4.4 million, approximately 44 per cent is brought in by Kings county, 15 per cent is accounted for by Queen's and about 41 per cent is taken in by Prince county.

The percentage comparison do not vary much year from year and this also holds true to varieties of fish landed. About 43 per cent of the lobster value comes ashore in Kings, about 47 per cent in Queen's, and about 40 per cent landed in Prince county. With cod fish, about 72 per cent is taken in Kings county, approximately 13.5 per cent in Queen's and 14.5 in Prince county. While most of the flounders caught are landed in Kings county, Prince county has by far the largest harvest of Irish moss.

WIDE FIELD

The investment of \$3.5 million by island fishermen covers a wide field. Included, in round figures, are 22 draggers, 1,333 gasoline or diesel boats, 50 piers and wharves, 325 smoke houses, 450,000 lobster traps, 5,000 her ring nets, 1,300 mackerel nets, 2,000 smelt nets, and 1,500 hand lines.

During the year the Fishermen's Loan Board announced the reduction in interest rate from 5 1/2 per cent to 4 per cent. The extension of loans to fishermen has been a major factor in the development of the industry. These loans are made for the purchase or construction of boats and engines. Terms are granted up to five years in the case of new shore boats and up to three years for engines.

In the experimental field the department continued its efforts

Tyne Valley builds fire department

A proud new addition to the beautiful community of Tyne Valley is a gleaming white fire hall located in a central part of the community beside the river that provides an ever-ready source of water at all times of the year.

Constructed during the past summer as the result of efforts and initiative of the volunteer fire department of the progressive community, fire fighting equipment is maintained at all times by a group of men who take turns in sharing the responsibility of its readiness.

Those men, and others who share in the activities of the Tyne Valley fire department, realize fully the value of an efficient and adequate fire fighting force. They remember well a two-week period in September of 1960 when fire roared uncontrolled over 100 square miles of woodland in their area, causing extensive property damage.

FIERY MONSTER

They will never forget the afternoon and evening during this period when the fire front, driven by strong winds, advanced like a fiery monster to the very back yards of the community, even as many homes were being evacuated.

They recall the determined efforts of fire fighters who moved into the area and miraculously saved every building in the community in spite of apparent hopeless odds.

As a result of this experience it is almost natural that everyone in the community is solidly behind the efforts of community leaders who have been responsible for providing one of the finest volunteer departments and fire halls enjoyed by any comparable community in the province.

The Tyne Valley fire department had its origin, in modern form, about 1946, when fire fighting equipment formerly used at the abandoned Mount Pleasant farm was purchased along with an old building in which the equipment was housed.

As a result of the original use of their fire fighting equipment in the 1950s the equipment was found to be completely obsolete. A donation of \$1,100 from the P.E.I. Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in cooperation with services done by this community, was used to purchase a new fire truck and equip-

Now the department is equipped with a three-ton pumper truck with 500 gallon tank, and a pump mounted on the front of the truck operating off the truck engine so that water can be pumped directly from either tank or other water supply.

The department has between three and four thousand feet of hose and also owns a couple of portable fire pumps.

The new fire hall which has adequate space for the fire truck, pumps, and hose, also has a tower which serves to dry and store the lengths of fire hose, and on this tower a fire siren will be mounted as soon as one can be obtained.

Below the fire hall is a full nine foot basement which has been finished for use as a meeting place for firemen, and as a social room. The new fire hall building was designed and its construction supervised by volunteers of the Tyne Valley volunteer fire department who include Alden Yeo, vice-president; Gene Henderson, secretary; Roland MacDougall, and Lea Stuart, in charge of the fire truck.

People, Communities join in all-out resources program

The next major step in the province's resources development program will get underway in March.

Director of research Hartwell Daley said that members of the province's four pilot project development areas will be asked to bring one person to the March meetings and in that way the size of the groups will be doubled.

A survey is to be carried out by the enlarged groups. Each group member will interview two families in his area, using specially prepared questionnaires now being drawn up by the division of research of the department of industry and national resources.

The survey is designed to reveal the thinking of persons on such matters as school, recreation, medical care, employment possibilities and many matters related to community development. The survey is also expected to show the talents and capabilities of the persons in each area.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Daley said that to supplement the findings of the survey, public hearings will be held in all the pilot areas. "Briefs will be sought," he said, "as well as public testimony on a variety of fields."

The survey is expected to be completed by May and the findings will be published in four volumes, one for each pilot project area.

The reports of the findings will be used by local development groups to plan new projects.

The resources development program was set up by the government early last year. Mainly it was the result of a brief presented to the government by Mr. Daley, based on studies of development carried out in North America in areas that had an economy similar to this province. Also, Premier Walter R. Shaw indicated that he had visualized a similar program of development through the years.

A cabinet committee on resources development was formed. Members are Premier Shaw, Hon. Andrew MacRae, Hon. J. D. Stewart, and Hon. Leo F. Rossiter. Mr. Daley was appointed director of research.

COUNCIL SET UP

A major step in the program was the setting up of a Provincial Resources Development Council, consisting of about 45 persons representative of all walks of life. The council has no preconceived notions on development and deals with whatever is of general interest to the province.

Mr. Daley said that the pattern for the council is that it will be divided into committees to work on specific projects. The first project was forestry. The council is now studying tourism and its next project will be development of small industry.

Each committee will report to the council on what it thinks should be done in the particular field it studies. When committee reports are completed, they will be made to local groups in the pilot project areas.

"Each group," said Mr. Daley, "will get a flow of develop-

ment ideas, information and plans."

Already, according to Mr. Daley, some members of the council have been assigned to work with local groups. "For example," he said, "the Souris group is interested in the development of recreational facilities. Provincial forester, Frank Gaudet, Minister of Tourism, J. D. Stewart and National Park Superintendent, Eric Kipping, will be available to give advice to the Souris group."

FOUR PILOT PROJECTS

The government has declared over the past year that four areas of the province are resources development pilot projects. These are Souris, O'Leary Morell and New Glasgow.

First step for the members of

these groups was to take a correspondence course in community development. At the conclusion of the course, about 150 persons received diplomas at graduation ceremonies held at Montgomery Hall.

There are about 30 school districts in each pilot area which means that about 25 per cent of the province is now involved in the development program.

The Souris group is interested in recreational facilities for local people, particularly the youth. In Morell emphasis is being placed on the need for cold storage facilities for small fruits and frozen bait holding stations. O'Leary is concerned with a West Point ferry and the establishment of a potato processing plant. The New Glasgow

group is carrying out a survey to see what projects that area is interested in.

ADVICE AVAILABLE

Technical information for the groups is available through the office of the director of research and the help of federal and other provinces' technicians can be readily had by the groups when they run up against problems they cannot solve themselves.

For example, a liaison officer of the Forest Products Research, Fredericton, N.B., has drawn up a list of 18 industries that could operate profitably in this province, based on wood products. Mr. Daley said that industrial prospects will be investigated.

involving the development of inshore dragging and also the use of Gill nets which are set on the bottom for the catching of ground fish.

The department's co-ordinated efforts in experiment and education are aimed at raising the production capacity of fisheries through efficiency and assuring the fishermen the best possible return on his investment.

... available to serve you

Credit Investigating Collection Agency

enquiries invited:


- business and institutional collecting
- village and municipal tax collections
- hospital collections

Two branches to serve you better
... in Charlottetown and
in Summerside

90 Queen St. Charlottetown
241 Water St. Summerside

SERVING

The finest foods
in Charlottetown
at down-to-earth prices



Yes, we've progressed with Charlottetown
finest foods served in spotlessly clean surroundings.
We offer service and comfort . . . fine food served
by a courteous staff. Why not drop in soon.

New England Cafe

73 Queen St., Charlottetown
Phone 4-3910

Charlottetown Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE FEATURE OF 1961!



Our Progress is Reflected In —

MEMBERSHIP—Our objective for 1962 — 1,000 members.

PROJECTS—Continued and perhaps expanded support to Retarded Children. Interest in every worthy cause.

NEW BUILDING—To meet the needs of ever-increasing membership.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—To make our organization and its work better known to the public and do all in our power to enhance the prestige of the Branch.

Charlottetown Branch Royal Canadian Legion

Hyndman & Co. Ltd.

... not quite as old as Prince Edward Island -
but we have been in business here since 1872!

Ninety years have come and gone since our firm opened its doors . . . and
down through those years Hyndman & Company Limited have been proud to play
their part, however small, in the progress and development of this Island province.
We trust that we, and others, may be privileged to so plan for the future,
that our efforts, jointly, will build as well as did our forefathers.

Offices In Charlottetown, Montague, Summerside, Alberton
... Agents throughout the Province!

HYNDMAN & CO. LTD.

INSURANCE SINCE 1872

NEW FIRE HALL

Additional equipment and space became necessary the need for a new building was apparent, and last year some \$6,500 was spent in purchase and renovation of what is now the new fire hall, and some new equipment was obtained.