

tremendous increase? It may well be that, by bringing into production undeveloped areas in Canada, we can meet the first shock of this greatly rising demand. I think even a superficial examination of the matter will indicate that this will not be enough. The industry may find it necessary, in co-operation with the provinces, to go into more intensive forest management (including improved silviculture) of existing timber limits. Therefore, you can understand that, if this coming Conference helps us work out the solution to this very practical problem, then the provinces and the country as a whole will benefit tremendously. It is clearly a test problem of making the best use of our resources all across Canada.

Wildlife is, I think, one of our most neglected resources - perhaps because its economic value is not as obvious as that of some other resources. Wildlife has, however, a most important aesthetic and recreational role, particularly with the growing urbanization of our society. The growth of cities, industrial development and the increasing number of human species are the enemies of wildlife. What should be done to further its management and protection to ensure that it will be available in future decades? How does it fit into the recreational pattern that will be of growing importance? Must the encroachments of homo sapiens press the fauna of this country to the brink of extermination? Not necessarily, but it can happen if we do not watch out.

In the case of fish and fisheries I am sure that there are many matters that we ought to examine. In my own Department, I have become aware of the conflict between the demands of industrial development and the requirements of our valuable river fisheries. I think there ought to be a study of this problem, and of the relationship of industrial growth and fisheries generally, since they are certain to assume greater importance in future. What is the relationship between the growth of cities and factories, with their problems of water pollution and waste, and the maintenance of our inland fisheries? This whole field is one with which I am not particularly familiar, but I feel confident that there are many problems that could be examined with profit.

Turning to recreational facilities, where I do feel more competent to speak, I know that there are many serious questions that are going to arise in future years. Our growing population, more and more of it centered in cities, with increased leisure time, a higher standard of living, and more mobility over highways and through the air, is going to bring a tremendous pressure on recreational facilities throughout this country. There has to be planning in advance to meet this need. This is one field where it is almost impossible to go back and pick up the pieces after mistakes have been made. What is needed to develop further our urban, provincial and national parks? Are we ensuring that we will have enough open spaces for future needs? What are