a poor utilization technique the demand exceeds the supply, and must continue to do so for many years. Actually, as the suitability of the exotic timbers for house-framing, sarking, sheathing, and sub-flooring, etc., becomes appreciated the markets will expand rapidly and absorb large quantities of wood at present obtained solely from the indigenous forests."

In the Rotorua region minor utilization thinnings were carried out, a ready market being found for firewood, power poles, and mine props (Eucalyptus spp, and Pinus austriaca). At the Dusky State Forest (Southland) "heavy thinning and extraction for milling purposes was completed over an area of 73 acres. The average degree of thinning was 54% of the average stand, 1,300 trees per acre being reduced to approximately 600; these thinnings are being utilized for boxmaking by a sawmilling Company and 81,289 cubic feet of pine timber were extracted during the year under review; from the same plantation 102 cords of firewood were sold to the Railway Department."

The proper-seasoning of timber is recognised as the most important practical problem of the timber trade. Particular attention has been paid to rimu and silver-beech and it has been demonstrated that whereas rimu may be kiln dried "green off the saw," silver-beech requires to be air-dried to 35 per cent. moisture content before being subjected to kiln drying. Satisfactory results have been obtained from the creosoting of larch and pine, treated 13 years ago, and it is proposed to creosote 1,000 fencing posts from plantation thinnings.

The Mining Amendment Act, 1934, provided for compensation for damages resulting from mining activities in State Forests; in view of this enactment it is of interest to record that applications for mining privileges in State Forests have increased from 700 in 1933 to 1,149 in 1934. This increased activity is attributed to the subsidy granted to miners by the Unemployment Board and to the high price of gold.
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