

about 150 tons of bait were thus frozen and stored, of which 70% was utilized by the fishermen.

These Freezers have been erected principally in Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island, one having been established in New Brunswick and one in Quebec.

Fisheries Protection Service.

The following is a comparative statement of the vessels and cruisers employed in the Fisheries Protection Service of Canada for the years 1895 and 1903.

In 1895, the Acadia, La Canadienne, Curlew, Constance, Vigilant, Kingfisher, Petrel and Dolphin.

In addition to these the "Stanley" and "Aberdeen" were used when considered necessary. The "Quadra" on the Pacific coast was also used now and then.

Two of these vessels, the "Kingfisher" and the "Vigilant," were sailing schooners, the "Vigilant" being a captured United States' fishing vessel, named the "Highland Light," which was afterwards turned into one of our cruisers. The officers and crews of these vessels numbered approximately two hundred.

In the year 1903, the following vessels formed the Fisheries Protection Fleet :

Acadia, La Canadienne, Curlew, Kingfisher, Osprey, Brant and Constance on the Atlantic Coast ; Kestrel on the British Columbia Coast and Petrel on the Great Lakes.

In addition to these there are four large steam sea-going patrol boats which are mainly used in looking after our own lobster fishing. The officers and crews amounted to about 260.

In addition to the above, provision has been made for building two 16 knot cruisers, one for service on the Great Lakes and the other on the Atlantic Coast. This will increase the number of officers and crew to about 360.

To show the necessity of a fast cruiser on the Atlantic Coast it will be only necessary to say that there were 1,239 entries made by United States' fishing schooners in our ports during the year 1902, comprising a total net tonnage of 19,897 tons with nearly 5,000 men on board.