

investigation had proved that this quantity would be produced in excess of domestic requirements. White-pine for many years occupied pride of place in New Zealand's export timber trade, but future exports of this timber will be strictly limited to conserve the remaining essential supplies for domestic requirements. The export of white-pine will be slightly greater during 1939 on account of an increased surplus following upon a fall in dairy production over the past two seasons.

TABLE 9.—IMPORTS OF SAWN TIMBER AND OTHER FOREST PRODUCE.

(From information supplied by the Comptroller of Customs. All figures refer to the years ended 31st December, 1936–38. Value represents value in country of export, plus 10 per cent. expressed in terms of New Zealand currency.)

Item.	1936.		1937.		1938.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Hardwoods—	Ft. b.m.	£	Ft. b.m.	£	Ft. b.m.	£
Australian hardwoods ..	19,955,000	270,890	24,169,000	342,890	29,186,000	435,760
Oak	2,691,000	40,780	3,518,000	66,350	2,094,000	48,900
Total	22,646,000	311,670	27,687,000	409,240	31,280,000	484,660
Softwoods—						
Douglas fir	4,170,000	36,560	6,509,000	53,230	7,048,000	53,370
Butter-boxes	1,513,000	29,310	1,456,000	30,530	947,000	17,400
Redwood	2,115,000	28,120	1,718,000	24,760	3,064,000	47,500
Total	7,798,000	93,990	9,683,000	108,520	11,059,000	118,270
Other	682,000	16,690	2,084,000	39,570	892,000	6,100
Grand total ..	31,126,000	422,350	39,454,000	557,330	43,231,000	609,030
Laths, palings, shingles, &c.	..	5,587	..	2,909	..	3,731
Tanning-bark	Tons. 1,248	14,810	Tons. 862	8,309	Tons. 595	5,811
Wood-pulp	4,406	47,790	5,030	59,227	7,478	85,178

TABLE 10.—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, 1936–38.)

Item.	1936.		1937.		1938.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
White-pine ⁽²⁾	Ft. b.m. 14,824,000	£ 140,000	Ft. b.m. 3,110,000	£ 32,370	Ft. b.m. 2,021,000	£ 25,790
Rimu ⁽³⁾	6,095,000	49,800	8,711,000	84,800	7,407,000	74,010
Beech	2,033,000	20,470	2,076,000	24,570	2,427,000	30,150
Matai	2,142,000	16,620	1,829,000	17,950	563,000	5,520
Kauri ⁽⁴⁾	934,000	26,380	639,000	21,240	661,000	20,500
Insignis-pine box-shooks ⁽⁵⁾	899,000	10,760	1,161,000	17,930	1,263,000	19,340
Other—						
New Zealand	29,000	670	131,000	1,990	188,000	2,090
Foreign	50,000	1,090	58,000	690	60,000	670
Totals	27,006,000	265,790	17,715,000	201,540	14,590,000	168,070
Kauri-gum	Tons. 3,237	96,160	Tons. 3,226	151,590	Tons. 2,034	103,777
Tanning-bark	..	..	19	150	2	27
Fungus	47	5,020	46	6,070	38	3,980

⁽¹⁾ 1936: 95 per cent. to Australia, 3 per cent. to Pacific Islands, 2 per cent. to United Kingdom; 1937: 91 per cent. to Australia, 6 per cent. to Pacific Islands, 3 per cent. to United Kingdom; 1938: 90 per cent. to Australia, 9 per cent. to Pacific Islands, 1 per cent. to United Kingdom. ⁽²⁾ Exported for butter-boxes, shelving, white-wood furniture, &c. ⁽³⁾ For flooring, linings, and joinery. ⁽⁴⁾ For floorings, linings, tanks, and vats, &c. ⁽⁵⁾ Principally for Pacific Islands fruit-cases.