

Technical Officer J.S. Simpson and Fauna Warden G.C. Jeffery visited the Shoalwater Bay fauna sanctuary on March 27 and erected notices on Shag, Seal and Bird Islands. No nesting was taking place at that time. Later they went to Thompson Lake, another fauna sanctuary, and took water samples and temperatures as it was thought that this Lake might be suitable for planting with trout.

Technical Officer J. Traynor visited the Dumbleyung district and Wardering Lake (south-west of Wagin) during the month on duck banding expeditions.

SALE OF WHALING STATION

Considerable space has been devoted by the local press to the proposed sale by the Commonwealth Government of the Australian Whaling Commission's whaling station at Carnarvon. At the time of this issue going to print no decision had been announced, but the Premier (Mr. Hawke) had revealed that the State Government had made an offer to the Commonwealth to purchase the station for £620,000, payable in five annual instalments. Mr. Hawke said that a departmental committee, led by the Under Treasurer (Mr. H.W. Byfield) had furnished a report on which Cabinet's decision was based. The Superintendent (Mr. Fraser) was a member of the Committee. The Premier added that if the offer were accepted, all profits received would be spent on the development of the North-West.

As the whaling season opens on May 1, early advice as to the disposal of the station and its three whale chasers is expected.

FURTHER INTERESTING ARTICLES AVAILABLE

As was forecast in the previous issue of this Bulletin, another list of useful articles appearing in publications received in this office is reproduced below.

Any inspector interested in any of the articles may borrow the periodical provided that he looks after it and returns it reasonably promptly.