

reason why Mr. Simpson has been carrying out his experimental work, and it is rather unfortunate that his experiment did not meet with the success which was expected. However, as already indicated, a larger tank still is being procured, and it is hoped that this will help to solve the problem.

#### ALBANY WHALE FISHING

The following report by Inspector Jeffery on the progress made by the Cheyne Beach Whaling Co. Ltd., whose land station is being built at Frenchman's Bay, Albany, is forwarded for the information of the staff generally:-

"A visit was paid to the site on January 17, and I found that considerable progress has been made in the erection of the plant. Both digestors from Collie, and one of the old digestors, are now all in place and all foundations completed. Both boilers have been installed. The upper flensing deck is complete up to the digestors, although that portion of the deck which will cover the digestors has only just been started, the four main uprights having been placed in position. The slipway and lower deck have only just been commenced, and although a considerable portion of the large holding tank is at present on the site, I am told it will take three more loads to complete transport from Collie. The smoke stack is very nearly completed, but not yet erected, which is also the case with the main mast from which the digester-loading derrick will operate. The principals of the Company seem quite happy about the progress made to date, and I myself cannot at the moment visualise any serious hold-up in the future, unless the Cheyne Beach salmon fishermen, some of whom are principals of the concern, leave for the Beach about the middle of February in accordance with their usual custom."

It is of interest to know that Mr. C. Westerberg, Junior, one of the principals of the Company, who it will be remembered worked with the Nor'West Whaling Company at Point Cloates for one season, is at present on a visit to Norway on business connected with the firm.