

1940.
NEW ZEALAND.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1940.

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, 1940.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1940.

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R. G. MACMORRAN, Under-Secretary.

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

CONDITIONS in the kauri-gum industry over the past twelve months remained steady, as in previous years, although there was a slight improvement in the market towards the end of this period.

Buyers continue to report that there is little or no demand for varnish grades of gum and that very little gum of this quality is being produced. However, the demand for gum for linoleum purposes continues. Actually the total amount exported over the past twelve months shows a slight increase over the previous year. However, buyers are of the opinion that the slight increase towards the end of the period was due more to manufacturers laying in reserve supplies owing to unsettled conditions.

It is again reported that most of the gum is taken by Great Britain, although small quantities are periodically exported to America and Japan, while Australia takes a certain amount.

The actual production of gum was sufficient to meet demands and could be increased if required.

The Director of Internal Marketing reports that owing to the restriction on the importation of foreign gums one or two factories in New Zealand are again using kauri-gum for the manufacture of varnish. Whilst these conditions continue, the demand in New Zealand should tend to increase.

EXPORT OF KAURI-GUM.

For the year ended 31st March, 1940, the export amounted to 2,412 tons, of the value of £118,584, an average price of about £49 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.
		£	£
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
1939	2,358	105,169	45
1940	2,412	118,584	49

Details of the yearly export, and the country to which exported, from 1928 to 1940 are given below :—

Particulars of Kauri-gum exported from New Zealand from 1st April, 1928, to 31st March, 1940, inclusive

Country to which exported.	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.		1st April, 1932, to 31st March, 1933.		1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1934.	
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
United States of America	2,337	139,672	1,967	127,723	823	46,510	681	33,082	268	11,208	875	30,174
United Kingdom	1,504	77,479	2,425	117,677	1,957	96,679	1,968	71,572	1,298	36,150	1,730	37,218
Germany ..	234	7,949	100	2,646	62	1,508	52	6,725	70	1,104	325	5,093
Canada ..	208	7,448	202	7,169	127	4,726	173	4,156	169	3,457	94	2,530
Australia ..	8	408	106	3,908	37	1,423	65	1,862	91	2,251	120	3,355
Belgium ..	60	1,094	30	635	43	975	69	1,154	15	230	11	208
France ..	150	5,206	89	3,764	71	2,701	94	4,173	83	2,452	143	3,642
Switzerland ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	29	1,068	2	285	4	218	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	..	..	..	..	10	282	32	837	11	218	20	461
Italy ..	10	127	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	555	28	494
Japan ..	26	772	20	615	11	580	30	1,196	24	645	32	744
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
China ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South African Union ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals ..	4,566	241,223	4,941	261,452	3,145	155,602	3,164	124,757	2,060	57,970	3,378	83,945

Country to which exported.	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.		1st April, 1938, to 31st March, 1939.		1st April, 1939, to 31st March, 1940.	
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
United States of America	394	20,602	553	24,488	478	28,844	548	38,010	169	13,179	418	30,962
United Kingdom	2,267	54,365	1,570	39,181	2,200	62,963	1,486	65,921	1,535	60,484	1,580	67,740
Germany ..	251	4,986	41	769	78	2,241	37	1,910	36	1,806	7	650
Canada ..	114	2,623	62	1,689	263	8,228	205	9,988	237	11,035	207	9,246
Australia ..	150	3,588	171	3,058	311	7,575	27	1,238	135	6,243	33	2,090
Belgium ..	..	..	42	889	21	618	13	837	..	..	..	..
France ..	116	2,768	122	3,193	144	5,584	47	2,639	73	3,721	59	2,721
Switzerland ..	..	..	..	..	20	512	..	..	..	..	..	..
Netherlands ..	3	90	11	262	37	943	21	1,021	33	1,810	66	2,983
Sweden ..	..	..	57	1,043	16	560	61	2,247	22	785	10	300
Italy ..	75	825	4	245	..	..	..	..	30	1,160	..	..
Japan ..	42	1,223	36	985	45	1,581	46	2,801	87	4,937	32	1,892
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
China ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South African Union ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fiji ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	..	..
Totals ..	3,412	91,070	2,669	75,802	3,613	119,649	2,491	126,612	2,358	105,169	2,412	118,584

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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