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the mouth of the Hororata showed 103 trout, with the fly, in about seven hours' fishing. On the other hand, taking the Southbridge train to the lower portion of the Selwyn river, Springston, some 16 miles south of Christchurch, is reached. From here to the river, only some  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles has to be traversed. Here is good fly-fishing from the Ellesmere bridge to four miles lower down the stream, the fish averaging from  $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. to 6 lb. One angler last season creeled 13 fish weighing  $38\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. in an afternoon, with fly, and baskets ranging from 20 to 40 trout are not uncommon. The same flies apply here as above. On the lower waters of this river, starting from say five miles from the Springston Hotel, the river runs within confined banks, the result being deep, dead water. Here the fishing is mostly obtained by means of live bait, or spinning dead bait on Archer spinners. The fish range here from 2 lbs. to 26 or 30 lbs., and the best catches are generally made after dark. On the first night of last season, seventeen anglers grassed 384 trout, averaging  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., between 7 p.m. and midnight, all using the live bully. Dry fly-fishers can get good sport here. Proceeding southwards from Christchurch some 35 miles, the Rakaia river is reached. On this river the best fishing is to be obtained at, or near, the mouth, where though there are no hotels, those who do not mind the temporary discomfort of camping can easily borrow a hut. As a general rule the biggest takes are made during the morning and evening hours; say between daylight and 7 a.m., and 4.30 until 9 p.m., though moderate sport may be obtained between the hours mentioned. Baskets up to 150 lbs. per rod have been made here, but the average take ranges from 25 to 60 lbs. The trout average here about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs., ranging from 1 lb. to 20 lbs. Fifty-four miles south of Christchurch is the Ashburton River, where the fish though plentiful, are as a rule small, except at the mouth where an average of from 2 to 8 lbs. is to be obtained, but the fish as a rule are shy and hard to catch. Some 20 miles further South is the Rangitata River, in which the best, and practically the whole of the fishing is at the mouth. The way of getting thither is either from Winchester or Temuka, and huts are provided for the accommodation of anglers at a small charge. The fishing here is about equal to that at the Rakaia mouth, and the morning and evening hours apply equally to the best takes made. The baits used are the Gold Devon and the Whitebait Phantom.

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