

its information to Chief Inspectors of the Department.

At this juncture, I might say, that anyone acquainted with the subject, making even a cursory examination of the reports of the Department of Fisheries, must come to the conclusion that a great deal has been effected by the Fisheries Overseers, but the amount of money paid some of them is ridiculously low, and one cannot expect a tremendous amount of energy to be displayed in these cases.

There are among them, unquestionably, many painstaking and enthusiastic officials, but I think you will all agree with me, there are many who do very little indeed. Where I refer later on to the subject of generally waking up the Inspectors, it is not done in a carping and antagonistic spirit at all.

I hope that the members of this Association will always endeavor to help the Inspectors in any way possible, but naturally, if they find Inspectors not doing their duty, they will be forced to take cognizance of the fact.

I will endeavor, if you will allow me fifteen minutes, to give a general outline of the good the Association might effect, in some directions supported by the recitation of facts well known to many of you, and the quotation of a few statistics which may be unknown to you.