

- (4.) Encourage fishermen to go in for purse-seining by a practical demonstration of the use of this net on the various fishing-grounds around the coast. By this method fish can be taken in very large quantities and at small cost in comparison to trawling.
- (5.) Giving a bonus on fish canned and cured for export, and also on the production of fertilizer manufactured from fish-offal and unmarketable fish, and for the manufacture of potash and other products from kelp and seaweed.
- (6.) That the Government take immediate steps to provide the necessary supplies of benzene, lubricating-oil, nets, netting-twine, hooks, lines, &c., which are required by those engaged in the fishing industry.

I have, &c.,

L. F. AYSON,
Chief Inspector of Fisheries.

Table showing the Number of Steam Trawlers, Oil-engine Trawlers, and other Vessels employed in Line and Net Fishing, with the Number of Fishermen employed, and approximately the Total Number of Persons engaged in the Fishing Industry at each Port for the Year ending 31st March, 1918.

(Compiled from the returns given in the District Inspectors' reports.)

Name of Port.	Steam Trawlers.	Oil-engine Trawlers.	Line- and Net-fishing Vessels.	Number of Fishermen employed.	Persons Employed in various ways in connection with the Industry.	Total Number of Persons employed.
Russell	..	..	35	70	50	120.
Hokianga	..	..	15	20	12	32
Whangarei	..	..	5	10	5	15
Kaipara	..	..	22	40	..	40
Auckland	6	..	130	247	530	777
Thames	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tauranga	..	..	20	20	..	20
Gisborne	2	..	21	56	6	62
Napier	9	9	35	92	18	110
Wanganui	..	3	5	9	9	18
Foxton	..	..	9	10	..	10
Wellington	2	..	75	152	135	287
Picton	1	..	19	50	..	50
Blenheim	..	6	6	9	3	12
Nelson	1	..	59	20	20	40
Westport	2	8	8	20	..	20
Greymouth	1	2	9	15	..	15
Hokitika	..	..	1	88*	12*	100
Kaikoura	..	..	6	15	..	15
Lyttelton, Sumner, Akaroa, Southbridge, Kaiapoi, Styx, Rangiora, and New Brighton	4	19	118	184	..	184
Timaru	1	8	13	32	8	40
Oamaru and Moeraki ..	..	..	29	42	..	42
Dunedin and Port Chalmers ..	2	2	69	129	181	210
Invercargill	..	..	23	50	..	50
Bluff	4	..	53	115	..	115
Stewart Island	..	..	29	60	8	68
Chatham Islands	..	..	14	32	23	55
Totals	35	57	828	1,587	920	2,507

* Whitebait fishing.