

8. What system of marketing fish is adopted in the cities and principal towns, and are any of the markets erected and controlled by the Fisheries Department or municipal authorities ?

*England.*—6. Sea-fishing boats registered ; no license fee payable.

7. Special vans, and, if necessary, special trains provided.

*Scotland.*—6. All fishing-vessels registered.

7. Special trains run, but freight-rates considered excessive.

8. Marketing controlled by municipal or harbour authority ; none by Fishery Board.

*Ireland.*—6. Above a certain limit must be registered ; no license required.

7. Railway company give fair facilities.

8. Fish mostly exported. Dublin Corporation have market.

*Canada.*—6. No license required except for sea-going vessels to qualify for bounty ; no charge.

7. Cold-storage cars arranged from certain points ; one-third of freight to interior is paid by Department.

8. No municipal markets.

*Victoria.*—6. Fishing-vessels registered ; fees not yet fixed.

7. Certain facilities granted by railways, but not considered satisfactory.

8. Melbourne fish-market controlled by City Council.

*New South Wales.*—6. All fishing-boats licensed ; fee, 5s. ; each fisherman likewise ; no license charged for nets.

7. (a) and (b). Fish is forwarded by both passenger and freight trains. Half ordinary parcel rates charged by passenger-trains, and 3d. per ton per mile for quantities of 2 cwt. and over, with minimum of 1s. to be applied when cheaper than half parcel rates. (c.) Special vans provided for large quantities.

8. Sydney has a fish-market controlled by municipality, also private fish-markets just outside city boundaries. Newcastle has market controlled privately. Fish is marketed by rail or boat according to locality ; packed in cases and baskets with ice.

*Queensland.*—6. All fishing-boats licensed and numbered ; fee, £1 per annum ; oyster-boats, £1 per annum up to 3 tons, and 10s. per ton over. Fishermen and oystermen licensed ; fee, 10s. per annum.

7. (a.) No special facilities ; forwarded mostly by passenger-train. (b.) Special charge of 6d. per case under twenty miles, small extra charge for over. Cases about 40 or 50 lb. (c.) Special wagons employed if necessary.

8. Brisbane has fish-markets controlled by a Board consisting of one member from each municipal division. Fish is sold by auction to the trade, &c. Inspection, marketing, and storage fees charged towards cost of running market.

*South Australia.*—6. All fishing-boats registered ; no fee charged. Fishermen licensed ; fee, 10s. per annum ; servants, 5s. per annum.

7. Railways carry fish in "louvres" vans at half rates, attached to passenger-trains.

8. Fish-market in Adelaide owned by municipality, and leased to private firm, who conduct auction-sales.

*Western Australia.*—6. Particulars said to be given in Fisheries Act, of which no copy is on hand.

9. What system of collecting fishery statistics is adopted, and has it proved quite satisfactory ?

*England.*—Employ 170 collectors of sea-fisheries statistics, and 6 fish-measurers at fishing-ports.

*Scotland.*—Coast and adjoining islands are divided into 27 fishery districts, in which there are employed a large number of officers, under supervision of Head Office. Outdoor staff consists of General Inspector, Assistant Inspector, 10 first-class officers, and 22 second-class officers. An elaborate system of collecting statistics is in vogue (explained in a memorandum and set of forms herewith).

*Ireland.*—Services of coast-guard availed of, and found fairly satisfactory. Forms supplied. Specimens sent.

*Canada.*—Local fishery officers, who are allowed to employ assistance. Forms supplied. Specimens sent.

*Victoria.*—No satisfactory system hitherto. New Act passed, and it is hoped returns will become satisfactory. Specimen forms sent.

*New South Wales.*—Local Inspectors and agents furnish weekly returns. Specimen forms sent.

*Queensland.*—No satisfactory system. Approximate estimate obtained from railway returns and market sales. Specimen forms sent.

*South Australia.*—Statistics collected by Inspectors, and returns supplied by railways, but not considered satisfactory.

*Western Australia.*—Collected by Inspectors, the fishermen, dealers, and Railway Department. Forms sent.

10. With regard to the acclimatization of trout or other foreign fishes—(a) Is it done by the Fishery Department or by the acclimatization or fishery societies ; (b) are the fish-hatcheries erected and worked by the Department ; and (c) what trout-fishing license fee is charged, and is it collected by the Department ?