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NEW ZEALAND.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1936.

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, 1st July, 1936.
I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1936.

I have, &c.,
W. ROBERTSON, Under-Secretary.

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

STAGNANT conditions have again prevailed during the year in the market. No demand whatever exists for the varnish grades and, indeed, remaining stocks of these are so small that it would be very difficult to fill any considerable order.

No definite results have yet been obtained from research in connection with solvent processes of purification. Synthetic resins have, however, obtained a very strong hold in the varnish and lacquer industries, and even if a satisfactory gum can be produced considerable difficulty will be experienced in regaining any appreciable portion of this market.

There is still a fairly consistent demand for the linoleum grades at prices about on a par with those existing in the previous year. As hitherto, Great Britain imports the vast majority of this gum, although in recent months a few increased orders have been noted from Montreal and New York.

The continued excess of exports over production has reduced stocks of chip grades also to a low level.

EXPORT OF KAURI-GUM.

For the year ended 31st March, 1936, the export amounted to 2,669 tons, of the value of £75,802, an average price of about £28 per ton. The tonnage, value, and average price per ton of the export for the past sixteen years are—

Year ended 31st March.	Tonnage exported.	Value. £	Average per Ton. £
1921	6,131	524,701	85
1922	3,968	391,304	98
1923	6,080	520,409	85
1924	6,923	640,712	92
1925	5,432	446,019	82
1926	5,495	414,420	75
1927	4,529	301,335	66
1928	4,531	267,559	59
1929	4,566	241,223	53
1930	4,941	264,452	53
1931	3,145	155,602	49
1932	3,164	124,757	39
1933	2,060	57,970	28
1934	3,378	83,945	25
1935	3,412	91,070	27
1936	2,669	75,802	28