

Table showing for the Years ended 31st March, 1932, 1933, and 1934, Figures relating to the various Industries classified into Four Groups as stated—continued.

Year.	Persons engaged.	Salaries and Wages paid.	Cost of Materials used.	Value of Products.	Value added by Manufacture.	Land, Buildings, Plant, and Machinery.
<i>Percentage of each Group to Total.</i>						
<i>1931-32.</i>						
1 ..	16·31	20·83	57·57	45·76	23·93	13·75
2 ..	6·57	8·44	9·80	8·61	6·95	48·86
3 ..	9·51	9·33	2·30	4·76	8·87	5·98
4 ..	67·61	61·40	30·33	40·87	60·25	31·41
Totals	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00
<i>1932-33.</i>						
1 ..	16·96	21·86	57·37	47·10	29·97	13·91
2 ..	6·39	8·33	10·13	8·73	6·40	48·89
3 ..	9·43	9·13	2·05	4·34	8·16	5·91
4 ..	67·22	60·68	30·45	39·83	55·47	31·29
Totals	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00
<i>1933-34.</i>						
1 ..	18·29	21·50	60·06	47·55	23·93	13·83
2 ..	6·28	8·48	8·69	8·17	7·18	49·30
3 ..	9·83	9·81	2·13	4·80	9·84	5·67
4 ..	65·60	60·21	29·12	39·48	59·05	31·20
Totals	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00	100·00

DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE.

By amendment of the Scientific and Industrial Research Act, 1926, statutory authority was provided for the constitution of two committees, one for the purpose of investigating matters relating particularly to research in agriculture and the other to investigate matters in regard to industry. This latter committee, of nine members, was commonly referred to as the "Development of Industries Committee." This Department was represented on the committee by the Secretary for Industries and Commerce.

The functions of the committee, which acted in an advisory capacity, were to advise the Government on the organization, conditions, prospects, difficulties, and needs of existing, new, or proposed industries; the assistance and control which might be exercised by the State for the benefit of any industry; to advise what steps those in control of industry might profitably and reasonably take for the better organization and development of industry; and any other matters which might be recommended in order to develop or assist New Zealand industries generally.

The first meeting of the committee was held on 12th February, 1932, and at intervals as circumstances warranted. Some of the matters dealt with are enumerated as under:—

Flax Industry.—Improved methods of cultivation and manufacture.

Manufacture of Benzol from Coal.

Passion-fruit.—Survey of local and overseas markets.

Kauri-gum.—Improved method of refining.

Sardine Canning.

Fishing Industry.—Formation of sub-committee, more particularly in regard to export trade with Australia

Rubber Tyre and Rubber Industry.—Proposal to manufacture in New Zealand.

Manufacture of Wool-tops in New Zealand.—Practicability of erecting factory.

Steel Industry.—Proposal to erect large-scale steel-works in New Zealand. Also a number of other matters associated with the primary and secondary industries of New Zealand.

On the 8th February, 1935, the above committee, which was composed of representatives of the manufacturing and commercial interests in addition to officers of the Departments of Industries and Commerce and Scientific and Industrial Research, was dissolved, and a new committee composed of departmental officers only was constituted, with the Hon. the Minister of Industries and Commerce as Chairman. The committee is now composed of the Secretaries of the Departments of Industries and Commerce and Scientific and Industrial Research, a representative of the Unemployment Board, and the Hon. R. Masters as Chairman.

The committee held its first meeting on the 11th February, 1935, and at the end of July ten meetings had been held. The chief function of the committee is to investigate proposals which have for their objective the development of new industries and the extension of existing ones, and to consider means whereby assistance could be granted to those industries that operate economically and provide avenues of work either directly or indirectly for New Zealand people.