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NEW ZEALAND

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1950

*Presented to Both Houses of the General Assembly Pursuant to Section 5 of the
Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914*

Department of Lands and Survey,

SIR, —

Wellington, 4th July, 1950.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1950.

I have, &c.,

D. M. GREIG,

Director-General of Lands.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

REPORT

The unstable conditions ruling at the close of the 1948-49 kauri-gum digging-season resulted in a loss of confidence in the early part of the 1949-50 season among the reduced number of diggers who were operating, and, consequently, production of kauri-gum for the year ended 31st March, 1950, was lower than usual. The close of the year reflects a better tone and a more hopeful outlook in the industry. A combination of circumstances affecting the price factor overseas, coupled with a greatly increased demand for the small quantities of gum offering, have brought about a sharp increase in the prices being offered as compared with previous years.