

each was paid by buyers desirous of shipping lobsters fresh to markets. The increasing importance of this fishery requires that the regulations which control it be enforced as strictly as possible. Fishermen of this district take quite an active interest in having the fishery protected. Formerly they used to compete with each other in efforts to destroy it as quickly as possible.

*Inspector Chapman.*—Marked increase in the pack of this district, aggregating nearly 1,000,000 cans, and being nearly double that of 1890. There is some danger of over-fishing along the coast, as many new factories are going up this fall. No extension of time should be granted.