

Local Gov't Promotes Wildlife Preservation

The provincial government is encouraging fish and game enthusiasts in an effort to prove that Prince Edward Island has great possibilities for wildlife.

Researchers are scratching relatively virgin ground for the data needed to save, improve and expand upland-game and waterfowl populations seriously depleted by indiscriminate shooting, ignorance of conservation principles and diminishing natural habitat.

At the same time an education program is being aimed at residents who until recently knew little about the worth of wildlife in their province.

Legislative action is in the making to ensure that the native ruffed grouse and snowshoe hare and the imported ring-necked pheasant and Hungarian partridge will be a continuing source of recreation.

Attention is focused on the substantial waterfowl population which has become the target of most hunting activity since the disappearance of the two native big-game species, moose and bear, and the decline or disappearance of lynx, fisher, otter and marten.

NAMED DIRECTOR

Much of the credit for co-ordinating the campaign goes to Charles O. Bartlett, veteran

PLENTY OF

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Reporters who called at her apartment Wednesday quoted her as saying that she had been home since 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and had not left the apartment since then.

"If someone says I was not here or that they are looking for me, they should come here," she said.

In Montreal, Inspector Jean Page of the Quebec Provincial Police indicated investigators did not put much stock in a statement in Rivard's letter he would be "far away" from the city by now.

NOTHING TO GO

"It is not unusual for someone in Rivard's position to say something like that and then remain in the city," Inspector Page said. "If he did leave, where is he going to go?"

To some small town? He'd be taking a real chance of being recognized. To the United States? That's where they have been trying to send him. To some other country? I doubt whether he could have got on an airplane since Tuesday night.

"We still suspect he's somewhere in this area. That's the basis of our investigation."

Rivard, a 49-year-old resort owner and a central figure in the Durocher inquiry, had been in Bordeaux, a provincially-operated prison, since June 19 while his lawyers fought an extradition order brought by the U.S. government. The case still is unsettled.

U.S. authorities want Rivard extradited to face Texas grand jury charges of conspiring to smuggle large quantities of narcotics over the Mexican-U.S. border.

PROVINCE MUST

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velopment policies to "either charge or imply that the government of this province is giving money away to new industry."

LOANS OR LEASE

He said "I would like to point out that we are making long-term loans, fully guaranteed, or are building a facility and selling it back to the company either under lease agreement or by mortgage."

"I must say that the monies spent are carefully scrutinized by a representative of the company and signed by him before they are authorized for payment."

"None of this is to suggest that there are no risks in industrial development. There is risk. Part of the risk, however, is caused by irresponsible criticism by people of this house. Any banker or businessman will admit that there is always a chance of failure, even when the strictest precautions are taken. No provincial development program in Canada is without failures and is not likely to be in the future."

MANY OPPORTUNITIES

Many opportunities exist in Prince Edward Island for the expansion of manufacturing industries, Mr. Rossiter said. He said he questioned the statement of "the minister of agriculture that agriculture is the primary industry of the province."

Mr. Rossiter said "I understand that agriculture contributes about \$26,000,000 annually to the economy of the province. Manufacturing, however, contributed \$36,000,000 to the province's economy last year."

"The province has been on the move and even the opposition will have to admit that. One of the best proofs is that bank clearings last year were \$440,200,000 as against \$373,100,000 in 1963 and it looks like this trend will continue."

Mr. Rossiter spoke at length on the relation between investment money and employment opportunities created in various locations favored by federal tax exemptions and "designated areas." He said "the Prince Edward Island average cost per job in relation to investment is probably between \$3,000 and \$4,000 while New Brunswick

Near 2,000 Invitations For Gallant Reunion

In the year 1663, a boy by the name of Michel Hache was born in Three Rivers, Quebec. In early life, he accompanied to Beaubassin (Amherst) N.S. Governor de La Valiere, to whom he was secretary and chief advisor. During this period he acquired from the English the title of "gallant man" which was added to his name and which was later to become the now very well known name of Gallant.

This summer, 302 years later, a giant Gallant family reunion is to be held on P.E.I.

As the story goes, the first permanent white establishment on the Island was founded by a group of French settlers who sailed from the Harve of Rochefort in the year 1720. Shortly after their arrival at Port LaJoie (Rocky Point), Michel Hache Gallant was sent to them in the capacity of Harbor Master and Commandant of the Militia. He in turn was soon joined by his family of seven sons and five daughters. All the numerous Gallants of today may trace their origin back to this founding family.

As the French were the first to colonize P.E.I. and as the Gallant family has developed to such a degree, a group of descendants of Michel Hache Gallant decided to hold a giant reunion of the clan. The organizing committee consists of Paul C. Gallant, president; J.A. Gallant, treasurer and Rev. Denis Gallant as executive-secretary.

DATE PICKED

The date picked for the reunion is Saturday, Aug. 14. It will consist of a Mass to be celebrated in St. Dunstan's Basilica, a banquet to be served

at the City Hotel, and a day of sight-seeing. The reunion is expected to attract about 2,000 people from all over the world.

PLANNED

The minister said "there are two major areas of consultation which the provincial government is hoping to settle this year with the federal government."

FISHERIES REVIEWED

As minister of fisheries, Mr. Rossiter reviewed progress in Island fisheries during 1964.

He said "markets were never better and prices never higher. It looks like this trend will continue."

Mr. Rossiter said that landings of sea fish in 1964 was "just over 41,000,000 pounds, an increase of seven per cent over the previous year. The value of this landing at more than \$3,642,000 represented an increase of more than 25 per cent over the previous year."

The minister said that during the past year "we have continued our efforts to expand and improve the facilities of the various landings through the installation of water supply facilities and through the provision of ice-making machines."

MOSS PLANT

Referring to federal intentions to build an Irish Moss plant in Prince County, Mr. Rossiter said "first of all, I would like to say that the province had \$25,000 to put into this development but this was disregarded. The original proposals entered by this province for consideration by the Atlantic Development Board represented an expenditure of \$100,000."

"Now, we have been given to understand that the proposal, as originally conceived, represents an expenditure of well over \$250,000 and provides no more capacity than the original conception of the plant."

Mr. Rossiter said he cannot escape the conviction that this additional expenditure is "sheer wastage, necessitated by nothing more than the flagrant patronage extended by the Ottawa government to some of their friends who wish to dispose of marginal property."

DOG ACT BILL

First reading was given in the Legislature yesterday to a bill to amend the Dog Act.

Two bills received third reading. They were an act to amend the Floral Emblem Act and an act to amend the Gasoline Tax Act.

SLOW GROWTH

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