

economic resources of the Antarctic, and since Whaling is at present the only extensive industry in the Antarctic, its work is primarily concerned with the biology of whales. In order to be able to assess the effect of whaling on the stock of whales it is necessary to have knowledge of the breeding and growth, the distribution, movements and migration of the various species of whales. The chief work of the "Discovery II" has therefore been to build up reliable information as to the reproduction, growth and migration of whales, the nature and distribution of their food, and the hydrography of the waters in which they are found. The marking of whales with a view to deductions as to their movements is another important work undertaken by the Discovery Committee. Further activities of economic importance are experimental trawling to test the possibility of establishing fisheries, investigations concerning seals, the survey of coasts and islands, of the bed of the ocean and of the ice edge, observations on the distribution of icebergs and pack ice, routine meteorological observations and the study of coastal currents.

With regard to the future programme of work, it was explained that it had been originally intended that the "Discovery II" should set out in September or October on a 20 months cruise in the Antarctic. It was feared, however, that the funds still available for the Discovery investigations might not be sufficient to enable this full cruise to be undertaken. It was stated that the Discovery Committee had appointed a Sub-Committee to re-examine the question of the future programme and to see whether by means of a re-arrangement of work sufficient funds could be made available