

TRADE

Total trade has remained at a high level, and although not as high as in 1943, which was a record year, is considerably higher than in 1944. Statistics for the last five calendar years are as follows:—

—	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
IMPORTS VALUES					
	£	£	£	£	£
New Zealand	13,561	23,544	29,881	25,140	23,620
Australia	699	584	223	871	251
United Kingdom	332	235	115	2,453	2,935
United States of America	899	1,995	1,692	181	10
Western Samoa	212	..	140	1,106	116
Other	1,124	86	19	303	40
Totals	16,827	26,444	32,070	30,054	26,972

EXPORTS VALUES						
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New Zealand	11,149	18,644	29,908	21,909	27,674	27,674
Australia	9	828	298	1,307	1,662	1,662
Western Samoa	15	1,249	527	..	..	..
Other	..	1,620	..	35	132	132
Totals	11,173	22,341	30,733	23,251	29,468	29,468

Quantities and Values of Principal Exports

—	1941.		1942.		1943.	
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
Copra	50	336	338	4,091	422	8,543
Bananas	Cases. 2,287	943	Cases. 9,847	4,207	Cases. 15,473	8,049
Kumaras	Tons. 210	2,871	Tons. 474	6,509	Tons. 113	1,363
Native plaited ware	..	6,460	..	7,434	..	12,692
—	1944.		1945.			
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£		
Copra	617	13,274	415	9,986		
Bananas	Cases. 1,200	626	Cases. 7,662	4,141		
Kumaras	..	..	Tons. 10	141		
Native plaited ware	..	8,977	..	14,683		

The imports are the usual items of island trade, and the only particularly noteworthy feature is the increased quantity of imports, mainly cotton goods now being received from the United Kingdom.

Banana-production is now recovering from the set-back caused by the storm in 1944. The New Zealand market is again accepting Niue kumaras, and an attempt is being made to revive the trade. Exports of plaited ware reached their highest level to date in 1945, a notable feature being the considerable quantities exported to Australia.