

Other than the planting of shelter-belts on prison property little has been done in respect to tree-planting during the past year, but it is hoped in the near future to again resume this work, which offers great possibilities for the profitable and healthy use of prison labour.

INDUSTRY PRODUCE USED FOR INSTITUTIONAL PURPOSES.

The extent to which the principal prison-made and prison-grown products have been used during the year for the Department's own requirements is indicated by the following table, showing values under this head to the extent of £17,002. This table does not include minor domestic industries attached to that institution such as laundering and breadmaking.

*Industry Produce and Products used for Institutional Purposes for Year ended 31st March, 1926.*

Institution.	Farm and Garden Produce.	Clothing (Inmates and Officers).	Boots (Inmates and Officers).	Timber (Construction and Maintenance).	Bricks, Blocks, and Gravel (Construction and Maintenance).	Institutional Totals, 1925-26.	Corresponding Totals, 1924-25.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Addington ..	40	..	..	..	..	40	..
Auckland ..	426	4,668	1,486	..	49	6,629	7,222
Hautu ..	155	..	..	..	..	155	129
Invercargill ..	1,135	365	526	..	..	2,026	2,001
Napier ..	7	..	..	..	3	10	10
New Plymouth ..	71	..	..	..	..	71	59
Paparua ..	1,468	..	..	..	6	1,474	666
Point Halswell ..	155	..	..	..	..	155	129
Waikeria ..	987	..	..	..	..	987	634
Waikune ..	50	..	..	4,051	..	4,101	868
Wellington ..	112	..	..	..	219	331	..
Wi Tako ..	272	..	..	..	751	1,023	100
Industry totals, 1925-26	4,878	5,033	2,012	4,051	1,028	17,002	..
Corresponding totals, 1924-25	2,939	5,267	2,629	983	..	..	11,818

NOTES.—Garden-produce: In Invercargill, Paparua, and Waikeria the produce is from extensive farm gardens; on other cases the produce is from kitchen gardens with only small supplies available for outside sale.

The above table, setting out the extent to which prison products have been used for institutional purposes, includes, in the case of timber, bricks, blocks, and gravel on construction of buildings, sums which have been credited to Prisons Vote from Public Works Fund. As such sums are also included in the table preceding it, the following statement combines these two with allowance for this fact, and shows the total value of products and services both credited to the vote and used internally:—

*Total Value of Prison-made and Prison-grown Products produced during Year ended 31st March, 1926.*

Institutions.	£	Industries.	£
Addington ..	100	Quarries and gravel-pits ..	24,461
Auckland ..	35,017	Roadworks and contracts ..	16,365
Hautu ..	422	Farms and gardens ..	20,089
Invercargill ..	9,572	Sawmill ..	8,297
Napier ..	290	Tailoring and mail-bags ..	8,006
New Plymouth ..	1,071	Brickworks ..	4,262
Paparua ..	6,983	Boot-manufacturing ..	4,972
Point Halswell ..	509	Concrete blocks and tiles ..	863
Rangipo ..	123	Sundry credits ..	5,036
Waikeria ..	7,321		
Waikune ..	20,571		
Wanganui ..	305		
Wellington ..	3,247		
Wi Tako ..	6,764		
Minor gaols ..	56		
	<u>£92,351</u>		<u>£92,351</u>