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OF THE

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

*To His Excellency Foster M. Voorhees, Governor, and to the Members
of the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

In accordance with the provisions of law, we herewith submit the annual report of the doings of the Board of Fish and Game Commissioners for the year ending October 31st, 1900.

Very respectfully,

HOWARD P. FROTHINGHAM, *President*,
WILLIAM A. HALSEY,
BENJAMIN P. MORRIS,
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of the Board of Fish and Game Commissioners of the State
of New Jersey for the year 1900.

STOCKING.

During the past year the work of stocking the waters of this State has been prosecuted as fully as your Commission was able to do with the limited means at hand. The Legislature not having made any appropriation for 1900, and the Commission having been put to extraordinary expense in other directions for work that they were obliged to undertake, prevented the purchase and distribution of as many fish and as much game as was desired.

Notwithstanding this fact, the work accomplished has been very gratifying and enough reports have already been received from various sections of the State, showing that what had been done has been a success, and in many sections where game was scarce, particularly quail, we are advised that they are now plentiful, and waters that have been stocked with various kinds of fish are reported as doing well.

The Commission has been very generous in the distribution of trout for a number of years, and it was deemed advisable during the past year not to stock any more ponds or streams with trout. This saving of money enabled the Commission to do more in the way of stocking with bass, pickerel, perch, &c. Owing to the lack of funds the Commission was unable to bring in fish from the Great Lakes during the past year, but this fall we will be in a position, and are expecting daily, to obtain a large shipment, that will be distributed throughout the most important ponds and lakes in the State.

So much has been said about the character of our game and fish in New Jersey, and so large a space in reports heretofore made has been devoted to an explanation and description of the various species of

game and fish that have been introduced by the Commission, that we deem it unnecessary at this time to give more than a short report of the actual work done in this regard. Suffice it to say, that with very few exceptions, every experiment that has been made by the Commission has been a success, particularly with the various varieties of fish that have been brought from the Great Lakes, and with those native to our own State that have been taken from streams and canals and put in other ponds and rivers. It is fair to say that nothing further is required in New Jersey, except to keep up the supply in those waters where the various varieties of fish have been placed and are found to do best.

It is also gratifying to know that the game, such as quail and pheasants, that have been placed in various sections of the State, particularly in the southern portion thereof, have proven to be a success, are living and multiplying in great numbers, and under the protection now afforded to the ring-necked pheasants, your Commission anticipate that there will be a great addition to the natural game heretofore found in localities where new species have been put out.

Notwithstanding the fact that there was no appropriation this year, your Commission will be able during the coming season to put out a large quantity of game as well as fish, which they are enabled to do from the appropriation of \$2,500, which becomes operative November 1st, 1900, for the year ending October 31st, 1901, and from moneys received for licenses to catch menhaden, which amounts to \$2,950 and is still intact. In fact, orders have already been placed for a large quantity of game as well as for a large number of fish, and they will soon be placed in the localities and waters best suited for their support.

The Commission has for some years past experimented with a number of streams and ponds, and it is now thoroughly well settled what waters and places are best adapted to support fish and game life. Therefore, the Commission does not purpose during the coming year to make any further experiment in that direction.

Applications for game and fish for stocking purposes continue to be received in numbers much larger than your Commission has been able to supply, and it is earnestly hoped that the incoming Legislature will appropriate an amount commensurate with the necessities of the State for this purpose, which will in a measure supply a portion of

the demands, at least, that are constantly being made by the citizens from all localities.

It should be understood in connection with the stocking of waters that your Commission has absolutely refrained from stocking any ponds or streams that are owned by private individuals, and only those waters to which all citizens have free access during the open season are allowed to be stocked from the public funds.

If the citizens of our State, and particularly those in the immediate neighborhood of the ponds and streams that have been stocked, would make it their business to see that such places are supplied with bait, a great and important work would be accomplished that the Commission is not at the present time able to do. It should be remembered that it is not only necessary to support fish life and increase the supply, that they should be placed in the water; but it is of the utmost importance to know that they have something upon which to feed. It frequently happens that many small ponds in the neighborhood of those that are stocked are teeming with small fry of various descriptions, that would make excellent food for those fish that have been put in the larger ponds; and if the Fish and Game Wardens, and parties living in the neighborhood of these places so stocked, would take the trouble to place bait in these ponds occasionally, the results obtained by an increase in the supply, as well as the quality of the fish, would be very apparent.

Arrangements have already been made with the Delaware and Raritan Canal Company and the Morris Canal Company, giving to your Commission the exclusive privilege of taking from the canals, when the water is turned off, all bass, perch, and other fish that might be found therein, and they will be sent to the most important waters of the State, as heretofore. It is also proposed, in order to help the supply of food for fish this season, to allow as many small fry and food fish to accompany those we desire to utilize for stocking purposes as is consistent with the means at hand for that purpose.

The following is a list of the fish distributed by your Commission among the ponds and streams of the State during the past year, from the balance of the appropriation for the year ending October 31st, 1899.

Brook trout were distributed during the month of December, 1899, as follows:

County.	No. of Trout.	Applicant.	Stream.
Bergen	1,000	L. Tolle	West Branch Overpeck.
"	1,000	A. W. Ecelston	Harrington Park.
"	1,000	C. Bouton	Saddle River.
Burlington	1,000	W. J. Isick	Bread and Cheese Run.
Hunterdon	1,000	W. E. Emery	Philhour Brook, No. 1.
"	1,000	W. E. Emery	Philhour Brook, No. 2.
"	1,000	J. S. Linderbury	Musconnetcong.
"	1,000	W. S. Creveling	Musconnetcong.
Middlesex	1,000	C. B. Waite	Mine Gully Brook.
"	1,000	Geo. L. Kohlhepp	Miller Creek.
Morris	1,000	A. E. Carpenter	Parsippany Brook.
"	1,000	A. E. Carpenter	Stormy Brook.
"	1,000	E. W. Howell	Peapack Brook.
Monmouth	3,500	B. P. Morris	Pine Brook.
"	3,500	J. M. Stratton	Hocknockson Brook.
"	2,000	H. S. Kinmouth	Shark River.
"	2,000	H. S. Kinmouth	Jumping Brook.
"	1,000	B. P. Morris	Sickles Brook.
"	1,000	J. E. Applegate	Marlow Brook.
"	1,000	J. E. Applegate	Deep Run
Ocean	500	B. P. Morris	Hyers Brook.
"	500	B. P. Morris	Lanes Brook.
Passaic	1,000	M. B. Roome	Burned Meadow Brook.
"	1,000	M. B. Roome	West Brook.
"	1,000	M. B. Roome	High Mountain Brook.
"	1,000	C. Post	Mossman Brook.
Sussex	1,000	N. H. Margaram	Headwater of Pequest.
"	1,000	A. W. Cassidy	Skinner Brook.
"	1,000	A. E. Wolf	Beaver Run.
"	1,000	J. H. Dunning	Black Creek.
"	1,000	Jas. I. Crane	Black Brook.
"	1,000	L. J. Martin	West Branch Paulinskill.
"	10,000		Several places in Paulinskill.
Somerset	1,000	J. D. Bartine	Mill Creek.
"	1,000	P. N. Jackson	Bedminster.
"	1,000	J. D. Bartine	North Branch Raritan.
"	1,000	O. H. Perry	Black River.
Warren	1,000	C. Kerr	Trout Brook.
"	1,000	J. H. Firth	Lapacony Brook.
"	5,000	C. B. McCracken	Tributaries N. B. Raritan.
"	1,000	L. Fisher	Merrill's Brook.
"	1,000	T. Cole	Pophandusing Brook.
"	1,000	J. H. Bruen	Buckhorn Brook.
"	1,000	G. R. Swain	Paulinskill at Blairstown.
"	1,000	J. A. Wildrick	Slabtown Brook.
"	1,000	W. C. Walters	Fair View Lake Brook.
"	1,000	R. Craig	Jacksonburg Creek.
"	9,000		Pequest in various places.

- Cranberry lake, Sussex county, 500 bass, 100 pickerel, 25 crappies.
Budd's lake, Morris county, 500 bass.
Green pond, Morris county, 400 bass, 100 pickerel.
Hutchinson's pond, Mercer county, 200 bass, 100 pickerel, 200 perch.
For Senator Stanger, Gloucester county, 200 bass, 100 pickerel, 100 perch.
Freehold lake, Monmouth county, 100 bass, 100 pickerel, 100 perch.
Spring lake, Monmouth county, 50 bass.
Silver lake, Monmouth county, 50 bass.
Laner's lake, Monmouth county, 50 bass.
Davidson's lake, Middlesex county, 75 bass, 25 pickerel.
Grover's lake, Middlesex county, 75 bass, 25 pickerel, 25 perch.
Plainsboro lake, Middlesex county, 75 bass, 25 pickerel.
Raritan river, Somerset county, 306 bass, 50 perch.
Parson's lake, Middlesex county, 50 bass, 50 perch.
Reeder's lake, Middlesex county, 50 bass.
Lawrence lake, Middlesex county, 50 bass, 50 perch.
Weston lake, Middlesex county, 25 pickerel.
Brewer's lake, Middlesex county, 50 bass, 50 perch.
Pompton lake, Middlesex county, 139 bass, 15 pickerel, 236 perch.
Kirby's pond, Gloucester county, 900 yellow perch.
Sickels' pond, Gloucester county, 800 yellow perch.
Engard's pond, Gloucester county, 900 yellow perch.
Bell's lake, Gloucester county, 1,000 yellow perch.
Larchtown pond, Gloucester county, 400 yellow perch.

DELAWARE RIVER.

Your Commission is glad to be able to report that the obstructions that were a serious menace to the shad industry of the Delaware river at Scudder's Falls have been removed, and that the parties who put the dam in, after consultation with your Commission, decided to comply with our wishes and have therefore had the same removed. This beneficial result has been accomplished through the joint efforts of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Fish and Game Commissions, and shad have now free access to the spawning grounds in the upper part of the river.

SHAD.

Considering the large number of men engaged in the catching of shad on the Delaware river, few arrests have been made during the past season. The river has been thoroughly patrolled on Saturday nights and Sundays, and a strict surveillance has been constantly maintained in order to see that the law was properly complied with. Fishermen now begin to realize that it pays to protect these fish to insure a good catch.

Only four arrests were made and twelve nets captured during the past shad season. If the law should be amended, so as to prevent the placing of nets in the river from Friday night at sunset until Monday morning at sunrise, a greater opportunity would be given for many fish to escape the miles of nets and to spawn naturally. As conditions exist at the present time, very few fish are enabled to get through.

The fish industry of the State of New Jersey is a very important one, as the following statistics will show: There are over 12,000 persons engaged in this industry, employing over 6,000 boats, 600 vessels, 4,746 gill-nets and 180 pound-nets, making an investment of nearly \$2,500,000. The Delaware river furnishes 263 miles of fishing-ground for nets, and the entire catch of shad therein for the year 1900 has been 4,067,307.

The United States Fish Commission has placed in the Delaware river the usual amount of shad fry, said to be 84,000,000, and the catch during the past season, as above enumerated, seems to have been in keeping with former years. This industry is an important one to the citizens of our State and should be encouraged and protected to the fullest extent.

STURGEON.

The supply of sturgeon is becoming less each year, and in some of our waters in which this fish formerly abounded almost complete extermination has occurred. The United States Fish Commission reports that the only river in the State of New Jersey in which sturgeon is now plentiful is the Delaware river. The propagation and protection of this valuable fish is a serious question, and one which demands the attention of the Legislature at the next session. The

supply has become so reduced that the collection of even a small number of eggs is difficult, and your Commission would suggest that a close season for a few years would be the proper method of remedying the existing conditions. At the present rate, extermination is sure to come within the next ten years, for there is no particular branch of the commercial fish industry of the State which has so rapidly deteriorated as the sturgeon industry; the entire catch for the year 1900 showing only an average of six fish to a boat. With a close season for a few years, and the co-operation of the Fish and Game authorities of Pennsylvania and Delaware, the propagation and protection of this fish can be materially advanced, and this industry again restored to its former position as one of the most substantial fish industries of our State. It is only within the past ten years that the great value of this fish has been realized. Previously thereto this fish was wantonly killed, and, if taken alive, was thrown from the nets to die, because it was said to be a destroyer of other fish. This fallacy has long since been exploded, and the sturgeon industry is to-day on a par with or paramount to the shad industry of the State. The price now obtained for caviar is much greater than in former years, and the demand is on the increase. If the supply of fish could be increased, the profit to the citizens of our State engaged in this industry would be equal to the income derived from the shad-fishing industry. The United States Government made an attempt to propagate this fish artificially during the past season, but so far as your Commission is able to learn, the attempt was a failure. It is proposed next season to make a further attempt in this direction, and your Commission will do all in its power to assist both the United States Government and the State of Pennsylvania in carrying out this worthy object.

BARNEGAT BAY.

The most serious difficulties that your Commission has had to deal with during the past year, in regard to the enforcement of the Fish and Game laws, have taken place on Barnegat bay. It would seem from the disposition of many of the citizens in that neighborhood, that they were unable to understand, or understanding, set the laws at naught. As soon as a Warden appears, makes an arrest, either for shooting illegally, Sunday gunning, or the setting of illegal nets, and then disappears, the violators of the law immediately return to

their unlawful pursuits. In two different cases, within forty-eight (48) hours after arrests had been made and nets destroyed, the Wardens found just as many nets being used as on their first visit. The only reason your Commission can give for this state of affairs is the fact that such violations of the law have been so persistent, and have evidently been allowed through the carelessness of former Wardens in the discharge of their duties, that the violators have come to believe that there is no law, except their own, governing that part of the country.

Very few of the residents of our State appreciate either the magnitude of these grounds or the extent to which fishermen and gunners use them; and it can only be fully appreciated by a trip down the bay which covers the front of the entire New Jersey coast from Point Pleasant to Cape May.

The pursuit of duck shooting, like that of deer hunting, is fast disappearing, and unless the law is enforced, it is only a matter of a few years when there will be no more wild fowl inhabiting our coast. To the end that this wanton destruction by night, and by sailing on fowl or hunting them over their feeding grounds by day, may be stopped, your Commission has doubled the force of Wardens patrolling those waters, and as will be noted herein, arrests and convictions have been numerous. In fact, during the past year more arrests have been made of violators of the law on Barnegat bay than during the whole period of the existence of your Commission.

Not alone are game birds and wild fowl destroyed by illegal hunting on Sundays and at night time, and by shooting at them from sailing vessels by day, but they are interfered with and prevented from feeding by fishermen setting nets illegally; so that if this form of sport, as well as the resultant benefit to our citizens, is to be preserved, it will be absolutely necessary to enforce the law to the strict letter thereof.

In one instance the Wardens found over thirteen nets in a small tributary of Barnegat bay, where pickerel were being taken out of season by illegal means. There are now a number of cases pending, untried, for violations in these waters; and your Commission regrets to say that, as a rule, the citizens in the various localities where these violations have occurred are neither in sympathy with the enforcement of the law, nor with the officers in the discharge of their duties, and it is only by the strongest effort put forth by the Wardens that

your Commission has been able to obtain any information or to succeed in convicting parties guilty of violating the law.

Even the lower courts in some localities are disposed to treat the prosecutions of Wardens against violators of the law entirely too lightly, and very frequently indirectly assist in the miscarriage of justice. It is useless for Wardens to discover violations and prosecute the offenders unless convictions can be had.

It is safe to say that no pastime or sport is more largely indulged in than that of duck shooting and fishing in these waters of our State; nor is there any place where the law is set at defiance so extensively as on this bay. It therefore behooves, not only the State officers, but every person interested in the sport, in the protection and propagation of fish and game, and the increase instead of the decrease of the supply, to lend assistance in every possible way toward the enforcement of the laws. By this means only will these great and beneficial industries be preserved.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Your Commission has been hampered in the discharge of its duties and in creating improvements and extending its work as it would desire by not being able to secure what it considers proper legislation. Unfortunately for what the Commission deems to be for the best interests of the propagation and increase of the supply of fish and game, many of those having control of legislation know little about the subject and are too largely influenced by the wishes and requests of unscrupulous parties, who either desire, for their own pleasure or profit, without regard to what is for the best interests of the people at large, to have certain laws changed or enacted that are clearly detrimental to the State, and our lawmakers have too frequently listened to the few and disregarded the wishes of the many.

The Legislature should certainly concede that the members of the Fish and Game Commission, after years of careful study and thought upon these subjects, and after gathering together the information and experience the Fish and Game Commissioners of the other States have had on the same questions, should be in a better position to recommend suitable and proper laws for enactment than those who have whims or fads to satisfy.

For this purpose, in order that the whole State might be properly canvassed on the subject, your Commission, through the generosity of

one of its members, has caused to be drafted and printed a revision of the Fish and Game laws, and has requested suggestions and recommendations from all the Wardens and those who are interested in the subject. At the proper time this proposed revision of the laws on Fish and Game will be presented to the Legislature for its consideration. It is sincerely hoped that after this effort has been made and information obtained clearly voicing public sentiment, and laws recommended in conformity therewith, that the Legislature will see its way clear to pass the laws recommended by this Commission.

One of the greatest curses that exists at the present time upon the Statute Book is the law permitting the spearing of any kind of fish. There is but a small section of the State in which any spears are used, and those are in waters where they ought not to be. The permission granted to spear suckers, or carp, is taken advantage of to kill any kind of fish that happens to cross the path of the spearer, and the consequence is that frequently the laws are violated in this manner. No spearing at all should be allowed, except the spearing of eels through the mud in salt water during the winter months. No complaint can be justly made, if such a law was enacted, by those who desire to remove carp or other poor food fish or eels from their ponds, because your Commission, under the supervision of its Wardens, has always given permission to haul a seine for this purpose. Your Commission earnestly hopes that this law in particular will be abolished.

Thousands of applications are made to your Commission for copies of the Fish and Game laws printed in pamphlet form, which the Commission has not been able to supply, except by private expense. The Legislature should make provision for and your Commission earnestly recommends that there should be printed at least 40,000 copies of the Fish and Game laws in pamphlet form, at the expense of the State. There were 60,000 copies of these laws printed in 1899, and that number did not supply the demand.

The enactment of the law preventing October shooting has proven to be very beneficial and is being obeyed without complaint; and your Commission would recommend that July shooting of any description whatever be abolished.

Your Commission would also recommend the granting of a suitable appropriation, of not less than \$6,000 per year, for the purpose of continuing the work or procuring and distributing food-fish and game throughout the State. This amount is trifling in comparison with

what other States are in the habit of appropriating in the same direction, and is the smallest appropriation adequate to the present necessities of your Commission, if proper results are to be obtained.

A great many persons think that discrimination is made against them, because their sections of the State do not receive more consignments of fish and game; but this is due to the fact that your Commission, by reason of lack of funds for such purposes, has not been able to supply all demands, and has endeavored to make distributions throughout the State as equitably as possible.

There can be no question that the work of the Board of Fish and Game Commissioners of this State is conducted at less cost than that of any like Commission in the United States, and some provision ought to be made for the payment of clerical force and for the necessary disbursements of the Commissioners, in keeping with the labor performed, not in the way of a salary to the Commissioners, who are glad to serve without compensation, but to pay for incidental expenses, stenographers' fees, clerical assistance and traveling expenses.

The Commissioners are frequently called upon to visit different portions of the State in the discharge of their official duties, and there seems to be no reason why they should not be afforded the same privileges of railroad transportation as all other State officers enjoy. It is certainly true that no branch of the State service brings more remuneration to the various railroad companies traversing the State than the work performed by this Commission; and it would seem to be no more than just that the various railroad companies should be obliged to furnish passes to the members of your Commission and to the Fish and Game Protector, when traveling on official business. Notwithstanding the fact that the Board of Fish and Game Commissioners annually appears on the list prepared by the Secretary of State of all State officers entitled to passes from railroad companies, only a few of these companies have issued such passes.

The above is but a brief mention of some of the important subjects that your Commission thinks should receive attention from the Legislature, but more complete recommendations will be contained in the proposed revision of the Fish and Game laws to be presented to the Legislature as above set forth.

The following is a list of the prosecutions against violators of the Fish and Game laws made during the past year:

PROSECUTIONS.

COUNTY.	COMPLAINANT.	ACCUSED.	CHARGE.	JUDGMENT.
Morris	Warden Kerr	Leo Van Hoon	Sunday gunning.....	Fined \$20 and costs.
Sussex	" Hendershott	Albert D. Cornell	Using weir	" \$50 " "
Essex	Policeman Michael Redding..	Joseph Corder.....	Killing grey squirrel.....	" \$20 " "
Ocean	Warden Rider.....	John S. Bonnell.....	" ducks unlawfully.....	" " " "
Warren	" Hill	Isaac Wildrick.....	Unlawful possession of rabbit	" " " "
Bergen	Constable Charles Schmidt.....	Richard Post.....	Net fishing in Bergen creek.....	" " " "
"	" " "	John Sussen.....	" " " "	" " " "
"	" " "	Henry Totten.....	" " " "	" " " "
Ocean	Warden Mathis	Edwin Parker.....	Killing ducks unlawfully.....	" " " "
Essex	Policeman Redding.....	Joseph Knott.....	Sunday gunning.....	" " " "
Middlesex	Warden Ayres	Stephen Lukacs.....	" "	" " " "
Passaic.....	" Shriner.....	Charles Conklin	Killing one quail	" " " "
Ocean	" Shaner	Andrew J. Heilman	Trapping quail	" \$50 " "
"	Wardens Rider, Mathis and Shaner...	D. R. Newbold.....	Shooting ducks from sail boat.....	" \$20 " "
"	" " "	R. M. Darrach.....	" " " "	" " " "
Gloucester ..	Warden Muller	John Taylor.....	Sunday gunning.....	" " " "
Atlantic	Wardens Rider and Mathis.....	Albert Leeds.....	Shooting ducks from sail boat.....	" " " "
"	" " "	Peter Strickland.....	" " " "	" " " "
"	" " "	Greshom Fielder	" " " "	" " " "
Ocean	" " "	William H. Ridgway.....	{ Fyke exceeding 20 fathoms in } { Barnegat bay.....	" \$100 " "
Burlington ..	Warden Wise.....	William S. Vaughn.....	Offering trapped rabbit for sale.....	" \$20 " "
Morris	" Richards.....	William Dobbs.....	Hooking fish.....	" " " "
"	"	William Heath.....	" "	" " " "
Monmouth....	" Stratton	Isaac and Percy Sherman.....	Selling trapped game.....	{ Sentence suspended on } { payment of costs.
Salem	" Torton.....	Frank Whitesel.....	Trapping rabbits.....	Fined \$25 and costs.
Morris	Deputy Chamberlain.....	George Murphy	Sunday gunning.....	" \$20 " "
Middlesex ..	Warden Ayres.....	Herbert Rossner.....	" "	Twenty days in jail.
"	"	Charles Myers.....	" "	" " " "
Monmouth ..	" Stratton.....	F. W. Van Schoick.....	Offering trapped rabbits for sale.....	Fined \$20 and costs.
Mercer	" Huston.....	Fred. Mackenthum.....	Sunday gunning.....	" " " "

PROSECUTIONS—Continued.

COUNTY.	COMPLAINANT.	ACCUSED.	CHARGE.	JUDGMENT.
Monmouth ...	Warden Stratton.....	James Frazee	Attempt to trap rabbits.....	} Sentence suspended on payment of costs.
"	"	Thomas Allen.....	Selling trapped rabbit.....	
Cumberland..	" Nichols.....	Henry Stumple	Shooting ducks at night	Acquitted.
"	"	Howard Wiley.....	"	"
"	"	Isaac Wiley.....	"	"
Warren	" Hill	Charles Love	Net fishing.....	Fined \$50 and costs.
Atlantic	" Shaner	Andrew Caderino.	Sunday gunning... ..	" \$20 " "
Bergen	" Ricardo.....	} Bergen County Gas and Elec- tric Co	} Polluting east branch of Overpeck creek.	} " \$150 " "
Ocean	Wardens Rider and Mathis.....			
"	"	James Shields.....	"	" " " "
"	"	Ed. Gale	"	" " " "
"	Warden Stratton.....	Thomas W. Fisher.....	Unlawfully using gill net.....	} Fined \$100 and costs; appealed.
Warren	" Hill	Jacob Ball.....	Fishing with net.	
"	"	A. D. Cook.....	"	" " " "
"	"	A. Silverthorn.....	"	" " " "
"	"	L. Snover	"	" " " "
Bergen	" Ricardo.....	John Olden.....	Killing robins	" \$20 " "
Essex	Deputies Johnson and Harrison.....	Antonio Dirella	" rabbit	" " " "
Bergen	Deputy Engle.....	William J. Eichale.....	Trapping birds.....	" " " "
Salem	Warden Torton.....	William Saunders	Sunday shad fishing	" \$50 " "
Somerset	" Miller	William Carkhuff	} Taking shad under Raritan river dam	} Thirty days in jail.
"	"	Arthur Demaray.. ..		
Salem	" Torton	Charles H. Waddington	Sunday shad fishing	" \$50 " "
Warren	" Hill.....	John Limerman.....	Setting fyke in Delaware.....	" " " "
Cumberland..	" Phifer.....	Charles Newlin, Jr.....	Unlawful possession of bass	" \$20 " "
Passaic	" Ayres	John Doe	Killing insectivorous bird	" " " "
Sussex	" Hendershott.....	John Cross, Jr.	Using weir.....	" \$50 " "
Union	" Hawkins	Carlos Bokarto.....	Sunday gunning.....	" \$20 " "

PROSECUTIONS—Continued.

COUNTY.	COMPLAINANT.	ACCUSED.	CHARGE.	JUDGMENT.
Bergen.....	Deputy Stewart.....	E. Lewis.....	Robbing birds' nests	} Sentence suspended on payment of costs.
"	"	Peter Werling.....	Killing robin.....	
"	"	Albert Kormhof.....	Sunday gunning.....	" " " "
"	"	Vido Tucci	Possession of small robins in rat trap..	" \$40 " "
Mercer ..	" Mitchell.....	Frederick Owen..	Sunday gunning.....	" \$20 " "
Atlantic	Wardens Shaner, Rider and Mathis ..	E. S. Rogers	"	" " " "
"	"	Daniel Corday.....	"	" " " "
Somerset	Warden Miller	William Bellies	Net fishing	" \$50 " "
"	"	J. V. D. Ten Eyck	"	" " " "
"	"	James Boyle	"	" " " "
"	"	Henry Treck.....	"	" " " "
Monmouth ...	Wardens Stratton and Capple	Nicholas Cittedino.....	Sunday gunning.....	" \$20 " "
Ocean	Warden Foulks.....	Thomas Harrison.....	Killing night hawk.....	" " " "
Essex	Wardens Ayres and Hawkins.....	William Jones.....	Set-line fishing.....	} Sentence suspended on payment of costs.
"	"	Albert Clark	"	
Mercer	Warden Capple.....	James Keeler	Sunday hunting with a dog	Fined \$20 and costs.
Union	" Hawkins.....	Edward Verity	Carrying gun in field on Sunday...	Sentence suspended on payment of costs.
Burlington ...	Deputy Gaskill	F. H. Bowker	Possession of sturgeon.....	Fined \$20 and costs.
Ocean	Warden Foulks.....	Earl Bird.....	Sunday gunning	" " " "
Atlantic	Wardens Mathis and Rider.....	Lewis J. Enrico	"	" " " "
Passaic	Warden Hawkins.....	John Lertoree.....	Taking small bass.....	" " " "
Ocean	Wardens Foulk and Stratton.....	Rogers Cramer.....	Sunday gunning.....	" " " "
"	"	Thomas S. Young.....	"	" " " "
"	"	Charles E. Sherbourne.....	"	" " " "
Morris	Warden Richards.....	Italian, No. 572	Using dynamite to kill fish.....	" \$40 " "
"	"	Italian, No. 496	"	" " " "
Camden	" Gutheridge	John Chew.....	Killing insectivorous bird.....	" \$20 " "
Somerset	" Miller	George W. Libby.....	" grey squirrel.....	" " " "

PROSECUTIONS—Continued.

COUNTY.	COMPLAINANT.	ACCUSED.	CHARGE.	JUDGMENT.
Monmouth ...	Wardens Ayres and Stratton.....	Antonio Gianborona	Sunday gunning.....	Fined \$20 and costs.
Morris	Warden Richards.....	Italian, No. 23.....	Killing rabbit.....	" " " "
"	"	Vito Daria.....	Taking bass under nine inches.....	" " " "
Atlantic	" Mathis.....	John H Turner.....	Sunday gunning.....	" " " "
"	"	Charles B Tomlin.....	"	" " " "
Camden	" Gutheridge	Jerry Peason.	"	" " " "
Mercer	Warden Capple.....	Henry Hill	Fishing with net.....	" \$50 " "
"	"	Henry Britton	"	" " " "
Warren	" Hill	William Hambacker.....	Killing grey squirrel.....	{ Sentence suspended on payment of costs.
Somerset ...	" Hawkins	Harvey Murphy... ..	" " "	Fined \$20 and costs.
Essex.....	"	E. B. Reeve.....	" " "	" " " "
"	"	Frank Tilley.....	" " "	" " " "
"	"	Harrison Woodruff.....	" " "	" " " "
"	"	Albert Grant.....	" " "	" " " "
Passaic	"	Eugene Cerine.....	Sunday gunning	" " " "
"	"	John Brocco.....	"	" " " "
Camden	Wardens Hunt and Gutheridge.....	Louis Shiavo.	Killing two robins	" \$40 " "
Hunterdon ...	Warden Chamberlin.....	Benjamin McLane... ..	" grey squirrel	Acquitted.
Gloucester...	Wardens Muller and Hunt	Harry Wigmore.....	Sunday gunning.....	Fined \$20 and costs.
"	"	William Dahl	"	Acquitted.
Monmouth....	Warden Stratton.....	Joseph Leonard	"	Fined \$20 and costs.
"	"	Judson Eddleton.....	"	" " " "
Morris	" Richards.....	Jacob Kellehan	Killing two grey squirrels.....	" \$40 " "
Monmouth....	" Stratton.....	Edward Wasserman.....	Sunday gunning.....	" \$20 " "
Gloucester...	" Muller.....	Oscar Dilks.....	Possession of one young quail.....	" " " "
Bergen	Deputy Stewart.....	Raffaello Galassa	Killing quail.....	" " " "
"	"	Gus Lysack	Sunday gunning.....	Thirty days in jail.
Warren	Warden Hill....	Austin Siple.....	Possession of one squirrel.....	Fined \$20 and costs.
Camden	" Gutheridge.....	Toney Demaska	" two quails	" " " "
Morris	" Richards.....	Stephen Fury	" grey squirrel	Acquitted.
"	"	Toney Burrett	"	"

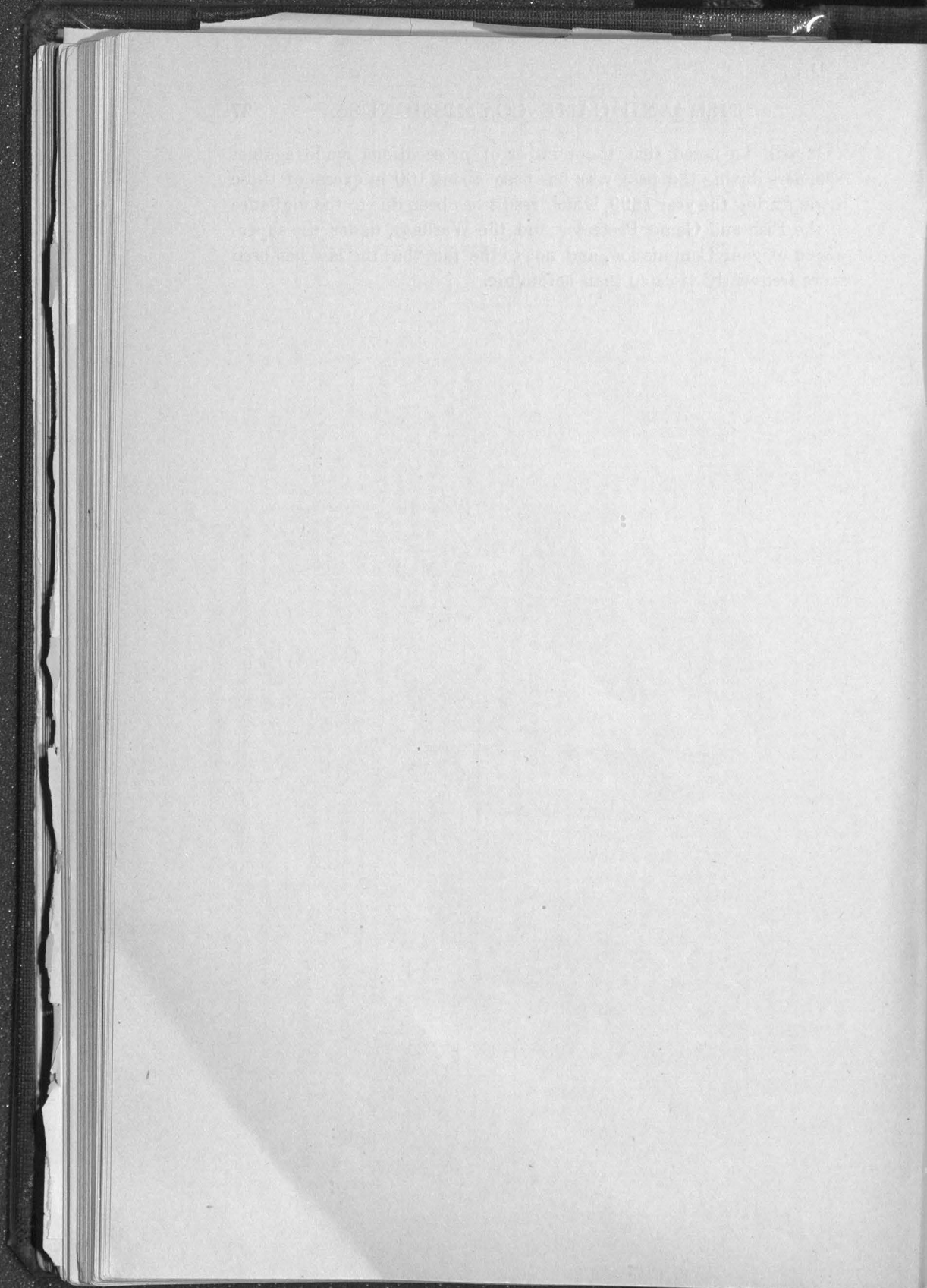
PROSECUTIONS—Continued.

COUNTY.	COMPLAINANT.	ACCUSED.	CHARGE.	JUDGMENT.
Morris	Warden Richards.....	Stephen Fury, Jr.	Possession of three robins.....	Acquitted.
Ocean	Wardens Foulks and Stratton	Preston Newman.....	Carrying gun on Sunday.....	Fined \$20 and costs.
"	"	David Johnson.....	"	" " " "
Atlantic	Warden Shaner.....	F. Maghabghab.....	Killing insectivorous bird.....	" " " "
Warren	Deputy Howell.....	Philip Quick.....	" grey squirrel.....	" " " "
"	"	George Syfer.....	"	" " " "
Somerset	Warden Hawkins	Robert Ziegrabel.....	Sunday gunning	" " " "
"	Warden Hawkins.....	William Anderson.....	"	" " " "
Middlesex.....	" Ayres.....	John Doe.....	"	" " " "
"	"	Richard Roe.....	"	" " " "
Hunterdon ..	" Chamberlin.....	Clark Lisk.....	Possession grey squirrel.....	Sentence suspended on payment of costs.
"	"	William Skillman.....	"	Sentence suspended on payment of costs.
Passaic	" Ricardo.....	Joseph Pucci.....	" six robins	Acquitted.
Warren	" Hill	Edward Jones.....	Attempting to use ferret.	Sentence suspended on payment of costs.
"	"	Harvy Massier.....	"	Sentence suspended on payment of costs.
Ocean	Deputy Shinn.....	James Delguerrio.....	Sunday gunning.....	Fined \$20 and costs.
Salem	Warden Torton	William Vanderslice.....	Killing robin.....	" " " "
Camden.....	" Gutheridge.....	Joseph Natale.....	Possession of robin	" " " "
Burlington....	" Wise	Daniel O'Donnell.....	" grey squirrel.....	" " " "
Ocean	Wardens Rider and Mathis	H. D. Van Sant	Shooting ducks from sail boat	" " " "
"	"	H. I. Webb.....	"	" " " "
"	"	Louis Penn.....	"	" " " "
Morris	Warden Richards	Munson Young.....	" four grey squirrels	" \$80 " "
Bergen	Deputy Eggle.....	Lewis Baragalla.....	Sunday gunning.....	" \$20 " "
"	Warden Ricardo and Deputy Gundlah	Charles Graf.....	Possession of robin.....	" " " "
Monmouth ..	Wardens Stratton and Foulks	Edward Fielder	Shooting ducks from sail boat.....	" " " "
Cumberland..	Warden Phifer.....	Arthur Weise.....	Killing quail.....	" " " "

PROSECUTIONS—Continued.

COUNTY.	COMPLAINANT.	ACCUSED.	CHARGE.	JUDGMENT.
Atlantic	Warden Shaner.....	Matteo Ordille.....	Killing insectivorous bird.....	Fined \$20 and costs.
"	"	Matteo Ordille.....	Sunday gunning.....	
Gloucester....	" Muller.....	Edward M. Morris.....	"	" " " "
"	"	George W. Easterday.....	"	" " " "
Burlington ...	" Wise.....	Eli Scott	Hunting with dog on Sunday.....	" " " "
Ocean	Wardens Foulks and Stratton.....	Henry Miller	Sunday gunning.....	" " " "
Warren	Warden Hill.....	William Smith.....	Killing rabbit.....	" " " "
Morris	Warden Hawkins.....	Antonio Mallo	Killing grey squirrel.....	" " " "
"	"	James Fireina	"	" " " "
Mercer	Deputy Scott.....	Walter Harbout.....	Hunting with dog on Sunday.....	" " " "
"	"	Cyrenious H. Swift.....	"	" " " "
"	"	Patrick Duffey.....	"	} Fined \$20 and costs; appealed.
"	"	"	"	

It will be noted that the number of prosecutions made against offenders during the past year has been about 100 in excess of those made during the year 1899, which result has been due to the vigilance of the Fish and Game Protector and the Wardens, under the supervision of your Commission, and not to the fact that the law has been more frequently violated than heretofore.



FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts and disbursements under an act entitled "An act to provide means to increase the fish production of the waters of this State," approved March 21st, 1895.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., November 1st, 1900.

The Board of Fish and Game Commissioners of the State of New Jersey,

In account with HON. WILLIAM S. HANCOCK, *Comptroller.*

	Appropriation.	Amount Paid.
For the Fish and Game Wardens and the Fish and Game Protector, for compensation for year ending October 31st, 1900.....	\$15,600 00	
Amount expended by the Commission under the act approved March 21st, 1895, from November 1st, 1899, to October 31st, 1900.		\$15,375 00
Returned to State Comptroller.....		225 00
		\$15,600 00
Appropriation for expenses of Fish and Game Wardens and Fish and Game Protector for year ending October 31st, 1900.....	5,100 00	
Amount expended by Commission from November 1st, 1899, to October 31st, 1900, under the amendment to act approved March 21st, 1895, which amendment was approved May 4th, 1897.....		5,007 21
Returned to State Comptroller.....		92 79
		\$5,100 00
	\$20,700 00	\$20,700 00
Appropriation for expenses of the Board of Fish and Game Commissioners for the year ending October 31st, 1900.....	800 00	
Amount received from the Comptroller and credited general expense account of the Commission.....		800 00
	\$21,500 00	\$21,500 00

FISH AND GAME COMMISSIONERS.

GENERAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., November 1st, 1900.

*The Board of Fish and Game Commissioners of the State of New Jersey,*In account with HOWARD P. FROTHINGHAM, *Treasurer.*

Balance on hand November 1st, 1899, to credit of general fund.....	\$93 96
Balance on hand as per last report of November 1st, 1899, belonging to stocking appropriation for year ending October 31st, 1898, contracted for in the purchase of Fish and Game and the distribution of same	2,128 93
Received from license fees to steamers and sailing vessels to catch menhaden	2,950 00
Received from fines collected for violation of the Fish and Game laws for the year ending October 31st, 1900, being one-third thereof as provided by law.....	1,170 15
Received from Hon. William S. Hancock, appropriation for salaries of Fish and Game Protector and Wardens.....	15,600 00
Received from Hon. William S. Hancock, appropriation for expenses of Fish and Game Protector and Wardens.....	5,100 00
Received from Hon. William S. Hancock, appropriation for expenses of Fish and Game Commissioners.....	800 00
	<u>\$27,843 04</u>
Paid for legal and scientific services, justice's fees, constables' and witnesses' fees.....	\$389 13
Paid for postage, painting, stationery, distribution of laws, &c.,	179 00
Paid for rent of meeting-room.....	100 00
Paid for deputy wardens' badges.....	50 40
Expenses of the Commission for clerical assistance, &c.....	978 06
Expenditure from balance of appropriation for stocking waters.....	2,087 72
Paid for salaries of Fish and Game Protector and Wardens..	15,375 00
Returned to State Comptroller.....	225 00
Paid for expenses of Fish and Game Protector and Wardens.....	5,007 21
Returned to State Comptroller.....	92 79
	<u>24,484 31</u>
Balance in Paterson National Bank.....	\$3,358 73
<i>Summary.</i>	
Balance to credit of Menhaden account.....	\$2,950 00
Balance to credit of Stocking account	41 21
Balance to credit of General account.....	367 52
	<u>\$3,358 73</u>

FISH AND GAME COMMISSIONERS.

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JERSEY CITY, N. J., November 1st, 1900.

The Board of Fish and Game Commissioners of the State of New Jersey,

In account with HOWARD P. FROTHINGHAM, *Treasurer.*

Receipts from licenses to catch menhaden to steamers and sailing vessels, under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to regulate fishing by steam and other vessels with shirred or purse seines in the waters of the State of New Jersey and to require a license for such fishing," approved March 26th, 1896.

STEAMERS.

Licensee.	Name of Vessel.	Date of Issue.	Amount Paid.
Joseph Wharton.....	Active	June 25th, 1900.....	\$100 00
J. C. Fifield & Sons & Co.....	Nellie E. Rawson	July 25th, 1900.....	100 00
The Fisheries Co.....	Falcon	July 28th, 1900.....	125 00
The Fisheries Co.....	Geo. W. Humphreys..	July 28th, 1900.....	200 00
The Fisheries Co.....	Estelle.....	July 28th, 1900.....	125 00
The Fisheries Co	Ranger.....	July 28th, 1900	125 00
The Fisheries Co	Joseph Church.....	July 28th, 1900	200 00
Joseph Wharton.	Alert.....	July 31st, 1900.....	100 00
The Fisheries Co.....	Walter Adams.....	Sept. 6th, 1900.....	200 00
The Fisheries Co.....	Arizona.	Sept. 6th, 1900.....	200 00
The Fisheries Co.....	Mabel Bird.....	Sept. 6th, 1900.....	125 00
The Fisheries Co	Sam'l S. Brown.....	Sept. 6th, 1900.	125 00
The Fisheries Co.....	Fearless	Sept. 6th, 1900.....	125 00
The Fisheries Co.....	J. W. French.....	Sept. 6th, 1900.....	125 00
The Fisheries Co.....	A. M. Hathaway.....	Sept. 6th, 1900.....	200 00
The Fisheries Co.....	George F. Morse.....	Sept. 6th, 1900.....	125 00
The Fisheries Co.....	Peconic	Sept. 26th, 1900.....	125 00
The Fisheries Co.....	Quickstep	Sept. 26th, 1900.....	125 00
The Fisheries Co	Seaconnet	Sept. 26th, 1900.....	200 00

SAILING VESSELS.

Licensee.	Name of Vessel.	Date of Issue.	Amount Paid.
Harrison Vail.....	Swan.....	May 18th, 1900	\$25 00
T. J. Eastmond & Co	Fenella.....	June 4th, 1900.....	25 00
Capt. John J. Hines.....	S. W. Truslow.....	June 27th, 1900	25 00
George M. Tilton, Jr.....	J. E. DeBlois.....	July 5th, 1900.....	25 00
Charles F. Warner.....	V. Koon.....	July 6th, 1900.....	25 00
Capt. F. Bishop.....	Lucy Bell.....	July 25th, 1900	25 00
Capt. D. C. Benjamin.....	Edgar	July 25th, 1900	25 00
John F. Raynor.....	Mary Emma.....	Aug. 1st, 1900.....	25 00
			\$2,950 00

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