

COMPARISON WITH NEW ZEALAND.

Country.	Total Area.	Wooded Area.	Per Cent. under Wood
	Acres.	Acres.	
New Zealand	66,606,162	14,131,933*	21·2

* Included in this area are the forests on national parks, scenic reserves, and permanent reserves, as well as the forests shown in Appendix F.

FOREST RESOURCES OF AUSTRALIA FOR PERIOD ENDING 1905.

(Extract from Minutes of Evidence taken by the New South Wales Royal Commission of Inquiry on Forestry, 1908, page 796.)

State.	Population.	Area in Acres.	Estimated Wooded Area in Acres.	Area in Acres re- served or set apart for Forestry.
New South Wales	1,496,050	198,634,880	20,000,000	7,749,579
Victoria	1,218,571	56,245,760	12,000,000	5,525,000
Queensland	528,048	427,838,080	40,000,000	3,606,709
South Australia	378,208	578,361,600	4,000,000	190,657
West Australia	254,779	624,588,800	20,000,000	212,480
Tasmania	181,105	16,777,600	11,000,000	95,000
	4,056,761	1,902,446,720	107,000 000	17,379,425

Mr. Hay, Acting Chief Forester, New South Wales, stated that an analysis of these figures showed that, in comparison with its total area, Australia had an average of about 1 wooded acre in every 18, and 1 acre reserved or set apart for forestry in every 109. In comparison with its population, there was for each unit 469 acres available for occupation, 26 acres wooded, and 4·2 acres reserved or set apart for forestry purposes.

In comparison with the total area of the continent, the area reserved or set apart for forestry was about 0·9 per cent. In European countries, with their dense populations, the percentage ranged from 5·6 per cent. in France to 14 per cent. in Italy, and 26 per cent. in Germany, Hungary, and Sweden.

The commercial value of its forests had yet to be appreciated. Although not extensively wooded, Australia possessed timbers of rare merit and great utility. Increase of population and internal development would enhance the value of forest resources and create great demands for timber.

APPENDIX H.

RETURN SHOWING NET RECEIPTS FROM STATE FORESTS.

(As shown in the Annual Statement of Public Accounts, B.-1.)

Year ended 31st March.	Receipts. £ s. d.	Year ended 31st March.	Receipts. £ s. d.
1886	Nil.	1899	5,844 6 6
1887	3,873 15 5	1900	8,845 18 10
1888	3,772 12 11	1901	14,915 5 3
1889	2,438 13 0	1902	17,188 11 5
1890	3,754 9 1	1903	3,870 14 10
1891	3,973 6 11	1904	16,726 3 5
1892	1,964 15 10	1905	12,784 2 8
1893	1,212 17 10	1906	14,385 7 3
1894	1,931 6 6	1907	20,426 1 4
1895	1,071 8 3	1908	18,258 0 3
1896	2,468 6 6		
1897	6,504 4 10	Total	£177,206 1 11
1898	10,995 13 1		