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KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.

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, 1941.

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1941.

I have, &c.,

R. G. MACMORRAN, Under-Secretary.

The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

CONDITIONS in the kauri-gum industry over the past twelve months have been affected by the ability of merchants to export the produce overseas. Actually the figures show a very considerable drop on previous years, and this is stated by the buyers to be entirely due to lack of shipping space:

At present the actual working of gum has not fluctuated to the same extent, with the result that large stocks are held by the buyers in Auckland.

Again, it is possible to report that the actual production of gum is more than sufficient, and could be increased if the demand were present.

During the year 1,364 tons of gum were exported, of a total value of £74,581.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY ACCOUNT.

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

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