

WILD LIFE SHOWS

The photographs opposite show two views of this Department's exhibit at the Wild Life Show held at the Perth Town Hall from September 9 to 14. The Show is an annual one conducted under the auspices of the W.A. Naturalists' Club and the Gould League of Bird Lovers. The Show was a great success, and the number of visitors, particularly of organised groups of school children, was higher than at the 1956 Show.

A similar display was taken to Mandurah for that District's first Show, which, particularly as it was an initial effort, was an outstanding success. Considerable interest was shown by visitors in the various activities of the Department.

Though some of the material was taken to the Australian Inland Mission's Annual Exhibition at the Kalgoorlie Town Hall from September 25 to 28, more specimens were, through the co-operation of the Director of the W.A. Museum (Dr. W.D.L. Ride), included in the Department's display there.

Our belief that these shows are excellent media for publicising the Department's works and aims, was again proved by the interest excited by our exhibit and the talks given by Inspector J.E. Munro and Mr. A.J. Buchanan. Letters of appreciation have been received from the organisers of the two main shows, who paid special tribute to the work of Inspector Munro, and to him and to Mr. Buchanan we extend our sincere thanks for their excellent efforts.

WHALING

The Nor'-West Whaling Company completed its quota of 1,000 whales on September 19 this year, 3 days earlier than last year. On September 21, however, advice was received that the Commonwealth Fisheries Office had permitted this Company to take an additional 18 whales, as the Cheynes Beach Whaling Company had

HUMPBACK WHALING - 1957

STATION	WHALES TAKEN				AVERAGE LENGTH		P R O D U C T I O N				
	Males	Females	Total	%age of Males in Total	Males ft.	Females ft.	O I L			Meal etc. tons	Solubles tons
							Total barrels	Per Whale barrels	Per Whale- foot barrels		
Carnarvon	524	494	1,018	51.47	39.93	41.7	51,500x	50.6x	1.24x	2,837x	1,910x
Albany	58	43	102*	56.86	38.57	41.1	5,034	49.4	1.26	171	Nil
Total - 1957	582	537	1,120*	51.96	39.81	41.61	56,534	50.5	1.24	3,008	1,910
Total - 1956	676	444	1,120	60.4	40.34	42.31	55,996	50.0	1.215	3,193	1,952
Total - 1955	577	539	1,120 ⁶	51.51	39.9	41.8	54,532	48.7	1.19	2,708	1,002

* Includes 1 sex unknown.

⁶ Includes 4 sex unknown.

x Figure subject to confirmation.

PEARLFISHERS - RATES OF PAY, 1957

Shell Production	Divers	1st Tenders	Crews
	Wages - £13 per month, plus Lay	Wages and Lay	Wages and Lay
Up to 10 tons	£51 per ton	£32. 0. 0. per month	£17. 0. 0. per month
" " 11 "	£54 " "	£33. 5. 0. " "	£17.15. 0. " "
" " 12 "	£57 " "	£34.10. 0. " "	£18.10. 0. " "
" " 13 "	£60 " "	£35.15. 0. " "	£19. 5. 0. " "
" " 14 "	£63 " "	£37. 0. 0. " "	£20. 0. 0. " "
" " 15 "	£66 " "	£38. 5. 0. " "	£20.15. 0. " "
" " 16 "	£72 " "	£39.10. 0. " "	£21.10. 0. " "
" " 17 "	£77 " "	£40.15. 0. " "	£22. 5. 0. " "
" " 18 "	£82 " "	£42. 0. 0. " "	£23. 0. 0. " "
" " 19 "	£88 " "	£43. 5. 0. " "	£23.15. 0. " "
" " 20 "	£95 " "	£44.10. 0. " "	£24.10. 0. " "
All over 20 "	£125 " "	increasing at £1. 5. 0. per ton	increasing at £0.15. 0. per ton

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Engineers receive £1 per month less than 1st Tenders.
2nd Tenders " £2 " " " " " " " " " "

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indicated that it did not intend to complete its quota. After taking 102 humpbacks, the latter Company decided to concentrate on the taking of sperm whales and up to October 31 had secured a total of 69.

A table showing the humpback catch and production figures of each station for 1957 may be seen on page 153. For comparison, the total figures for the two previous years are also shown.