

The percentages of total exports shipped to each of the principal countries trading with the Dominion during the past four calendar years are shown in the following table :—

Country of Destination.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
United Kingdom	88·02	87·79	86·12	82·36
Australia	3·33	3·91	3·37	3·87
Canada	0·73	0·66	1·36	1·41
United States	2·62	2·54	2·88	2·52
Belgium	0·42	0·45	0·80	1·24
France	1·19	1·38	1·79	2·48
Germany	0·88	0·79	0·91	1·90
Japan	0·76	0·64	0·86	1·72

The principal feature of the foregoing table is the reduction in the percentage of our exports taken by the United Kingdom. This has declined steadily from 88·02 per cent. in 1931 to 82·36 in 1934. The substantial reduction in 1934 was compensated by increased percentages in respect of Australia, Canada, Belgium, France, Germany, and Japan.

IMPORTS.

Below are given the quantities and values of the principal items imported into New Zealand in each of the past two calendar years :—

Item.	1933.		1934.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£		£
Wheat Cents	220,045	69,628	111,895	22,898
Flour "	223,041	137,223	218,785	131,724
Sugar Cwt.	1,512,731	538,476	1,481,768	518,479
Tea Lb.	11,600,254	498,596	10,170,188	580,015
Whisky Gal.	223,244	215,202	265,994	255,780
Cigarettes Lb.	352,480	121,201	593,570	199,595
Tobacco "	2,873,257	305,621	2,755,512	251,954
Apparel		1,138,968		1,178,663
Boots and shoes Doz. prs.	232,048	376,610	205,708	356,330
Carpets and floor-coverings		234,683		347,309
Drapery, &c.		226,329		261,104
Cotton piece-goods		1,283,604		1,306,293
Silk piece-goods		587,207		772,230
Woollen piece-goods		428,982		539,866
Petrol and kerosene Gal.	59,982,777	953,921	68,655,863	919,421
Coal Tons	99,272	103,909	100,715	98,355
Hardware		289,837		401,398
Electrical appliances		848,267		1,064,470
Timber		146,197		214,435
Motor-vehicles No.	3,868	531,779	14,415	1,809,574
Motor-tires		487,876		578,522
Other imports		11,927,266		15,152,851
Totals, imports		21,451,382		26,961,266