

small mullet which were known to be plentiful in that part of the river. Due to the poor winter rains, there has been very little fresh water coming down, and consequently there is only a shallow layer of slightly fresh water on the top at Guildford. This is thought to be responsible for the unusually early appearance of the porpoises, as they are commonly termed.

NEW JETTY AT SHARK BAY

During a visit by the Minister for the North-West (Mr. Strickland) to Shark Bay last month, it was announced that the Government had approved of £14,000 being expended on a 1,700' jetty and slipway for the fishing fleet at Denham. The Treasury has indicated that provision could be made for this expenditure from the current financial year's funds. It is hoped that the work will be completed before June 30, 1955, but availability and transport of materials will be the deciding factor.

WHALING PRODUCTION FIGURES CORRECTED

Final figures have now been received from the Cheynes Beach Whaling Co. Pty. Ltd., concerning the take of oil for the 1954 season. The extra barrels of oil were recovered when the company was winding up operations for the season.

	<u>Previous figure:</u>	<u>Final figure</u>
Barrels of oil taken	: 6143	6286
Barrels of oil taken per whale:	51.2	52.4
Barrels of oil taken per foot whale :	1.27	1.30