

Venue of next meeting.

It was decided that the next meeting be held in Western Australia to commence on Monday, May 29, 1961.

Whaling

Assistant Inspector D.H. Smith, who acted as Whaling Inspector at Carnarvon this year, reported that the Nor'West Whaling Company ceased activities for the season on September 30. The last whale, which was taken on that date, brought the station's tally to 440, of which 209 were males and 231 females. This was a mere 58% of the quota allotted to the company for 1960.

At Albany the Choynes Beach Whaling Company ceased humpback whaling on August 5, by which time 107 whales had been taken. This Company is continuing its sperm whaling activities, however, and to October 15 had taken 210 for the season.

Complete production tables will be published in the December issue.

Although this was the worst of a recent series of poor seasons encountered by the Nor'West Whaling Company, an improvement in future years is confidently looked for. It will be remembered that the International Whaling Commission, at its annual meeting in London in June, agreed to prohibit humpback whaling in Antarctica Zone 4 for a period of three years. The humpbacks on which Western Australian companies operate belong to the Zone 4 stock.