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KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1944

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly pursuant to Section 5 of the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 4th July, 1944.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1944.

I have, &c.,
R. G. MACMORRAN, Under-Secretary.

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

MAINLY on account of man-power difficulties, the amount of kauri-gum placed on the market dwindled still further during the past year, while the greater portion available comprised chips of a generally poor quality.

There was an excellent demand for the gum, which is used both overseas and in the Dominion in the manufacture of varnishes.

The overseas exports comprised mainly chips, and the demand considerably exceeded the supply.

Prices rose on an average about 15 per cent. over those existing during the previous year.

During the year 851 tons of gum were exported, of a total value of £59,287.

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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