

The decline in number of the farming population during these 40 years, amounting as it does to about 10 000 persons, has been accompanied by a corresponding rise in the number of those following the other occupations here mentioned. Farming, which 40 years ago maintained about three-fourths of the nation, does not at present support even one-half of it, while the fisheries now furnish employment to about one-fifth of the nation. Industry and commerce which 40 years ago were of very little importance, have now attained to considerable prominence.