

## **STRANDED FISHERMAN RESCUED.**

### **The Wreck of the Shark.**

After having rescued Frank Payton (40), who, in company with Otto Olsen, and Arvo Johannes Grannath, was cast on the beach in the vicinity of Lancelin Island, 68 miles north of Fremantle, when the fishing boat Shark was wrecked on Sunday morning, the fisheries launch, manned by Inspector Brown, Sergeant Delfs, and Water-Police-Constable Mortimer, returned to Fremantle yesterday afternoon.

It was stated by the voyagers that the Shark was a total wreck. About 1 a.m. on Sunday last the little craft was sheltering from a south-west gale under the lee of the island when the wind changed and the boat fouled its anchor and was driven ashore. As Payton was suffering from a leg injury, received whilst on active service, Olsen and Grannath decided to set out to obtain a conveyance. They were unaware that the nearest settlement, Mogumber, was fifty miles away, and they expected to return before nightfall. A supply of food was left to sustain Payton, but had not the crew of the fishing boat Silvery Wave discovered the man on the Monday and left him with a further supply, in addition to informing where he could obtain fresh water in the adjacent sandhills, the castaway would have been in a distressing plight. Believing that his comrades would return in a short space of time, he refused to leave on the Silvery Wave, and it was not until noon on Wednesday that he was picked up by the Fisheries Department's launch. He was in good health when landed at Fremantle.