

1938.  
NEW ZEALAND.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1938.

*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 June, 1938.  
I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1938.  
I have, &c.,  
W. ROBERTSON, Under-Secretary.  
The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

Production during the last twelve months has been ample to meet current demands and maintain stocks on hand.  
As far as the better-quality gum suitable for manufacture in the varnish trade is concerned, the market is still stagnant; consequently production has been mostly of the poorer grades of gum used in the manufacture of linoleum. There appear to be ample supplies of these types of gum for many years to come, and, providing ruling prices are maintained, production should be ample to meet demands.  
Prices over the last twelve months have remained firm.

EXPORT OF KAURI-GUM.

For the year ended 31st March, 1938, the export amounted to 2,491 tons, of the value of £126,612, an average price of about £51 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. £
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
1937	3,613	119,649	33
1938	2,491	126,612	51

Details of the yearly export, and the country to which exported, from 1926 to 1938 are given below :—

Particulars of Kauri-gum exported from New Zealand from 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1938, inclusive.

Country to which exported.	1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927.		1st April, 1927, to 31st March, 1928.		1st April, 1928, to 31st March, 1929.		1st April, 1929, to 31st March, 1930.		1st April, 1930, to 31st March, 1931.		1st April, 1931, to 31st March, 1932.	
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
United States of America	1,863	136,397	2,087	120,349	2,337	139,672	1,967	127,723	823	46,510	681	33,082
United Kingdom	2,036	133,032	2,043	127,401	1,504	77,479	2,425	117,677	1,957	96,679	1,968	71,572
Germany ..	127	5,432	119	6,613	234	7,949	100	2,646	62	1,508	52	6,725
Canada ..	144	7,181	165	6,329	208	7,448	202	7,169	127	4,726	173	4,156
Australia ..	15	911	33	1,448	8	408	106	3,998	37	1,423	65	1,862
Belgium ..	114	4,563	..	..	60	1,094	30	635	43	975	69	1,154
France ..	89	6,980	60	3,915	150	5,206	89	3,764	71	2,701	94	4,173
Switzerland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	34	1,950	3	483	29	1,068	2	285	4	218	..	..
Sweden ..	46	1,929	1	132	..	..	..	..	10	282	32	837
Italy ..	51	2,469	..	..	10	127	..	..	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	10	476	20	843	26	772	20	645	11	580	30	1,196
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
China ..	..	15	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South African Union	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	4,529	301,335	4,531	267,559	4,566	241,223	4,941	264,452	3,145	155,602	3,164	124,757

Country to which exported.	1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1933.		1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1934.		1st April, 1934, to 31st March, 1935.		1st April, 1935, to 31st March, 1936.		1st April, 1936, to 31st March, 1937.		1st April, 1937, to 31st March, 1938.	
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
United States of America	268	11,208	875	30,174	394	20,602	553	24,488	478	28,844	548	38,010
United Kingdom	1,298	36,150	1,730	37,218	2,267	54,365	1,570	39,181	2,200	62,963	1,486	65,921
Germany ..	70	1,104	325	5,093	251	4,986	41	769	78	2,241	37	1,910
Canada ..	169	3,157	94	2,530	114	2,623	62	1,689	263	8,228	205	9,988
Australia ..	91	2,251	120	3,355	150	3,588	171	3,058	311	7,575	27	1,238
Belgium ..	15	230	11	208	..	..	42	889	21	618	13	837
France ..	83	2,452	143	3,642	116	2,768	122	3,193	144	5,584	47	2,639
Switzerland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	512	..	..
Netherlands ..	..	..	..	..	3	90	11	262	37	943	21	1,021
Sweden ..	11	218	20	461	..	..	57	1,043	16	560	61	2,247
Italy ..	31	555	28	494	75	825	4	245	..	..	..	..
Japan ..	24	645	32	744	42	1,223	36	985	45	1,581	46	2,801
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
China ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South African Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	2,060	57,970	3,378	83,345	3,412	91,070	2,669	75,802	3,613	119,649	2,491	126,612

PRODUCTION DURING THE YEAR.

The kauri-gum received at Auckland from the gumfields for the past eight years is shown, month by month, in the following table :—

	1930-31.		1931-32.		1932-33.		1933-34.		1934-35.		1935-36.		1936-37.		1937-38.	
	Tons.		Tons.		Tons.		Tons.		Tons.		Tons.		Tons.		Tons.	
April ..	..	441	309	405	240	202	221	346	305							
May ..	..	374	394	245	161	224	211	229	249							
June ..	..	247	263	144	238	148	164	107	350							
July ..	..	309	244	153	162	150	258	139	368							
August ..	..	194	251	43	150	193	172	181	162							
September ..	..	214	208	128	219	201	134	142	164							
October ..	..	328	192	176	320	307	220	154	252							
November ..	..	317	276	182	326	243	260	501	74							
December ..	..	277	172	188	209	268	190	291	127							
January ..	..	158	194	167	165	312	182	160	136							
February ..	..	281	277	213	325	274	220	265	86							
March ..	..	386	224	185	289	336	160	233	200							
Totals ..		3,526	3,004	2,229	2,804	2,858	2,392	2,748	2,473							

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY ACCOUNT.

The assets of the Kauri-gum Industry Account have been realized, and the account has been abolished by statute.

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