

should a Marylander be caught, he must be punished according to our statute, which was passed not with a view to making the punishment as it were a license, but to make it a punishment in fact. This condition is very unfortunate, and the numerous joint commissions which have almost biennially been appointed on the part of the two States to reconcile the differences existing and harmonize the laws have never accomplished any satisfactory result.

THE OYSTER NAVY.

The oyster navy is composed of a fleet of eleven sail vessels, nine of which are in first class physical condition, and two steamers. The schooner Frolic is in need of extensive repairs, and the schooner Julia Hamilton should be replaced by a new boat.

The steamer Governor Thomas was overhauled last summer and fitted with an almost entirely new hull.

The Governor McLane should be rebuilt during the coming summer.

GOOD ROADS.

The time has arrived when much greater attention should be paid by the General Assembly to the question of highway improvement. The people of the State generally are demanding a better system of roads than now exists, and it is of the highest importance that this demand be recognized.

The Geological Survey has rendered and continues to render, great assistance in preparing plans and specifications for important pieces of road work, and the value of the Survey has received wide recognition. Numerous tests of the various road and paving materials used upon county roads and city streets have been made.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

The Maryland Geological Survey has extended its operations during the past two years. More than two-thirds of the State has now been surveyed, and the work is rapidly progressing.

Several reports have been issued since the last session of the General Assembly. During 1902, Vol. IV,