

EXPORTS FOR THE YEARS 1884 AND 1885.

The following statement shows the quantity and value of timber (sawn and baulk) exported during the years ended the 31st December, 1884 and 1885, from the several provincial districts :—

Provincial District.				Sawn Timber.		Logs.	
				Quantity.	Value.	Number.	Value.
1884.				Feet.	£		£
Auckland	...	...	...	21,634,670	112,557	5,014	23,370
Taranaki	...	...	...	114,262	701	...	...
Wellington	...	...	...	1,134,960	8,113	...	...
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	108,115	624	...	...
Marlborough	...	...	...	5,000	25	...	...
Westland	...	...	...	66,702	234	...	...
Canterbury	...	...	...	334,663	1,707	...	...
Otago...	...	...	...	55,875	427	...	...
Southland	...	...	...	1,312,909	4,536	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	24,767,156	128,924	5,014	23,370
1885.							
Auckland	...	...	...	25,694,997	127,463	3,697	16,012
Taranaki	...	...	...	30,000	104	...	...
Wellington	...	...	...	903,463	5,241	...	...
Hawke's Bay	...	...	...	557,944	2,868	...	...
Marlborough	...	...	...	130,000	500	...	...
Westland	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canterbury	...	...	...	501,561	2,744	...	...
Otago...	...	...	...	106,980	657	...	...
Southland	...	...	...	514,068	1,778	...	...
Totals	...	...	...	28,439,013	141,355	3,697	16,012

The quantity and value of kauri gum and fungus exported during the years ended the 31st December, 1884 and 1885, respectively, are as follow :—

				1884.		1885.	
				Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
					£		£
Kauri gum	...	...	...	6,393	342,151	5,875½	299,762
Fungus	...	...	...	Cwt. 6,049	10,553	Cwt. 6,069	10,922

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