

1925.
NEW ZEALAND.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1925.

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, 10th August, 1925.
I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1925.
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, 1925, the export amounted to 5,432 tons, of the value of £446,019, an average price of £82 per ton, against £92 per ton last year and £85 and £98 respectively the two previous years.

The export during the year was the smallest since 1919–20, and the average price per ton was the smallest since that year. Just over half the total export went to the United States of America and Canada, the average price being £94 per ton. The other half of the export went to nine different countries, and averaged £70 per ton, clearly showing that the best gums go to North America, where very large quantities of linoleum grades also are taken.

Particulars of Kauri-gum exported from New Zealand from 1914 to 31st March, 1925, inclusive.

Country to which exported.	1914.		1915.		1st January to 31st March, 1916.		1st April, 1916, to 31st March, 1917.		1st April, 1917 to 31st March, 1918.		1st April, 1918, to 31st March, 1919.	
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
United States of America	4,531	316,200	3,312	222,856	974	60,010	3,158	218,214	2,316	164,516	1,371	81,914
United Kingdom	3,335	148,370	1,172	48,585	336	13,548	1,484	68,378	363	13,982	346	19,977
Germany ..	373	21,193	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Canada ..	70	2,114	56	4,550	118	8,972	133	7,718	1,929	124,271	572	45,588
Australia ..	19	1,720	9	594	5	314	29	1,982	18	1,577	49	4,820
Belgium ..	34	1,519	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
France ..	42	3,599	5	430	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Austria-Hungary	14	329	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Russia ..	3	225	21	2,118	..	..	50	3,440	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	8	664	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	20	560	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy ..	23	855	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	1	96	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	506	..	..
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	539	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	8,473	497,444	4,575	279,133	1,433	82,844	4,862	300,271	4,636	304,852	2,338	152,299