

The total quantity of wet fish caught by each of the common methods of fishing is shown below (the figures in parentheses represent the 1945 quantities and values) :—

Method of Fishing.	Quantity.		Value.	
	Cwt.	Percentage of Total.	£	Percentage of Total.
Trawl ..	159,431 (115,268)	41·92 (34·74)	286,908 (206,176)	43·46 (36·92)
Danish seine ..	103,203 (105,093)	27·14 (31·68)	133,191 (139,597)	20·18 (25·00)
Long and hand lines	84,006 (72,226)	22·09 (21·77)	184,450 (152,483)	27·94 (27·31)
Set and drag-nets	33,681 (39,186)	8·85 (11·81)	55,547 (60,148)	8·42 (10·77)
Totals ..	380,321 (331,773)	..	660,096 (558,404)	..

LANDINGS AT PORTS

Of the total quantity of wet fish, 37·18 per cent. was landed at Auckland, 10·45 per cent. at Wellington, 6·11 per cent. at Port Chalmers, 5·85 per cent. at Napier, and 5·58 per cent. at Timaru.

In the following statement the total weights and values are given for some of the main ports alongside those for the previous two years, 1945 and 1944 :—

Port.	Quantity.			Value.		
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	£	£	£
Russell	2,350	4,194	5,032	3,199	5,093	6,027
Whangarei	4,104	1,766	2,325	4,262	2,264	2,886
Auckland	111,078	122,789	141,406	138,872	156,979	179,341
Thames district	19,825	17,245	10,824	29,852	25,746	17,589
Tauranga district	10,485	7,459	6,416	11,242	7,745	7,853
Gisborne	7,703	8,236	10,052	10,475	9,160	13,309
Napier	17,865	19,194	22,249	26,529	29,186	36,979
Wellington	14,019	31,554	39,744	33,548	63,445	87,462
Manukau Harbour	1,118	1,229	1,215	1,825	2,217	2,426
Pictou	7,230	4,358	4,913	10,438	8,522	9,616
Lyttelton	16,221	11,430	15,400	42,527	26,764	33,670
Timaru	13,022	11,386	21,223	37,759	33,106	49,870
Moeraki	1,658	2,017	1,964	4,728	5,551	4,870
Nuggets district	2,307	4,250	4,565	4,931	10,969	12,945
Port Chalmers	23,264	25,533	23,250	38,808	36,225	36,853
Waikawa	1,564	2,610	2,964	2,992	6,757	8,371
Bluff, with Stewart Island	12,163	13,649	15,161	27,860	32,802	38,571
Westport	814	738	527	2,013	2,103	1,416
Motueka	1,358	1,097	1,653	2,208	1,979	2,691
Nelson	5,541	6,372	7,078	13,635	13,603	14,194
French Pass	2,880	3,278	2,749	6,778	9,188	7,143
Chatham Islands	4,420	2,078	3,586	3,721	1,868	3,278

Auckland.—A total of 141,406 cwt. of wet fish was landed at Auckland, compared with 122,789 cwt. during 1945. This substantial increase was largely due to the full-time fishing of an additional steam-trawler. The steam-trawlers accounted for 36,964 cwt., as against 19,553 cwt. for 1945. This total comprised mainly snapper (20,440 cwt.), tarakihi (10,688 cwt.), and gurnard (1,529 cwt.). Danish-seine boats brought in 96,990 cwt. (97,608 cwt. in 1945), of which 70,964 cwt. was snapper and 17,014 cwt. tarakihi. Motor line-fishing boats landed 3,097 cwt., compared with 2,493 cwt. for the previous year, and the netting boats 4,125 cwt., compared with 3,092 cwt. in 1945.