The principal "cold-water" fish of the deep Norwegian Sea belong to the following species:—

ZOARCIDÆ—Lycodes muræna, L. flagellicauda, L. frigidus, L. pallidus, L. similis, L. eudipleurostictus, L. seminudus.

OPHIDIDÆ—Rhodichthys regina.

LIPARIDÆ—Careproctus reinhardi, Paraliparis bathybii.

COTTIDE—Cottunculus microps, C. subspinosus.

SHARKS—Somniosus microcephalus (the Greenland shark).

RAYS-Raia hyperborea.

Excepting the Greenland shark these species have been

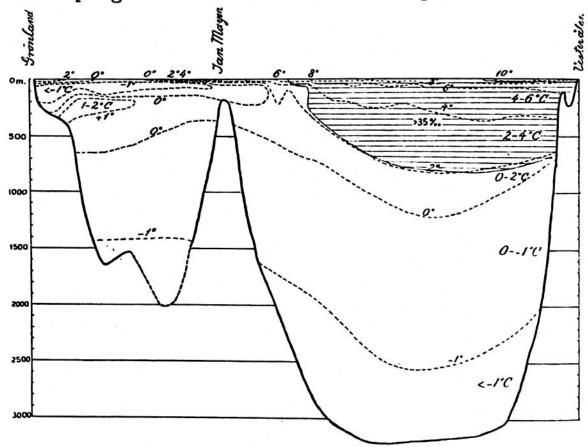


Fig. 310.—Section across the Norwegian Sea from Greenland to Norway in Position shown in Fig. 309. (Drawn by Helland-Hansen.)

taken in cold water only, below o° C., and mostly in small

numbers, though occasionally they are more numerous.

Thus a haul made by the "Michael Sars" to the north of the Faroe Islands, in 975 fathoms, with a trawl similar to the one used in the Atlantic, gave in two hours: 34 Paraliparis bathybii, I Rhodichthys regina, and 17 Lycodes. East of Iceland, in 467 fathoms, where the temperature was -0.6° C., the Danish research steamer "Thor," on a line of 225 hooks, obtained 4 Raia hyperborea, I Greenland shark, and 20 black halibuts (Hippoglossus hippoglossoides); the latter two species are not, however, exclusively cold-water fish.