

Accessible Fishing Spots Are Island Scene Feature

Surveys made in recent years show that island streams are some of the most prolific trout breeding grounds to be found anywhere on the Atlantic Coast. But it must be remembered, trout has been fished in the province for more than 150 years and that the island has no virgin fishing streams or lakes which exist in northern Quebec and Ontario. But, for the skilled angler, there are plenty of sea trout to be had and, in some parts of the province, the sporty rainbow trout.

LITTLE PREPARATION
While the island does not offer fishermen the variety or quantity of fish to be obtained in the more remote parts of Canada, it is not necessary to make an expensive expedition into wild country to have a day's sport. It takes little more than a game of golf or a swim on one of the island's excellent beaches.

No matter where the visitor decides to stay he will find a fishing pond or stream not more than an hour's drive from any resort. There are salt water rivers where a fisherman can pick up a half dozen sea trout, have a swim and return to his hotel or cabin well before bedtime. All he needs is a lunch and fishing gear. The fishing spots are easily accessible, and no matter where the visitor goes he will find the people friendly and co-operative.

FISHING GUIDE
The P. E. I. Travel Bureau

has organized a volunteer Fishing Guides Association and will supply visitors with guides. These guides are business and professional men as well as men of all trades and occupations, who have one thing in common—a love for fishing. They are giving their services free as a gesture of hospitality towards those summer visitors who, like themselves, believe one of the greatest joys of life is trout fishing.

Ordinarily the visitor never sees some of the island's better fishing streams nor gets an inkling of the beauty spots which are hidden among the many tidal rivers. Such rivers as the Brudenell, the Montague, Vernon River, Murray River, The Mill and Kildare rivers are unsurpassed for summer scenery and the keen sportsman provide good sea trout fishing.

The Travel Bureau hopes that visiting anglers will take advantage of the opportunity to obtain a fishing guide when contemplating a fishing trip. It is hoped by this means that tourists will see more of the out-of-the-way places on the island and meet some of our skilled fishermen. All requests for guides should be made to the travel bureau.

FAMILY PARTIES
Some of the tidal rivers, when the sea trout are running, lend themselves ideally to family parties. The men folk can fish and the children play on the beach or bathe and swim in safe and sheltered waters. In fact, perhaps no where

else in Canada can the same packaged deal be had at so many unspoiled spots as in P.E.I. Fishing for the grown-ups, safe bathing for the children and unsurpassed scenery—a combined outing for the whole family.

The visiting fisherman, of course, must acquaint himself with the best lures, or flies or bait to be used on the island to achieve the best results. The accumulated experience of many anglers down through the years is available. It is generally acknowledged that bait fishing is at its best in the spring and early summer, with the angle worms, caplan, or shrimp the top bait choices.

After July 1 the more sporty fishermen depend on the fly exclusively. By far the most popular flies in island waters are the Pharmachene Belle and Dark Montreal. Scarcely less popular are the Orange Shrimp and the Isis. Until 10 years or so ago, these old standbys in sizes eight to 12 were top heavy favorites.

STREAMER TYPE
However, since the advent of the streamer type fly, these same flies have appeared in streamer design and also as back-tails. Although the Belle, Montreal and Shrimp are musts for any fishing trip, they do not have a monopoly in trout fishing.

The Silver Doctor, the White Miller, the Dusty Miller, the Jack Scott, the Cow Dung, the Stone Fly, the Mosquito and others have found a place in the local fisherman's fly book.

Many fishermen in fact prefer these last named flies to the better known ones. When the spring tides are high, these tides occur three days before the full or new moon and last until three days after these moon phases.

Still another point to be remembered about sea fishing is the height of the tide. Trout follow the river channels and feed on shrimp and other food which is washed off the shore. For this reason it is advisable to fish just off the edge of the channel and this can be done best at low tide. Therefore, most fishermen fish the first two or three hours of the rising tide or the last three hours of the dropping tide.

All of the island's fresh water streams empty into the sea and every year the sea trout ascend the fish enter the fresh water on the high tides, but fish experts state that this is not a hard and fast rule.

SELECT MONTH
For some reason the trout select their own particular month for entering a certain stream. They make the change from salt to fresh water mostly in June, but they do not begin the ascent of some rivers until July or even August.

They do, however, keep prac-

tically the same time in each stream, each year. Year after year they can be found in certain streams early in June, and the experienced fishermen know just about the date on which to meet them.

For children, the best fishing to be had is in fresh water ponds and the best bait for the youngster is the old, reliable angle worm.

There are numerous places where the younger people can have plenty of fun, whether fishing from the banks of the pond or from a small boat. Salmon are native to many of the island's rivers, but are not present in any quantity until the autumn months. They do not rise readily to the fly, perhaps because we have no deep stream and little fast water.

There is another theory to the salmon's indifference to artificial lures. Unlike many salmon rivers in other parts of Canada, with their rocky and gravelly bottoms, the streams on P.E.I. have mud or sandy beds. In this mixture of sand and mud vegetable life flourishes and from the highly productive island fields, the rain washes down great quantities of grub and foods of the land.

It is believed the salmon

ground feed in inland streams and are not so prone to rise to any lure which lights on the surface of the water.

It will be well for any visitor who proposes to fish a fresh water stream to inquire whether a run has entered that particular stream. If no run is present, it is a waste of time to fish.

RAINBOW TROUT

Rainbow trout are not native to the province; they were placed in several lakes and ponds some years ago. They have thrived well in Scales' Pond at Freetown and at Glenfinnan Lake about 15 miles from Charlottetown. They have also been placed in Keele's Lake, 15 miles from the city.

The season does not open on rainbows until July 1. They have grown much bigger than sea or brook trout, often reaching a weight of six or seven pounds. Within the last few years rainbows have been caught in some of the tidal rivers notably in the Cardigan, Seal and Mitchell rivers. The Mitchell and Seal rivers are tributaries of the Cardigan. When rainbow trout are caught in salt water they are known as "steel-heads", a very game fish.

REARING FISH
The real dyed-in-the-wool fish-

ermen might be interested in visiting the Dominion government rearing pond a few miles outside Cardigan. Here, under the most modern conditions, brook trout, and rainbow trout are spawned and raised to fingerling size and larger by the hundreds of thousands.

From this center they are distributed all over the province. At Ellerslie, in the western part of the island, the federal government some years ago established a biological station on a tidal stream. At this station the ways and habits of the trout are studied. This station is said to be one of the finest in the world. Only in Germany, it is said, have such extensive studies been made of trout.

Visitors are always welcome.

TIGNISH

Mrs. Hubert Gandert continues to improve in health at her home in the village after her recent operation at City Hospital, Charlottetown. Gunner Pedersen is a patient at Western Hospital, Alberton. J. B. Myrick, Jr., has accepted a position in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and will be joined by his family at a later date.

Mrs. Al Mahar, Toronto, spent the past two weeks visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Harper, Christopher Cross, Mrs. Mahar also spent some time with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Callaghan, St. Louis. Clarence Perry, Charlottetown spent a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ashlin Perry, St. Felix.

Elmer Perry, Toronto, is spending time at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josie Perry, Tignish. Charlie Harper, Halifax, spent a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harper. Mrs. Lester Gavin is confined to her home in the village due to illness. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Peters, Summers Pond, are visiting members of their family in St. John.

Edgar Peters returned to his home in the village from St. John, N.B., where he spent some time visiting relatives and friends.

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