

Statistics of Trade between Australia and Japan for the Years 1903 and 1904.—Australian Exports.—continued.

	1904.			1903.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Books	32	0	0	13	0	0
Stationery	3	12	0	0	6	0
Biscuits	7	6	0	..	..	..
Butter	2,401	6	0	1,516	2	0
Cheese	32	10	0	1	8	0
Confectionery and sweetmeats	28	12	0	55	8	0
Fruits (fresh, dried) and nuts	6	0	0	22	16	0
Ham and bacon	9	14	0	..	..	..
Mineral water and other beverages	21	16	0	..	..	..
Salt, crude	2	14	0	..	..	..
Salted meats	200	2	0	..	..	..
Comestibles, in cans	102	14	0	..	..	..
All other comestibles	114	2	0	170	8	0
Wines	7	16	0	..	..	..
Scarfs and neckties .. .. .	..	..	..	73	14	0
Woollen goods .. .. .	..	..	..	0	14	0
Varnish .. .. .	..	..	..	16	16	0
Other dyes, colours, and paints .. .. .	..	..	..	7	12	0
Woollen and worsted yarns	26	0	0	..	..	..
Coal	175	14	0	..	..	..
Coke	356	12	0	162	8	0
Timbers, lumber, boards, planks, &c.	587	10	0	135	16	0
Drugs, chemicals, medicine, &c.	1,133	4	0	720	8	0
Porcelain and earthenware .. .. .	..	..	..	1	16	0
Instruments, scientific	2	10	0	0	4	0
Jewellery .. .. .	..	..	..	1	8	0
Soap, toilet	9	4	0	..	..	..
„ washing .. .. .	..	..	..	27	4	0
Toilet-water	12	0	0	..	..	..
Brushes .. .. .	..	..	..	0	12	0
Sundries	14,263	0	0	1,067	2	0
Samples by parcel post	2	8	0	..	..	..
Travelling effects	150	12	0	..	..	..
Reimportation, Japanese goods	437	14	0	502	8	0
Total exports from Australia	£439,906	2	0	£119,991	12	0

Wool Imported into Japan, 1904.

Total 17,019,911 lb. exported, valued at £637,694 c.i.f.

From	£	s.	d.
Australia	233,919	2	0
Chinese Empire	182,678	10	0
Great Britain	118,224	9	0
British India	62,456	16	0
Germany	19,900	18	0
Belgium	11,712	4	0
Turkey	2,467	2	0
France	1,718	2	0
British Straits Settlements	132	14	0
United States of America	114	0	0
Other countries	4,369	12	0
Total	£637,693	2	0

STEAM SERVICE TO NORFOLK ISLAND, NEW CALEDONIA, NEW HEBRIDES, FIJI, TONGA, NIUE, AND COOK ISLANDS.

After making exhaustive inquiries relating to a more comprehensive island service than at present exists between New Zealand and the Pacific islands, the Government decided to call for alternative tenders for (1) six-weekly, (2) four-weekly service, embracing the ports of Norfolk Island, Noumea, Port Vila, Suva, Tongatabu, Niue, and Rarotonga, making Wellington the terminal, but with Auckland as final port of departure on the outward voyage.

One tender only was received for the service, at a subsidy of £12,000 per annum for a six-weekly service. The amount asked was considered too great and the tender declined. It is, however, hoped that a service may yet be obtained between New Zealand and New Hebrides, touching at Norfolk Island and New Caledonia. The following particulars of imports to and exports from New Caledonia are of interest:—