

Oysters.

Locality.	Disposed of in Dominion.	Exported.	Total Number.	Total Value.		
	Sacks.	Sacks.	Sacks.	£	s.	d.
Foveaux Strait	24,420	720	25,140	12,548	0	0
<i>Rock-oysters.</i>						
Bay of Islands	4,109	...	...	...	...	...
Hauraki Gulf and Great Barrier ...	4,079	...	...	...	...	...
Kaipara	2,167	...	...	...	...	...
Hokianga	3	...	10,357	6,890	0	0
Total	...	...	...	19,438	0	0

Return showing the Total Quantity and Value of Fish Imported into and Exported from New Zealand during the Year ended 31st December, 1917.

FISH IMPORTED.

	Quantity.	Value.
Anchovies, salted (in bulk)	5 cwt.	£21
Oysters, fresh	Nil	Nil.
Other fish, fresh or frozen	13 cwt.	£29
Fish, preserved in tins	2,671,543 lb.	£103,815
Fish, smoked, dried, pickled, and salted	271 cwt.	£954

FISH EXPORTED.

	New Zealand Produce.		Not New Zealand Produce.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Anchovies, salted (in bulk)	Nil	Nil	Nil	£6
Oysters, fresh	30,900 doz.	£244	Nil	Nil.
Other fish, fresh or frozen	11,784 cwt.	£19,633	Nil	Nil.
Fish, preserved in tins	56,219 lb.	£3,980	172,853 lb.	£7,538
Fish, smoked, dried, pickled, and salted	84 cwt.	£205	3 cwt.	£37

The MARINE ENGINEER to the SECRETARY, MARINE DEPARTMENT.

SIR,—

Wellington, 28th May, 1918.

I have the honour to report as follows upon the various works dealt with during the year ended 31st March, 1918:—

Hokianga: Kohukohu Reclamation.—A plan and description were prepared in connection with the vesting of a portion of the reclamation in the Railway Department.

Bay of Islands: Paikia Wharf.—This wharf was completed last year, but recent heavy gales, coupled with an extraordinary high tide, have seriously damaged the structure, and extensive repairs will be required.

Ruakaka River.—A small sum has been expended in removing logs from this stream.

Whangateau Harbour.—Sundry reports and estimates have been supplied in connection with a proposed wharf at Ti Point.

Matakana River.—A report was prepared in connection with an extensive slip.

Kaipara: Kaihu Creek.—A report was prepared regarding an encroachment by this river in the vicinity of Dargaville.

Kaipara River.—Recommendations were made regarding a lighting system and characteristic for a beacon light in the river, also in connection with erosion near Helensville.

Great Barrier Island, Waiheke, &c.—Arrangements have been made to prevent injury to oyster-beds through the construction of roads along foreshores and otherwise.