

DISTRICT INSPECTORS' MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

From June 28 to 30 at the Courthouse at Albany the annual mid-year conference of district Inspectors took place. In addition to the Superintendent, who presided, Messrs Saville (Clerk-in-charge), Bramby (Supervising Inspector), Munro (Senior Inspector), Davidson (Inspector Fremantle), Murray (Inspector Mandurah), Bowler (Inspector Geraldton), Melsom (Inspector Relieving), Jeffery (Inspector Albany), Green (Inspector Bunbury), and Baird (Inspector Shark Bay), were present.

The Superintendent in opening the conference said that following the rapidly expanding nature of the fisheries of Western Australia the Department had also expanded very rapidly. In 1938 there were at Head Office, one typist and one part-time junior clerk, and in the field 8 inspectors. Today there were 5 clerks, 2 typists, 4 technical officers and 23 inspectors, which represented an increase of over 200%. As the industry developed so did the work of the Department build up, and so wide and varied were our interests that it was becoming increasingly necessary to obtain information and opinions through well-defined and reliable channels. Opinions expressed by inspectors at these conferences would materially assist the Department in formulating its policy for the future development and management of our fisheries. The field staff was doing an excellent job and he greatly appreciated their support and co-operation.

A brief resumé of some of the many subjects dealt with at the conference will be published in the August Bulletin.