

National Endowment Account's Share in State Forest Timber-sale Receipts.

From the forested national-endowment land under the forest-management of this Service the National Endowment Account benefited by the receipt of the sum of £15,658 15s. 4d., being the amount due at the 31st March, 1926, under section 39 of the Forests Act, 1921-22, which provides for the payment to the National Endowment Account of one-half of the revenue derived from any national-endowment land comprised in a State forest remaining after the deduction of the expenses of the administration of that land as a State forest.

3. OPERATION.

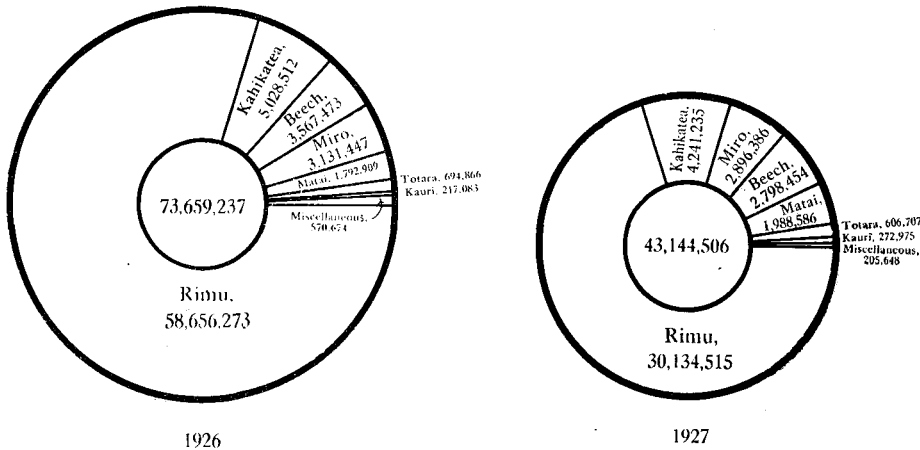
Timber-sales.

During the period under review 64,639,000 ft. b.m. were produced by mills cutting State-forest timber, and the sum of £103,524 was received from all timber licenses in force. The receipts for the sale of timber show a decrease of £26,608 on the figures for 1925-26.

Fiscal Year.	Number of Sales.	Value of Timber sold during the Year.	Quantity of Timber sold during the Year.	Receipts from all Timber Licenses in Force during the Year.	Quantity cut from State Forests during the Year.
		£	Feet, B.M.	£	Feet, B.M.
1926-27	52	52,125	43,144,000	103,524	64,639,000
1925-26	65	80,565	73,659,000	130,132	79,009,000
1924-25	54	96,158	69,253,000	134,731	102,369,900
1923-24	61	266,388	212,085,000	68,295	52,297,000
1922-23	52	95,357	78,830,000	47,462	..
1921-22	40	38,208	35,669,000	24,320	..
1920-21	5	17,055	6,987,000	16,815	..

NOTE.—Receipts shown above for the periods 1920-21 to 1923-24 do not include the half-share of receipts paid into the National Endowment Account from State forests on national-endowment lands.

Reference to the attached graphs shows the quantities of the various species comprised in Forest Service timber-sales for the last two years.



STATISTICS OF THE SERVICE TIMBER-SALES FOR YEARS ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1926-27. QUANTITIES SHOWN IN FEET BOARD MEASURE.

Log-scale Tables.

During the past fiscal year the State Forest Service has introduced the system of selling State timber on the cubic-foot measurement. In all timber-sales the equivalent cubic-feet measurements are given as well as per board-foot measurement.

Timber-export Regulations.

Permits issued for the export of timber for the year ending the 31st March, 1927, totalled 250, as compared with 263 for the previous year, and, although the maximum quantity was granted in respect to each species, the permits were not utilized to their fullest extent. Moreover, as stated in a subsequent portion of this report, the total exports were the lowest for many years (see Chapter V and Appendix IV).

Forest-improvements.

The access to the State forests is being steadily improved, and during the year forty-five miles of new track were formed. At Puketū Forest, North Auckland, a bridge was built and five miles of road opened to improve the communication between the officers stationed there. The expansion of the afforestation acreage necessitated the formation of fifty-nine miles of new roads, eighty-seven miles of fire-breaks, and the erection of seven miles of telephone-line.