

South Wales. The trainees will travel to Eden by charter aircraft.

Dr G.L. Kesteven, Assistant Chief (Fisheries), of the Division of Fisheries and Oceanography, C.S.I.R.O., has been appointed principal of the school, and will deliver a number of lectures. Other lecturers and demonstrators will be Dr J.M. Thomson and Messrs I.S.R. Munro and D. Vaux, Principal Research Officers; Dr R.G. Chittleborough and Messrs A.M. Olsen and J.S. Hynd, Senior Research Officers; Drs W.B. Malcolm and D.E. Kurth, Research Officers; Mr V.C.F. Han, Experimental Officer; E. Madely, Technical Assistant; and G.R. Williams, Divisional Administrative Officer, all of the Division of Fisheries and Oceanography: Mr W.A. Montgomery, Experimental Officer, C.S.I.R.O. Division of Fish Preservation: Mr A. Stark, Experimental Officer, C.S.I.R.O. Division of Mathematical Statistics: Messrs C.G. Setter, Director, A.G. Bollen, Assistant Director, and P. Lorimer, Technical Adviser, of the Fisheries Division, Department of Primary Industry: Mr J.I. Williams, Chief Inspector of Fisheries, N.S.W.: Mr D.D. Lynch, Superintendent of Marine Fisheries Management, Victoria: Mr A.J. Fraser, Director of Fisheries, W.A.; and Mr C.S.B. Boden, Naval Architect.

A report of the school will be published in the November issue of this Bulletin.

#### OBJECTIONS TO HASSELL TOWNSITE

In a recent Government Gazette, a new townsite, Hassell, was proclaimed at Cheyne Beach. The proposed townsite takes its name from an old pioneering family and has been planned to provide additional tourist facilities on the south coast. As all inspectors appreciate, Cheyne Beach is the most important salmon-fishing centre in the State, and in some years has produced more than a million pounds of this species alone. Following the receipt of a letter from the Secretary of Hunts Canning Co. Pty.Ltd., and personal and urgent representations from Messrs D. & R. Hunt, the Minister (Mr Hutchinson) has asked his colleagues to postpone the development of the townsite until its likely effects on the fishing industry and the economy of the State have been taken into consideration. The Minister has pointed out that the production of salmon and herring at this important site will be drastically reduced when tourists and amateur fishermen are attracted to it, and that the cannery may have to close in consequence. Both species, but particularly salmon, he said, were easily frightened, and the presence of such things as speed-boats, amateur netters and spear-fishermen, would

certainly frighten away the large schools of salmon which hitherto had "rested up" in these waters. Mr Hutchinson also pointed out that alternative areas attractive for tourist purposes were available at beaches comparatively unimportant to the fishing industry. He said that if the cannery were closed down it must have serious effects on the economy of Albany. The Minister's representations are being considered by the Premier, as Minister for Tourists, by the Minister for Lands, the Minister for Town Planning and the Minister for Industrial Development. We await the final decision with keen interest.