

Lyttelton.—The total catch landed was 12,520 cwt., which is 4,867 cwt. less than last year's total of 17,387 cwt. The only steam-trawler landed 480 cwt. before becoming a total loss early in March of this year. Motor-trawlers accounted for 11,888 cwt. (94.95 per cent.), compared with 13,542 cwt. (77.89 per cent.) for last year. Line boats landed a total of 38 cwt. and net boats a total of 114 cwt.

The figures for the main types of fish landed at Lyttelton for the last five years are given below :—

—	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed	16,221	11,430	15,400	17,387	12,520
Tarakihi	6,202	4,840	7,094	8,895	6,101
Ling	1,556	1,447	2,133	2,278	1,539
Elephant-fish	2,611	1,632	1,805	1,413	1,016
Gurnard	2,537	1,203	1,269	1,105	895
Red cod	191	46	200	424	659

Timaru.—This year's total of 20,661 cwt. is slightly lower than that recorded for last year (21,216 cwt.).

The annual catches of the main types of fish and the methods by which they were caught are given below :—

—	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed	13,022	11,386	21,223	21,216	20,661
Red cod	919	432	3,823	2,630	1,535
Ling	1,568	1,047	3,136	3,817	3,459
Gurnard	2,265	1,879	2,946	2,051	2,244
Hapuku	1,635	1,275	2,796	2,560	3,416
Elephant-fish	1,795	2,155	2,445	1,714	2,938
Flounder	1,600	1,819	2,367	4,318	3,486
Sole	2,278	1,903	2,571	2,652	2,357

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	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed	13,022	11,386	21,223	21,216	20,661
Motor-trawl	8,142	7,880	15,794	15,785	15,073
Danish seine	1,804	1,292
Line-fishing (motor-vessels) ..	3,076	2,214	5,429	5,431	5,588

Port Chalmers.—This year the total amount of fish landed is 6,389 cwt. below last year's high total of 44,849 cwt., this year's figure being 38,460 cwt. The amount landed by the one steam-trawler is 15,827 cwt., compared with 14,670 cwt. last year. The total for motor-trawlers is down from 16,863 cwt. last year to 12,693 cwt. this year, and the total for motor line-fishing boats is down from 13,264 cwt. last year to 9,938 cwt. this year.