

1938.
NEW ZEALAND.

KAURI-GUM INDUSTRY

(REPORT ON THE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1938.

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 June, 1938.
I have the honour to submit herewith the annual report under the Kauri-gum Industry Amendment Act, 1914, for the year ended 31st March, 1938.
I have, &c.,
W. ROBERTSON, Under-Secretary.
The Hon. Frank Langstone, Minister of Lands.

Production during the last twelve months has been ample to meet current demands and maintain stocks on hand.
As far as the better-quality gum suitable for manufacture in the varnish trade is concerned, the market is still stagnant; consequently production has been mostly of the poorer grades of gum used in the manufacture of linoleum. There appear to be ample supplies of these types of gum for many years to come, and, providing ruling prices are maintained, production should be ample to meet demands.
Prices over the last twelve months have remained firm.

EXPORT OF KAURI-GUM.

For the year ended 31st March, 1938, the export amounted to 2,491 tons, of the value of £126,612, an average price of about £51 per ton. The tonnage, value, and average price per ton of the export for the past sixteen years are—

Year ended 31st March,	Tonnage exported.	Value. £	Average per Ton. £
1923	6,080	520,409	85
1924	6,923	640,712	92
1925	5,432	446,019	82
1926	5,495	414,420	75
1927	4,529	301,335	66
1928	4,531	267,559	59
1929	4,566	241,223	53
1930	4,941	264,452	53
1931	3,145	155,602	49
1932	3,164	124,757	39
1933	2,060	57,970	28
1934	3,378	83,945	25
1935	3,412	91,070	27
1936	2,669	75,802	28
1937	3,613	119,649	33
1938	2,491	126,612	51