

The annual totals landed at Auckland over the past five years are given below :—

—	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed .. ..	105,106	103,882	111,078	122,789	141,406
Snapper .. ..	73,604	75,153	79,844	81,706	93,792
Tarakihi .. ..	16,470	12,128	18,289	23,965	27,788
Flounder .. ..	3,904	5,489	1,857	2,047	1,457
Gurnard .. ..	1,447	1,361	3,206	5,570	7,370

*Thames.*—Out of the total catch of 10,824 cwt. landed at Thames during 1946, 9,437 cwt. was caught by nets, of which 3,777 cwt. was snapper and 3,591 cwt. flounder. A considerable drop in the total quantity of fish landed this year is evident. In 1945, 17,245 cwt. was caught, compared with 10,824 cwt. in 1946. A small proportion of this decrease can be accounted for by the fact that no Danish-seine boat operated from this port during 1946.

The methods of capture in the annual totals landed at Thames during the past five years are given below :—

Method of Fishing.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Danish seine .. ..	1,864	2,229	1,273	582	..
Set-nets and drag-nets .. ..	9,833	15,545	18,361	16,483	9,437
Other methods .. ..	944	528	57	180	1,387
Totals .. ..	12,641	18,302	19,691	17,245	10,824

*Tauranga.*—A decrease of 1,043 cwt. is shown by the 1946 figures (6,416 cwt.) compared with 1945 (7,459 cwt.). This is mainly accounted for by the fact that although the trawl-caught fish has increased from 1,783 cwt. to 2,579 cwt. (due to the one trawler operating for nine months in 1946 instead of six months as in 1945), the catch landed by the motor line and net vessels has gone down. A Danish-seine-equipped boat commenced fishing in September and landed 364 cwt. of fish during the last four months.

The tables below summarize the methods of capture and kinds of fish respectively during the past five years :—

Method of Fishing.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Danish seine .. ..	3,035	2,518	2,907	418	364
Set-nets and lines .. ..	4,664	7,008	7,578	5,228	3,415
Other methods .. ..	227	20	..	1,813	2,637
Totals .. ..	7,926	9,546	10,485	7,459	6,416

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Total quantity landed .. ..	7,926	9,546	10,485	7,459	6,416
Snapper .. ..	4,154	4,032	4,152	2,513	1,459
Tarakihi .. ..	290	29	1,057	1,289	1,917
Trevally .. ..	1,113	1,826	2,509	1,219	1,091
Kahawai .. ..	294	649	732	1,070	1,029