

station 123, and put down the net in 13 fathoms on a mud bottom. Towed for an hour and ten minutes, and picked up in 11 fathoms. The fish taken in this haul were 14 gurnard, 5 schnapper, 1 ling, 1 john dory, 2 blue-cod, 14 lemon-soles, 5 megrims, 7 flounders, 45 red-cod, and a few dog-fish. The net again brought up a large quantity of sea-wrack. The small dredge was put down at this station, towed for a short distance, and brought up full of blue mud.

One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth Haul.—The net was put down about the centre of Golden Bay abreast of Collingwood, in 10 fathoms, on mud, at 11.50 a.m. Towed N.W. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. an hour, and ten minutes, and hauled up in 7 fathoms, containing 90 gurnard, 5 schnapper, 30 red-cod, 18 flounders, 16 lemon-soles, 6 megrims, and half a sack of oysters.

One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth Haul.—Shot the net again in Golden Bay, abreast of Tukurua Point, three miles off shore, in 8 fathoms, on mud, at 1.30 p.m. Towed S.E. by E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E. an hour and forty minutes, and hauled up in 10 fathoms. The fish taken were 9 lemon-soles, 39 flounders, 18 megrims, 1 king-fish, 10 red-cod, 1 schnapper, 150 gurnard, 4 dozen oysters, and a few skate and dog-fish.

One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh Haul.—A north-easterly wind, with a choppy sea, putting a stop to further work in Golden Bay, it was decided to return to the south end of Tasman Bay. The net was put over in Tasman Bay in 14 fathoms, four miles off Adele Island, at 10.20 p.m., on a mud bottom. Towed for two hours S.S.E., and hauled up in 15 fathoms, the net containing 30 flounders, 2 schnapper, 10 lemon-soles, and 15 gurnard. The weather continuing unfavourable we returned to port at 2.30 a.m.

One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth Haul.—Left Nelson Harbour again at 4 a.m. on the 24th May. The net was put down for the first haul off the White Cliffs, in 6 fathoms, on mud, at 5.30 a.m. Towed an hour N. by W. $\frac{1}{4}$ W., and hauled in 7 fathoms. Result: 5 flounders and 6 red-cod.

One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth Haul.—From picking up at station 128 steamed four miles N. by E., and shot in 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms at 7.15 a.m., towing S.E. by E. $\frac{3}{4}$ E. for an hour and three-quarters. When hauled up in 15 fathoms the net contained 103 hake, 8 john dory, 33 schnapper, 177 flounders, 18 lemon-soles, 300 gurnard, 20 red-cod, 2 sting-rays, dog-fish, octopus, and half a sack of oysters.

One-hundred-and-thirtieth haul.—Shot again in 16 fathoms, on mud, at 9.35 a.m. Towed two hours N.W. by N. $\frac{1}{2}$ N., and hauled up in 16 fathoms, the net coming up empty, having got twisted in shooting.

One-hundred-and-thirty-first Haul.—Steamed east four miles from where we picked up at station 130, and put down the net in 17 fathoms, at 11.40 a.m., on mud. Towed an hour, and hauled up in 18 fathoms, the net containing 35 schnapper, 12 hake, 12 lemon-soles, 8 john dory, 250 gurnard, 95 flounders, 30 red-cod, and half a sack of oysters.

One-hundred-and-thirty-second Haul.—The last haul of the net was made to-day at 1.20 p.m., when the net was put down in 16 fathoms on mud bottom. When hauled up at 3 o'clock the net contained 55 hake, 23 schnapper, 30 red-cod, 2 john dory, 150 gurnard, 107 flounders, 13 soles, and a sack of oysters.

One-hundred-and-thirty-third Haul.—After the vessel had taken coal and water, we left Port Nelson at 9.45 a.m. on the 25th May, intending to work off the west coast of Tasman and part of Golden Bay. The first haul was made off Greenwood Point in 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms. The net was put over at 11.20 a.m. on mud, and towed N.W. by N. $\frac{3}{4}$ N. for an hour. When taken up in 9 fathoms it contained 43 flounders, 5 soles, 50 gurnard, 3 schnapper, 15 red-cod, and half a sack of oysters and large mussels.

One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth Haul.—The next haul was made two miles off Adele Island. The net was put down in 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms, at 1.5 p.m., on the same mud bottom found all over this bay. Towed N. $\frac{3}{4}$ N. for an hour and five minutes, and hauled up in 11 fathoms. The result of this haul was 77 gurnard, 8 schnapper, 7 hake, 50 flounders, 18 soles, quite half a sack of oysters, and a similar quantity of mussels. After picking up steamed into Golden Bay, and anchored at 6 p.m.

One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth Haul.—Left anchorage in Golden Bay at 6 a.m. on 26th May. The net was put down three miles off Waitapu, in 9 fathoms, at 6.45 a.m., on mud. Towed an hour N.E. by N. $\frac{1}{4}$ N., and picked up in 11 fathoms. The fish taken were 131 gurnard, 58 red-cod, 30 flounders, 2 sea-perch, 20 lemon-soles, 10 blue-cod, 5 schnapper, 1 megrim, 4 skate, 2 tiger-sharks, a few dog-fish, and three dozen oysters.

One-hundred-and-thirty-sixth Haul.—The next haul was made off Separation Point. The net was put down in 17 fathoms, on mud, at 8.25 a.m. Towed an hour and five minutes, and hauled up in 19 fathoms. The net brought up a large quantity of coral and mud, and the following variety of fish: viz., 32 blue-cod, 15 red-cod, 2 moki, 23 sea-perch, 3 schnapper, 19 tarakihi, 19 soles, 15 flounders, 36 gurnard, 1 megrim, and a few dozen oysters.

One-hundred-and-thirty-seventh Haul.—Steamed inshore and shot the net in 15 fathoms, and towed across the opening of Awaroa Bay. The net was put down at 10.20 a.m., towed S.E. for an hour and ten minutes, and picked up in 12 fathoms, containing 21 flounders, 11 soles, 9 megrims, 1 schnapper, 9 tarakihi, 4 blue-cod, 31 gurnard, and six dozen oysters.

One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth Haul.—The last haul was made in Tasman Bay in 20 fathoms, eight miles off Tonga Island. The net was put over at 12.50 p.m., towed for an hour and ten minutes S.E. by E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., and picked up in 24 fathoms. The result of this haul was 29 lemon-soles, 11 flounders, 29 blue-cod, 11 gurnard, 3 schnapper, 23 tarakihi, and five dozen oysters.

We left Nelson at 10 p.m. on the 28th May for Wanganui, *via* Admiralty and Guard's Bays, but owing to bad weather we had to leave out those bays and go on to Port Hardy Inlet for shelter.

One-hundred-and-thirty-ninth Haul.—In the shelter of Port Hardy Inlet the net was put down in 13 fathoms, on a mud bottom, at 10.30 a.m., on the 29th May. Towed for thirty-five minutes, and hauled up in 17 fathoms, the net containing 6 lemon-soles, 20 blue-cod, 10 gurnard, and 6 horse mackerel.