

notably high tides. Fish schooling along by the shore are diverted into the weirs by fences stretching in to the land-wash and the fishermen run a seine around the inside of the weir, gathering the catch within.

From July to September fishermen work their weirs in which most of the catch is made. Seines account for further large quantities through the fishing seasons. But even the combined catches from these two methods fail to satiate the lusty appetite of the canneries and additional supplies are often bought from Nova Scotia and Maine fishermen.

The canneries' collecting boats, called buyers by the fishermen, roam far to keep the plants supplied, and maintain a busy shuttle service. They collect the fish live from the weirs, loading them into scrupulously clean holds to ensure their arrival at wharveside in the best possible condition.

Similar careful attention is given the sardines in the factories, from the time the collecting boats arrive at the plants until the fish emerge tidily wrapped in attractively labelled cans.

SELF-CONTAINED PLANT

Giant of the sardine canning industry is the huge plant at Black's Harbour which is completely self-contained. This operation is replete with a can-making factory which turns out the containers, covers and even the familiar "keys" that frequently accompany the finished product. At nearby Willington there is also a boat building plant.

At present there are canning factories operating at Black's Harbour, Willington, Back Bay, Beaver Harbour, Fairhaven on Deer Island and Wilson's Beach on Campobello Island. There is another plant at Seal Cove, Grand Manan Island, fully equipped and ready at any time to go into operation.

In 1956 New Brunswick sardine landings totalled 25,807,000 pounds with a landed value of \$566,000. Production of the canneries was 836,987 cases containing 20 pounds each.

Closely integrated with the sardine industry is the herring fishery and processing industry which turns out a wide variety of products. The herring catch last year was 45,575,000 pounds, valued at \$471,000 to the fishermen. Processing leaned heavily towards the popular "kippered snacks" of which 58,181

cases were produced. Large quantities were also canned or processed and preserved in other ways, used as bait for the lobster fishery or in the production of fertilizer, animal feed, meal and oil.

At present the Company's Credit Corporation offers a loan on world markets at 60 to 70 percent interest. * * * * *

CONFERENCE WITH PROVINCES: Premiers of the ten provinces have accepted an invitation from Prime Minister Diefenbaker to attend a Dominion Provincial Conference on Fiscal Relations to be held at Ottawa on November 25 and 26. In his letter of invitation, Mr. Diefenbaker said that he and his colleagues believed it would be useful and desirable to have a review of present tax-sharing arrangements, and that in the recent election campaign he had undertaken to call such a conference at the earliest feasible time.

There is some speculation about how the proposed Common Market of Free Trade Areas will be handled. * * * * *

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: The World War II Book of Remembrance has been completed and will be dedicated on Remembrance Day, November 11, the Minister of Veterans Affairs, the Hon. Alfred J. Brooks, and the Minister of National Defence, the Hon. George Pearkes, VC, jointly announce. The Book will be dedicated by His Excellency the Governor-General in a simple ceremony in the Memorial Chamber of the Parliament Buildings following the usual Remembrance Day service at the National Cenotaph. The Memorial Chamber, where the First Book of Remembrance is permanently enshrined, will be the temporary repository of the Book.

Consisting of 612 pages of calf-skin vellum and bound in tooled morocco, the Book records the names of 44,891 Canadian servicemen and women who gave their lives in the Second World War. It weighs about 100 lbs. and is the result of nine years of work.

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ON LOAN TO BURMA: Ontario's provincial assayer, Mr. D.A. Moddle, has been given leave of absence from his duties with the Department of Mines for one year's tour of duty in Burma with the United Nations Technical Assistance Board. He is stationed in Rangoon and is responsible for the establishment and maintenance of an assay laboratory to be operated by the Burmese Government.