

of the landed value. Payments will be made for any fish rejected. Areas where rejections have been more than 20 per cent of the landed value have been closed to fishing for the affected species.

The total cost of the program is estimated at \$250,000, of which the federal share will be \$200,000. Of this, \$150,000 will be paid by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to Indian fishermen within the area of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation's jurisdiction.

The eel-fishery in the Province of Quebec has been closed because of high mercury content in catches, which amount to one million pounds a year with a value to fishermen of \$500,000. The mercury content of eels may be reduced by holding them under controlled conditions over a period of time, and \$40,000 has been estimated as the cost of providing testing facilities to see if the holding of commercial lots of eels will be feasible.

NEW PROGRAMS

In Manitoba, where about 1,000 fishermen have been deprived of earnings through closure of commercial fisheries in five locations because of mercury-pollution, cash relief in the form of loans was provided last year. This year, it is proposed to employ fishermen from the affected areas in programs designed to diversify the traditional fishery.

One hundred fishermen will be employed and trained in boats equipped with new types of fishing-gear for the purpose of harvesting new stocks of fish not previously marketed to any significant extent. The \$245,000 cost will be borne by the Federal Government. Other fishing operations will be carried out in certain closed areas and the catches monitored to determine whether these waters can be opened again to commercial fisheries, at a cost of \$123,000. A \$30,000-project will apply research carried out by the Freshwater Institute in Winnipeg to see if over 100 Manitoba pot-hole lakes are suitable for fish-farming.

STUDENT-ATHLETE GRANTS

The names of 392 Canadian student-athletes who will receive 1971 grants-in-aid were announced this month by the Minister of National Health and Welfare Mr. John Munro. An additional and final list of recipients will be released shortly.

Mr. Munro said that one primary purpose of the grants was to assist Canadians who wished to combine both their educational and competitive careers. He noted that the training and competitive demands on Canada's best young athletes left little opportunity for them to raise funds for educational purposes.

Also, he said, such awards should encourage Canadian educational institutions.

The program of assistance was initiated in a limited way last year, but owing to the Federal Government's program to assist students this year, the number of recipients has been greatly increased. The awards made to recipients in 1970 will be renewed if they have continued their competitive and educational programs.

TYPE OF AWARDS

The 1971 grant program includes two categories. One is a continuous plan, under which 70 renewable awards will be made. The top 30 applicants chosen will receive \$2,000 each, which may be renewable for up to four years if they continue their educational and competitive programs. The next 40 awards are valued at \$1,000 and may be renewed for one additional year.

The second category represents awards made from the \$1-million fund made available through the Government's 1971 summer program for students. The recipients represent some 35 sports and their grants total about \$523,000. All grants in this class are non-renewable and are valued at \$500, \$1,000 and \$1,500, depending on whether the recipient is in high school, community college or university. Payment will be made when the Department has received notice from the recipient's school or university confirming acceptance as a full-time student. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, recipients must attend Canadian institutions.

Two special projects are featured in the 1971 grant program.

Seventy awards will be made to student-athletes in the Atlantic Provinces. Recipients will be expected to attend a special course at Dalhousie University in Halifax later this summer. The course will include measurement, testing and individual training programs under a highly qualified staff. This experimental project has been designed to improve the calibre of the young athletes in the Atlantic Region.

In addition, over 1,000 applications were received by Hockey Canada and the Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate from hockey players who wished to pursue or continue their studies. Hockey Canada's Student-Athletes Award Committee is making recommendations regarding the recipients. This will allow hockey to expand its grant program to include some 85 student hockey players.

It is expected that many of the recipients will be involved in summer projects of sports-governing bodies designed to strengthen and improve sports participation and the quality of Canadian sports generally. Such projects also adhere to the philosophy of the Government's program for students by enabling them to be free from the regular summer labour market.