

HAWKE'S BAY.

The Land District of Hawke's Bay comprises that portion of the east coast of the North Island from Cape Turnagain, in latitude 40° 30', northwards to Lottin Point, about thirty miles beyond the East Cape, and contains the Waiapu, Cook, Waikohu, Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, Waipawa, Patangata, Woodville, Waipukurau, Dannevirke, and Weber Counties.

It has a seaboard of 300 miles, with an average depth from the coast of forty-five miles, and embraces an area of 6,063,000 acres. Its western limit is defined by the Ruahine, Kaweka, Ahimanawa, Raukumara, and other high ranges that form the watershed between the rivers flowing through it to the sea, and those that run to the west coast and the Bay of Plenty.

The total area of forest lands in the Hawke's Bay District is approximately estimated at 1,031,540 acres, and is chiefly confined to the western portion of the district, being a stretch of country following along the slopes of the main ranges and the front hills of varying width. The approximate quantity of milling-timber included within the above area is 2,235,213,000 sup. ft. The accompanying schedules give the estimated quantity of each of the principal milling-timbers.

In the Poverty Bay portion of the district there are estimated to be 650,240 acres of land on which is standing forest, made up as follows:—

	Acres.
State forests and Crown lands	208,875
Crown lands leased	89,685
Native lands	338,539
Private freehold land	13,141
Total	650,240

As showing the importance of the timber industry, there are numerous sawmills in the district, and, outside of wool, frozen meats, tallow, and pelts, sawn timber ranks first in the value of the exports. 3,463,942 ft. of timber were exported during the year, and 59,963 posts and strainers. It is satisfactory to note that sawmills have been established at Pohui and Puketitiri, in which districts there are large areas of valuable forest. As the bulk of the sawn timber from these places must necessarily come through Napier, it follows that the port and trade of the town will reap immense benefits from the further development of the industry in its vicinity.

FORESTS ON CROWN LANDS LEASED OR UNOCCUPIED.

Survey District.	Area.	Remarks.
	Acres.	
Matakaea East	7,500	Mixed bush—rimu and red-birch.
Waiapu	1,000	" "
Hikurangi	57,000	Mixed bush, with rimu and tawa.
Mata	3,000	Mixed bush, principally birch.
Mangaoporo	3,100	Mixed bush, a little rimu and red-birch.
Tutamoe	8,000	" "
Raukumara East	820	Mixed bush.
Urutawa	4,000	Mixed bush—matai, kahikatea, and a little totara.
Motu	30,000	" " "
Moanui	20,000	" " "
Waimata	2,000	Light bush and scrub.
Whangara	1,000	" "
Ngatapa	17,000	Mixed bush, chiefly birch on ridges, with tawa and pines in gullies.
Waikaremoana	15,000	Ditto.
Tuahu	15,000	Mixed bush, rimu, beech, tawa, &c.
Waiau	14,000	Mixed bush, principally birch.
State forests and other reserves in Poverty Bay	104,960	Principally birch, though good timber is scattered throughout the gullies.
Nuhaka	6,000	Mixed bush, containing rimu, tawa, and birch.
Waitara and Mangahopai	5,200	Mixed bush—rimu, rata, birch.
Tarawera	1,400	Mixed bush.
Pohui	3,000	Mixed bush—rimu, matai, and kahikatea.
Maungaharuru	4,000	Mixed bush—tawa, rimu, hinau, &c.
Kaweka	51,800	Principally red and black birch, with a little rimu.
Patoka	700	Mixed bush, with rimu and white-pine.
Ngaruroro	10,000	Mostly red and black birch, with a little rimu.
Wakarara	27,700	Some fine rimu timber in mixed bush.
Makaretu	28,000	Birch and mixed timber.
Norsewood	41,200	Rimu, matai, white-pine, and mixed forest.
Woodville	8,700	Rata, rimu, and mixed bush.
Tahoraite	3,000	Originally rimu, matai, and totara, but mostly red and black birch, rata, &c.
Mangatoro	24,800	Mixed forest, containing rimu, matai, and white-pine.
Weber	1,500	Mostly scrubby bush, with little valuable timber.
Tautane	500	Tawa, rata, and rimu scattered through scrubby bush.
Total	536,680	