

The figures for the main types of fish caught over the last five years are given below :—

—	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed .. ..	23,264	25,533	23,250	44,849	38,460
Barracouta .. ..	6,300	7,502	8,171	13,938	11,262
Soles .. ..	4,993	6,282	8,366	10,963	9,652
Tarakihi .. ..	3,166	173	81	9,977	8,476
Red cod .. ..	4,033	7,605	3,846	2,536	1,304
Flounder .. ..	1,163	1,366	745	1,062	766

*Nelson.*— This year's total of 11,314 cwt. continues the steady increase over the past five years at this port. Of this total, 6,530 cwt. was snapper, compared with 6,053 cwt. for last year, and 3,278 cwt. was gurnard, compared with 1,905 cwt. for last year.

The annual totals for the various methods of fishing during the past five years are given below :—

—	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed .. ..	5,541	6,372	7,078	10,040	11,314
Danish seine .. ..	2,714	3,081	2,648	2,098	..
Trawl (motor) .. ..	878	1,888	3,260	7,574	10,683
Lines (motor) .. ..	1,936	1,138	1,043	363	623
Other methods .. ..	13	265	127	5	8

*Chatham Islands.*— As the returns for this area were incomplete, the totals for 1947 were given as 5,565 cwt., £6,948. These totals should have been 9,412 cwt., £12,248. The total for this year is 12,490 cwt. All the fish landed at the Chatham Islands are caught by motor line-fishing boats.

The figures for the only two types of fish caught over the past five years are given below :—

—	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.	Cwt.
Total quantity landed .. ..	4,420	2,078	3,586	9,412	12,490
Blue cod .. ..	4,248	2,011	3,442	9,246	12,265
Hapuku .. ..	172	67	144	166	225

The correction referred to above affecting the 1947 catch for the Chatham Islands has not been altered in all other tables referring to the 1947 figures.

#### EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

The imports of fish for the year amounted to 38,943 cwt. of canned fish such as herring, salmon, sardine, and 1,198 cwt. of fish otherwise preserved, with a total value of £440,811.

The total value of fish and shell-fish exported during 1948 was £493,736, which represents an increase of £135,518 on the previous year's figure of £358,218.