

Nelson.—As can be seen from the table below, there has been a substantial increase in the total amount of fish landed over the last four years. Of the 1946 catch, 3,260 cwt. was trawl-caught and 2,648 cwt. by Danish-seiners :—

—			1942-43.	1943-44.	1944.	1945.	1946.
			Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed	..	..	4,469	3,833	5,541	6,372	7,078
Danish seine	..	..	2,837	3,250	2,714	3,081	2,648
Trawl (motor)	..	..	11	93	878	1,888	3,260
Lines (motor)	..	..	1,601	475	1,936	1,138	1,043
Other methods	..	..	20	15	13	265	127

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

Imports of fish for the year amounted to 2,845 cwt. of tinned fish such as herring and 208 cwt. of fish otherwise preserved, with a total value of £25,959.

The total value of New Zealand fish and shell-fish exported in 1946 was £231,234, which represents a substantial increase on the previous year's figures of £187,381.

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

—	Quantity.			Value.		
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Oysters, fresh	21,100 doz.	640 doz.	85,400 doz.	£ 578	£ 18	£ 2,819
Fish, frozen	16,628 cwt.	22,663 cwt.	27,698 cwt.	73,500	104,046	139,065
Crayfish, frozen	1,921 cwt.	1,346 cwt.	1,487 cwt.	6,608	6,462	7,455
Fish, smoked, dried, &c.	3,319 cwt.	4,276 cwt.	2,602 cwt.	20,476	26,390	15,277
Fish and shell-fish (tinned)	181,338 lb.	371,776 lb.	450,044 lb.	25,814	50,465	66,618
Total values	..	..	..	126,976	187,381	231,234

The following table shows the incidence of the principal kinds of fish exported during the years 1944, 1945, and 1946 :—

Fish.	Quantity.			Value.		
	1944.	1945.	1946.	1944.	1945.	1946.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	£	£	£
Blue cod	3,530	7,644	8,236	18,117	38,682	42,605
Red cod	1,104	3,255	1,407	3,046	3,255	4,518
Barracouta	3,786	2,369	4,825	14,014	8,883	18,164
Sole	1,394	2,207	3,334	7,119	11,452	17,974
Tarakihi	959	1,037	1,886	4,030	4,895	10,740
Flounder	762	947	901	4,142	5,374	5,308
Snapper	1,029	752	844	6,044	4,244	5,584

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