Federal Fisheries Department Duties Are Seen Five-Fold

The federal department of fisheries may be said to exercise a five-fold responsibility in the administration of the industry. Briefly they are: to conserve and develop the primary fishery resources; to encourage the development of the fishing industry in the national economy; to inspect fish products and establish standards of quality; to promote the optimum use of the fishery resource; and to develop a proper understanding of the resource and the industry.

The Parliament of Canada assumed control over the fisheries immediately following Confederation. The British North American Act of 1867 provided for this as a single legislative body was essential in disputes between provinces and in negotiating International treaties.

Inevitably the department did not always find its operations running smoothly with the provinces. Disputes culminated in appeals to the judical committee of the Imperial Privy Council in 1898, 1913 and 1920 and as a result it is now established constitutional law that the federal parliament has exclusive legislative authority over fisheries as such, both coastal and inland.

That in non-tidal waters there is a right of property in fisheries and that the provinces, having power to legislate in respect to property and civil rights, may make laws as to the disposal of such fisheries by conveyance, lease, succession, etc. subject to the restriction as to the methods of fishing, seasons and other regulatory measures enacted by the federal parliament under its general power to make laws in relation to fisheries. That in tidal waters there are no rights of property in the fisheries and therefore the provincial legislatures are entirely without jurisdiction.

ANOTHER DECISION

A further decision of the Privy Council in 1928 limits the jurisdiction of the federal authority to fishing operations. That is, once landed, fish come under provincial control in handling and processing operations. Fish products re-enter the federal jurisdiction in inter-provincial and export trade.

Although the power to make laws for the regulation of fisheries as such is exercised by the federal parliament, enforcement of these has been in many instances undertaken by provincial authorities, especially in the case of inland waters and where the enforcement of fisheries laws can conveniently be combined with enforcement of provincial game laws.

In the case of fisheries administered by any provincial government, the federal government enacts the required regulations on the recommendation of the provincial authorities concerned. The provinces which, by agreement, have assumed administrative responsibilities in varying degrees, are British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec. The province of Quebec administers both the sea and inland fisheries and is the only province so doing. In 1959 the federal department of fisheries took over the administration of fish inspection in Quebec which had previously been carried out under federal and provincial legislation by provincial inspectors vested with additional powers for export purposes by the federal government.

The other provinces mentioned primarily administer their freshwater or non-tidal fisheries. It might be noted, however, that British Columbia by arrangement with the federal government, has authority to regulate and control the shellfish fishery in tidal waters and also regulates and controls the marine plants industry.

Regulations are in operation in these provinces to control and protect various aspects of the commercial inland and sport fisheries (angling) such as licensing of fishing gear and plants, mesh limitations, fishing seasons, size limits, catch quotas (including season quotas for certain lakes) etc. In addition, modern fish culture practices are carried on including operation of hatcheries and management programs.

STARTED IN 1867

The federal government administers and controls both tidal and non-tidal fisheries in the remaining provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland as well as those of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

A federal department of marine and fisheries was set up in 1867. In 1914 the fisheries branch in this department became the fisheries branch of the department of naval services. In 1920 it reverted to marine and fisheries until May, 1930, when a full department of fisheries, with its own minister, was set up.

The work of the federal government in the conservation, development and general regulations of the nation's tidal and non-tidal fisheries, is carried on by four agencies under the minister of fisheries. They are, the department of fisheries proper, the fisheries research board of Canada, the fisheries prices support board, and the fishermen's indemnity plan. All have their headquarters at Ottawa.

The department has five jurisdictional areas under directors across Canada. The areas are, Pacific area which includes British Columbia and the Yukon with headquarters in Vancouver. Central area including Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and the Northwest Territories with headquarters at Winnipeg. Quebec area with headquarters in Quebec City, Maritime area which includes New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia with headquarters at Halifax. Newfoundland area which includes Newfoundland and Labrador with headquarters in St. John's.

MISCOUCHE

Mrs. Jack MacKinnon, Miscouche recently returned home after visiting with relatives in Oromocto and Fredericton, N.B.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Canadian Legion, Miscouche, held a Whist Card party with 16 tables in play. Prizes were won by Ladies first, Mrs. Selina Poirier, Consolation, Mrs. F. A. DesRoche. Men first, Mr. Azade Poirier, Mens consolation, Frenk Arsenault. A lucky door prize was won by Mrs. Anthony J. Arsenault. Proceeds to buy prizes for school closing exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. George Veno and Mrs. Bernard Gallant, Miscouche were recent visitors to Charlottetown.

Bernard Gallant returned to his home in Miscouche where he is convalescing after undergoing surgery in Charlottetown Hospital.

On Sunday evening a surprise stork shower was held at the home of Mrs. Francis A. DesRoche Jr., Miscouche, in honor of Mrs. Louis DesRoche. The beautiful gifts were opened by Mrs. Ernest Arsenault and Mrs. Francis A. DesRoches. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess after which Mrs. Donnie Gillis added some laughter by reading tea leaves.

Miss Julianne DesRoche spent the weekend with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DesRoches.

Miss Elaine Gallant, R.N. on staff at Victoria General Hospital, Halifax is spending a few days visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Gallant, Miscouche.

Miss Iris Gallant, RN on staff at Charlottetown Hospital, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gallant, Miscouche.

Miss Patricia Poirier teaching at Kensington High School spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Poirier, Miscouche.

Ernest Gaudet stationed at Camp Gagetown is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Gaudet, Miscouche.

Paul DesRoche stationed with Canadian Army in Camp Gagetown visited recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil H. DesRoches.

Leo Arsenault and son Gordie arrived at their home in Miscouche after being employed recently in Toronto, Ont.

Victor DesRoche arrived home by car recently after being employed in Ontario for the past few months. He is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil H. DesRoches, Miscouche.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gaudet, Brockville, Ont., arrived home by car and are visiting with Mr. Gaudet's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Gaudet, Miscouche.

RADIOLOGIST DIES

MONTREAL (CP)—Dr. Everett Francis Crutchlow, 51, prominent Canadian radiologist, died suddenly at his home here Saturday. A lecturer and author in radiology, he was chief radiologist at two Montreal hospitals, and at the Veterans Hospital in St. Hyacinthe, Que.

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