

john-dory (*Zeus faber*), bringing the total number so far secured up to thirty-four species. Thousands of notes on stomach-contents have been placed on record, and some interesting facts are being brought to light. An interesting experiment has been conducted during the year with a view to ascertaining the life-history of the whale-feed (*Grimothea gregaria*). The identity of this valuable fish-food with that of the bottom-living form known as *Munida subrugosa* has long been suspected. The larvæ have now been secured and the identity has been established. Much of its life-history has now been learned, and when the few links have been fitted in the subject will be treated in a special paper, with drawings.

I was privileged to accompany Professor Prince in the steamer "Hinemoa" during a trip around the coasts of both Islands in April and May for the purpose of reviewing the trawling resources of the Dominion. A collection of fishes was made for Professor Prince, and I was also enabled to collect specimens of crustacea, annelids, mollusca, small fishes, &c.

A large shed, 20 ft. by 16 ft., has been erected on the eastern side of the pond embankment for the purpose of the storage of spare tanks, coolers, coke, &c., and as a workshop. The old workshop is now used as a store-room for paints, &c., and a portion has been partitioned off as a dark room. The lean-to shed at the rear of the Curator's residence has been converted into a small bedroom. All the paths and steps have been top-dressed with sand and tar. The launch and dinghy have been regularly slipped for painting. Both are in good order. The cottages and station buildings will require to be painted before long. The interiors of the cottages also require attention as soon as can be conveniently arranged.

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RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE OF THE MARINE AND INSPECTION OF
MACHINERY DEPARTMENT DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1914.

Nature of Expenditure.	Details.	Totals.	Grand Totals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Marine Head Office salaries	..	2,986 13 6	
Harbours :—			
Manukau,—			
Salaries	244 2 1		
House allowance of Harbourmaster	7 5 10		
Stores and contingencies	77 19 3		
Ngunguru,—		329 7 2	
Salary	..	2 18 0	
Hauraki Gulf,—			
Inspection of beaches	..	25 0 0	
Russell,—			
Re-erection of flagstaff	53 10 0		
Painting buildings, &c.	9 14 0		
Tauranga,—		63 4 0	
Salary	..	4 3 4	
Hokianga,—			
Salaries	521 5 0		
Stores and contingencies	148 8 4		
Kaipara,—		669 13 4	
Salaries	715 0 0		
House allowance of Harbourmaster	26 0 0		
Stores and contingencies	229 10 0		
Tongaporutu,—		970 10 0	
Salary	25 0 0		
Stores and contingencies	8 8 3		
Opunake,—		33 8 3	
Salary	..	4 3 4	
Whangaparapara,—			
Salary	36 0 0		
Stores and contingencies	5 5 11		
Mokau,—		41 5 11	
Salary	..	50 0 0	
Awakino,—			
Salary	20 0 0		
Stores	15 10 9		
Marakopa,—		35 10 9	
Salary	..	12 10 0	
Picton,—			
Salary	285 0 0		
Launch-hire	18 17 6		
Stores and contingencies	42 5 5		
Nelson,—		346 2 11	
Salaries of signalmen	..	19 5 6	
Carried forward	..	5,593 16 0	