

TIMBER.

The production of the main varieties of timber in the Dominion for the past ten years (ending 31st March) is given in the following table :—

Year ended 31st March,	Total.	Kauri.	Rimu.	White-pine.	Matai.	Totara.	Others.
	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.
1924 ..	317,069,216	19,743,196	181,093,581	56,699,443	24,326,148	18,904,361	16,302,487
1925 ..	344,094,874	22,891,535	195,572,705	65,572,439	23,947,707	18,509,551	17,600,937
1926 ..	353,224,196	22,765,877	195,451,758	75,634,869	26,141,027	14,109,576	19,121,089
1927 ..	305,675,258	18,474,981	170,498,282	65,490,059	19,380,469	14,179,462	17,652,005
1928 ..	269,783,000	15,874,000	156,314,000	53,736,000	15,207,000	15,728,000	17,924,000
1929 ..	270,214,420	10,742,967	156,239,992	56,790,306	15,752,744	8,610,639	22,077,772
1930 ..	282,405,173	10,471,297	163,293,288	58,505,364	17,972,243	9,046,159	23,116,822
1931 ..	229,468,022	8,943,480	124,998,825	49,009,109	13,917,187	9,467,697	23,131,724
1932 ..	154,192,510	6,891,352	71,082,074	43,161,299	7,474,867	5,344,100	20,238,818
1933 ..	166,269,410	5,410,390	76,192,513	47,997,700	8,160,873	6,346,942	22,160,992

Included in the table above under other species not specified are *Pinus insignis* and beech. The production of these species for the past five years is as under :—

				<i>Pinus insignis.</i>	Beech.
				Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.
1929 ..	..	..	..	9,168,412	9,845,606
1930 ..	..	..	..	10,381,585	10,225,255
1931 ..	..	..	..	12,739,925	7,680,913
1932 ..	..	..	..	13,404,700	5,756,868
1933 ..	..	..	..	14,676,010	5,781,441

EXPORTS.

The export trade in timber for twelve months ended 31st December, 1933, shows a reduction of 1,484,816 in superficial feet and £16,199 in value. The relative figures for the two periods are shown as under :—

	1932.		1933.	
	Feet b.m.	Value.	Feet b.m.	Value.
		£		£
White-pine ..	22,225,905	198,811	19,548,114	181,100
Rimu ..	2,060,581	14,328	3,641,873	24,560
Kauri ..	724,714	17,241	410,875	10,658
Beech ..	1,474,986	15,208	1,375,374	12,709
Fruit-case timber ..	661,156	6,832	704,443	7,343
Other ..	190,144	1,550	171,991	1,401
Total ..	27,337,486	253,970	25,852,670	237,771

IMPORTS.

The following table shows, in thousands of superficial feet, the quantities of imported timber that directly compete with New Zealand native timbers :—

	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
		(1,000 ft.)	(1,000 ft.)	(1,000 ft.)	(1,000 ft.)
Cedar	637	52	7	2
Oregon	12,807	2,950	1,081	1,354
Hemlock	6,142	662	..	..
Redwood	9,345	1,028	291	461
Butter-box shooks	4,691	2,879	1,473	1,815
Cheese-crate shooks	1,774	732	175	5
Total	35,396	8,303	3,027	3,637