

Davis said that the fish culture station was designed to raise enough Atlantic salmon to perpetuate the salmon runs of the River. Extensive facilities are also being provided to trap and transport mature fish over the Mactaquac power dam for angling and natural reproduction on the upper St. John River.

The federal minister pointed out that the Mactaquac station, which is the first of its type in North America, began to produce on a trial basis last autumn. Hundreds of thousands of tiny salmon which emerged from eggs last January are now being raised to the smolt or sea-going stage and will start their downstream run to the sea in the next few months. This is only a small start of a large operation designed to produce 500,000 young salmon. The total salmon run in the St. John River is estimated at between 10,000 and 20,000.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES BILL

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implementation, including the nature of possible federal assistance, and on the form and the method of constitutional amendment.

The Conference also established a continuing committee of officials which met in May, July and September and will meet again next month. They are preparing for another meeting of prime ministers and premiers which will be held on December 16 to 18.

PROVISIONS IN NEW BILL

Today's resolution describes the Official Languages Bill which will provide for the implementation of the Royal Commission's recommendations which lie within the jurisdiction of Parliament. As the resolution indicates, this will include provisions to establish the status of the English and French languages as the official languages of Canada for all purposes of the Parliament and Government of Canada, and

will also provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Official Languages with the duty of ensuring recognition of the status of the two languages. It sets out for the first time the language rights of citizens in their dealings with Parliament, with the Federal Government and with federal institutions, and the duties of those institutions toward the citizen in matters of language.

We do not claim that this bill will take care of all of Canada's needs in respect of French and English or other languages. It is important to point out some of the areas to which it does not apply.

It does not, of course, amend the constitution. I have often stated my belief that such amendment is necessary to guarantee the fundamental language rights of our citizens. It does not affect provincial jurisdiction over the administration of justice or any other matter within provincial jurisdiction. It does contain an enabling provision relating to proceedings in criminal matters, but discretion is left to the courts over its implementation.

It does not regulate the internal operations of the Government. Other statutes and policy statements deal with such matters as communications between one government employee and another and bilingualism is a factor in employment.

In drafting it we have not ignored the practical limitations of manpower and equipment. There are provisions for periods of adaptation where necessary. The bill does not require every government document to be produced in both languages in certain cases where production in one language does not violate the principle of equality of status.

Finally, in relation to languages other than English or French, the bill does not diminish any rights which Canadians may enjoy by law or custom. It does not, for example, affect the right of non-French-speaking or non-English-speaking defendants in criminal proceedings to testify in their own languages and to obtain court interpreters....

ATLANTIC SALMON STATION  
The world's largest station for raising Atlantic salmon was opened recently at the Mactaquac power dam. The station is owned and operated by the Mactaquac Electric Generating Station, which is owned and operated by the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority. The station is the largest of its kind in the world and is designed to produce 500,000 young salmon each year. The station is located on the upper St. John River, just below the Mactaquac power dam. The station is a major part of the Mactaquac development, which is one of the largest hydroelectric projects in the world. The station is designed to produce 500,000 young salmon each year, which will be raised to the smolt or sea-going stage and will start their downstream run to the sea in the next few months. This is only a small start of a large operation designed to produce 500,000 young salmon. The total salmon run in the St. John River is estimated at between 10,000 and 20,000.

PROGRESS OF INDIAN SERVICES  
The four provinces of the Indian Affairs and Northern Development Department are making progress in the development of Indian reserves. In the past few years, the Department has spent \$2,780,000 on improvements to Indian reserves. On the total, \$2,178,000 went to assist Indians in building homes in their communities. There were 1,207 houses under construction and completed in the period. Last year, 2,008 houses were completed. The Indian housing program also covers the construction of roads and other services. In the period covered by the report, the cost of the program was \$2,178,000. Under the program, the Department will assist in bringing electrical services to 2,500 Indian homes during the current fiscal year and will provide prefabricated water to 1,207 houses in the current year. The program will also assist in the construction of roads and other services.