

metres, is no doubt the one best stocked with fish, and besides char and trout there are thought to be two other species, called locally "Murta" and "Depla". Up to the present, however, these two varieties have not been definitely classified. Some experts think they may prove to be no more than char at immature state of development. From 80 000 up to 200 000 fish are taken out of the *Thingvallavatn* every year, while the annual catch of fresh water fish, over the whole country, rarely exceeds half a million.

*Arnarvatn*, which is the largest of the group of lakes called *West-ern Fiskivötn*, is a great deal better for rod fishing than the *Thingvallavatn*, although it is much smaller and not half so well stocked with fish as the other.

The *Eastern Fiskivötn* or *Veðivötn* are also said to afford very good fishing, but they are more difficult of approach than most other lakes in Iceland; nevertheless, some of the farmers from the nearest districts net several of them.

During the last few years about 40 *hatcheries*, both for salmon and char, have been put up in various places.