

TABLE III.—IMPORTS into the COOK ISLANDS for the Year ending 31st December, 1897.

Articles.						New Zealand.	Tahiti.	Total.
						£	£	£
Clothing	...	...	...	...	...	557	77	634
Piece and fancy goods	...	...	...	...	...	6,217	1,505	7,722
Provisions	...	...	...	...	...	2,759	246	3,005
Breadstuffs	...	...	...	...	...	1,716	755	2,471
Groceries	...	...	...	...	...	3,418	208	3,626
Spirits	...	...	...	...	...	420	29	449
Wines	...	...	...	...	...	43	45	88
Beer	...	...	...	...	...	126	6	132
Lumber, manufactured and unmanufactured	...	...	...	...	...	2,008	295	2,303
Hardware	...	...	...	...	...	2,557	682	3,239
Tobacco	...	...	...	...	...	549	76	625
Animals	...	...	...	...	...	183	99	282
Other articles	...	...	...	...	...	1,902	383	2,285
Total						22,455	4,406	26,861
Re-exports free of duty to merchandise for exterior islands, and to orange-cases, &c., reshipped to New Zealand						...	...	5,096
								21,765

Net imports payable accordingly.

TABLE III.—IMPORTS: COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS for the Years ending since the First Year, 1892, to the Year 1897.

Imports.	1892.		1893.		1894.		1895.		1896.		1897.	
	New Zealand.	Tahiti.	New Zealand.	Tahiti.	New Zealand.	Tahiti.	New Zealand.	Tahiti.	New Zealand.	Tahiti and California.	New Zealand.	Tahiti.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Clothing ..	492	237	538	384	599	523	844	113	776	60	557	77
Piece and fancy goods	3,484	2,357	2,706	3,884	3,244	3,471	4,751	2,234	4,388	1,499	6,217	1,505
Provisions ..	1,297	337	1,510	327	1,744	671	2,129	612	2,110	371	2,759	246
	1,060	502	935	721	810	838	1,281	453	941	690	1,716	755
	1,483	252	1,290	417	1,397	312	1,791	344	2,008	323	3,148	208
	269	55	265	142	465	66	395	86	466	86	420	29
	7	18	9	46	22	37	33	44	42	25	43	45
	125	28	60	29	30	10	21	6	74	22	126	6
	308	193	680	737	1,861	803	1,956	514	1,975	1,022	2,008	295
	1,409	375	1,237	917	1,667	909	1,825	721	1,864	990	2,537	682
	294	131	166	202	224	233	313	154	506	143	549	76
	..	..	58	..	142	13	177	87	225	..	183	99
	870	766	746	1,278	947	1,397	1,345	1,040	1,782	680	1,902	383
Totals ..	10,998	5,251	10,200	9,084	13,152	9,283	16,861	6,408	17,157	5,911	22,455	4,406
Re-exports free for exterior islands and other countries, as per 1897 accounts	£16,249	2,477	£19,284	1,219	£22,435	1,293	£23,269	1,792	£23,068	3,889	£26,861	5,096
New imports payable	£13,772		£18,065		£21,142		£21,477		£19,179		£21,765	

MEMO.—Supplies from California are sent *via* Tahiti importers, but one schooner was sent direct to Rarotonga from California in 1896, including lumber, £602; hardware, £556; piece-goods, £224; sundries, £592: total altogether, £2,004.