

1924.
NEW ZEALAND.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1924.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 5 of the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914.

SIR,—
Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 21st July, 1924.
I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1924.
I have, &c.,
J. B. THOMPSON, Under-Secretary.
The Hon. A. D. McLeod, Minister of Lands.

REPORT OF THE KAURI-GUM SUPERINTENDENT.

EXPORT OF KAURI-GUM.

FOR the year ended 31st March, 1924, the export amounted to 6,923 tons, of the value of £640,712, an average price of £92 per ton, the average price per ton last year being £85, and £98 for 1922.
Both the tonnage and value of kauri-gum exported is the largest since the war. This has been of little benefit to any particular section of the industry in New Zealand. Prices have been poor all round. The majority of the diggers barely made a living, and competition was keen enough to prevent exporters and dealers in Auckland from showing anything in the way of profit. Considering the value exported it was one of the leanest years for a long time.

Particulars of Kauri-gum exported from New Zealand from 1913 to 31st March, 1924, inclusive.

Country to which exported.	1913.		1914.		1915.		1st January to 31st March, 1916.		1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.		1st April, 1917, to 31st March, 1918.	
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
United States of America	3,995	308,456	4,531	316,200	3,312	222,856	974	60,010	3,158	218,214	2,316	164,516
United Kingdom	3,390	187,547	3,335	148,370	1,172	48,585	336	13,548	1,484	68,378	363	13,982
Germany ..	833	27,880	373	21,193	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canada ..	62	4,618	70	2,114	56	4,550	118	8,972	133	7,718	1,929	124,271
Australia ..	80	3,933	19	1,720	9	594	5	314	29	1,982	18	1,577
Belgium ..	126	5,120	34	1,519	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
France ..	45	3,995	42	3,599	5	430	..	..	..	..	..	..
Austria-Hungary	112	2,617	14	329	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Russia ..	53	1,725	3	225	21	2,118	..	..	50	3,440	..	..
Netherlands ..	60	2,495	8	664	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	15	420	20	560	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	9	300	23	855	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	..	..	1	96	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	506
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	539	..	..
Totals ..	8,730	549,106	8,473	497,444	4,575	279,133	1,433	82,844	4,862	300,271	4,636	304,852