

METHODS OF CAPTURE

Of the total catch (438,300 cwt.), 93,721 cwt. (21·38 per cent.) was landed from steam-trawlers, 110,933 cwt. (25·31 per cent.) from motor-trawlers, 96,715 cwt. (22·07 per cent.) from Danish-seine boats, while motor-vessels (line and net fishing) accounted for 134,288 cwt. (30·64 per cent.) and row-boats 2,643 cwt. (0·60 per cent.).

The total quantity of wet fish caught by each of the common methods of fishing is shown below (the figures in parentheses represent the 1946 quantities and values):—

Method of Fishing.	Quantity.		Value.	
	Cwt.	Percentage of Total.	£	Percentage of Total.
Trawl ..	204,654 (159,431)	46·69 (41·92)	376,738 (286,908)	46·95 (43·46)
Danish seine ..	96,715 (103,203)	22·07 (27·14)	131,915 (133,191)	16·44 (20·18)
Long and hand lines	102,452 (84,006)	23·37 (22·09)	231,397 (184,450)	28·83 (27·94)
Set and drag nets	34,479 (33,681)	7·87 (8·85)	62,446 (55,547)	7·78 (8·42)
Totals..	438,300 (380,321)	..	802,496 (660,096)	..

LANDINGS AT PORTS

Of the total quantity of wet fish, 32·47 per cent. was landed at Auckland, 10·23 per cent. at Port Chalmers, 10·11 per cent. at Wellington, 5·37 per cent. at Napier, 4·84 per cent. at Timaru, 4·45 per cent. at Bluff and Stewart Island, and 3·97 per cent. at Lyttelton.

In the following statement the total weights and values are given for some of the main ports alongside those for the previous two years, 1946 and 1945:—

Port.	Quantity.			Value.		
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	£	£	£
Russell	4,194	5,032	4,115	5,093	6,027	5,751
Whangarei	1,766	2,325	1,930	2,264	2,886	2,928
Auckland	122,789	141,406	142,304	156,979	179,341	186,504
Thames district	17,245	10,824	13,035	25,746	17,589	22,200
Tauranga district	7,459	6,416	7,086	7,745	7,853	9,178
Gisborne	8,236	10,052	10,926	9,160	13,309	17,356
Napier	19,194	22,249	23,525	29,186	36,979	46,099
Wellington	31,554	39,744	44,291	63,445	87,462	96,784
Manukau Harbour	1,229	1,215	1,401	2,217	2,426	2,607
Pictou	4,358	4,913	3,774	8,522	9,616	9,225
Lyttelton	11,430	15,400	17,387	26,764	33,670	37,695
Timaru	11,386	21,223	21,216	33,106	49,870	55,016
Moeraki	2,017	1,964	2,499	5,551	4,870	7,193
Nuggets district	4,250	4,565	6,177	10,969	12,945	17,480
Port Chalmers	25,533	23,250	44,849	36,225	36,853	70,583
Waikawa	2,610	2,964	4,456	6,757	8,371	12,759
Bluff, with Stewart Island	13,649	15,161	19,523	32,802	38,571	50,624
Westport	738	527	2,346	2,103	1,416	5,856
Motueka	1,097	1,653	4,918	1,979	2,691	7,310
Nelson	6,372	7,078	10,040	13,603	14,194	19,429
French Pass	3,278	2,749	3,293	9,188	7,143	9,174
Chatham Islands	2,078	3,586	5,565	1,868	3,278	6,948