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#### MALACOLOGIST'S VISIT.

Sponsored by the Bishop Museum, of Honolulu, Hawaii, a marine biological expedition arrived in Perth last month. The leader was museum associate Mrs. Mary King, who was accompanied by Drs. Thomas Richert and C. M. Burgess, marine scientists from Honolulu, and by Mr. C. Weaver, also of Honolulu. The expedition has chartered the 81-ft. luxury motor cruiser, "Davena" for a two-month working cruise to north-west waters. The full co-operation of the Zoology Department of the University of Western Australia and the Western Australian Museum has been lent to the expedition. The party on board the "Davena" will include Dr. R. W. George, Curator of Invertebrates at the Museum and Mr. R. D. Royce, Senior Botanist of the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Barry Wilson, of the Zoology Department of the University, will join the expedition during the second month.

After a two-day shake-down cruise the "Davena" will leave early this month for Shark Bay, Carnarvon and Broome. She will dredge for shells at various points off the north-west coast.

#### BASIC WAGE INCREASE.

As a result of the recent quarterly declaration of the Court of Arbitration of Western Australia, the basic rates payable to public servants have been increased. In the metropolitan area the rate for males has increased by £13 a year while in the South-West Land Division and other districts it has risen by £4 a year. All male officers over the age of 19 years will receive the full increase. Cadets and assistants below that age will receive pro rata increases.

#### WHALING.

Resuming sperm whaling operations on March 30, the Cheynes Beach Whaling Company, of Albany, enjoyed considerable success. By April 26,

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37 sperm whales had been taken despite rough weather having prevented the chasers from working in the best areas. The whales were reported to be in good condition, of a size range of up to 48 feet.

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The Nor<sup>W</sup>est Whaling Company expects to commence humpback whaling at its Carnarvon station about June 16. The actual date of commencement will depend on advance reports on the northward migration of the whales.

Assistant Inspector D. H. Smith has been appointed Whaling Inspector for the coming season.