

a species would be based on material containing information as to how many individuals of the species live in different sections of the area, and a complete knowledge of an animal-community would be to have information as to the exact relative occurrence of the animals.

In regard to no species, however, does our present knowledge comply with this ideal demand. As regards the fishes we have



FIG. 311.—STEAM-TRAWLERS LAID UP IN GRIMSBY DURING ENGINEERS' LOCK-OUT.

most information on the species of economic importance, for in recent years many fishing experiments have been made with the object of ascertaining what quantities of fish occur in different waters. In co-operation with the International Council for the study of the sea, the fishery statistics of several countries have also been so far improved, that the quantities of fish landed are now separated in regard to species and areas where caught. The quantities landed are certainly not on the whole repre-

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