

ARTICLES OF INTEREST AVAILABLE

Further articles likely to be of interest to some inspectors are listed below.

- (25) "Fewer Mature Fish in Northern Waters" - "Fishing News" - May 25, 1956.
- (26) "There are No Deserts in the Sea" - "Fishing News" - June 1, 1956.
- (27) "Current Research on Fish Boxes" - "Fishing News" - June 8&15, 1956.
- (28) "Antibiotics for Fish Preservation" - "Fishing News" - June 15, 1956.
- (29) "Mount that Fish Trophy" - "Outdoors and Fishing" - July, 1956.
- (30) "Are Canned Foods Sterile" - "South African Shipping News" - May, 1956.
- (31) "How Underwater Explosions Affect Marine Life" - "Fishing News" - July 6, 1956.
- (32) "British Research in the Barents Sea" - "Fishing News" - July 13, 1956.
- (33) "Eastropic Expedition" - "Pacific Fisherman" - July, 1956.

WHALING

The Cheyne Beach Whaling Company completed its 1956 quota on August 21 when it secured a 44' bull only about 200 yards from the shore station. The Company reported a successful year, although the season was somewhat prolonged due to bad weather. During the last few weeks of the season particularly, the whales were said to have been in much better condition and the oil yield was expected to be considerably higher than previously.

During the week ending August 25, the Nor'-West Whaling Company secured a record catch of 86 whales,

bringing its total for the season to 670. During the previous week the Company had secured 81 whales and, if this rate were maintained, the Company should complete its quota by about the middle of this month.

The manager of the Nor'-West Whaling Company, Mr. H. Martin, stated recently that the whales taken had been in very good condition and that their size had been most satisfactory, the largest taken so far this season being 49 feet 7 inches.

As may be judged from the two successive record catches whales were plentiful. The usual predominance of males at this stage of the season was evident.

On his return to this State from overseas, Dr. R.G. Chittleborough, Research Officer of the Division of Fisheries and Oceanography, C.S.I.R.O., sounded a warning that the Antarctic whaling industry faces the danger of a collapse unless the catch of fin whales is reduced. He said that scientists at the International Whaling Conference held in London last July recommended that the fin whale quota should be reduced by 30%, but this was unacceptable to the nations concerned who agreed upon a reduction of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % only. Dr. Chittleborough pointed out, however, that Australian whaling stations would not be affected by any collapse of fin whale stocks as our stations concentrated on humpbacks.

According to a report published by the Commonwealth Fisheries Office, the whaling industry will be worth over £A2,000,000 this year.