

mumu during the coming season, beginning in June and ending in October, and later to use it at Campbell Island.¹⁹

In his report of the following year, written in May 1911, the Secretary for Marine for the first time recorded that the Whangamumu station was now under the ownership of Messrs *Jagger* and Cook. The introduction of new blood into the firm appears to suggest that the expansion programme which included the new whale chaser and extension of their operations to Campbell Island probably demanded the injection of additional capital and, to obtain this, recourse appears to have been had to the merchants of that name of Auckland.

The exact identity of the Jagger who joined forces with the Cooks at Whangamumu is uncertain, and he may have been one of several of that name. In *White Wings*²⁰ Sir Henry Brett refers to Messrs Jagger and Harvey as ship-chandlers of Auckland and Clifford Hawkins in his *Out of Auckland*²¹ also refers to S. Jagger as an Auckland shipowner. Other references in R. C. J. Stone's *Makers of fortune*²² give some indication of the extensive business interests of Frank and Samuel Jagger.

Whatever the exact nature of the new arrangement, from here on the Whangamumu firm now appears as Jagger and Cook although for Bert Cook, the founder, his association with Jagger was destined to be of only short duration. On 2 September 1911, at the ripe age of 84, Bert Cook died, and indeed his approaching end may well have provided an additional reason for the new partnership.

Nor did Bert Cook, whose lifetime of whaling had been associated with five oared open whaleboats live to experience the introduction of the new whale chaser. This was the *Hananui II*, a steam vessel of 44 tons, 93 feet long and fitted with a harpoon gun, which was given her first New Zealand certificate of survey in 1911.²³ Reporting her arrival in his report of the same year the Secretary for Marine wrote:

During the year there has been considerable development in the whaling industry. Messrs Jagger and Cook have brought out a modern whaling steamer and although it was late in the season before all the fittings arrived, yet they were able to get more whales at Whangamumu than in any previous season.²⁴

The *Hananui II* (of which the Hall photos show several action shots operating off Whangamumu in the years 1912 and 1913) was to make a considerable improvement in the catch at that station, the appended table showing that although 16 whales had been considered a good season's catch prior to her arrival, thereafter the annual catch was maintained at an average of about 50 whales.

But, also in his report of 1911, the Secretary for Marine took note of another important development. 'The firm,' he wrote, 'has now extended