

interior of British Columbia, but is abundant in the river-valleys on the slopes of the Selkirk and Coast Ranges. Though seldom found more than 150 ft. in height, in circumference it rivals the Douglas fir, trees of from 8 ft. to 10 ft. in diameter not being rare, and they are occasionally found much larger. It is chiefly used in the manufacture of shingles, for which purpose it is unequalled by any other wood. The wood of this tree takes a very brilliant polish, and is well adapted for interior finishing of all kinds. It is not only largely exported, but is now being shipped in increasing quantities to eastern Canada. In British Columbia it enters largely into the manufacture of doors and cabinet-work of all kinds. Like all the cedars, it lasts well underground, and on this account is much used in the form of telegraph-poles and fence-posts. Average price at seaboard, £1 2s. 6d.

(D.) FOREST RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA.

The following table shows the relative proportion of forest-areas in each State:—

State.	Population, 1908.	Area of State.	Estimated Forest-area.	Specially reserved for Timber.
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
New South Wales .. ..	1,496,050	198,634,880	15,000,000	7,155,902
Victoria .. ..	1,218,571	56,245,760	11,797,000	4,648,596
Queensland .. ..	528,048	427,838,080	40,000,000	3,019,919
South Australia .. ..	378,208	578,361,600	3,840,000	170,835
Western Australia .. ..	254,779	624,588,800	20,400,000	212,480
Tasmania .. ..	181,105	16,777,600	11,000,000	266,000
Totals .. ..	4,056,761	1,902,446,720	102,037,000	15,473,732

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF TIMBER INTO AUSTRALIA, 1906.

Imports.

Country.	Dressed Timber. Sup. ft.	Undressed Timber. Sup. ft.
United Kingdom .. ..	41,694	293,086
Canada .. ..	833	8,380,951
New Zealand .. ..	5,125	65,164,718
Burmah .. ..	..	290,060
India .. ..	..	248,989
Straits Settlements .. ..	..	130,898
Norway .. ..	43,712,732	1,284,969
Sweden .. ..	2,412,087	2,756,200
Russia .. ..	..	285,900
United States .. ..	1,727,363	121,601,462
Other British possessions .. ..	5,437	8,580
Other foreign countries .. ..	304,596	1,122,591
Totals .. ..	48,209,222	201,568,404

The value of timber imports into Australia increased from £1,329,456 in 1906 to £1,945,078 in 1908, of which £494,737 was the value of New Zealand pine, the quantity being given as 81,486,528 sup. ft.

Exports in 1906.

Country.	Undressed Timber. Sup. ft.	Country.	Undressed Timber. Sup. ft.
United Kingdom .. ..	25,561,273	Egypt .. ..	20,460
Canada .. ..	567,806	Germany .. ..	3,985,212
Cape Colony .. ..	4,455,719	Japan .. ..	403,326
Ceylon .. ..	25,285	Kaiser Wilhelm Land .. ..	29,818
Fiji .. ..	1,712,468	Marshall Island .. ..	502,627
India .. ..	63,248,657	Netherlands .. ..	1,174,827
Mauritius .. ..	820,197	New Pommern .. ..	121,043
Natal .. ..	1,825,763	New Caledonia .. ..	136,383
New Guinea .. ..	141,968	Philippine Islands .. ..	2,393,518
New Zealand .. ..	17,705,412	Portuguese East Africa .. ..	3,261,837
Ocean Island .. ..	573,498	South Sea Islands .. ..	415,071
Straits Settlements .. ..	1,047,381	United States .. ..	582,274
Other British possessions .. ..	5,404	Uruguay .. ..	6,137,060
Argentine Republic .. ..	2,947,860	Other foreign countries .. ..	1,775,770
Belgium .. ..	509,177		
China .. ..	12,335,396	Total .. ..	154,422,490