

this was done largely on his own responsibility; but later the interest of the university authorities was aroused to such an extent that a fine station was established on San Juan Island near Friday Harbor. The interest continued to grow. The co-operation of the biological departments of other universities and colleges has made the expansion very noticeable, until now the institution is largely attended during the summer months and much good work is being done. This is not a B. C. station; but it is so near the boundary that any information obtained from material from the San Juan waters is as useful to us in British Columbia as it is to the State of Washington, and no review of the work done in these waters would be complete without mention of Professor Kincaid, who is one of the most omnivorous collectors of the present day. Five years ago the Dominion Station was established at Departure Bay, near Nanaimo, largely on account of the representations made by the late Mr. Taylor, the first president of this Academy. Since its establishment it has been adding its quota to the biological knowledge of the region. The facilities for carrying on investigations are improving year by year; but more men are needed to make use of the facilities that are afforded. Finally the Provincial Department of Marine and Fisheries has inaugurated a policy of engaging men to carry on research along lines that are largely economic but none the less scientific. Gilbert and Thompson have started in already; and I am credibly informed that provision will be made for others to follow. Besides all of these, the various officers of the Marine and Fisheries Departments, federal and provincial, in connection with their regular duties, have added much to the knowledge of the life history, habits, etc., of many inhabitants of the sea. We know little about their work unless we consult the blue books; but it is of none the less value on that account. The more co-operation there is between men of this class and others engaged in biological work, the greater will be the benefit to both and to the province at large.

While due credit must be given to those who have spent so much time in becoming acquainted with general conditions, it must not be forgotten that much of their knowledge could not well have been correlated without the assistance of the specialists in taxonomy, who gave of their time and their energy to classify material sent them, with little to remunerate them but the love for their work. These should certainly have mention in a review of this nature. A complete bibliography covering the whole field would give the best idea of what work has been done; but that cannot be given in the present paper. It is possible only to mention in a general way something of what has been accomplished. While some biologists, like Whiteaves, for example,