

"I refer to your letter of 3rd September concerning the question of the establishment of a Commonwealth Fisheries Training School.

"This matter has been given careful consideration, but as the development and extension of industries is primarily a matter for State Governments, it is regretted that the Commonwealth is unable to make a special grant for this purpose."

WHALE OIL EXPORTS

Exports of whale oil from Western Australia in 1952-53 amounted to 2,558,697 gallons worth £936,473. This was an increase of 378,526 gallons on 1951-52. However, the drop in world prices reduced the return by £423,769 compared with the previous year. Germany was the principal buyer, taking 1,150,821 gallons, followed by the Netherlands (927,063 gallons), and Italy (169,949 gallons).