1916. NEW ZEALAND.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND SURVEY.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1916; TOGETHER WITH STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

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

Sir.— Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 1st May, 1916.

The second annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, is now submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and it is accompanied by the prescribed statement of accounts.

This very important industry is well worth the assistance given by the Government, and the report of the Kauri-gum Superintendent (Mr. R. P. Greville, F.R.G.S.) attached gives full and interesting information regarding the unusual circumstances attending kauri-gum digging and sale of kauri-gum at the present time. The future development and encouragement of the kauri-gum industry are receiving every attention, and it will be seen from the Superintendent's report that the industry is being organized in a systematic and thorough manner.

I have, &c.,

T. N. BRODRICK,

The Right Hon. W. F. Massey, P.C., Minister of Lands.

Under-Secretary of Lands.

Statement of Accounts (as required by Section 5 of the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914) for the Year ended 31st March. 1916.

1914) for the Year ended 31st March, 1916.				
1915. Receipts. April 1. To Balance 1916. March 31. To Debentures issued under	£ 9,00 7		d. 2	1916. Expenditure. £ s. d. March 31. By Wages paid to workmen engaged upon face diggings (including bonuses, £692
the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914	18,000	n	0	19s. 11d.) 14,249 2 2 Wages of overseers and gum-
Miscellaneous receipts		6		buyers 1,278 16 3 Machinery, plant, &c., pro-
				cured for face diggings 1,128 15 1 Advances to gum-diggers 4,676 19 9 Travelling - expenses of Superintendent, gum-
				buyers, and overseers 461 12 6
				Office expenses, administration, &c 1,622 8 10 Freights, &c 896 16 10 New Zealand Loans Act,
•				1908 — Charges and expenses
				standing 18 0 1 2,694 3 9
	£27,009	12	8	£27,009 12 8
Loan Account.				
1916. March 31. To Balance	£ 32,000	s. 0	d. 0	1916. & s. d. March 31. By Debentures issued under the Kauri-gum Industry
				Amendment Act, 1914 32,000 0 0
	£32,000	0	0	£32,000 0 0

T. N. BRODRICK,

Examined and found correct.

Under-Secretary for Lands.

ROBERT J. COLLINS, Controller and Auditor-General.