

METHODS OF CAPTURE

Of the total catch, 45,315 cwt. (13·66 per cent.) was landed from steam-trawlers, 69,953 cwt. (21·08 per cent.) from motor-trawlers, while motor-vessels (line and net fishing) accounted for 109,627 cwt. (33·04 per cent.) and row-boats 1,785 cwt. (0·54 per cent.).

The total quantity of wet fish caught by each of the common methods of fishing is shown below (the figures in parentheses represent the 1944 quantities and values):—

Method of Fishing.	Quantity.		Value.	
	Cwt.	Percentage of Total.		Percentage of Total.
Trawl ..	115,268 (75,216)	34·74 (24·40)	206,176 (153,541)	36·92 (29·36)
Danish-seine ..	105,093 (116,222)	31·68 (37·70)	139,597 (152,615)	25·00 (29·18)
Long and hand lines	72,226 (69,495)	21·77 (22·55)	152,483 (147,558)	27·31 (28·22)
Net and drag-nets	39,186 (47,304)	11·81 (15·35)	60,148 (69,240)	10·77 (13·24)
Totals ..	331,773 (308,237)	..	558,404 (522,954)	..

LANDINGS AT PORTS

Of the total quantity of wet fish, 37·00 per cent. was landed at Auckland, 9·51 per cent. at Wellington, 7·70 per cent. at Port Chalmers, and 5·79 per cent. at Napier. In the following statement the total weights and values are given for some of the main ports alongside those for the previous two years, 1944 and 1943-44:—

Port.	Quantity.			Value.		
	1945.	1944.	1943-44.	1945.	1944.	1943-44.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	£	£	£
Russell	4,194	2,350	1,736	5,093	3,199	1,785
Whangarei	1,766	4,104	3,858	2,264	4,262	4,046
Auckland	122,789	111,078	103,882	156,979	138,872	129,904
Thames district ..	17,245	19,825	18,495	25,746	29,852	28,354
Tauranga and district	7,459	10,485	9,546	7,745	11,242	9,913
Gisborne	8,236	7,703	5,275	9,160	10,475	6,179
Napier	19,194	17,865	16,615	29,186	26,529	25,244
Wellington	31,554	14,019	14,775	63,445	33,548	36,054
Manukau Harbour	1,229	1,118	1,870	2,217	1,825	2,791
Pictou	4,358	7,230	8,053	8,522	10,438	11,010
Lyttelton	11,430	16,221	14,050	26,764	42,527	34,755
Timaru	11,386	13,022	15,898	33,106	37,759	42,960
Moeraki	2,017	1,658	1,717	5,551	4,728	3,845
Nuggets district ..	4,250	2,307	2,892	10,969	4,931	5,429
Port Chalmers ..	25,533	23,264	21,523	36,225	38,808	32,621
Waikawa	2,610	1,564	2,896	6,757	2,992	5,411
Bluff, with Stewart Island	13,649	12,163	12,416	32,802	27,860	22,748
Westport	738	814	1,434	2,103	2,013	2,990
Motueka	1,097	1,358	895	1,979	2,208	1,476
Nelson	6,372	5,541	3,833	13,603	13,635	10,208
French Pass	3,278	2,880	2,988	9,188	6,778	7,567
Chatham Islands ..	2,078	4,420	4,326	1,868	3,721	3,332

Auckland.—Of the total of 122,789 cwt. of wet fish landed at Auckland, 97,608 cwt. was brought in by Danish-seine boats, of which 72,179 cwt. was snapper and 15,515 cwt. tarakihi. The steam-trawlers accounted for 19,553 cwt., made up mainly of snapper (8,063 cwt.), tarakihi (8,103 cwt.), and trevally (1,035 cwt.). Motor line-fishing boats landed 2,493 cwt., compared with 1,409 cwt. of the previous year, and the netting boats 3,092 cwt., compared with 2,303 cwt. for 1944.