

A RETURN showing IMPORTS OF TIMBER INTO NEW ZEALAND during the Years 1904-8, and giving Importations from Australia, Canada, and United States of America separately.

| Heading.           | Whence imported.            | 1904.               | 1905.  | 1906.               | 1907.   | 1908.               |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
|                    |                             | Sup. Ft. or Number. | £      | Sup. Ft. or Number. | £       | Sup. Ft. or Number. |
| Laths and shingles | Australia ..                | 1,232,150 No.       | 1,474  | 1,727,917 No.       | 2,431   | 1,599,107 No.       |
|                    | Canada ..                   | 62,000 "            | 72     | 100,000 "           | 114     | 1,599,107 No.       |
|                    | United States of America .. | 25,000 "            | 36     | Nil                 | 707     | 6,264,929 "         |
|                    | Other countries ..          | 320,000 "           | 228    | 100,000 No.         | 106     | 1,644,500 "         |
|                    | Totals ..                   | 1,639,150 No.       | 1,810  | 1,927,917 No.       | 3,138   | 9,509,536 No.       |
| Logs, round        | Australia ..                | 2,302 No.           | 9,359  | 2,627 No.           | 12,249  | 3,787 No.           |
|                    | Canada ..                   | 11 "                | 95     | Nil                 | 104     | 38 "                |
|                    | United States of America .. | 6 "                 | 12     | 18 No.              | 179     | Nil                 |
|                    | Other countries ..          | Nil                 | Nil    | 10 No.              | 179     | Nil                 |
|                    | Totals ..                   | 2,319 No.           | 9,466  | 2,637 No.           | 12,353  | 3,825 No.           |
| Logs, hewn         | Australia ..                | 4,477,255 s. ft.    | 48,108 | 2,914,307 s. ft.    | 61,363  | 14,452,000 s. ft.   |
|                    | Canada ..                   | 1,300 "             | 18     | Nil                 | 12      | 15,330 "            |
|                    | United States of America .. | 2,460 "             | 51     | 6,503 s. ft.        | 403     | 15,001 "            |
|                    | Other countries ..          | 886 "               | 41     | 4,857 "             | 186     | 19,078 "            |
|                    | Totals ..                   | 4,481,901 s. ft.    | 48,218 | 2,925,667 s. ft.    | 61,952  | 14,501,409 s. ft.   |
| Palings            | Australia ..                | 622,020 No.         | 4,067  | 548,186 No.         | 4,154   | 771,780 No.         |
|                    | Canada ..                   | Nil                 | ..     | Nil                 | ..      | Nil                 |
|                    | Other countries ..          | Nil                 | ..     | Nil                 | ..      | ..                  |
|                    | Totals ..                   | 622,020 No.         | 4,067  | 548,186 No.         | 4,154   | 771,780 No.         |
|                    | Australia ..                | 20,200 No.          | 706    | 22,543 No.          | 1,029   | 28,543 No.          |
| Posts ..           | Other countries ..          | Nil                 | ..     | Nil                 | ..      | Nil                 |
|                    | Totals ..                   | 20,200 No.          | 706    | 22,543 No.          | 1,029   | 28,543 No.          |
| Rails ..           | Australia ..                | 4,900 No.           | 158    | 4,990 No.           | 194     | 2,909 No.           |
|                    | Canada ..                   | Nil                 | ..     | Nil                 | ..      | Nil                 |
|                    | United States of America .. | "                   | ..     | "                   | ..      | "                   |
|                    | Other places ..             | "                   | ..     | "                   | ..      | "                   |
|                    | Totals ..                   | 4,900 No.           | 158    | 4,990 No.           | 194     | 2,909 No.           |
| Sawn, undressed    | Australia ..                | 11,175,250 s. ft.   | 82,261 | 10,755,822 s. ft.   | 94,396  | 21,336,462 s. ft.   |
|                    | Canada ..                   | 9,575 "             | 99     | 65,625 "            | 6,801   | 11,572,878 "        |
|                    | United States of America .. | 759,264 "           | 8,090  | 139,305 "           | 7,052   | 4,166,629 "         |
|                    | Other places ..             | 157,513 "           | 1,983  | 94,201 "            | 1,280   | 74,829 "            |
|                    | Totals ..                   | 12,101,602 s. ft.   | 92,433 | 11,054,953 s. ft.   | 109,529 | 37,150,798 s. ft.   |
| Sawn, dressed ..   | Australia ..                | 62,292 s. ft.       | 1,581  | 87,988 s. ft.       | 2,695   | 64,433 s. ft.       |
|                    | Canada ..                   | Nil                 | ..     | Nil                 | ..      | Nil                 |
|                    | United States of America .. | 62,305 s. ft.       | 1,103  | 40,795 s. ft.       | 886     | 100,422 s. ft.      |
|                    | Other places ..             | 24,161 "            | 597    | 7,900 "             | 80      | 10,931 "            |
|                    | Totals ..                   | 148,758 s. ft.      | 3,281  | 136,683 s. ft.      | 3,661   | 175,786 s. ft.      |

NOTE.—Importations from British Columbia are included with Canada.

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