

MUSSELS

The catch of mussels in the Thames-Coromandel-Auckland area totalled 14,224 sacks this year; of the balance, 186 sacks came from Tauranga and 4 from Napier.

The table below shows the catch of mussels over the last five years:—

	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Sacks.	Sacks.	Sacks.	Sacks.	Sacks.
Total quantity landed	15,390	13,156	10,568	16,261	14,414

WHITEBAIT FISHERY, 1948 SEASON

District.	Principal Rivers Fished for Which Returns Were Received.	Best Period.	Number of Fishermen (Approximately).		Total Quantity Caught (Approximately).
			Regular.	Casual.	
Auckland ..	{ Waikato	Sept. ..	120	60	Cwt. 881½
Bay of Plenty ..	{ Raglan and Kawhia Harbour streams		..	..	14
Hawkes Bay ..	Kaituna, Tarawera, Rangitaiki, Waioeka, Otaro	Sept. ..	39	103	24½
Wairarapa ..	Tukituki, Ngauroro	Sept. ..	53	90	14
Wellington ..	Lake Onoke	Mid. Sept.	2	6	2
..	Waikanae, Waimeha, Mangone, Otaki, Waiotahu, Ohau, Hokio, Manawatu, Kaikokopu, Rangitikei	Nov. ..	69	170	43½
Wanganui ..	Turakina, Kai-iwi, Wanganui	Nov. ..	4	10	4
Patea ..	Waitotara, Whenuakura, Patea, Kakaramaea	Mid. Sept.	20	62	27½
Taranaki ..	Kaupokonui, Ohawe, Tangahoe, Waitara, Mokau, Waiongona, Awakino, Waiwakaiho, Mimi, Urenui, Te Henui	Oct. ..	8	290	22½
Marlborough ..	Wairau, Omaka, Opawa	Oct.-Nov.	4	..	4½
North Canterbury ..	Waiau, Conway, Hurunui, Waipara		..	..	11
Christchurch ..	Saltwater, Ashley, Waimakariri, Avon		..	..	122
South Canterbury ..	Rakaia, Orari, Opihi, Ashburton, Rangitata, Waitaki (north bank)		..	..	57
Otago ..	Molyneux, Puerua, Taieri, Waipori, Kakanui, Shag, Waikouaiti, Tokomairiro, Tahakopa, Macleennan, Owaka, Catlins, Tauteku, Pleasant, Wainakarua, Waitaki (south bank)	Sept.-Oct.	24	102	118½
Southland ..	Matatua, Tifiroa, Oreti, Waihopai, Waimatuku, Aparima, Waiau, and Big Bay (south-west coast)	Nov. ..	47	..	267½
West Coast ..	Maori, Haast, Karangarua, Okuru, Waiotahi, Turnbull, Cascade, Fox, Jacobs, Mahitahi, Parenga, Blue, Big Wanganui, Puerua, Wataroa		307	50	940
Hokitika ..	Hokitika, Mahinapua, Ararua, Totara (Ross)		183	350	619
Greymouth ..	Grey, New, Teremakau		58	320	225
Westport ..	Karamea, Little Wanganui, Mohikimui, Ourawhaiti, Buller, Totara		57	480	1,042
					4,517

On the Waikato River the season was much the same as last year—that is to say, a poor one: elsewhere it was extremely poor.

Though the West Coast again supplied the bulk of the catch, the season here was very disappointing.

The estimated total of 4,517 cwt. is a considerable drop on last year's total of 7,056 cwt.

QUINNAT SALMON

This season was again a good one compared with the standards prior to 1946. On the Waimakariri River the first netted fish was landed on 6th February. The two nets on this river took a total of 849 fish, compared with 983 last year.