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OUT OF WORK—AUCKLAND SCOWMEN AT VARIANCE WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

The settlement of the difficulty connected with the taking of shingle from the beaches of the Hauraki Gulf was followed by a prompt resumption of work. A large fleet of scows had been lying idle in the harbor for over a week, and the position was getting serious when the difficulties between the Marine Department and the men were cleared away, and soon after a large portion of small craft was made serviceable for the different beaches where supplies are available. It has been estimated that 200 "bumbers" were affected, while the loss in wages is computed at £2800.