

The imports of timber (other than Australian hardwoods) during recent years have been recorded as under (quantities in thousands of superficial feet) :—

—	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
Ash, hickory, lancewood, lignum-vitae, beech, mahogany, walnut	Not available.	Included under "cedar" below	127	219	
Cedar		342	2,314	7,571	8,202
Oregon		11,373	13,653	16,206	18,622
Hemlock		545	1,747	4,258	3,744*
Spruce		3	899	1,463	239*
Oak		1,867	2,136	2,586	2,343
Other kinds, including redwood ..		1,394	2,812	8,716	9,628†
Totals	7,620	15,514	23,561	40,927	42,997

* Does not include timber for butter-boxes or cheese-crates (if any) of hemlock or spruce. Previous years' figures for hemlock and spruce include any butter-boxes or cheese-crates of these species. † Includes all butter-boxes and cheese-crates of any species of timber.

The importations to the various districts are shown by the following figures :—

Imports by Ports of Timber in Thousands of Superficial Feet.

—	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
Auckland	3,813	6,026	12,196	16,074	15,574
Wellington	904	3,532	2,715	11,964	15,419
Napier, New Plymouth, Wanganui	729	1,471	1,797	2,388	3,572
Lyttelton and Timaru ..	1,232	2,027	2,181	3,473	2,894
Dunedin, Oamaru, Invercargill ..	942	2,448	4,305	5,760	3,444
Other ports	..	10	367	1,268	2,094
Totals	7,620	15,514	23,561	40,927	42,997

The exports of New Zealand timber according to species during each of the past five years (ended 31st March) and the exports by ports have been as under :—

Exports in Species of New Zealand Timber in Thousands of Superficial Feet.

—	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
White-pine	35,687	31,435	34,862	39,018	31,095
Rimu	4,536	7,459	5,172	3,639	3,796
Kauri	3,866	1,914	2,598	3,184	1,467
Beech	726	1,366	1,832	1,639	2,427
Other kinds	374	991	701	418	263
Totals	45,189	43,165	45,165	47,898	39,048

Exports by Ports of New Zealand Timber in Thousands of Superficial Feet.

—	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
Auckland	15,018	11,937	15,030	17,605	9,737
Kaipara	2,378	966	817	2,840	1,252
Gisborne	642	655	712	694	173
Wanganui	5,607	1,929	491	1,188	838
Wellington	79	81	79	63	44
Westport	388	905	957	1,463	1,163
Greymouth	20,265	25,049	24,854	21,967	22,432
Invercargill	812	1,643	2,018	1,767	3,392
Other ports	..	..	207	31	17
Totals	45,189	43,165	45,165	47,898	39,048