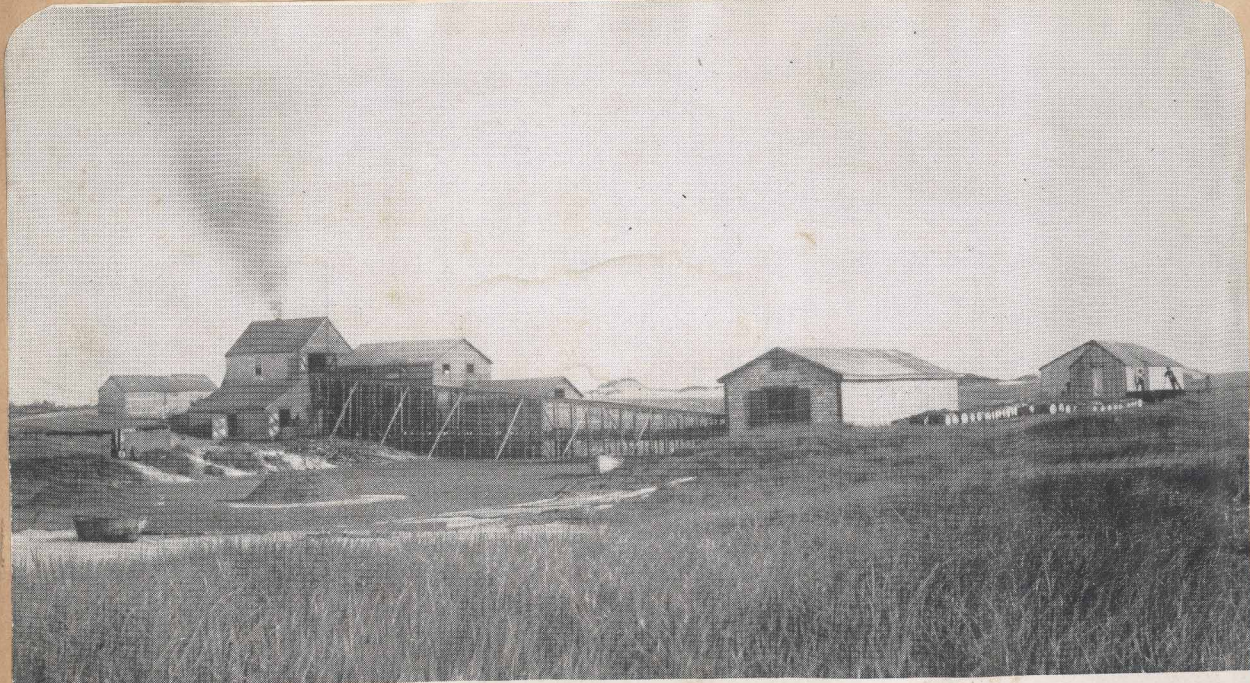




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Race Run, taken by Althea September 1946. Race Point Lighthouse, left. Arrow: Steam Shovels and trucks working on the dike. Race Point Coast Guard Station, second arrow. The tip of Pilgrim Monument may be seen on the far right.

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JOSHUA STICKNEY NICKERSON WHALE OIL PLANT AT HERRING COVE, 1890

Nickerson's Oil Works at Herring Cove.

A good indication of the shipping business in any large seaport town is the activity shown in the oil trade, and among the various commodities which rank high among our most important material resources, whale oil, may be classed as one of the first, and as a striking instance of the extensive centre which Provincetown has become for handling this product, we may quote the large oil works at Herring Cove, near Race Point as one of the largest and most extensive in New England.

The industry was established four years ago, and has become one of the leading enterprises of this section of the state.

For manufacturing purposes four large buildings are used, one the oil works, one for machinery and two for the fish scraps or fertilizing business. The works are operated by steam, and all the latest and most improved mach-

inery is used to aid production and lessen cost. During the spring the works are devoted to the manufacture of whale oil and in the summer and fall fish oil, and this year something over 900 barrels of all kinds were produced, which finds a ready market in Boston, New Bedford and Plymouth. Besides the above the firm carries on a large business in fertilizing material made from fish scraps and whale meat, which is all sold in its natural state to parties in Boston and New York in 100-ton lots and by the cargo.

In connection with the works a steamer is employed in the whale fishing industry and Mr. John Rosenthal, a gentleman of wide experience, is foreman at the works and treasurer of both the works and steamer. Of the works it is only necessary to state that all the buildings have been erected with special reference to perfect adaptability, and of the mechanical equipment that it comprises the best and latest im-

proved apparatus known to the trade. The practical operations of the entire establishment are, as stated, under the supervision of Mr. John Rosenthal and he is largely entitled to credit for the excellence of the products.

When the past success of the concern is kept in view much ground will appear on which the firm of Nickerson & Co., the proprietors, base their claims of making the best oil in the country, and it will be no surprise if before the end of another four years an increase of facilities be required to meet a demand for double the amount of its present production of the most popular oil in the country.

N. B.—This preparation of whale meat and bone is largely used by poultry raisers and gives great satisfaction. We should advise all interested in the raising of fowl to use it and send for sample and prices as entire satisfaction is guaranteed.