

Comparative statistics for the last five years are as follows :—

Country of Origin.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
IMPORT VALUES					
	£	£	£	£	£
New Zealand	25,140	23,620	37,984	52,290	57,962
Australia	871	251	643	1,485	1,538
United Kingdom	2,453	2,935	6,503	1,721	6,452
United States of America	181	10	730	..	458
Western Samoa	1,106	116	21	1,074	49
Other	303	40	796*	2,226†	3,049‡
Totals	30,054	26,972	46,677	58,796	69,508
EXPORT VALUES					
New Zealand	21,909	27,674	29,721	42,266	45,046
Australia	1,307	1,662	6,142	2,926	1,677
Western Samoa	..	..	..	399	..
Other	35	132	10	..	46
Totals	23,251	29,468	35,873	45,591	46,769

*Includes India, £585.

†Includes Rarotonga, £1,070.

‡Includes India, £1,082.

Imports from New Zealand reached a record level, and, as was the case during the previous year, they greatly exceeded in volume the imports from all other sources.

The following table sets out the quantities and values of the principal exports over the period of the last five years :—

Item.	1944.		1945.		1946.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
Copra	617	13,272	415	9,986	352	10,179
	Cases.		Cases.		Cases.	
Bananas	1,200	626	7,662	4,141	9,346	5,335
	Tons.		Tons.		Tons.	
Kumaras	..	..	10	141	20	292
Native plaited ware	*	8,977	*	14,683	*	19,652

Item.	1947.		1948.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£
Copra	695	28,505	572	29,571
	Cases.		Cases.	
Bananas	..	..	1,008	660
Kumaras	..	..	..	..
Native plaited ware	*	15,797	*	16,262

*Signifies no satisfactory unit of measurement.

The full effect of the increase in the f.o.b. price for copra in 1948 is clearly shown in the above table by a comparison of the quantity and value for the last year with those of the preceding years.