

CHAPTER VII.—INFLUENCE OF THE FOREIGN DEMAND FOR NEW ZEALAND PRODUCTS.

Question 8 : What effect has the demand for New Zealand products beyond the Dominion had on the prices of such commodities ?

1. The demand of the world generally for the products of New Zealand has steadily increased, and the local supply has endeavoured to keep pace with it. This is shown by the trend in the quantities of our staple exports from the land.

TABLE 41, SHOWING EXPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND PRODUCTS : QUANTITIES FOR THE PERIOD 1890-1911.

—			Wheat (Calendar Year).	Butter.	Cheese.	Frozen Meat.	Wool (Calendar Year).
			Bushels.	Cwt.	Cwt.	lb.	lb.
1890	..	..	4,467,026	34,816	40,451	100,934,756	102,817,077
1891	..	..	1,454,973	39,430	39,770	110,199,082	106,187,114
1892	..	..	2,460,774	53,930	41,493	97,636,557	118,180,912
1893	..	..	2,619,398	58,149	46,201	100,262,453	109,719,684
1894	..	..	228,904	60,771	55,655	114,827,216	144,295,154
1895	..	..	14,568	57,964	76,743	127,018,864	116,015,170
1896	..	..	453,123	71,353	71,372	123,576,544	129,151,624
1897	..	..	72,167	99,002	77,683	157,687,152	135,835,117
1898	..	..	10,090	96,801	68,711	173,798,576	149,385,815
1899	..	..	2,901,676	136,086	69,440	208,972,624	147,169,497
1900	..	..	2,867,069	172,583	102,849	206,621,072	140,706,486
1901	..	..	2,301,092	201,591	104,294	208,045,264	146,820,079
1902	..	..	194,671	253,998	74,746	239,518,384	160,419,023
1903	..	..	71,700	285,106	74,780	266,408,800	155,128,381
1904	..	..	815,535	314,360	84,526	214,253,648	144,647,376
1905	..	..	967,151	305,722	88,562	189,356,608	139,912,737
1906	..	..	61,199	320,225	131,206	226,856,784	154,384,568
1907	..	..	1,374	328,441	236,833	263,738,496	171,635,595
1908	..	..	1,385	229,971	280,798	237,473,936	162,518,481
1909	..	..	1,419,217	321,108	400,607	288,131,648	189,683,703
1910	..	..	1,294,328	356,535	451,915	297,269,952	204,368,957
1911	..	..	1,254,557	302,387	439,174	252,063,280	169,424,811

TABLE No. 42.
The values have also increased, as the following table will show :—

Calendar Year.	Wool.	Gold.	Frozen Meat.	Butter and Cheese.	Agricultural Produce.	Manufac- tures.	Other New Zealand Produce.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1891 ..	4,129,686	1,007,172	1,194,724	236,933	894,467	420,357	1,516,765	9,400,094
1892 ..	4,313,307	951,963	1,033,377	318,204	1,035,637	367,677	1,345,703	9,365,868
1893 ..	3,774,738	915,921	1,085,167	354,271	716,546	345,636	1,365,164	8,557,443
1894 ..	4,827,016	887,865	1,194,545	366,483	317,655	224,958	1,266,626	9,085,148
1895 ..	3,662,131	1,162,181	1,262,711	378,510	326,029	188,702	1,409,889	8,390,156
1896 ..	4,391,848	1,041,428	1,251,993	411,882	572,355	198,081	1,309,749	9,177,333
1897 ..	4,443,144	980,204	1,566,286	553,122	495,175	197,601	1,360,735	9,596,267
1898 ..	4,645,804	1,080,691	1,698,750	539,466	410,677	253,805	1,695,795	10,324,988
1899 ..	4,324,627	1,513,180	2,088,856	713,617	913,678	378,066	1,867,716	11,799,740
1900 ..	4,749,196	1,439,602	2,123,881	969,731	1,230,565	549,342	1,992,932	13,055,249
1901 ..	3,699,103	1,753,784	2,253,262	1,121,091	1,532,386	425,142	1,905,692	12,690,460
1902 ..	3,354,563	1,951,426	2,718,763	1,369,341	1,045,986	755,232	2,302,288	13,498,599
1903 ..	4,041,274	2,037,832	3,197,043	1,513,065	744,845	823,358	2,480,775	14,838,192
1904 ..	4,673,826	1,987,501	2,793,599	1,565,946	559,243	896,362	2,125,310	14,601,787
1905 ..	5,381,333	2,093,936	2,694,432	1,613,728	428,280	882,960	2,408,861	15,503,530
1906 ..	6,765,655	2,270,904	2,877,031	1,901,237	270,542	988,264	2,766,713	17,840,346
1907 ..	7,657,278	2,027,490	3,420,664	2,277,700	162,967	1,073,702	3,163,337	19,783,138
1908 ..	5,332,781	2,004,799	3,188,515	1,954,601	265,730	572,327	2,575,777	15,894,530
1909 ..	6,305,888	2,006,900	3,601,093	2,744,770	976,170	504,952	3,323,163	19,462,936
1910 ..	8,308,410	1,896,318	3,850,777	3,007,348	481,522	649,828	3,749,960	21,944,163
1911 ..	6,491,707	1,815,251	3,503,406	2,768,974	412,815	537,995	3,251,750	18,781,898

Increasing demand for New Zealand products.