

Monster Whale off Thistie Island

Mr. Mortlock Tells of Thrilling Encounter

12-ft. Blue Pointer Shark Killed

Mr. J. T. Mortlock, upon his return to Port Lincoln last week-end from a cruise in his motor yacht Martindale, told of thrilling encounters with a 50 ft. whale and a 12 ft. Blue Pointer shark.

The whale, which was seen in Whales Bay, Thistle Island, was close enough to rock the yacht by its displacement of the water. The party, considering discretion the wiser course, did not attempt to molest the monster.

The shark, however, was not allowed to escape. It was speared behind the head by a harpoon fired from a gun by Mr. J. Thrum, and killed by Mr. Mortlock and Capt. Tapley, armed with rifles.

"This is the first time a shark has been caught in South Australian waters by the use of a harpoon gun," said Mr. Mortlock.

The encounter with the shark was at Waterhouse Bay, Thistle Island.
