



SPORT FISHING IN A QUIET RURAL STREAM

New low cost trap test due; lasts longer

A mass experiment involving introduction and manufacture of a completely new design of plastic lobster trap is expected to be tried here this season, according to Hon. Leo Rossiter, minister of fisheries.

He stated he discussed this with Ottawa officials while in the capital and submitted proposals which are now being gone over by the Ottawa department for presentation to the treasury board for approval.

Mr. Rossiter also released the startling information that he hopes to build "a good bit" of the new industry at Georgetown around snark fishing. He stated there are many sharks in the gulf area, and Norwegian boats are taking up to 50 tons per week for canning for European markets.

The tremendous value of the Island lobster fishery — over \$3 million per year — and a desire to protect against possible economic recession which would affect the industry, were

responsible for efforts to provide better and cheaper fishing equipment, the minister stated.

At a conference with federal department of fisheries officials, he enlarged on various proposals offered in this province's fisheries brief presented at Ottawa last October.

MANY ADVANTAGES

Mr. Rossiter said the advantages of the new lobster trap were many and included a much longer life than those in use. Experiments indicate the trap should serve from six to eight years; it does not rot in salt water, and the inert plastic does not absorb water, so is immune to marine borers.

He said the trap is much easier to transport to fishing grounds for a variety of reasons, principally because it comes apart for piling and stacking and this means many more traps can be carried in a boat. The minister said this, also.

could be an extremely important matter for individual fishermen and felt that anything, no matter how small, which cuts down the cost of production be-

comes important in a industry involving \$3,000,000 a year.

WITHSTAND WAVES

He also noted the flat cone shape of the new trap meant it could withstand heavy wave ac-

tion far better than the old high-rounded ones, and also because it has a better weight ratio—almost the same submerged as in the air—compared to the re/a-

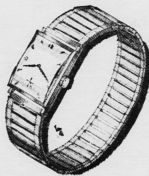
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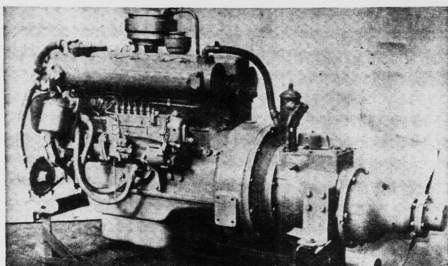
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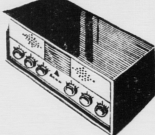
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