

THE RURAL AND INDUSTRIES BANK OF W.A.

The attention of all officers is drawn to the following statement issued by the Premier :-

" From a commencement in 1945, the 'R.&I.' is to-day well up with the leaders in the banking field in Western Australia, and the support of Government employees has contributed in no small measure to this success.

The Government is appreciative of the support already extended, but at the same time I would like to point out how desirable it is that all Western Australians should bank with their State Bank and how appropriate it is that Government employees, who have such a vital interest in Western Australia, should give the lead.

If all members of the Government Service conducted their banking business, both cheque and savings accounts, with the 'R.&I.', the Bank would receive a tremendous impetus in the task it has set itself of marshalling its funds for the urban and rural development of the State.

I would therefore urge you to lend your personal support to these views and to encourage your staff to do the same. I would appreciate your circulating this letter amongst your staff, displaying copies of it on your office notice boards, and publishing it in any departmental domestic magazine you may issue.

(sgd) A.R.G. Hawke,
PREMIER. "

SPERM WHALING

On May 13 the largest ship to use the new wharf arrived at Albany to lift the first major shipment this year of sperm oil. The drums (717, of a total weight of 126 tons) were transported by road from the Cheynes Beach Whaling Station.

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Good catches of sperms of good condition and size have been recorded. The total take as at May 31 was 73 whales.