
HALF-YEARLY REPORT

OF THE

WOODS AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT

FOR THE

HALF-YEAR ENDED 31ST. DECEMBER, 1914,

By C. G. RICHARDSON,
ACTING INSPECTOR GENERAL OF FORESTS.

WOODS AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT.

Report by the Acting Inspector General of Forests.

Woods and Forests Department,
Perth, 21st June, 1915.

The Under Secretary for Mines.

Sir,—

I have the honour to submit, for the information of the Hon. the Minister for Mines, a report on the operations of the Woods and Forests Department for the six months ended the 31st December, 1914.

The report has been made out for this period in order that in the future it will be for the calendar year, the same as the Mines Report.

I have, etc.,

C. G. RICHARDSON,

Acting Inspector General of Forests.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

The following statement shows the revenue and expenditure of the Department since its inception in 1895:—

Year.	Revenue.	Expenditure.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st January to 31st December, 1895	3,175 5 2	1,108 5 5
1st January to 31st December, 1896	4,838 11 2	2,020 11 5
1st January to 31st December, 1897	12,320 6 4	3,489 14 4
1st January to 31st December, 1898	30,150 6 3	3,356 5 7
1st January to 31st December, 1899	16,999 11 3	2,438 7 5
1st January to 31st December, 1900	15,525 19 2	2,648 11 10
1st January to 31st December, 1901	18,477 16 2	2,747 6 3
1st January to 31st December, 1902	18,752 11 7	4,301 6 1
1st January to 31st December, 1903	20,478 9 1	3,789 3 4
1st January to 31st December, 1904	20,018 19 4	4,192 16 9
1st January to 31st December, 1905	18,479 18 6	5,089 18 6
6 months, 1st January to 30th June, 1906	10,973 18 4	3,385 1 9
1st July, 1906, to 30th June, 1907	22,783 1 5	6,207 15 2
1st July, 1907, to 30th June, 1908	23,498 13 3	8,801 14 3
1st July, 1908, to 30th June, 1909	29,484 3 8	9,030 12 6
1st July, 1909, to 30th June, 1910	31,549 6 11	8,531 0 9
1st July, 1910, to 30th June, 1911	37,477 3 5	8,862 16 8
1st July, 1911, to 30th June, 1912	44,560 10 10	10,469 4 10
1st July, 1912, to 30th June, 1913	48,236 14 0	11,463 2 11
1st July, 1913, to 30th June, 1914	53,038 16 0	12,092 15 3
6 months, 30th June to 31st December, 1914	22,906 0 0	5,468 14 0
	503,726 1 10	119,495 5 0

It will be seen from the above statement that to the 31st December, 1914, the revenue exceeded the expenditure by the large sum of £384,230 16s. 10d.

Revenue and Expenditure for the six months ended 31st December, 1914.

The revenue derived from the forests of the State for the six months ended the 31st December, 1914, amounted to £22,906.

The details of the revenue for the period mentioned are as follows:—

	£
Rents of Timber Leases	4,600
Timber licenses, royalty on timber and sandalwood	15,657
Timber inspection fees	2,649
	£22,906

The total expenditure for the six months ended the 31st December, 1914, amounted to £5,468 14s.

TIMBER IMPORTS.

Through the courtesy of the Collector of Customs, Fremantle, I am enabled to furnish the following return showing the oversea imports of timber for the six months ended the 31st December last:—

Return showing Quantity and Value of Timber imported from Oversea Countries during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1914.

Article and Country whence imported.	Quantity.	Value.
<i>Dressed Timber:</i>		
United Kingdom	Sup. ft. 9,400	£ 88
Norway	1,260,400	8,087
Sweden	232,800	1,877
Germany	30,400	231
United States of America	373,500	3,375
Total	1,906,500	£13,658
<i>Timber for Boasmaking:</i>		
United Kingdom	17,300	244
Singapore	200	6
Germany	1,000	33
Norway	3,500	31
Total	22,000	£314
<i>Undressed Timber:</i>		
United Kingdom	23,900	353
Norway	172,200	808
Sweden	38,000	312
Straits Settlements	50,200	826
United States of America	6,293,200	41,231
Total	6,577,500	£43,530
Grand Total	8,506,000	£57,502

No details of the inter-State imports for the above-mentioned period are available, but through the courtesy of the Government Statistician I am enabled to give the value of same, viz., £7,050. This sum, added to the oversea shipments, brings the value of the imports up to £64,552.

TIMBER EXPORTS.

The following return, supplied through the courtesy of the Collector of Customs, shows the quantity and value of the timber exported from Western Australia beyond the Commonwealth during the six months ended the 31st December, 1914:—

Return showing Quantity and Value of Timber Exported from Western Australia to Countries beyond the Commonwealth during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1914.

Article and Country to which exported.	Quantity.	Value.
<i>Timber—Undressed (Other):</i>	Sup. ft.	£
United Kingdom	10,360,976	69,308
Ceylon	286,678	1,952
Egypt	7,351	49
India	10,654,130	70,610
New Zealand	4,384,310	29,196
South Africa	22,016,475	151,571
Belgium	180,187	1,201
China	2,582,441	17,764
Germany	83,225	555
Uruguay	667,652	4,518
Total	51,223,425	£346,724
<i>Shafts, Poles, Bars:</i>		
India	£2,059
<i>Logs—Not Sawn, and Spars (Rough):</i>		
Nil.		
Grand Total	51,223,425	348,783

During the period mentioned above the inter-State exports of timber amounted to 25,967,288 super. feet, valued at £171,686, which, added to the oversea shipments, brings the total exports up to 77,190,713 super. feet, valued at £520,469.

MALLET BARK AND SANDALWOOD EXPORTS.

The following return, kindly supplied by the Collector of Customs, shows the quantity and value of the mallet bark and sandalwood exported from Western Australia during the six months ended the 31st December, 1914:—

Return showing Quantity and Value of Mallet Bark and Sandalwood Exported from Western Australia to Countries beyond the Commonwealth of Australia during the Six Months ended 31st December, 1914.

Article and Country to which exported.	Quantity.	Value.
<i>Mallet Bark:</i>	Cwts.	£
United Kingdom	113	46
Belgium	5,256	2,088
Germany	3,256	1,109
Total	8,625	£3,243
<i>Sandalwood:</i>		
Hong Kong	29,797	13,046
India	3,600	1,945
Singapore	3,947	2,471
China	20,993	8,495
Japan	240	162
Total	58,577	£26,119

For the above-mentioned period 3,038 cwt. of mallet bark, valued at £1,383, was shipped to the Eastern States; thus bringing the total value of the exports up to £4,626.

No sandalwood was shipped to the Eastern States during the period under review.