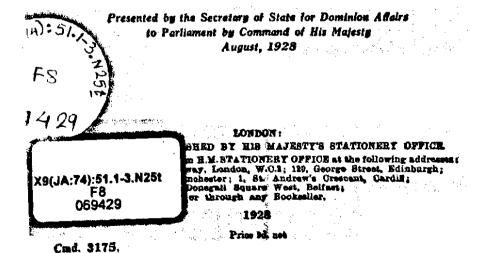


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IMPORTS OF UNMANUFACTURED WOOD AND TIMBER, 1927.

(Compiled from the Trade Returns of the United Kingdom.)

Softwoods (Loc	d = 50	Cubic	Feet).	
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					He	wn.	Sawn.		Planed	or Dressed.	Pitprops or Pitwood.	
					Loads.	Value £.	Loads.	Value £.	Loads.	Value £.	Loads.	Value £.
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Canada	***	***	•••	•••	16,426	111,144	315,761	1,774,796	-		_	
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Russia		•••	•••	Ì	53.867	127,938	1,143,615	5,651,006	_		_	_
Finland		•••			73,133	148,892	1,714,761	7,361,038	74,209	399,212	672,741	1,515,830
Latvia		•••	•••				438,676	1,897,808	<del></del>			· — ·
Sweden		•••	•••	[	27,548	104,136	922,435	4,219,700	423,804	2,480,754	332,915	827,179
Norway	•••		***		31,276	122,957	137,585	672,334	153,766	908,161	86,496	230,557
Poland (incl	luding	l)antz	ic)			<u> </u>	804,203	3,413,510	<u> </u>	<u></u>	<b>—</b> 1	<b>—</b> '
France		***	• • •	]	<del></del>		<u> </u>	· - 1	_	_	1,138,091	1,494,798
Germany	•••	•••	***	•••	2,062	4,673	55,833	248,252	1,807	10,238	— · I	_
United State	es of .	Americ	a	••• ]	55,463	434,583	235,613	1,869,657	5,131	57,522	_	_
Total	***	•••	***		243,349	943,179	5,452,721	25,333,305	658,717	3,855,887	2,230,243	4,068,364
Other Coun	tries	***			60,174	188,842	257,363	1,138,904	29,899	182,980	634,250	1,389,460
Total (	Empi	e and	Foreign	)	319,949	1,243,165	6,025,845	28,247,005	688,616	4,038,867	2,864,493	5,457,824
						Miscellan	neous (Soft an	d Hard).	••			
	_	_			Sta	ves.	Slee	pers.	Ver	eers.	Not otherwi	se Specified.
					Loads.	Value £.	Loads.	Value £.	Loads.	Value £.	Loads.	Value £.
Total (	Emnis	e and	Foreion	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	-104,159	739,871	248,390	963,177	3,803	205,703	2,869	17,995

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<del>4- 0</del>		Cubic Feet.	Value £	Cubic Feet.	Value £	Value £	
MAHOGANY. Empire and Foreign		2,287,097	596,260	1,680,813	609,376	1,205,636	
ALL OTHER SORTS.		,					
Empire: British East Indies Canada		79,034 321,305	43,919 77,935	1,663,250 3,824,812	853,767 605,921	897,686 683,856	
Total	•••	400,339	121,854	5,488,062	1,459,688	1,581,542	
Foreign: Russia Finland Poland Japan United States of America	***	16,378 131,750 — 700,421	2,996 10,501 — — 141,696	839,831 1,261,085 462,738 16,432,653	105,860 224,811 157,995 3,868,581	2,996 116,361 224,811 157,995 4,010,277	
Total		848,549	155,193	18,996,307	4,357,247	4,512,440	
Other Countries	*** ***	2,714,782	428,767	3,665,481	1,028,627	1,457,394	
Total, all other sorts		3,963,670	705,814	28,149,850	6,845,562	7,551,376	
Total, Hardwoods	*** ***	6,250,767	1,302,074	29,830,663	7,454,938	8,757,012	

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## APPENDIX II.

## IMPORTS OF HARDWOODS, 1926. (Compiled from the Trade Returns of the United Kingdom).

Oak.

		un.		•		
	Hewn		Sa	Sawn.		
	Cubic feet.	Value £	Cubic feet.	Value £.	Value £.	
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Empire: Irish Free State	28,920	2,585	7,897	1,320	3,905	
Canada	5,020	1,594	14,066	3,509	5,103	
Australia	, ,,,,		41,472	10,929	10,929	
N Zooland	<u> </u>	l	5,400	1,685	1.685	
Other Countries	3,566	785	2,657	883	1,668	
Other Countries					1,000	
Total	37,506	4,964	71,492	18,326	23,290	
Foreign:		-				
Russia	53,142	15,796	21,607	6,642	22,438	
Latvia	56,535	17,584	<u> </u>		17,584	
Poland (including Dantzig)	515,016	80,456	578.968	111,751	192,207	
Italy	3,733	1,210	253,851	120,658	121,868	
Austria	<u></u>	-,	45,234	20,859	20,859	
Serb-Croat-Slovene		i	186,296	81,956	81,956	
Japan	37,859	9,178	443,441	153,644	162,822	
United States of America	94,259	20,724	7,324,304	1,755,031	1,775,755	
Other Countries	10,207	2,047	101,332	32,215	34,262	
Total	770,751	146,995	8,955,033	2,282,756	2,429,751	
		l	Total, C	) Dak	2,453,041	
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Empire:	i	<u> </u>	Ī	<del></del>	<del></del>	
British West Africa	1,069,331	247,282	155,735	34,561	281,843	
British Honduras	126,796	74,790	_	I —	74,790	
British India	l —	<u>-</u>	2,951	1,552	1,552	
British North Borneo	_		24,842	5,686	5,686	
Other Countries	119,062	19,556	5,721	2,764	22,320	
Total	1,315,189	341,628	189,249	44,563	386,191	
Foreign :			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
France	83,555	23,328	56,535	16,595	39,923	
	1,021,824	205,791	123,580	26,240	232,031	
United States of America	48,266	21,675	1,228,067	518,593	540,268	
Cuba	43,873	18,383	]-,,		18,383	
Philippines and Guam			2,776	741	741	
Brazil	·	_	68,458	12,909	12,909	
Other Countries	56,731	14,877	37,459	13,808	28,685	
Total	1,254,249	284,054	1,516,875	588,886	872,940	
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<u></u> -	He	wn.	Saw	Total (Hewn and Sawn).	
	Cubic Feet.	Value £.	Cubic Feet.	Value £.	Value £.
Empire:	<u> </u>				
British India	43,704	20,347	1,794,363	898,600	918,947
Straits Settlements	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4,275	2,445	2,445
Other Countries	-	-	10,920	2,676	2,676
Total	43,704	20,347	1,809,558	903,721	924,068
Foreign:					
Java	1,350	569	10,098	3,521	4,090
French Indo-China	1 <del>-</del>	-	53,777	20,016	20,016
Siam	5,925	3,015	214,249	110,445	113,460
Philippines and Guam			5,221	1,538	1,538
Other Countries	2,329	686	15,133	5,328	6,014
Total	9,604	4,270	298,478	140,848	145,118
. •	<u></u>		Total, T	eak	1,069,186

# Walnut. BRANCH LIBRARY

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Empire: Nigeria Canada Other Countries	8,325 728	1,763 218	 36,645 10,843	36,560 4,254	1,763 36,560 4,472	
Total	9,053	1,981	47,488	40,814	42,795	
Foreign: Russia France French West Africa United States of America Other Countries	9,800 4,210 8,933 3,985 2,821 29,749	2,000 1,519 906 1,407 1,091 6,923	102,363 893,708 13,536 509,607	46,677 217,747 4,148 268,572	2,000 48,196 906 219,154 5,239 275,495	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Total, V	Valnut	818,290	

Other Sorts.

	He	WI.	Sá	Total (Hewn and Sawn).	
	Cubic feet.	Value £.	Cubic feet.	Value £.	Value £.
Empire:	İ				
Irish Free State	286,085	18,409	139,729	12,940	31,349
British India	32,824	17,538	45,868	27,675	45,213
Australia	82,830	14,595	552,790	140,086	154,681
Canada	553,204	107,902	2,879,149	470,101	578,003
West lndies	15,244	4,749	l ' <u>-</u>	<u> </u>	4,749
British Honduras	3,140	1,520	<u> </u>	<b> </b>	1,520
British Guiana	123,695	45,113	1 —	l —	45,113
Other Countries	20,782	5,439	93,104	33,858	39,297
Total	1,117,804	215,265	3,710,640	684,660	899,925
Foreign:					
Finland	130,786	13,120	645,865	91,795	104,915
Latvia	115,560	13,406	<u> </u>		13,406
France and French West Africa.	110,278	25,783	107,376	23,392	49,175
Italy	4,534	584	101,456	22,489	23,073
Austria	2,004		108,149	22,105	22,105
Serb-Croat-Slovene	! _		107,520	22,387	22,387
United States of America	953,740	152,720	6,084,930	1,363,583	1,516,303
Philippines and Guam			164,898	41,135	41,135
Other Countries	289,779	91,952	361,899	61,872	153,824
Total	1,604,677	297,565	7,682,093	1,648,758	1,946,323
		<u> </u>	Total, O	2,846,248	

### APPENDIX III.

A LIST GIVING A FEW INSTANCES OF THE USE OF EMPIRE TIMBERS IN WORKS AND BUILDINGS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

(No instances are given of "home-grown" timber, or of teak and mahogany, as it is assumed that most people are familiar with cases in which they have been used.)

## CANADIAN TIMBERS.

### Western Hemlock.

Baring Brothers' Bank, Limited, Bis London.	shopsgate,	Framing.	
Daily Express Offices, London		Framing fo	or Board
St. George's Church, Kidderminster		Choir stalls at	ad seating.

. 51	•					
Maple.						
Hudson Bay Company Offices, London Many buildings erected by the Office of Works, such as:—	Flooring.					
Metropolitan Telephone Exchange, London Letter-sorting office, Mount Pleasant, London.	Flooring.					
Telegraph factory and stores, Birmingham Letter-sorting office, Cardiff Post Office, Walsall						
Douglas Fir.						
Civil Service Supply Association, London Grosvenor House, London Many buildings erected by the Office of Works, such as:—	Framing. Flooring.					
Telephone Exchanges at Kensington, Sutton, Colchester and elsewhere.	Flooring.					
Pier, Clacton-on-Sea	Piling.					
guerite," built by Messrs. John Brown & Co., Clydebank, for C.P.R. Company.	Decks.					
Australian Timbers.						
Tasmanian Oak.						
Lloyds, Leadenhall Street, London London County Council Schools at Woolwich and Hammersmith.	Flooring Flooring.					
Lyons Corner House, Oxford Street, London Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich	Flooring. Flooring.					
Jarrah.						
Atlas Insurance Company, Cheapside, London Tonbridge School Commercial Union Assurance Company,	Flooring. Flooring. Flooring.					
Birmingham. Co-operative Wholesale Society, King's Lynn, Norfolk.	Flooring.					
Aerodromes at Spittlegate and Patchway	Flooring.					
Australian Walnut.						
Southern Railway Company 1st-class coaches	Panelling.					
Silky Oak.						
Lyons Corner House, Oxford Street, London	Tables.					
INDIAN AND BURMA TIMBERS.						
Laurel Wood.						
London County Hall: Voting lobby P. and O. Banking Corporation, Leadenhall Street, London.	Panelling. Panelling.					
Guardian Insurance Company, King William Street, London.	Panelling.		<b>.</b> -			
Shell Mex, Limited, London  Messrs. Harrods, London: Departmental stores	Panelling Room. Panelling.	to	Board			



## Silver Greywood.

Silver Greywood.	•					
County Fire Office, Piccadilly Circus, London L.M.S. Railway 1st-class coaches of "Royal Scot."	Panelling. Panelling.					
Offices of Messrs. Blades, East and Blades, London.	Doors.					
General Electric Company, Birmingham	Panelling.					
Gurjun.						
Cox's Bank, Limited, Waterloo Place, London P. and O. Banking Corporation, Leadenhall Street, London.	Flooring. Flooring.					
Guardian Assurance Co., King William Street, London.	Flooring.					
Bush House, Aldwych, London Royal Exchange, Glasgow St. Michael's Church, Mill Hill Several Railway Companies	Flooring. Flooring. Flooring. Coachwork.					
Padauk.						
All Saints' Church, Paddington, London Bovis, Limited, London	Panelling, pews, doors. Panelling to Board Room.					
Barclays Bank, Limited: branches at London, Stockton-on-Tees and Hastings.	Counters.					
Pyankadu.						
Bridge across Thames, Henley.						
White Mahogany.						
Barclays Bank, Limited (branches at London and Stockton-on-Tees).	Fittings.					
British West African Timbers.						
Iroko.						
Forest products research laboratory, Princes Risborough.	Laboratory tables.					
African Walnut.						
Emmanuel College, Cambridge	Staircase, panelling, etc.					
BRITISH GUIANA TIMBERS.						
Greenheart.						
Southern Railway Company	Dock gates at South- ampton.					
CRYLON TIMBERS.						
Satinwood.						
Lyons Popular Café, Piccadilly, London	Panelling.					
BRITISH NORTH BORNEO TIMBERS.						
White Cedar.						
Great Western Railway Company	Under - frames of					

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