

CHAPTER III.

Timber Imports of Australia.

The imports of timber into Australia now constitute about fifty per cent of the total consumption for all purposes.

The imports for the year 1913 were:—

AUSTRALIAN TIMBER IMPORTS, 1913, BY CLASS.

(Australian Official Figures.)

Class.	Quantity.	Value.
		£
Rough lumber..... M ft. b.m.	340,987	9,384,000
Dressed lumber..... " "	82,471	2,942,400
Logs..... " "	23,438	580,800
Door stock..... " "	5,027	216,000
Shooks..... Number	4,874	194,880
Veneers..... M sq. ft.	1,359	265,920
Laths..... Pieces	46,337,000	192,000
Picture and room mouldings.....		142,500
Staves.....	3,640,000	169,440
Pickets.....	2,392,000	40,800
Hickory..... M ft. b.m.	168	25,440
Shingles..... Pieces	1,527,000	10,560
Bent wood.....		9,600
Doors..... Pieces	1,400	2,112
Architraves and mouldings..... Lin. ft.	80,000	1,200
		14,117,712

The countries from which the import timber trade of Australia is drawn are shown below:—

IMPORTS OF TIMBER INTO AUSTRALIA BY COUNTRIES IN 1913.

(Australian Official Figures.)

Country of Origin.	Quantity in Feet B. M.	Per cent of total.	Value.	Average Value per M. ft. B. M.
		%	£	£
United States.....	258,222,000	57	6,874,560	26 62
New Zealand.....	64,487,000	14	2,078,880	32 33
Norway.....	62,431,000	13	2,120,640	33 96
Sweden.....	29,475,000	6	1,116,000	37 85
Japan.....	15,848,000	4	339,840	21 44
Canada.....	13,274,000	3	526,080	39 61
Russia.....	11,138,000	2	334,560	30 00
India.....	649,000		85,440	131 65
Straits Settlements.....	266,000		6,864	25 80
Germany.....	184,000		10,560	57 40
Netherlands.....	38,000		7,056	185 68
United Kingdom.....	15,000		2,352	156 80
Total.....	456,027,000		13,502,832	—