

TABLE 8.

EXPORTS OF SAWN TIMBER⁽¹⁾ AND OTHER FOREST PRODUCE.

(From information supplied by the Comptroller of Customs. All figures refer to the years ended 31st December, 1934-1936.)

Item.	1934.		1935.		1936.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Ft. b.m.	£	Ft. b.m.	£	Ft. b.m.	£
White-pine ⁽²⁾	22,791,000	213,290	22,709,000	214,240	14,824,000	140,000
Rimu ⁽³⁾	7,151,000	51,470	9,009,000	69,820	6,095,000	49,800
Beech	2,410,000	25,410	2,766,000	29,350	2,033,000	20,470
Matai ⁽⁴⁾		..	2,842,000	22,810	2,142,000	16,620
Kauri ⁽⁵⁾	679,000	18,490	627,000	18,050	934,000	26,380
Insignis pine box-shooks ⁽⁶⁾	712,000	5,620	1,607,000	9,660	899,000	10,760
Other—						
New Zealand	787,000	6,250	25,000	430	29,000	670
Foreign	40,000	290	57,000	830	50,000	1,090
Totals	34,570,000	320,820	39,642,000	365,190	27,026,000	265,790
	Tons.		Tons.		Tons.	
Kauri-gum	3,209	86,920	2,872	79,110	3,237	96,160
Tanning-bark	32	240	..	..	..	..
Fungus	64	3,790	76	5,370	947	5,020

(¹) 96 per cent. exported to Australia; 2 per cent. to Western Samoa; remainder to other Pacific Islands and United Kingdom. (²) Exported for butter-boxes, shelving, whitewood furniture, &c. (³) For flooring, linings, and joinery. (⁴) Prior to 1935, exports of matai were small, and included in "Other—New Zealand." Principally used for floorings and linings. (⁵) For floorings, linings, tanks, and vats, &c. (⁶) Principally for Pacific Island fruit-cases.

CHAPTER V.—GENERAL.

1. LEGISLATION.

Legislation affecting State forests enacted during the year is summarized as follows:—

Finance Act, 1936.—Section 24 of the Finance Act, 1936, authorizes the transfer of moneys aggregating £13,957 8s. 5d. from the Forests Account to the Working Railways Account. This sum was expended out of the Working Railways Account in the administration and protection of two forested areas now wholly subjected to the provisions of the Forests Act, 1921-22, and known respectively as the Puketā State Forest, containing 15,395 acres, in North Auckland Land District, and Oruanui State Forest, containing 1,342 acres, in Auckland Land District.

The timber on these areas has not been used for railway purposes, and no longer being required for such purposes it was decided to refund the moneys mentioned above to the Working Railways Account from the proceeds of sales of the timber.

Reserves and other Lands Disposal Act, 1936.—(a) Section 7 cancels the permanent State forest reservation over 416 acres 2 roods 33 perches in Katikati, Aongatete, and Wairere Survey Districts, Auckland Land District, and the land is set apart as a scenic reserve.

(b) Section 24 cancels the provisional State forest reservation over a total of 4,975 acres in Waitahu, Rahu, and Lewis Survey Districts, Nelson Land District, and the land is set apart as a scenic reserve.

(c) Section 26 cancels the provisional State forest reservation over a total of 260 acres and the permanent State forest reservation over a total area of 9,715 acres situated in Gillespies and Waiho Survey Districts, Westland Land District, and the lands are set apart as scenic reserves.

(d) Section 29 cancels the provisional State forest reservation over 1,050 acres in Heringa Survey District, Marlborough Land District, and the land is set apart as a scenic reserve.

State Forest Regulations.—The State Forest Regulations Amendment, 1936, amended the State Forest Regulations made under the State Forest Act, 1908, and provided that no timber shall be sold except at such price or at such rates as the Commissioner of State Forests may determine.