

bursements for the same period were \$61,410.42, leaving a balance to the credit of said fund at the close of the fiscal year 1895 of \$3,583.67.

Included in the disbursements for the fiscal year 1895 is \$4,306.99 balance due on previous fiscal year; amount paid Oyster Inspectors, \$4,885.03; one-half amount paid for painting numbers, \$465.25; and for building new bugeye, \$800.00; aggregating \$10,457.27, when deducted from the disbursements as shown in said statement, will leave the sum of \$50,953.15, as the actual disbursements on account of maintenance of the Oyster Police Fishery Force for the past fiscal year; and instead of the apparent balance of \$3,583.67, the balance should have been, after the above deductions of amounts brought over from the previous fiscal year are considered, \$14,040.94.

In the report of the Comptroller to His Excellency the Governor for the fiscal year 1894, in explanation of the deficit then shown in the Oyster Fund, I said: "It must be remembered that the receipts and disbursements as above set forth were mainly under the operations of the (oyster) law as it existed prior to the Act of 1894. The salient features of the latter Act were provisions for increased revenue and decreased expenditures, and I feel assured that when the present law is in full operation the expectations of its framers and friends will be fully realized."

This report shows the receipts to have increased \$20,345.40, and the disbursements to have decreased \$14,040.94 as compared with the receipts and disbursements for the fiscal year 1894.

The provisions of the present law, and the protection afforded, seems to be entirely satisfactory to the large numbers now engaged in this industry, and those interested would deprecate any radical change.

PRODUCTIVE AND UNPRODUCTIVE ASSETS.

The productive assets of the State as shown in Statement "I" are \$3,600,482.69 which includes the Stocks and Bonds held by the State, together with mortgages of the Northern Central Railway Company and amounts due from Incorporated Institutions, Collectors of Taxes and other Officers of the State. The amount due the State from Corporations, Collectors and others, is \$684,812.69, all of which that is more than