

Tuna fishing, off the coast of Prince Edward Island

really intrepid try ice-fishing during the winter months. By December the lakes are commonly frozen over and ideal for this unusual and highly popular sport. To ice-fish, you will want a hut to serve as shelter, an ice auger, tackle and bait. Tour operators can supply complete package holidays with all the equipment, in association with a local outfitter.

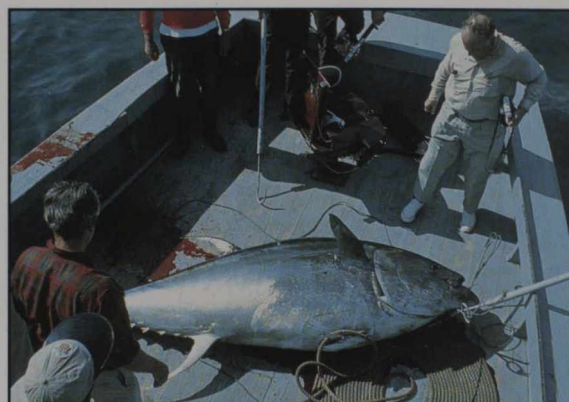
Prairie images are often those of vast rolling cornfields stretching as far as the eye can see. But a closer look at the geography map will quickly reveal that the comparatively arid parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba are really confined to a narrow band 100 or so miles wide extending from the border with the USA.

Few realise that Manitoba claims to be the mecca for those seeking the unusual channel catfish. Frequently reaching 40 inches in length these catfish are reckoned to be the largest in the world and are readily accessible to you when staying in or around Winnipeg. Another fish peculiar to this region is the Winnipeg goldeye. Caught in local rivers, it has an exquisite taste especially when smoked and cured.

For sport fishermen however there is little to compete with fighting a large lake trout. Try taking a floatplane to one of the northern Manitoba lakes and hiring a small outboard motorboat. From here you can trawl slowly down to depths of 100 feet. These fish are fierce fighters. A large laker is likely to run for deep water when hooked and 'bulldog' in the depths. It is an exhilarating experience and will require all your tenacity and patience to bring this fish to the surface. Even then, it can easily snap your gear if care is not taken. Lake trout in the 30 to 40 lbs range are quite common but the best trophy ever recorded was 65 lbs.

Ontario, always accessible

Due to its size and proximity to the Great Lakes, Ontario, not surprisingly, has lots to offer enthusi-



astic anglers, as well as those seeking other outdoor pursuits. Canoeing and fishing in the myriad inland waterways must be one of the most enjoyable ways to spend a summer vacation.

A two-hour drive from the gateway city of Toronto is all it takes to bring you within striking distance of the beautiful Georgian Bay Islands, Algonquin National Park or Lake Nipissing. Here are favourite locations for discovering the small-mouth and largemouth bass. As many an angler will know, the tasty firm flesh of a bass cooked gently over an outdoor camp fire is hard to surpass.

For sport fishing there is the added attraction of hunting the landlocked Great Lakes salmon. This fish frequently reaches 20 to 30 lbs in weight and is readily found in the nearby Niagara River in addition to the Lakes themselves.

There are numerous holiday cottages to rent in this part of Ontario as well, so angling need not prove an expensive activity. Alternatively you might prefer the luxury of a full-equipped houseboat at Gananoque, on the St. Lawrence River. These 40 feet long boats, with a walk-around deck, sleep two to six people, and are priced upwards from 700 dollars for seven nights accommodation.

A number of UK-based operators now offer fishing packages in Canada. Here are some of those companies:

Accessible Isolation Holidays, Midhurst Walk, West Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9NF
Tel: 0730 812535 FAX 0730 812926

All Canada Travel & Holidays, All Canada House, 90 High Street, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 1XN
Tel: 0502 585825 FAX 0502 500681

American Round Up, PO Box 126, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP3 0AZ
Tel: 0442 214621 FAX 0442 214346

Angler's World, 46 Knivesmithgate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S40 1RQ
Tel: 0246 221717 FAX 0246 824515

Canada Air Holidays, 50 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, Strathclyde G2 3AG
Tel: 041 3321511 FAX 041 3330503

Chinook-it, 5a Chelsea Wharf, Lots Road, London SW10 0QJ
Tel: 071 708 3531 FAX 071 351 2606

Escape Activities, Yarborough House, Burgh Old Road, Skegness, Lincolnshire PE25 2LB
Tel: 0754 2382 FAX 0754 2382

Fresh Adventures, The Ridings, 51a High Street, Meppershall, Beds. SG17 5LX
Tel 0462 816424 FAX 0462 712777

Go Fishing Canada, 4 Paxton Road, London W4 2QX
Tel: 0371 876785 FAX 081 994 7388

Alternatively you can deal directly with Canadian operators, fishing camps and outfitters simply by requesting brochures and lists from our Tourism Office at the Canadian High Commission, Trafalgar Square, London SW1Y 5BJ
Tel: 071 930 8540.

