

REGIONAL FISHERIES

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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND FORESTRY
NEWFOUNDLAND REGION

ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

The Federal Department of the Environment was created to join those elements within the government already involved in work pertaining to the environment and renewable resources. It originates with the former Department of Fisheries and Forestry, and is headed by the same Minister, Honourable Jack Davis.

Added to the Fisheries and Forestry elements to make up Environment Canada are:

- the Canadian Meteorological Service from the Ministry of Transport;
- the Air Pollution Control Division from the Department of National Health and Welfare;
- the Public Health Engineering Division from the Department of National Health and Welfare;
- the Water Sector from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources;
- the Canada Land Inventory from the Department of Regional Economic Expansion;
- the Canadian Wildlife Service from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Responsible for the management of the new organization is R. F. Shaw, Deputy Minister.

Reporting to Mr. Shaw are Mr. Jean Lupien, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister; Mr. W. E. Armstrong, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Administration; and Mr. A. T. Davidson, who is Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Planning and Research.

Mr. Davidson is responsible for strategic policies and planning, programming and co-ordination of environmental and renewable resource activities with other departments, governments and countries. He is a member of the Management Committee, along with other ADMS's.

Advice and direction from outside the government will be provided directly to the Minister and Deputy Minister by an Environmental Advisory Council, and several councils advisory to the resource services. The work of these various bodies will be co-ordinated by a permanent secretary, Dr. R. R. Logie.

The Environmental Council will be selected from public groups and organizations, and will include prominent Canadians from industry,

the universities, and the scientific community. The Council will consult with the Minister on environmental matters and the rationalization of long and short-term programs. It will also assist in the co-ordination of efforts of private and public groups toward the resolution of environmental problems. Finally, it is hoped the Council will provide a sounding board to consider proposed departmental programs, and to reflect the impact of departmental operations.

The Advisory Councils to the resource services will be created to report to the Minister on specific areas of responsibility. A Forestry Advisory Council was established in 1970 and a Fisheries Advisory Council has been proposed. More such councils will be formed in time to advise on problems relative to air, water and land resources. These advisory bodies will propose programs, assess impact, and provide links with organizations outside the government.

Providing overall co-ordination of programs is the Policy Planning and Research Service under Mr. Davidson. This organization is divided into three functions: Policy planning, inter-governmental affairs; and research co-ordination.

THE SERVICES

There are six organizations at the Services level of the structure, each headed by an Assistant Deputy Minister. They include:

- Fisheries Service, Dr. J. R. Weir;
- Lands, Forests and Wildlife Service, Dr. M. L. Prebble;
- Water Management Service, L. E. Edgeworth;
- Atmospheric Environment Service, J. R. H. Noble;
- Finance and Administration Service, W. E. Armstrong;
- Environmental Protection Service, K. C. Lucas.

The Fisheries Service will be made up of the former Fisheries Service of the Department of Fisheries and Forestry and the Fisheries Research Board. The Fisheries Research Board will continue to operate and will have as its chairman, the Assistant Deputy Minister for the new Fisheries Service. The bringing together under one head of the operational side of the fisheries mission with the research operation will combine these two inter-dependent functions into an effective operational element both directly associated with the same mission.

The Lands, Forests and Wildlife Service has, as its base, the

Forestry Service. To this have been added the Canadian Wildlife Service, formerly with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the Canada Land Inventory, formerly with the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. The task of this service is research, surveys, and consultative services to provincial and industry groups with respect to management operations and land-use planning.

The Water Management Service is made up of Water Planning and Operations Branch, Marine Sciences Branch and Inland Waters Branch, including Canada Centre for Inland Water, Burlington, and Bedford Institute of Oceanography, transferred from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. It will continue to have responsibility for water management in Canada and will develop the means to implement major portions of the Canada Water Act.

The Atmospheric Environment Service includes the functions already carried out by the Canadian Meteorological Service, formerly of the Ministry of Transport.

The service intends to involve itself further in research into atmospheric processes affecting the environment, and means to the practical application of this knowledge. The organization, which represents Canada's interests in world meteorological circles, will continue to provide weather information and related services to other federal departments and to the public.

Another area of interest is the gathering of data and information concerning ice in navigable waters during freeze-up and break-up periods. This information is used by shipping companies, utilities using hydro-electric dams, and flood control agencies.

The Finance and Administration Service is responsible for all aspects of administration across the Department, including the functions associated with finance, personnel, computer sciences, information and publicity, facilities planning and emergency measures.

The Environmental Protection Service originated as the Environmental Quality Directorate of the Department of Fisheries and Forestry. It now includes the Air Pollution Control Division and part of the Public Health Engineering Division, both transferred from the Environmental Health Directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The Service carries responsibility for several environmental control functions including public health engineering, the Clean Air Act, codes and regulations, crisis management, and such inspection as is necessary to enforce regulations not specifically allocated to one of the missions.

MINISTER OF FISHERIES TITLE RETAINED

The unique importance of fisheries in the fabric of Canadian industry has been recognized by designation of Honourable Jack Davis as "Minister of Fisheries of Canada" as well as "Minister of the Environment".

Historically, the fisheries first attracted Europeans to Canadian shores and led to permanent settlement. Economically and socially, the industry is a dominant source of employment in coastal and inland lake regions and of abundant food supplies for home and world markets. In value, Canada's seafood exports are second largest in the world.

Exclusive federal jurisdiction over "sea coast and inland Fisheries" was clearly established in the British North America Act. Delegation of administrative authority has been made over the years to various provinces, but direct federal fisheries management continues in five provinces and the Northwest and Yukon Territories.

Federal fisheries administration was exercised over half a century by the old Department of Marine and Fisheries and, for a few years' interval, the Department of Naval Service. A Department of Fisheries created in 1930 was merged in 1968 to form the Department of Fisheries and Forestry. In the Department of the Environment, fisheries responsibilities command continuing priority.

Fisheries Minister Davis emphasizes the close links binding the interests of the fisheries with the broader aims of the Department of the Environment:

"The biggest single problem the fisheries have faced over the years, in addition to the depletion of stocks through over-fishing, has been the effects of pollution..... From now on I expect this problem, if not tackled properly, will be problem no. 1. But we intend to tackle it and we can do so more effectively in the context of the Department which is concerned with the quality of water and air."

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PERSONNEL BRANCH NOTES

Staffing

Remaining Seasonal Fisheries Wardens came on strength during June. Five new positions were advertised and three candidates taken on strength before the end of the month. They are F. J. Didham, St. Catherine's; J. R. S. Brushett, Milltown; and C. W. Butt, Corner Brook. Interviews had been conducted for Badger and Grand Falls'

positions but reports had not reached Regional Office up to the time of this report.

Forty-six additional Guardians were recruited during June, sixteen of them students. There were also thirteen students taken on strength for shoreline survey in the Resource Development Branch.

Interviews were conducted in Halifax on June 15 for an Engineer 4 for the Inspection Branch. Candidates were referred from Data Stream and J. P. Hennessey represented the Department.

David Clarke and his bride arrived from Winnipeg on June 11. Mr. Clarke is attached to the Hazardous Substances Unit of the Inspection Laboratory.

George Fiander accompanied Bren Paul June 16 to Colinet where they were joined by Bill Davis to interview applicants for the Seasonal Fisheries Warden position in that area.

Mr. Gordon McCarthy, Chief of Staffing, arrived in St. John's on Saturday, June 19, for discussions on staffing problems. The P.S.C. Officers who were to accompany him were delayed in arrival and did not visit Fisheries Service. After discussions with other groups they left for Halifax on Wednesday afternoon, June 23.

Howard Kettle, Seasonal Warden, Port aux Basques, has expressed the desire to be retired on his 65th birthday on July 20, instead of at the end of the season. The required arrangements are being made.

During the month, the following appointments were made: Samuel B. Winsor, Clerk, Records Office, June 7; Frank Hawe and Wayne Lake, Primary Products Inspection Officers, T.O.S. June 28.

Fishery Officer Alphonsus Pittman officially took up duties at Churchill Falls, June 22.

General

Mrs. Carmel Gosse, Inspection Branch, returned to work on June 1, after extended illness and was incapacitated again on June 2. She will be on sick leave until mid-July.

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Mr. Harry MacDonald was hospitalized early in June but returned to work on June 24.

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Theodore (Ted) Lee, "Cape Freels", returned to work on Monday,

June 21, after extended absence through illness.

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Alf Blundon, Inspection Officer, Old Perlican went on sick leave June 5 and will be away until August 30.

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Bill Rolls, Traytown, is still absent on injury on duty leave which began on March 22.

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Congratulations to Brian Tobin of Accounts on the occasion of his marriage June 5 to Joan Noelle Whitten at St. Joseph's Church, St. John's.

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Bob Willett, Staff Relations Division, Ottawa, arrived in St. John's on June 6 and reviewed the highlights of some collective agreements on Monday, June 7, with departmental officers.

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Gordon Slade left St. John's on June 8, returning on the 11th, after conducting a Staff Training Course for Guardians in District "B". He set out again over the week-end of June 19 to conduct similar courses in Districts "D" and "C". He will be back in the office about July 5.

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Expressions of sympathy were offered to Mr. William Edgecombe, former Chief Technician, Bait Service, whose son died suddenly on June 7, and to the family of Fishery Guardian Philip May, of Pool's Cove, who died June 21.

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Deepest sympathy is also extended to Miss May Shears on the death of her brother, June 29.

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The following competitions were outstanding as the month closed: CR3, District Office, Grand Falls, closed June 21; Seasonal Fishery Warden, Channel-Port aux Basques, closed June 29; CR2, Records, closes July 9; EG6, Technician, Pollution Unit, closes July 5.

AROUND THE REGION

Longliners are taking fair to excellent catches in all sections of District "A" and are now established as the most dependable source of supply. Flounder comprises a good proportion of the catch. Off-shore trawlers also reported a reasonably good month, but here too cod is no longer the major species being taken.

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The new salmon policy continued to pose problems of a magnitude never before observed by District "A" office. However, by June 20, most appeals had been processed. Some patrols are being made to obtain an estimate of gear being fished. Field staff are of the opinion that our control of this fishery is the worst ever, and that the catch will be lower than in former years.

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Salmon are now entering rivers in District "A", and at Branch the poaching problem is mounting.

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Inspection in District "A" hit new high and low points at one and the same time during the month, the former because of abnormal problems involving quality and plant sanitation, the low representing manpower capability. Illness and absence resulted in the Inspection Staff being shy five field officers.

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Guardians were taken on strength in District "A" during the month and a number of new positions filled. Fishery Officers Ash and Blundon are still on the sick list. Fishery Officer Lake has returned to duty but may be called for hospitalization treatment at any time. Officers LeDrew and McKay are working on the West and North East Coasts respectively. Supervisor Basil Sears was due back from Blighty, July 5.

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The trap fishery on the Burin Peninsula swung into high gear during the month, and on occasion the four major fish processing establishments could not handle the catches. All plants have extra shifts or longer shifts employed in an effort to process as much fish as possible, and extra equipment has also been pressed into service.

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Commercial salmon fishermen in District "B" have had only mediocre success to date, although a slight improvement was noted late

in June. Fishermen in Fortune Bay are encountering many "white" salmon in their catches.

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Mr. J. Brushett has been employed as Fishery Warden in the Bay D'Espoir area. He was the successful applicant in a recent competition which attracted many applications from the area. Also taken on strength during the month were Guardians for the various rivers on the South Coast of the Province. Six new positions have been established and filled, and one other remains vacant but recruitment should take place soon.

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District "B" office was very sorry to receive the news of the passing of Fishery Guardian Philip May, who was employed on Bay Du Nord River. This man was considered to be one of our better employees and a very conscientious worker. Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

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Fishery Officer E. Pardy and family have transferred from Gaultois to Burin. Although Ed is assigned to the Burin plant, he is living in Marystown, where housing is available. Fishery Officer J. Rogers also visited Fortune in an effort to obtain suitable accommodation to commence his transfer from Ramea to Fortune. Recruitment is expected to fill the posts vacated by these officers.

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Mr. B. Goodyear has been appointed to the Conservation and Protection Branch and is expected to take up residence at Burgeo later this year. A period of training will precede the permanent stationing of this officer. District "B" welcomes him to the staff.

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Miss Ann Russell has been employed as CR2-typist (term) in District Office at Grand Bank. She was the successful applicant picked from those referred by Manpower.

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It was with a good deal of regret that we received the news of the passing on June 28th at Ottawa, of Dr. A. L. Pritchard, former Director, Conservation and Development Branch, of the Department. Dr. Pritchard will be remembered by a number of employees at Headquarters and in the field. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Pritchard and family.

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During the month Boards were held at Daniel's Harbour, Heatherton, South Branch and District Office in order to fill a number of Guardian positions. Around mid-March a Board was also held at Corner Brook for a Seasonal Warden's position with the successful candidate being Mr. Clarence Butt.

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To date, returns from the commercial salmon fishery in District "C" are only about one half of last year's take for the same period and the same statistics generally speaking may be applied to the inland fishery as well. The lobster fishery is also down somewhat in most areas with many pots having been removed from the water prior to the closing dates. In connection with both the salmon and lobster fishery a total of 53 violations have been registered with 36 court cases having been heard so far. Convictions have been registered in all cases.

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Both the M.V. "LOMOND" and "GANDER BAY" were kept active with patrol duties along the Northern Peninsula and Port-aux-Basques area respectively and towards month's end aerial patrols were also carried out through the Northern and Western sections of the District.

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From May 31 to June 18, Assistant District Officer Crane of District "C" attended a Management Development Course at Carlton Place, Ontario. Total in attendance amounted to 27 and the course was well conducted and most informative.

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The Department was represented at the exhibition held by the Corner Brook Hockey Association during the period June 10 - 12. A booth was set up with a live fish display while pamphlets and posters were distributed outlining the Department's Conservation Program.

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Mr. Gordon Slade, Staff Training Officer, visited District "C" and held meetings with all Guardians. The talks centered around the duties of Guardians, their responsibilities, the District Office set-up and so on. All agreed that the meetings were very informative and very worthwhile.

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Information Officer Ed. Quigley visited the District in connection with the Exhibition held by the Corner Brook Hockey Association.

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Fishery Officer E. Collins has been in the Souther Labrador area for the past week or so relative to herring inspection.

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Warden Charlie Pawlett of District "C" is presently on sick leave. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A list of rules and regulations dated 1933 and pertaining to the salmon fishery was recently unearthed by District Officer George Rendell. Listed below are a few extracts from the list:

Section 10 - No salmon net shall be used after the first day of January, 1933, for taking salmon within the three mile limit of this island, the meshes or scales of which shall be less than six inches. No net shall be imported or manufactured of less mesh than six inches after this date. Any person importing, manufacturing or using such net shall be guilty of an offence under these Regulations.

Section 11 - No person shall moor or set in the waters adjoining the coasts of this Colony for the purpose of catching salmon, any salmon net at a less distance than one hundred yards from any other single salmon net previously moored or set, or than three hundred yards from any double salmon net or fleet of nets previously moored or set.

Section 12 - Every salmon net set within a distance of five miles from the mouth of any river, as defined by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, shall be lifted and tightly tied to the headropes of such net, by ropes attached to such head ropes, not more than three feet apart not later than midnight of every Saturday and shall be kept so tied to such headrope until midnight on Sunday.

Where any net or trap, other than a bona fide Salmon net as defined by these Regulations, is set within the limits above defined, the Minister of Marine and Fisheries shall have power to order that this Regulation shall apply to such net or trap, and neglect to comply with this Rule after notice of such order, shall be an offence under these Regulations, and the owner thereof shall be subject to the penalty hereinafter provided.

Every one who violates any provisions of this Act, or of the Regulations under it, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and costs, and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two months. All materials, implements or appliances used, and all fish caught, taken, or killed in violation of this Act, or any Regulations under it, shall be confiscated to His Majesty and may be seized on view by any Fishery Officer, or taken or removed by any person for delivery to any Justice of the Peace.

H. B. C. Lake,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

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Fisheries Minister Jack Davis made a 3-day visit to Newfoundland June 25-27.

On June 25, the Minister held meetings with Provincial Ministers and government officials, the Board of Directors and staff of the Canadian Saltfish Corporation, representatives of fishermen's organizations and fishing industry associations.

On June 26 and 27, Mr. Davis toured the north, northeast and northwest coasts of the province. Among areas visited by the Minister and his party were Valleyfield, the Straight Shore, the Fogo Island area, Notre Dame Bay and La Scie. Englee, St. Anthony and Port au Choix were to have been visited but it is understood adverse flying conditions necessitated cancellation of that part of his visit.

The main purpose of the Minister's trip was to give him an opportunity to meet fishermen in their home fishing ports and to see their fishing activities and facilities at firsthand.

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RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Lakes Management Group

Gerry Barbour and John Davis have disappeared from the scene but it is rumored that they may be found alive and hiding in Bay D'Espoir. They are carrying out population and production studies on the Bay D'Espoir reservoir.

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Bob Wiseman and his crew are endeavouring to determine the productivity and population levels in heavily fished ponds on the Avalon Peninsula.

Environmental Protection Group

Bevin LeDrew and Hugh Shea are, among other things, carrying out an evaluation of the Come By Chance River and are establishing base-lines for use when the massive new industrial complex arises from the barrens.

Bevin LeDrew is also supplying the Pollution Group with technical assistance in electrofishing.

Pollution Control Group

This group, also known as Pond's Travel Agency, has been moving

around quite actively both on the island and on the mainland.

Environmental Engineer Hung-Foo Wong visited beautiful Niagara Falls to attend the 18th Ontario Industrial Wastes Conference June 13-16. On the way back he spent several days at Moncton, New Brunswick, to take a good look at DEMAR'S Inland Waters Branch Laboratory. His itinerary also included some of New Brunswick's real holes -- two heavy metal mines. Earlier in the month he and Bruce Bauld visited some heavy metal mines here on the island.

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Bob Wilson spent a week in Ottawa where he attended an environmental monitoring symposium. His normal routine is involved in somewhat less esoteric pursuits since he is in charge of the Baie Verte spray program and the monitoring of Exploits River pollution. Both programs are well underway and are in the capable hands of Dave Snow and Lloyd Cole.

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Frank Hicks will soon be heading for Labrador City and Wabush ostensibly to do scientific research. All those nets in his office make one wonder though.

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Ken Weagle has completed his study in St. George's Bay and will probably be heading for Come By Chance where he will be working with Pat Chamut on the estuary. Pat is still embroiled in ERCO, but seems to have matters under control.

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Cal Whalen has finished up his work on the 1970 spray programs and will also be monitoring the effects of the Holyrood Generating Station on Conception Bay.

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Laboratory Services Group

All the fancy electronic equipment in the trailer is now functioning satisfactorily. It is indeed unfortunate that the flies don't function as well. Only one trout?

Engineering Services Group

Work is continuing on projects around the island, mainly at the Bishop's Falls fishway and at various stream remedial sites.

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Gary Scott and Brian Flynn spent some time in the Springdale area doing obstruction surveys.

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Ken Powell and Dennis Stone were in Bishop's to supervise fence and fishway installation.

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Bruce Bauld accompanied Hung-Foo Wong to several of the heavy metal mines on the northeast coast.

Development Group

The fish culturists are busy finalizing the data gathered this spring. Noel Paul's was a resounding success, and the results of Indian River are also very encouraging.

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Harold Murphy left for Labrador and at last report seems to be making progress with fence installation. Roger Peet is preparing to join him shortly.

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"Hutch" Riche and Gerry Traverse have spread themselves over the island and are involved with stream surveys and fence operations.

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Congratulations are extended to Gerry Traverse and his wife on the recent birth of a baby girl. Len Whitten please take note.

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All projects are running smoothly and ahead of schedule, and, if Bill Walsh can be kept happy, all will be well.

SPECIAL NOTICE: All biologists are asked to note that their contract was signed June 4, 1971, and expires July 4, 1971. CARE packages are expected within 90 days.

THE MG LIVES!!!!

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FISH FRY FOR SMALL FRY

An observant Stephen Goettler, 12, saw a car at the end of a police roadblock line in Dublin, Ontario, back up and turn into a side street.

He followed and when he saw the driver throw something into the long grass, he thought it might be money stolen earlier in a bank robbery.

Stephen investigated and instead of bank loot, he found 25 freshly-cleaned speckled trout which the driver of the car must have known was over the legal count.

Stephen's family had a fish fry.

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WHEN FISHERMEN MEET

"HIYAMAC." "LOBUDDY." "BINEARLONG?" "COLOURS."
"CETCHANENNY?" "GODDAFEW." "KINDARTHAY?" "MUDDENBRON."
"ENNYSIZE TOOM?" "COPLAPOWNS." "HITTINHARD?" "SORDALIKE."
"WHACHOOZIN?" "GOBBAWURMS." "FISHANONABODDUM?" "RYDONONABODDUM."
"WHATCHARDINKIN?" "SCREACHENPINKI." "IGODDAGO." "TUBAD."
"SEERYAROUN." "YEAHTAKIDEEZY." "GULUK."

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