

Of the above ova, 2,570,000 were sold to acclimatization societies, 2,800,000 were sent to the Department's Southern Lakes district, and 645,000 to No. 3 (Tuai) Hatchery. Fry were planted in the district as under :—

Waters.				Hatchery.	Rainbow.	Brown.	Totals.
Rotorua area	..	..	..	No. 1	2,605,000	637,000	3,242,000
Taupo area	..	..	..	No. 2	2,022,500	47,500	2,070,000
Taupo area	..	..	..	No. 1	60,000	40,000	100,000
Lake Waikaremoana and East Coast				No. 3	615,000	..	615,000
Totals	..	..	..	..	5,302,500	724,500	6,027,000

(b) *Culling of Trout*.—The following numbers of “cull” trout were destroyed :—

Rotorua area : 12 males ; 8 females.

Taupo area : 70 males ; 68 females.

(c) *Trout food*.—Investigations showed that in most waters where smelt (*Retropinna lacustris*) were introduced to augment food-supplies for trout they are well established.

(3) *Vermin Control*

The table hereunder shows the numbers of various species on which bounties were paid under the scheme operated by the North Island Vermin Control Council and those destroyed by officers of the Department :—

—			Hedgehogs.	Shags.	Hawks.	Stoats and Weasels.	Ferrets.
Bounties paid	..	..	..	464	306	57	..
Departmental officers	..	..	25	82	50	12	1

(4) *Game Farm*

The necessity for limiting the consumption of foods suitable as fowl-feed was a factor in the rearing of game birds. Operations were therefore continued on a reduced scale and resulted in the liberation of 919 pheasants and 175 mallard duck.

The keeping of fowls for egg-production for disposal through commercial channels was reduced. A total of 572 dozen eggs were sold.

(5) *Ranging*

All parts of the district were regularly patrolled by the Department's Rangers.

Breaches of the two conservation Acts administered in the district in the cases for which prosecutions were conducted resulted as follows :—

Act.				Number of Prosecutions.	Amount of Fines.
Animals Protection and Game Act, 1921–22	..	..	..	4	£ s. d. 28 0 0
Fisheries Act, 1908, Part II	..	..	..	9	35 0 0