

In the early stages the "Fairtry" suffered teething troubles, but once her crew grew accustomed to stern trawling and became skilled in the manipulation of her production-line processing machinery, her landings reached what are to us astronomical heights.

As early as September, 1955, she returned from an 82-day trip to Greenland and Newfoundland waters with one load of 662 tons of frozen fillets, 162 tons of meal and 350 gallons of liver oil. No part of her catch is wasted, as after the fish have been through the filleting machines and the liver oil extracted, the whole of the residue is converted to fish meal.

ANOTHER JOB FOR INSPECTORS

All inspectors whose duties take them into contact with the crayfish industry, are requested to find out and report what use of insecticides has been, or is being made by fishermen, freezer-boats, carrier-boats and processing works.

In a recent issue of "Fishing Gazette", marine biologists working in the Sea and Shore Fisheries Department in the State of Maine, U.S.A., warned that extreme care should be taken in the use of insecticides which might conceivably come in contact with live lobsters. It was reported that the biologists have demonstrated that several of the new insecticides, particularly Lindane, are toxic to lobsters, even at such low concentrations as one part of insecticide to 10 million parts of water, and that even the use of sprays to control flies around stored bags, crates and bait can prove dangerous.

It is thought probable that our crayfish would succumb as readily as the American lobster, and it is possible that some mortality suffered by our crayfish in the past, between catching and processing, may have been due to insecticide poisoning.

SPERM WHALING

Cheyne's Beach Whaling Co. finished a successful season on December 11 when they captured their sixty-first whale. This season has proved

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the value of the Company's original investigations, and the proceeds, approximately £600 a whale, will enable the Company to install some much-needed new plant.