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FROM: THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN)

"The fishing industry was becoming increasingly important to South Australia," the Premier (Mr. Dunstan) said today, "but warned that its growth would have to be well planned."

He said that without scientific control and research the industry could overfish South Australian waters and eventually destroy itself.

"The new Fisheries Bill, to be introduced in Parliament shortly, contains provisions aimed at ensuring that the State's fishing grounds are not exhausted, while at the same time ensuring that professional fishermen are not deprived of their livelihood."

Mr. Dunstan was speaking during a visit to A. Raptis and Sons fish factory at Bowden.

"The factory was established 10 years ago and began operations from small Adelaide premises as a wholesale fish organisation with a distributor in Melbourne.

"It now operates from its modern plant, has up to date factories at Port Lincoln and Port MacDonnell and has pioneered many sea food export processing techniques and opened up many overseas markets.

"Its major export markets have been established in America, Japan, Hong Kong, South Africa, and Singapore, with shipments also going to Europe and the U.K.

"Because of these export achievements the company was last week presented with an export award by the Associated Chamber of Manufactures and the Commonwealth Department of Trade & Industry."

Mr. Dunstan said that one of the company's outstanding successes had been abalone exports.

"The company has pioneered the complex processing necessary for the marketing of this product which is closely associated with Chinese religious and traditional festivals.

"It has overcome the reluctance overseas agents had in handling unknown South Australian lines mainly through sheer perseverance and refusal to be beaten by the company's Managing Director, Mr. George Raptis.