



Typical "Sardine weir", clearly showing the centre fence or "lead in", the poles or stakes, the mouth of the weir and the formation of the weir. Situated at North Head.

tangled. The craft speeds on, the traps being intermittently dropped over at the signal from the skipper who constantly kept one eye on the fathometer to determine the low spots on the bottom where the lobsters were plentiful. The load gone, we head back, the skipper bidding us farewell as he picks up another load of traps and heads out again. Unless one is a literary genius it would be hard to put into words the thrill experienced in being part of this "zero hour" episode which involves so many hundred white painted, well kept motor fishing boats, equipped with metal baskets over the propeller to avoid entanglement with ropes, heading out to the fishing grounds on the opening of the lobster season.

Another fishing industry which might be developed on Grand Manan is tuna. An editorial appearing in a local paper under date of Apr. 20, 1954, will serve to explain:

"Fishermen, business men and other public-spirited residents of Grand Manan are providing a fine example of initiative in their continuing campaign to establish a profitable tuna angling industry off the shores of the Passamaquoddy Islands.

"The effort dates back several years. Commercial fishermen always knew there were tuna in the area—sometimes a school of a hundred or more of the bluefin giants. Chasing herring, hungry tuna occasionally charged into the coastal weirs and wrecked the net walls in their frantic thrashing attempts to escape. But every time an especially equipped sports-fishing boat was persuaded to come and try the waters for a day or two, the tuna just weren't around. Last summer an organized drive was waged, with the co-operation of the provincial tourist authorities, to prove not only that tuna were there but also that they can

be caught with rod and reel. And when an air pilot landed a 540 pounder one day in August after a three hour and 40 minute struggle, it was a thrilling event both to himself and the entire Island. The several catches made included a 650 pounder a week later. This year two boats will be used instead of one in a stepped-up tuna survey program which, it is hoped, will eventually result in Grand Manan attracting hundreds of sportsmen anglers annually from all parts of the world.

"The Island Board of Trade is making plans to build a recreational centre at Castalia, with a salt-water swimming pool to be created by flooding a lagoon and controlling its level with spillways and locks.

"This is the kind of wide-awake promotion that New Brunswick can well use to develop more of the abundant resources which nature has given us."

The Island has one of the best paved highways in the province. It was laid in 1949 and cost in the vicinity of \$1,000,000. This highway passes through the villages of North Head, Castalia, Woodward's Cove, Grand Harbour and Seal Cove.

In 1944 the Island was made a Regional School District and four years later the Central High School was opened at Grand Harbour culminating a long period of growth to which many contributed. In this beautiful structure are nine class rooms, laboratory, shops, home economics, auditorium, cafeteria and various other departments all equipped and supplied with the latest educational aids. Three years later was added the famous and self-made "Moses Memorial Museum of Natural History". An outstanding product of the school and a tribute to its instructors is the School Cadet Corps, which has been in operation