

Peter Haglund (fisherman, Lyttelton): Have been here since 1879. I use set-nets for flounders of 5in. to 5½in. I consider 5½in. the best size, both for the public and the fishermen, as I get a better price for the fish. The yellow-belly of 10in. will be caught in the 5in. mesh. Most of the flounders that come to Christchurch in the winter-time come from port. The Port flounders are far better than those from the lake, and fetch much higher prices. We get yellow-bellies as large as 18in. There is no supervision of the fisheries in port. No one ever inspects our nets or fish. I have never been visited by any one since 1888. It would be better for every one if an inspection was made. I have known of fish coming from Wellington not fit for food when landed, but there was no one to take any notice of it. I have seen yellow-bellies of 5in. with spawn. The estimate of £7 10s. per week per boat is very excessive. If I could make £1 10s. per week all the year round I should be very well satisfied. Many do not average 15s. a week all the year round. Flounders will live for a week after being caught if looked after.

EXAMINATION OF DEMETRI'S (Auctioneer at Christchurch for Fishermen's Union) BOOKS.

Period.				Cases sold.	Price received.		Period.				Cases sold.	Price received.	
					£	s. d.						£	s. d.
1892—							1892—						
Jan.	2 to Jan.	8	..	93	50	2 6	Aug.	13 to Aug.	19	..	59	41	19 6
"	9 to "	15	..	146	65	14 0	"	20 to "	26	..	47	32	10 6
"	16 to "	22	..	153	72	11 6	"	27 to Sept.	2	..	76	52	17 6
"	23 to "	29	..	139	56	5 0	Sept.	3 to "	9	..	68	45	13 3
"	30 to Feb.	5	..	154	53	5 6	"	10 to "	16	..	70	49	8 0
Feb.	6 to "	12	..	126	56	13 0	"	17 to "	23	..	92	58	16 9
"	13 to "	19	..	83	50	12 0	"	24 to "	30	..	75	55	15 6
"	20 to "	26	..	136	66	0 6	Oct.	1 to Oct.	7	..	95	63	12 6
"	27 to Mar.	4	..	124	57	3 0	"	8 to "	14	..	86	46	1 0
Mar.	5 to "	11	..	115	58	6 0	"	15 to "	21	..	114	74	16 0
"	12 to "	18	..	53	35	16 9	"	22 to "	28	..	154	81	12 3
"	19 to "	25	..	70	49	2 6	"	29 to Nov.	4	..	147	78	14 6
"	26 to April	1	..	67	47	9 6	Nov.	5 to "	11	..	102	65	14 0
April	2 to "	8	..	70	41	6 0	"	12 to "	18	..	102	65	4 0
"	9 to "	14	..	60	40	0 0	"	19 to "	25	..	134	57	0 9
"	16 to "	22	..	46	37	12 0	"	28 to Dec.	2	..	148	70	19 6
"	23 to "	29	..	47	36	19 0	Dec.	3 to "	9	..	126	65	7 6
"	30 to May	1	..	72	37	14 3	"	10 to "	16	..	115	58	0 6
May	7 to "	13	..	54	28	9 0	"	17 to "	23	..	163	68	0 9
"	14 to "	20	..	155	34	3 6	"	24 to "	30	..	63	35	3 0
"	21 to "	27	..	73	18	3 0	"	31 to Jan.	6, 1893	..	60	34	9 6
"	28 to June	3	..	62	18	17 0	1893—						
June	4 to "	10	..	36	16	5 9	Jan.	7 to "	13	..	172	53	9 0
"	11 to "	17	..	27	13	19 8	"	14 to "	20	..	137	60	2 0
"	18 to "	24	..	75	26	18 3	"	20 to "	27	..	115	49	9 6
"	25 to July	1	..	71	24	14 9	"	28 to Feb.	3	..	211	62	7 0
July	2 to "	8	..	40	18	5 0	Feb.	4 to "	10	..	148	61	3 0
"	9 to "	15	..	52	23	13 6	"	11 to "	17	..	69	34	13 6
"	16 to "	22	..	46	19	14 1	"	18 to "	24	..	92	46	15 0
"	23 to "	29	..	38	14	2 6	"	25 to Mar.	3	..	122	67	13 9
"	30 to Aug.	5	..	115	41	1 4							
Aug.	6 to "	12	..	23	16	5 6							

These are the gross sales. From this must be deducted the carriage, and commission 10 per cent. *del credere*. The carriage is now £4 per week. The carrier has to bring all fish to the market every day by 7.30 a.m. up to 50cwt.

This was the consignment of eighteen boats to Christchurch only. Probably there are supplied to the fish-hawkers an average of twenty casks per week outside of this all the year round.

RESULT FROM BOOKS, CHRISTCHURCH SUPPLY.

Total number of cases of fish from 2nd January, 1892, to 3rd March, 1893	5,785
Total gross receipts	£ 2,875 14 4
Average per case	0 9 9
Average earnings per week per man (eighteen boats, two men)	1 4 2
Subject to commission, 10 per cent., and carriage.	

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