

# Outdoors

by Brian Berriault

## MNR to Boost Rainbow Trout

Ministry of Natural Resources will be attempting to give a shot in the arm to our rainbow trout population. This spring MNR will be out in force at the Ganaraska River and Bothwell Creek hoping to collect almost three quarter million eggs for hatching purposes.

Why wild stock? Well, MNR feel wild rainbow trout will survive better in a natural environment yielding more fish because of less mortality among young. Of the 700,000 eggs slated for the hatchery the ministry is expecting a release in the neighbourhood of 400,000. Although this new found stock is for southern Ontario no specific areas were named. I would bet on Owen Sound and

possibly Lake Ontario.

Eggs will be hatched at the Normandale hatchery which will get a few improvements to take better care of the new hatchlings.

### Spring Break

Anglers will have to take a break from fishing walleye and pike in Georgian Bay. As of March 15, these two species are out of bounds for Georgian Bay anglers. There are a few other areas such as Lake Scugog which also close on this date for walleye. So, if you plan to travel, check for seasons.

MNR is looking to the closed season in Georgian Bay to increase spawning numbers. Over the years there has been a definite decline in our pike and walleye population.

### High Expectations

With the closed season on walleye over the years and work on spawning grounds at Port

Severn a few years back, the Ministry of Natural Resources is looking for a rise in the number of spawning walleye. Fish from the first year's spawning should be making an appearance on the grounds this year. The Ministry is looking to the improvements of the spawning beds to give a much higher hatch rate. Well, this year could be the start of something big. If successful, more fish should return in the future. However, it will be a toss-up as to whether the closed season in Georgian Bay did the trick or the new spawning habitat.

### Yours For the Asking

Breck's Products Inc. has its Fishing Guide out for '83. It includes anything you wanted to know about using a Mepps as well as many other baits put out by Breck's. One of their new products is the Nils Master, but once fishermen lay eyes on it it will rank right up there with the Mepps.

For those who lose a boat or two each year

because of knots, Brecks has a new item on the market that will be of interest to you. Its called the Gripper. It can be used instead of a knot on any rope. Boaters may want to have a look at this. Just mention the column or paper on a postcard to Breck's Products Inc. P. O. box 604, Sherbrooke, Quebec, J1H 5K5 and Brecks will forward you a copy.

### Ring in Spring

Who could think of spring without thinking of the Toronto Sportsmen's Show? Each year thousands of sportsmen head for the show and rightly so. If there is anything new on the market its there. Dog Trials, fishing tackle, boats and a raft of other outdoor related equipment is there. So why not take in this year's Toronto Sportsmen Show at the coliseum in Exhibition Park. Its a great way to spend a day and over the years over twelve million dollars has made its way into conservation projects, thanks to the Sportsmen's Show.

# Rent review is called clumsy

Rent review is a "clumsy and counter productive" method of helping needy tenants, and should be abolished, according to a new study published by the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA).

In a brief to the Thom Commission on rent review, the 25,000 member Association says "a substantial rethink of current government policy is required." The key element, it says, is the eventual abolition of controls—something the government's own research has advocated.

"We have vacillated long enough. It is time to do something about the mess our rental markets are in," says the Association.

While noting that the Thom Commission's mandate accepts the continuance of rent controls in some form, Walter Dean, the OREA President, noted that it calls for comment upon the equity of the current system, and the rental housing supply, and asks for recommendations to help correct the problems. "Frankly," said Dean, "after studying the problem you cannot honestly come to any other solution than abolition of controls."

In the OREA brief it is pointed out that tenants are currently being subsidized by one segment of society—

landlords—and that most tenants do not need the assistance that rent review provides.

At the same time, however, controls are not providing the volume of assistance to those tenants who truly are needy.

The brief also points out that the rent control system has severely affected the private ownership housing market, hindered tenant mobility, hindered new household formation, and opens up a serious danger of deterioration

in the quality of rental housing stock.

To offset these and other problems, the Association offers a four-step programme which it says will "create the climate whereby Ontario rental markets can return to a

balanced position and whereby tenants who need assistance can obtain it."

This Association represents 25,000 real estate brokers and sales representatives in 48 local boards across the province.

## Travel news, views

### Cruise to nowhere

by CAROL MERKLEY

During its first year of operation, Scandinavian World Cruises' Scandinavian Sea, based in Port Canaveral, Florida, carried close to 132,000 passengers. The Scandinavian Sea operates a day long cruise in the Florida Gulfstream dubbed a "Cruise to Nowhere" and an overnight sailing to Freeport.

### AIR PLUS

Nordair has introduced a new program called "Air Plus" which has been designed with the business traveller in mind.

The program is offered for travel between Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa, Pittsburg, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Toronto, Dryden, Winnipeg and Val d'Or through Nordair Holidays. Packages include air transportation, ground transportation and an in-flight cocktail for the price of a regular roundtrip economy fare. Depending on the travellers' needs, Air Plus offers either a bus package or car package.

### SUNQUEST GRAY COACH

Gray Coach, through its official wholesaler Sunquest Vacations, has released its 1983 motor-coach tours brochure. Along with packages from previous years, the new brochure includes a new seven-day tour of the Canadian Rockies, a five-day Pennsylvania

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For copies of the new Gray Coach brochure, contact your travel agency.

### HARBOUR CASTLE SPECIAL

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### CYCLING TOURS

For assistance with planning a bicycle tour within Canada, the Canadian Cycling Association acts as a clearing house for providing cyclists with helpful contacts across the country.

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