

"All considered the 1953 whaling season at Point Cloates was a successful one and was concluded at an earlier date than was originally anticipated.

"The following is the approximate disposition of men on key jobs when the station is in full production -

Boilers - 5 men.  
Flensing Deck - 2 shifts of 3 men and 2 winch drivers  
Top cutting deck - 2 shifts of 9 men and 2 winch drivers  
Power house - 2 shifts of 1 man.  
Motor Launches - 4 men  
Separator Room } - 2 shifts of 3 men  
Super Decanters }  
Maintenance } - 8 men.  
Fitters Shop }  
Meat meal dryer - 2 shifts of 3 men  
Cookers - 2 shifts of 2 men  
Blacksmith shop - 3 men  
Each of the three chasers has a complement of Captain and 9 men.

"Details of Harpoon gun and equipment -

Gun Calibre = 90mm. or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter.  
Harpoon length (fully equipped) C.M.V. Brand 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Larvik Brand 6'1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".  
Total weight approximately 170 lb.  
Warhead length = 14", diameter at base =  $3\frac{3}{4}$ ".  
Charge weight = 2 lbs. black powder (approximately)

"The above details of the harpoon gun are correct as far as I know, but may vary with different whaling stations."

#### WHALE MARK FOUND

Last August the following report was received from Assistant Inspector V. J. Sinclair -

"I have to report for your information that on July 27, 1953, a whale marker was found in the back meat of humpback whale serial no. 203 which was a female measuring 46'7".

"This marker was found by Mr. C. J. Osborn of 65 View Street, Collie, Western Australia. It was handed to Mr. H. B. Hatten, Commonwealth Whaling Inspector at Point Cloates, on August 10 and he in turn forwarded it to the Director of Commonwealth Fisheries, Sydney. This marker was numbered 5136.

"The whale in question was shot when Fraser Island light house bore south distant 2 miles. Fraser Island light house lies in latitude  $22^{\circ}38'S.$ , longitude  $113^{\circ}39'E.$ "

Subsequently advice was received through the Chief of the C.S.I.R.O. Fisheries Division, Cronulla, from the National Institute of Oceanography that mark 5136 was fired from the R.R.S. "William Scoresby" on January 29, 1936. The species concerned was a humpback and the position was within circle of radius two miles and centre on  $60^{\circ}01'S.$   $88^{\circ}55'E.$  which is approximately 720 nautical miles south east of Heard Island.