

Boost planned in seaway tolls

OTTAWA (CP)—A proposal for a 10-per-cent increase in St. Lawrence Seaway tolls, to take effect in the 1967 shipping season, was announced Monday by the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority.

It is also proposed to introduce a lockage fee on the Welland Canal starting at \$20 per

lock in 1967 and rising by \$20 a year until reaching \$100 per lock in 1971.

There are eight locks in the canal which now is a toll-free system.

Public hearings will be held in Ottawa beginning May 25 to hear representations from organizations or individuals on the new tolls.

Similar hearings will open in Chicago June 1 before the Saint U.S. counterpart to the Canadian authority.

Shipping interests have in re-

cent weeks made stiff protests against reports the two agencies had agreed on a plan for higher tolls in a bid to make the deficit-plagued waterway meet its debt.

The Ottawa announcement said both agencies had studied the toll situation with assistance from independent consultants.

PLATES SHOW NAME

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SCIENTISTS EXAMINE OYSTERS

Oysters at the Ellerslie Biological Station are kept in the hatchery the year round for spawning purposes. In the hatchery spawning is controlled to fertilize eggs by holding adult oysters at 18 degrees centigrade at which tem-

perature they ripen but do not spawn. Seen here are, LEFT, George Henderson, chief hatchery technician and Roy Drinnan, investigator-in-charge, examining the oysters which are being conditioned for spawning.

Maritime commercial fishing shows progress

HALIFAX - Progress an underlined word in the story of 1965 commercial fishing in the Maritimes - was the keynote in a brief review of last year's fisheries given here by Ross E. S. Homans, acting director of the federal department of fisheries in the Maritimes.

Addressing the opening of a four-day conference of area headquarters and departmental fisheries from various Maritime districts and Ottawa, Mr. Homans declared that last year's commercial fishing reached new peaks in the long history of this industry in the Maritimes. Nearly 925,900,000 pounds of fish were landed by Maritime fishermen to tally up to landed value of more than \$65,000,000.

"When it is realized that marketed values are approximately twice landed value," continued Mr. Homans, "it becomes apparent how important the millions of dollars earned from the harvest of the waters are to the economy and well-being of the Maritime Provinces. The effect of a successful year benefits most people, in the area, either directly or indirectly, and exports help to meet Canada's balance of payments in foreign currencies."

Mr. Homans' talk keyed the opening of the four day session. The conference brought together senior field officers of the department in the Maritimes as well as officials from national headquarters in Ottawa. Heading the Ottawa group was Dr. R. R. Logie, assistant federal deputy minister of fisheries. A native of New Brunswick, Dr. Logie was formerly a senior official at area headquarters in Halifax before his appointment to Ottawa last summer.

Mr. Homans, a fisheries technologist who has written many articles on the science of fisheries, looked back on 1965 as an outstanding year in fisheries and looked ahead to another big year during 1966.

He was impressed by the substantial additions made to the fishing fleet, both inshore and offshore, last year. He also noted the increase in the number of new fishing plants and improvements and expansions to existing plants.

One of the pioneers in fish quality control progress in Canada, Mr. Homans said the maintenance of quality equal to or better than Canada's competitors in the world markets for fishery products, was essential at all times to ensure satisfied customers and continued markets for prosperity.

Mr. Homans noted that great strides had been made in recent years in new fish plant construction and improvement in equipment and operating methods to existing plants. But more is to be done.

"During the past year and in the year ahead, increased effort has and will result in still further improvements to ensure that quality of products and fish plant operations are maintained," he asserted. "Compulsory plant registration with associated minimum standards for construction, equipment, operating methods is scheduled to come into operation on April 7, 1967."

portant resource available to man, and should be handled as such."

CLOSE RELATIONS

The Halifax fisheries scientist also referred to the close working relationships between his department and the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. A similar close relation was maintained with provincial fisheries agencies.

Turning back to 1965's excellent fishing record, Mr. Homans stressed that "we must remain aware of the fact that, in certain cases, this was accomplished through overall increased fishing effort and not through increased catches per unit of effort."

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POLLUTION

Turning to the increasing gravity of water pollution and its associated evils, Mr. Homans said that pollution from effluent of mines, pulp mills, industrial wastes and domestic sewage created problems of grave concern to the department's scientific agency responsible for the management of inland fishery resources. Added to that were forest spraying operations which also were the cause of much concern.

"The planned additional damming of waterways has necessitated investigations to find ways and means of ensuring that adequate provision is made to protect anadromous fish such as salmon, alewives, etc., inhabiting both fresh and salt water fish populations.

Mr. Homans was encouraged by the excellent liaison existing between his department and water authorities of the three provincial governments. "Fisheries industry and the public in general will benefit as a result of such liaison," he emphasized. "It must be always remembered that water is the most

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