

The committee works in close co-operation with the Unemployment Board and acts as an inquiry committee on all proposals for financial assistance for industrial development received by the Board. It also acts in close co-operation with the Executive Commission of Agriculture in matters which come before it relating to the agricultural industries.

Portions of the committee's work will be dealt with by sub-committees set up to deal with specific industries, and in this connection three sub-committees have been appointed. One is the Fisheries Sub-committee, which is composed of representatives of the industry, the Chief Inspector of Fisheries, and an officer of the Department of Industries and Commerce. This sub-committee recently held its first meeting, and has made some important and far-reaching recommendations to the Development of Industries Committee. Further extensive inquiries regarding equipment, organization, and present trading methods employed in the fishing industry are being made by the Department for the committee's assistance. A Citrus Fruits Sub-committee has also been appointed to explore all possible avenues of placing this industry in a better position both as regards production and marketing. Another sub-committee is one dealing with the flax industry. The attention of this sub-committee will be directed mainly to selection of greater fibre-producing varieties, the present methods of decortication, and an examination of improved mechanical and other methods of treating the green leaf. The sub-committee is also dealing with several applications for financial assistance from persons and firms experimenting in improved methods of flax treatment.

The committee will also encourage the formation of research associations in any industry that expresses a wish to have such an association to deal with special problems arising in that particular industry. Some of the matters dealt with and on which recommendations have been made regarding financial assistance are as under:—

Manufacture of basic slag.
Wool-packs made from *Phormium tenax*.
Canning of eels; eel products.
Manufacture of mercury.
Guaranteed price to growers on trial shipment of tobacco-leaf to United Kingdom.
Manufacture of electric petrol-pumps.
Kauri-gum refining.
Establishment of packing and grading shed for citrus fruits.
Benzol from coal.
Manufacture of synthetic enamels.
Proposal to establish a rubber-tyre factory in New Zealand.
Canning of asparagus and fruit.
A number of applications dealing with improved methods of treating New Zealand *Phormium*.
Fish reduction plant, &c.

TIMBER.

The production of the main varieties of timber in the Dominion for the past ten years (ending 31st March) is given in the following table:—

Year ended 31st March,	Total.	Kauri.	Rimu.	White-pine.	Matai.	Totara.	Others.
	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.	Sup. ft.
1925 ..	344,094,874	22,891,535	195,572,705	65,572,439	23,947,707	18,509,551	17,600,937
1926 ..	353,224,196	22,765,877	195,451,758	75,634,869	26,141,027	14,109,576	19,121,089
1927 ..	305,675,258	18,474,981	170,498,282	65,490,059	19,380,469	14,179,462	17,652,005
1928 ..	269,783,000	15,874,000	156,314,000	53,736,000	15,207,000	15,728,000	17,924,000
1929 ..	270,214,420	10,742,967	156,239,992	56,790,306	15,752,744	8,610,639	22,077,772
1930 ..	282,405,173	10,471,297	163,293,288	58,505,364	17,972,243	9,046,159	23,116,822
1931 ..	229,468,022	8,943,480	124,998,825	49,009,109	13,917,187	9,467,697	23,131,724
1932 ..	154,192,510	6,891,352	71,082,074	43,161,299	7,474,867	5,344,100	20,238,818
1933 ..	166,269,410	5,410,390	76,192,513	47,997,700	8,160,873	6,346,942	22,160,992
1934 ..	197,654,900	4,945,843	96,125,000	47,949,396	10,759,556	7,197,389	30,677,716

Included in the table above under other species not specified are *Pinus insignis* and beech. The production of these species for the past five years is as under:—

	<i>Pinus Insignis.</i> Sup. ft.	Beech. Sup. ft.
1930	10,381,585	10,225,255
1931	12,739,925	7,680,913
1932	13,404,700	5,756,868
1933	14,676,010	5,781,441
1934	21,494,382	6,972,717