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# GREAT INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES EXHIBITION 1883

**ISLE OF MAN**

The Isle of Man is an island in the British Seas, 35 miles long and about 12 miles at its greatest breadth, containing an area of about 500 square miles.

Population of 75,432 souls.

Contains of Home Rule. It has its own legislature.

Operations are main

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No. 31,633. It contains 107 new and 1,000 second-hand  
 new bicycles, and 28,800 and employing 157 men and  
 a capital of £250,000. It is employed in the southern parts of  
 England, and even in the north.  
 These boats are principally engaged in the spring and early summer in the  
 fishing and in the summer and autumn, in the home and Irish  
 fishing fishery; and in the winter, to a certain extent, in the long-line fishery;  
 but they are not so much used in the latter fishery as the  
 fleet boats are said to be.

English motorized fishery	242,469
Herring fishery	44,800
Other fishery	1,500
	288,500

Placing the earnings of the Port St. Mary boats at the same proportion, they would amount to \$19,500.

The port of Douglas contains 11 first-class, 3 third-class boats, having a total tonnage of \$23 tons, employed in the trade between the island and the mainland. The largest of these boats are trawlers, and would be used in the fishery, with a tonnage of 600 tons, and valued at \$2,500. The number of men and boys employed in the fishery is 210 men and boys. The

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**GREAT BRITAIN.**

boys representing 11,000 people are engaged in fishing, 700 other people, men, women, girls, and boys, representing as a population of 2,000, are employed in industries dependent on fishing; 48,000 people out of a population of 53,000, are thus either directly or indirectly dependent on fishing for their livelihood.

The Government have of late years spent large sums of money in attempting to improve the fishing industry at a number of points along the coast of the island. It is at the present moment improving the fishery industry at a point called Port St. Mary, at the mouth of the bay of St. Peter's, where the fishery is particularly important.

The Insular Government have been very successful in improving the harbours of the island. It is at the present time improving the harbour of Pictou with the special object of improving the fishing trade. The Insular Government are also spending considerably sums of money in harbour works at Pictou, Port Erin, and Douglas.

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CLASS I.—SECTION 1.

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Division 1.

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Gear of every description, and of all nations used in trawl, herring, long line, hand line, and every other mode or system of fishing, including all nets, lines, hooks, harpoons, used in the same.

**CORRIN BROTHERS**, Net Manufacturers, Peel.  
 2 Barked and mounted Herring Nets.  
 2 Barked and mounted Mackerel Nets.  
 1 White unmounted Herring Net.  
 2 White unmounted Mackerel Nets.  
 2 White unmounted Mackerel Nets.  
 2 White unmounted Mackerel Nets.  
 2 Hanks of Thread.

**GOLDSMITH, HENRY, Ramsey.**  
1 "Mudlug" or Backie Creel for bait catching.  
1 Sand Eel or Gibbon Grip.  
1 Pair of "Carman Gibbon" or Sand Eel Sickle.

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PLAN OF MARK.		
The statistics of the Ramsey Railway may be summarized as follows:		
No. of boats.	Tons.	Men and boys.
60	699	219
		Value.
		£14,305

The yield of the Ramsey fishery is as follows:		
1. Open net boats	"	13
2. Deep sea boats	"	7
3. Mackerel fishery	"	13
4. Eels, &c., fishery	"	
5. Salmon fishery	"	
6. Total	"	33

capital, therefore, embarked in the education of the life of Man is as

The following:

1. Peel
2. Port St. Mary, Castletown, &c
3. Ramsey
4. Douglas

The people employed in fishing in the Isle of Man are as follows:	1,297
I. Peel .. .. .	757
II. Peel .. .. .	219
III. Peel .. .. .	115
IV. Peel .. .. .	206

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The yield of the Insular Fisheries may be:

1. Fuel ..
2. Port St. Mary, Castletown, St.

3. Ranges  
4. Douglas  
5. Lobster fishing

In round numbers, therefore, some \$250,000 is embarked in the fishery, while the returns are about \$130,000 annually. Assuming that 10 per cent. is required annually to replace the capital, and repay the interest on it, \$115,000 is available to support the fishery, and employ the 2,870 men and boys employed, or \$41 a week for each man.

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JOUGHIN, JOHN, Net Manufacturer, Peol.  
1 Cotton Mackeral Net, mounted and ready for use.  
2 Cotton Mackeral Net, plain in web.  
3 Net, mounted and ready for use.

- 1 Cotton Mackerel Net, plain in
- 1 Cotton Herring Net, mounted and ready for use.
- 1 Cotton Herring Net, plain.
- 1 Cotton Herring Net, plain.
- 1 Pilchard Net.

**KNOX, WILLIAM, Douglas.**  
Not Sinkers, of a composition that will not rust or corrode the

**LOONEY, EDWARD**, Ramsey.  
1 Bulk or long line for cod-fishing, barked, with "mollag," or  
"thow," at buoy rope.

- 1 Bulk or long line.
- 1 Buoy, and hair "throw," or buoy.
- 1 Fluke or Shore Line.
- 1 Whiting Line.
- 1 Mackerel Line.
- 1 Scallop Dredge.

1 Mack  
1 Scallop Dredge.

**MOORE, THOMAS, C. S.,** Net Manufacturer, Peol.  
1 Piece of Mackarel Net, full mounted.  
1 ditto, plain white, as taken off loom.  
1 Piece of Herring Net, full mounted.  
1 ditto, plain white, as taken off loom.  
1 ditto. ditto.  
1 ditto.

50-0 ply Y  
12-4 ply Y

Net Manufacturer, Peol.  
Net Manufacturer, Peol.

1 Piece of ditto.  
1 ditto, plain white, do ditto.  
1 ditto, ditto.  
1 ditto, ditto.

**QUALTROUGH, EDWARD**, Not Manufacturer, Port St. Mary.  
1 Cotton Mackerel Net, complete, showing method of mount-  
ing, tanning, &c.  
1 ditto, ditto, showing method of mounting.

1 Cotton Mackeral Net, complete, showing  
ing, roping, tanning, &c.  
1 Cotton Mackeral Net, showing manufacture and quality.  
1 Cotton Herring Net, complete, showing method of mounting,  
ing, roping, tanning, &c.  
1 Cotton Herring Net, showing manufacture and quality.  
Ivory Netting Needle used for mending nets.

QUANE, C. B., Douglas.  
Two Horsehair Lines for hand fishing, similar to and  
merely used by the Mearx fishermen.

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ANDERSON, ABBOTT, & ANDERSON'S  
**FISHING TROUSERS**  
Are unequalled for Quality, Finish and Wear.  
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### EXPLANATIONS

'First class boats': boats of 15 tons burthen and upwards

'Second class boats': boats of less than 15 tons burthen, navigated otherwise than by oars only

'Third class boats': boats navigated by oars only

'Herring train': a boat's complete set of fishing nets

'Mudlag': whelk (Manx – mwatlag)

### QUESTIONS

1. How many trades connected with fishing can you find from the list of exhibitors?
2. How was the Ramsey fishery different from that at the other ports?
3. What evidence can you find as to how Manx fishermen dressed in 1883?
4. All the Manx fishing boats in 1883 were sailing vessels. What use was made of the steam engines referred to?
5. Which type of fishermen would be interested in Henry Goldsmith's exhibits?
6. What material was used for herring and mackerel nets at this time?
7. What public works did the Manx Government have to undertake to support the fishing industry at this period?
8. What proportion of the Manx population depended on fishing at this time? Is there any occupation on the Island today which provides a living for such a large proportion of our population?