

MEMORANDUM OF DISTANCES STEAMED AND TOWED BY TRAWLER "RITA" WHEN PROSPECTING HAWKE'S BAY.

Date.	Locality.	Miles steamed.	Miles towed.	Total.
May 13	From Napier and off Kidnappers	21	11½	32½
" 14	From Napier to Mahia Peninsula	44	8½	52½
" 15	Mahia to Napier	42	13	55
" 16	Napier to inside Kidnappers	20	...	20
" 18	Napier to Bare Island and north of Kidnappers	41	4	45
" 19, 20	"	30	5½	35½
	Grand total of "Rita's" cruise...	198	42½	240½

DEAR MR. AYSON,—

24th July, 1901.

I have been requested by Messrs. Thomson and Hamilton to write a preliminary report on the zoological results of this last trawling expedition in the s.s. "Doto."

Unfortunately, we have all been too busy to work up the collections thoroughly; but although the results are poor as compared with those of last year, the few specimens captured are of great interest, and many of them are, as far as we can ascertain at present, new to science—at any rate, have not hitherto been recorded from the New Zealand area.

ANTHOZOA.

In addition to the corals *Flabellum* and *Cylicia*, an important find is a second species of *Alcyonium*, of which a distinct species was dredged in 1900.

ECHINODERMA.

The common heart-urchin (*Echinocardium zealandicum*), a young *Asterias calamaria*, and the rare *Astropecten edwardsii* of Verrill were the only representatives.

ANNELIDA.

In addition to *Eunice leuconuchalis* that was described by me in last year's report, there are species of *Nereis*, *Eunice*, and *Trophonia*—a poor selection compared with the rich results of last year.

CRUSTACEA.

Several new species of crabs appear to have been obtained which Mr. Thomson has not yet had time to examine. There are also shrimps and prawns. *Hippolyte*, *Leander*, and *Crangon* common everywhere; whale-feed (*Grimothea*), with two species of *Idotea*, one of *Cassidinia*, and the peculiar form of amphipod met with last year, but not yet named.

MOLLUSCA.

In addition to a few common shells, some handsome sea-slugs—*Nudibranchiata*—have been captured. These appear to be new to the colony: (1) A white one with orange spots; (2) a grey one with yellow spots; (3) a purplish one. A genus (*Tritonia*) hitherto unrecorded was dredged off the East Coast.

TUNICATA.

A new species of the peculiar compound ascidian *Colella* was obtained from the Hauraki Gulf.

FISHES.

Amongst the half-dozen of small fish, one, *Scorpaena plebeia*, is a rarity.

It is certainly a surprising fact that so few of the lower invertebrates were captured.

I am, &c.,

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