

have continued since January, 1942, and have materially assisted in the maintenance of Tahiti's requirements during the difficult war period. The French authorities have gratefully acknowledged the services rendered by the Department, and have now arranged for the resumption of normal peacetime trading.

The total value c.i.f. Papeete of goods purchased and shipped for the year ended 31st July, 1946, was £146,042 (New Zealand currency).

UNRRA AND CORSO

It has been agreed to accept responsibility for shipment of goods on behalf of these organizations, and the Department's shipping officer has been making the necessary applications for space and arranging for shipment of a great variety of products.

SUNDRY SUPPLIES FOR WAR OFFICE

During the year, supplies of food products have been shipped under contract to the War Office.

The value of the products shipped during the twelve months ended 31st July, 1946, is £507,802 (New Zealand currency).

The accounts covering the purchase and sale transactions of the Department in connection with these United Kingdom War Office supplies are shown in the accounts section at the end of this report, page 53. The surplus for the year ended 31st July, 1946, is £417.

SUMMARY OF VOLUME OF SALES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCTS FOR EXPORT FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st JULY, 1946

Product.	Volume.	Equivalent Net Weight (in Tons).	Value f.o.b. (N.Z. Currency).
			£
Butter	4,383,732 boxes	108,820	20,263,744
Cheese	1,242,696 crates	87,811	9,675,646
Processed cheese	92,267 cases	2,348	375,411
Casein	8,480 sacks	552	39,395
Condensed milk	40,000 cases	750	63,431
Evaporated milk	281,388 cases	6,030	382,799
Skim-milk powder	159,903 cases	7,225	440,846
Whole-milk powder	315 cases	7	842
Frozen meat	..	338,339	27,090,921
Canned meat	..	8,352	1,289,517
Woolly sheep-skins	791,223 number	2,716	249,407
Tallow	..	31,781	1,264,159
Linen-flax fibre	..	1,277	243,140
War Office contracts	..	..	507,802
Hides	66,245 number	..	164,231
			£62,051,291