

Nelson.—The total quantity landed, 10,040 cwt., shows an increase again this year. Of this total, that landed by Danish-seining, 2,098 cwt., shows a drop of 550 cwt., due probably to the fact that only two of the four Danish-seiners fished by that method for the whole year, the other two changed to trawling during the year.

The annual totals for the various methods of fishing during the past five years are given below :—

	1943-44.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed	3,833	5,541	6,372	7,078	10,040
Danish seine	3,250	2,714	3,081	2,648	2,098
Trawl (motor)	93	878	1,888	3,260	7,574
Lines (motor)	475	1,936	1,138	1,043	363
Other methods	15	13	265	127	5

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Imports of fish for the year amounted to 32,160 cwt. of canned fish such as herring and 2,615 cwt. of fish otherwise preserved, with a total value of £387,309.

The total value of New Zealand fish and shell-fish exported in 1947 was £358,218, which represents an increase of £126,984 on the previous year's figures of £231,234.

Totals for the principal classes of fishery products exported for the past three years are given below :—

	Quantity.			Value.		
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1945.	1946.	1947.
				£	£	£
Oysters, fresh	640 doz.	85,400 doz.	950 doz.	18	2,819	27
Fish, frozen	22,663 cwt.	27,698 cwt.	41,800 cwt.	104,046	139,065	235,079
Crayfish, frozen	1,346 cwt.	1,487 cwt.	2,335 cwt.	6,462	7,455	17,140
Fish, smoked, dried, &c. ..	4,276 cwt.	2,602 cwt.	4,384 cwt.	26,390	15,277	27,533
Fish and shell-fish (canned)	371,776 lb.	450,044 lb.	649,565 lb.	50,465	66,618	78,439
Total values	187,381	231,234	358,218

The following table shows the incidence of the principal kinds of fish exported during the years 1945, 1946, and 1947 :—

Fish.	Quantity.			Value.		
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	£	£	£
Blue cod	7,644	8,236	15,311	38,682	42,605	91,251
Red cod	3,255	1,407	574	3,255	4,518	3,049
Barracouta	2,369	4,825	3,354	8,883	18,164	13,221
Sole	2,207	3,334	4,243	11,452	17,974	25,204
Tarakahi	1,037	1,886	5,819	4,895	10,740	33,302
Flounder	947	901	754	5,374	5,308	4,801
Snapper	752	844	2,797	4,244	5,584	17,113

A more detailed report than the above figures is given in Table IX.