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# IN THE KAURI FORESTS OF THE NORTH.

Striking Characteristics of New Zealand's Most Picturesque and Valuable Industry.

**T**HE KAURI TIMBER FORESTS OF NEW ZEALAND—soon, alas, to be a thing of the past—are amongst the most beautiful and valuable of the present possessions of the Colony. Some idea of the glories of a Kauri Bush may be gained from the picture on this page of a gigantic specimen in the Pikiwahine Bush, Northern Wairoa, Auckland. The average girth of this tree is 28 feet by 60 feet high, and it was estimated to cut into 35,000 feet of timber. On the opposite page are shown two decided curiosities, a Triplet Kauri, a tree with three trunks on the parent stump, this being very rare; and yet another with no less than four, which is believed to be positively unique, no other similar freak of nature being reported to our knowledge. The triplet is in Taine's Bush, Maungaturoto, and the quadruple tree at McCarroll's Bush, Northern Wairoa.