

Alberta. I have given you a picture of the Jasper country. The smaller streams and lakes through that section offer, I believe, possibilities of doing exactly the same thing as has been done in Jasper, but it means that a proper survey will have to be made.

Hon. Mr. FOSTER: What about Prince Albert Park?

Mr. POOLE: They are endeavouring to do something at the present time; I think they are making a survey.

Mr. RODD: Before the transfer of the natural resources, when the Federal Government was administering the resources, a biological survey party was for about two seasons in the Prince Albert National Park area. The survey was financed by the department through the Biological Board. One of the recommendations was the introduction of black bass. One shipment went in by plane from the Lake of the Woods district. After the transfer of the natural resources to the Western Provinces, the federal support was, of course, withdrawn, and no one else had money to continue the work. A great deal of information was obtained through the two seasons. Certain recommendations were made for the introduction of other game fish, such as the Kamloops trout and speckled and black bass.

The CHAIRMAN: Was there any fish in those lakes before?

Mr. RODD: There was some salmon trout and pike and white fish, and some of the coarser fish. Really pike was the only game fish except for some salmon trout. Nothing has been done in regard to that survey for two or three years.

Hon. Mr. KING: There has been no planting done since the survey was made?

Mr. RODD: There has been one shipment of black bass. I might mention another section in the opposite direction from the Medicine-Maligne Lakes. In Amethyst Lake we have made three distributions of Kamloops trout, one in 1932, another in 1933, and the third this year. We selected Kamloops trout because the speckled trout is in its best condition during the spring months. The Kamloops trout spawn in the spring and is in its best condition during the summer. We hope visitors to Jasper will be able to get some fishing while the lodge is open.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: Mr. Poole, I take it from what you have said that in any effort to increase the interior fisheries of Canada no province need be neglected?

Mr. POOLE: Yes.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: There are opportunities in all, except Prince Edward Island?

Mr. POOLE: There they have plenty of good speckled trout fishing and rainbow trout.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: Have you rainbow down there?

Mr. RODD: Yes, in Pisquid. Two years after the first introduction three and four pound speckled trout were properly identified. People said they got five pound trout. That gives them some fishing during the summer and autumn. Before we introduced these fish they had no fish whatever because of the close season. Since then we have introduced rainbow trout in one or two lakes. One lake has not been so successful; the others have been.

Hon. Mr. FOSTER: People are becoming more enthusiastic over trout fishing?

Mr. POOLE: Yes, sir. In the United States they have not got any trout fishing, and when you have not got a thing you want it.