

106. *Pembroke Dock*.—We have inquired into the practicability of securing a site for a Shore Establishment in the neighbourhood of Pembroke Dock. It appears that a limited area might be secured at West Pennar, adjoining the Royal Engineer Barracks. Some of this property is stated to have been offered to the Admiralty in 1905. We have examined the Ordnance maps in connection with a report received from the Captain Superintendent of H.M. Dockyard. The land suggested in this report as being suitable for the purpose in view amounts to about 80 acres, but its position in relation to the water, and to the adjacent buildings is, in our opinion, unfavourable. The frontage to the water is at present occupied by Barracks and other buildings, and no other suitable frontage presents itself in the vicinity. On the land side this area is hemmed in by buildings, mainly artisans' dwellings. The land rises somewhat steeply from the water front to about 200 feet at its highest point in the centre of the site. It is understood that at Spring tides there is a rise and fall of about 25 feet in the tide, and about 16 feet at Neap tides. The strong tide and the high rise and fall constitute a serious disadvantage to boat-work, and the instruction and exercise of boys learning to row would be a matter of some difficulty. /cap

107. Pembroke Dock is not, in our opinion, well placed as a training centre for Boys. As at Rosyth, the surrounding districts produce only a limited number of recruits, but Pembroke has the further disadvantage that the facilities for the transit of Candidates from the more productive Districts at a distance are neither numerous nor convenient. Candidates from Ireland might be sent by water *viâ* Rosslare, but apart from this, there are very few other Recruiting Districts from which Candidates could be sent more expeditiously or economically than to Devonport, Shotley, or Rosyth.

We are not therefore prepared to recommend that a Boys' Training Establishment should be erected at Pembroke. The provision of a shore Establishment at Plymouth would in any case dispense with the necessity for considering the erection of a second Establishment at Pembroke in view of the superior facilities offered by the other localities which have been suggested.