

fourteen or fifteen smaller camps accommodated numbers varying from 50 to 250 or 300.

The CHAIRMAN: That is in the Lake of the Woods?

Mr. POOLE: Yes sir. They come in there primarily for the muskie fishing, which is entirely different from our trout and salmon.

Of recent years there has been a development of what they call big casting with a light equipment, a 5½-ounce rod, and they cast the lure various distances. It makes a very sporty proposition.

This section in particular is similar to big game hunting—men will go in there for two weeks, and if they get a big fish they are quite satisfied. That is what they are looking for. It has proved quite an attraction and has opened up a considerable development through there.

I do not think there is anything like that lake section on the North American continent. There are thousands of lakes in there, many of which have not yet been fished. It is just a narrow strip along the international boundary. They have gone in so far mainly to the Lake of the Woods and tributary waters. But there is all that country north of that and north of our Transcontinental. I have been into some of that section. It is virgin territory so far as fishing is concerned.

Northern Quebec. There is a splendid area in Lake St. John and west of our Transcontinental line until you strike the mining district. There is good speckled trout fishing all through there. A great number of tourists go in there every year.

Before I leave Ontario, I may say there are wonderful possibilities for the trout fisherman in the Nipigon area from Lake Superior through to the Albany River, two or three hundred miles at the very least, and probably 150 to 200 miles east and west, including the tributary streams to the Nipigon Lake and also to Lake Superior. After you get over the height of land, which is approximately thirty miles north of our Transcontinental line, all those rivers drain into Hudson Bay by way of the Albany and Kenogami Rivers. There is a vast area through there that has barely been fished. We get a few parties every year through that district, and they are increasing.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: That is accessible by airplane.

Mr. POOLE: And by canoes.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: The big fishing is one hundred miles north. I fished in there two years ago.

Mr. POOLE: Yes.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: I flew in.

Mr. POOLE: I would say you are right about getting the better fishing there.

Hon. Mr. McRAE: It is not a country through which you can build roads.

Mr. POOLE: No.

A number of people have the idea that we do not offer the fishing in the Prairie Provinces that we do in Ontario and the East and in Alberta and the West. But that northern section parallels pretty well that mining country, and there are great possibilities in Prince Albert Park and that section. That is part of our prairie area. There are some wonderful lakes up there, and I understand the Federal Department is endeavouring to put in game fish. A little has been done, but I understand they are surveying through there, and no doubt when the time comes they will be putting in game fish. There is no alkali in the waters, nothing to prevent their stocking these waters with game fish. This will make it well worth while for the people across the border, in Nebraska and that section, to come up there by motor car, for it is not very far from the international boundary.