

trout ova instead of having come all the way from the Tweed. The death-rate has been so far the smallest in my experience. There are always a good many go bad during the first two days after laying down; in fact, a good many ringed and speckled ova get in by mistake, no matter how careful one may be, but since then I have only removed 1,500, which I consider very few. I have as yet detected very few deformed fish, and to-day I observed the first one with dropsy. So far it has been a pleasure to have charge of them, and I trust it may continue to be so.

I have, &c.,

ARCHD. N. CAMPBELL,

Curator, Southland Acclimatisation Society.

The Hon. the Minister of Marine, Wellington.

DETAILED STATEMENT of good Salmon-ova *ex* "Aorangi"—received 30th March, 1889, at the Southland Acclimatisation Society's Wallacetown Fish Hatchery.

Layers.	Trays.								Total.
	No. 1.	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 4.	
<i>Box No. 45.</i>									
Upper	1,044	1,014	1,046	1,030	1,042	987	800	900	7,863
Lower	954	904	1,028	992	884	857	650	200	6,469
	1,998	1,918	2,074	2,022	1,926	1,844	1,450	1,100	14,332
<i>Box No. 93.</i>									
Upper	935	934	986	940	905	935	900	645	7,180
Lower	895	955	947	815	430	1,016	555	65	5,677
	1,829	1,889	1,933	1,755	1,335	1,951	1,455	710	12,857
<i>Box No. 98.</i>									
Upper	803	988	871	725	711	702	651	672	6,123
Lower	680	923	840	735	810	615	54	76	4,733
	1,483	1,911	1,711	1,460	1,521	1,317	705	748	10,856
<i>Box No. 99.</i>									
Upper	853	730	430	708	746	509	661	322	4,959
Lower	716	735	374	697	727	529	19	38	3,835
	1,569	1,465	804	1,415	1,473	1,038	680	360	8,794
<i>Box No. 101.</i>									
Upper	611	778	750	846	787	701	579	667	5,709
Lower	913	825	710	870	799	721	36	21	4,905
	1,524	1,603	1,460	1,716	1,586	1,422	615	688	10,614
<i>Box No. 102.</i>									
Upper	975	956	1,033	874	1,010	936	960	950	7,694
Lower	983	945	785	739	1,000	923	450	650	6,375
	1,958	1,901	1,818	1,613	2,010	1,759	1,410	1,600	14,069
<i>Box No. 103.</i>									
Upper	866	947	850	763	941	826	872	700	6,765
Lower	742	710	726	665	892	741	190	145	4,811
	1,608	1,657	1,576	1,428	1,833	1,567	1,062	845	11,576

Grand total good ova, 83,098, equal to 67.45 per cent.

ARCHD. N. CAMPBELL,

Curator, Southland Acclimatisation Society.

The AGENT-GENERAL to the HON. the MINISTER of MARINE.

SIR,—

Paris, 30th April, 1889.

I have received with great satisfaction the message you were kind enough to telegraph to catch the San Francisco mail before it left Auckland, communicating the good news of the safe arrival of the salmon ova. As every step in the collection, incubation, and shipment of ova has to be most carefully thought over, and requires the concerted action of many people, it is a great reward for the pains that were taken by every one concerned to find that our efforts have been crowned with success; and I am sincerely obliged to you for your message.

I have, &c.,

F. D. BELL.

The Hon. the Minister of Marine, Wellington.

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