

the Act and the requirements in packing fish, endeavouring to show the people the advantage of availing themselves of the Act. During the past year a certain number of barrels of herring, mackerel and alewives were not only inspected but a number of them were branded.

Q. Will you give us the number now, if you can, of barrels that were inspected and branded?—A. I can tell you from memory approximately, but I haven't the actual figures before me.

Q. I would rather have it correct if you can give it. Can you tell us about the doings of the inspectors, the number of barrels each man has inspected and the points at which the inspection was made?—A. I will be able to do that.

Q. What staff have you?—A. There are five inspectors on the Atlantic seaboard at the present time.

Q. Are they salaried men?—A. Every one of them, giving their whole time and attention to this work.

Q. How much do they get?—A. \$1,200 each.

Q. And travelling expenses?—A. And travelling expenses.

Q. Have you made any appointments recently?—A. I am not quite positive about that.

Q. Can you give us the names of the inspectors?—A. I think I can. Starting from Northern New Brunswick there is Colson Hubbard. These inspectors each have a certain district, but these districts are not absolutely fixed, they may be moved from one place to another, but broadly speaking Mr. Hubbard has the gulf coast of New Brunswick. Thomas Doyle has the Magdalen Islands, Prince Edward Island, and a portion of Nova Scotia, Northumberland straits. H. H. Mann, Sydney, has the Cape Breton Island. Arthur Hiltz, Mahone Bay, has the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia. Mr. Wilson, I think it is Havelock Wilson, if I remember rightly, has the Bay of Fundy coast. Now the department felt that as it was a new Act it would be better to start off with a minimum staff, and as the conditions required we could increase it.

Q. Have they sub-officers working under them?—A. These men are all available to go anywhere, to inspect pickled fish here or there, at any time, and at any place in their district. The people's requirements are being met in every possible way.

Q. Then there is not very much call for their services, or one man would not be able to inspect for the whole southern coast of Nova Scotia?—A. The Act only came into force on the first day of May last.

Q. They are not kept very busy, are they?—A. There was not a tremendous amount of business last year.

Q. The inspection is optional, is it not?—A. Yes.

By Mr. Stewart (Lunenburg):

Q. They spend a great deal of their time in giving lectures and addresses at meetings?—A. In educative work among the people; in that way they spend a good deal of time.

By Mr. Sinclair:

Q. Are you furnishing them with any literature similar to that issued by the Agriculture Department? Have you issued any bulletins containing information?—A. The department is issuing a monthly bulletin.

Q. That is on statistics?—A. And it contains other information.

Q. But not in the way of instructing the fishermen?—A. That is all contained in the Act and in the regulations thereunder. The regulations themselves contain full instructions.

Q. You mean the Act?—A. The regulations drawn under the Act are so detailed that they are instructions to the fishermen.

Q. And have they been put in the hands of the fishermen?—A. Broadly—as broadly as there is any demand.