

1903.
NEW ZEALAND.

IMPORTED AND NEW ZEALAND RAILWAY SLEEPERS
(FURTHER PARTICULARS RELATIVE TO).

Return to an Order of the House of Representatives dated the 24th July, 1903.

Ordered, "That there be laid before this House a return showing the number of railway sleepers relaid and removed during the year ending the 31st March, 1903, on the different lines of the colony, the various kinds of timber in the said sleepers, and the average duration of the life of such sleepers, showing each class of timber separately."
—(Mr. McNAB.)

NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

RETURN showing Sleepers (1) relaid and (2) removed during the Year ending the 31st March, 1903, on the Different Lines of the Colony, the Various Kinds of Timber in the said Sleepers, and the Average Duration of Life of same.

Sleepers relaid.

Description.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaiti.	Auckland.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Gisborne.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Pictou.	Total.
Black-pine ..	..	..	..	..	548	..	25,479	..	..	..	..	26,027
Totara ..	165	294	1,323	4,102	32,672	..	18,184	..	..	157	..	56,896
Birch ..	..	..	..	..	328	..	6,313	..	14	..	4,563	11,218
Jarrah ..	..	..	..	3,069	1,323	..	5,363	..	..	..	..	9,755
Silver-pine ..	..	..	..	..	33,965	..	96,707	17,607	5,313	6,167	29	159,788
Puriri ..	642	2,448	998	10,897	687	..	2,078	..	..	..	..	17,750
Kauri ..	3	..	..	141	288	..	..	..	..	..	..	432
Rimu ..	..	..	..	..	398	..	..	..	..	..	..	398
Creosoted ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,611	..	..	..	..	18,611
Yellow-pine ..	..	..	..	..	165	..	212	..	375	..	..	752
Karri ..	..	..	..	..	134	..	..	..	..	..	..	134
Ironbark ..	..	..	..	283	4,731	..	3,860	1,132	624	..	159	10,789
Mixed hardwoods ..	..	..	..	..	23,751	..	345	..	..	..	..	24,096
Grey-gum ..	..	..	..	17,598	1,099	..	26,124	..	..	..	..	44,821
Blue-gum ..	..	..	..	..	285	..	2,717	..	..	..	..	3,002
Total ..	810	2,742	2,320	36,090	100,374	..	205,993	18,739	6,326	6,324	4,751	384,469