

Mr. R. M. Lo Presti, who commenced duty in July as Cadet Inspector, has severed his connection with the Department.

Mr. L. G. Smith, Technical Officer, visited Hopetoun, Albany and Denmark during August in connection with ruff and snapper investigations. At Denmark 50 snapper were internally tagged.

NOR'-WEST WHALING ACCOUNTS SHOW SMALLER EARNINGS

For the year ended March 31, 1953, Nor'-West Whaling Co. Ltd., which operates the station at Point Cloates, had a net surplus of £68,724 after providing for depreciation and tax. This is down over £50,000 compared with the 1951-1952 trading period. Provision for income tax this year was £56,000 as against £120,000 the year before.

The directors report that at the express wish of shareholders whaling in the 1953 season commenced a fortnight sooner, but the earlier start did not greatly affect the issue, as nine whales only were taken in the two weeks.

A final dividend of 1/- a share (making an unchanged 20% for the year), has been paid.