

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.	Kaihu.	Auckland.	Wellington-Napier-New Plymouth.	Gisborne.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	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

Sleepers removed.

Description.	Kawakawa.	Whangarei.	Kaihu.	Auckland.	Wellington-Napier- New Plymouth.	Gisborne.	Hurunui-Bluff.	Westland.	Westport.	Nelson.	Picton.	Total.	Average Duration of Life (Years).
Black-pine ..	..	..	..	48	1,018	..	44,920	..	..	105	2	46,093	10
Totara ..	84	242	16	1,137	55,624	..	28,234	1	..	494	12	85,844	20
Birch ..	..	..	..	..	12,657	..	48,030	12,200	3,619	3,076	4,040	83,622	8
Jarrah ..	..	..	..	..	546	..	8,812	..	..	..	..	9,358	25
Silver-pine ..	..	77	..	475	993	..	24,034	1,305	2,253	..	204	29,341	20
Puriri ..	310	1,092	107	13,009	3,500	..	5,748	..	..	..	..	23,766	20
Kauri ..	225	327	2,197	16,581	84	..	3,276	..	..	..	..	22,690	15
Karri ..	..	..	..	..	763	..	..	..	..	..	..	763	10
Maire ..	..	..	..	..	2,996	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,996	10
Blue-gum ..	..	..	..	..	1,096	..	5,231	..	..	..	..	6,327	20
Rata ..	..	..	..	107	46	..	139	..	..	..	..	292	8
Rimu ..	..	..	..	..	726	..	164	17	..	180	..	1,087	8
Kamai ..	..	..	..	..	178	..	8,653	..	..	..	..	8,836	8
Ironbark ..	..	25	..	..	119	..	7	..	..	..	..	151	25 to 30
Mixed hardwoods ..	..	..	..	..	1,301	..	17	..	..	..	..	1,318	20 to 25
Yellow-pine ..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1,222	..	1,226	20
Creosoted ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,827	..	..	..	..	4,827	18 to 20
Grey-gum ..	..	..	..	..	709	..	783	..	..	..	..	1,492	25 to 30
Total ..	619	1,763	2,320	31,357	82,360	..	182,880	13,523	5,872	5,077	4,258	330,029	..

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