

Lyttelton.—The total catch landed was 17,387 cwt., which is an increase of 1,987 cwt. on the total for last year (15,400 cwt.). Motor-trawlers accounted for 13,542 cwt. and the one steam-trawler landed 3,421 cwt. Line boats landed a total of 74 cwt. and netting boats a total of 350 cwt.

The figures for the main types of fish landed at Lyttelton for the last five years are given below :—

—	1943-44.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed	14,050	16,221	11,430	15,400	17,387
Tarakihi	4,614	6,202	4,840	7,094	8,895
Ling	864	1,556	1,447	2,133	2,278
Elephant-fish	2,862	2,611	1,632	1,805	1,413
Gurnard	2,383	2,537	1,203	1,269	1,105
Red cod	451	191	46	200	424

Timaru.—This year's totals differ very little from those of last year, but there are some variations in the amounts of the various types of fish landed. This fact is shown in the first table below. The second table gives the total amounts caught by the various methods over the last five years :—

—	1943-44.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed	15,898	13,022	11,386	21,223	21,216
Red cod	1,672	919	432	3,823	2,630
Ling	2,887	1,568	1,047	3,136	3,817
Gurnard	2,634	2,265	1,879	2,946	2,051
Hapuku	1,897	1,635	1,275	2,796	2,560
Elephant-fish	1,149	1,795	2,155	2,445	1,714
Flounder	2,209	1,600	1,819	2,367	4,318
Sole	2,511	2,278	1,903	2,571	2,652

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	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed	15,898	13,022	11,386	21,223	21,216
Motor-trawling	8,517	8,142	7,880	15,794	15,785
Danish-seining	2,508	1,804	1,292	..	..
Line-fishing (motor-vessels) ..	4,873	3,076	2,214	5,429	5,431

Port Chalmers.—The total amount of fish landed during 1947 at Port Chalmers is almost double that of last year, the two amounts being 23,250 cwt. for 1946 and 44,849 cwt. for 1947. This increase is largely accounted for by the fact that a modern steam-trawler commenced fishing from this port in February and landed 14,670 cwt. for the year. The motor-trawl total is up from 14,326 cwt. last year to 16,863 cwt. this year. The line boats also show an increase from 8,825 cwt. to 13,264 cwt.

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—	1943-44.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed	21,523	23,264	25,533	23,250	44,849
Tarakihi	3,361	3,166	173	81	9,977
Sole	4,114	4,993	6,282	8,366	10,963
Red cod	4,501	4,033	7,605	3,846	2,536
Barracouta	5,157	6,309	7,502	8,171	13,938
Flounder	885	1,163	1,366	745	1,062