

Our sources of supply were as follows :—

Source of Supply.	Year ended 31st March, 1945.		Year ended 31st March, 1946.	
	Cases.	Per- centage.	Cases.	Per- centage.
Fiji	32,965	27·80	90,498	33·57
Tonga	31,332	26·42	47,372	17·57
Samoa	48,242	40·68	125,888	46·70
Niue	3,086	2·60	4,730	1·75
Rarotonga ..	2,966	2·50	1,104	0·41
	118,591	..	269,592	..

GRAPEFRUIT

New Zealand at present can grow sufficient for its demands between August and November. The Division therefore endeavours to import during the period when New Zealand grapefruit is not available. This year quantities were slightly increased, viz. :—

Source of Supply.	Year ended 31st March, 1945.		Year ended 31st March, 1946.	
	Cases.	Per- centage.	Cases.	Per- centage.
Cook Islands ..	545	8·22	1,654	21·30
Samoa	676	10·19	570	7·34
Jamaica	5,412	81·59	5,542	71·36
	6,633	..	7,766	..

LEMON DISTRIBUTION

After the record year of production in the year ending 31st March, 1945, the crop was, as expected, considerably lighter, and the whole of the output was consumed by the New Zealand public. The Division again handled the packing and distribution of all New-Zealand-grown lemons (except Meyer lemons) and sold 71,296 three-quarter-bushel cases, against the record total of 99,662 the previous year. It was able to purchase some California lemons, and so (since the Californian season is complementary to our own) help out the New Zealand supply when it was at its lowest :—

Source of Supply.	Year ended 31st March, 1945.		Year ended 31st March, 1946.	
	Three-quarter- bushel Cases.	Per- centage.	Three-quarter- bushel Cases.	Per- centage.
New Zealand ..	99,662	95·29	71,296	83·56
Australia	3,936	3·77	3,724	4·36
Cook Islands ..	976	0·94	608	0·72
California	..	..	9,700	11·36
	104,574	..	85,328	..