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Concluding an interesting report, Mr Godfrey tells us that on his next visit to the Albany whaling station he will be accompanied by Professor N.F. Stanley, the authority on ARBOR virus diseases, who is interested in the possible use of sperm whale blood plasma in virus studies.

FAUNA NOTES

An increased demand for kangaroo skins principally on the American market, besides increasing the prices being paid for all qualities, has produced an interesting development in the utilization of skins from kangaroos taken for the pet trade. Frozen carcasses brought to some processing works are now being skinned by machine and sold to skin dealers, thus eliminating the waste which skin dealers have long considered to be an economic drag on the trade. One processing firm alone is reported to have sold over 2,000 skins since the new technique was introduced about four weeks ago.

Last month Fauna Warden S.W. Bowler and Cadet Inspector K. Morrison took a departmental exhibit to the Australian Inland Mission's Wildflower Show held in the Kalgoorlie townhall from September 18 to 21. Attendance at the show was reported to be even better than usual and the Department's co-operation was gratefully acknowledged. The opportunity was taken to carry out a district patrol including the usual calls on honorary wardens, police officers, local authorities and so on. In addition, visits were paid to reserves in the area and to well known shooting and breeding grounds. Messrs Bowler and Morrison also spent some time on the transline in the area where the rare Naretha Parrot, or Little Blue Bonnet, occurs. These birds fetch a high price on Australian markets and illegal trafficking in them is suspected but no evidence of this was detected. A visit was also paid to the Cundelee Mission where 350 members of the Wongi tribe were camped. Unfortunately, our honorary warden at the Mission, the Superintendent, Mr R.S. Stewart, was away on furlough.

TROUT CONTROL CHANGES

This month the Trout Acclimatisation Council of Western Australia will go out of existence. Set up in 1948, it comprised representatives of the different trout acclimatisation societies and was chaired by the Director. In recent years Research Officer B.K. Bowen was also a