

more knowledge is available as to their feeding habits and requirements, and the insect or other fauna and available food supplies of the waters in which they are living or which it is desirable to stock with fish; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Commission of Conservation."

Our present inactivity in this regard is due chiefly to two causes: first, a general lack of appreciation of the importance of the problem which I am discussing, and, secondly, the difficulty of obtaining investigators. Both of these I am convinced will be remedied by time, and at the present time we must have our sight sufficiently well adjusted to take a long-distance view of the needs in these directions. With these problems confronting us, we are compelled to look ahead and to point out, possibly in advance of our ability to undertake them, the necessity and importance of attacking problems which the advance of time and increase of population aggravates. This is a matter which affects the home seeker whom we are attracting to our shores in thousands and the people who live in cities. And how do we know whether it may not affect those causes which contribute to clear thinking on the part of the people of this young country? Fish as is well known contains such a constituent as phosphorus, which is an important constituent of brain matter and nervous tissue. This Commission and your Committee on Fisheries can do much, and in my opinion, more than any other body, to bring about the materialization of the ideas which I have briefly outlined. I commend them to your most thoughtful consideration in the firm belief that their ultimate adoption would prove of incalculable benefit to the people of Canada.