

IMPORTS.

The following is a table of the principal countries of origin :—

Countries.	1932.		1933.		1934.	
	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.
	£		£		£	
United Kingdom	32,213	21·3	30,762	20·4	14,457	15·6
New Zealand	54,403	36·1	51,034	33·8	33,171	35·7
Australia	31,707	21·0	33,643	22·3	20,562	22·2
United States of America ..	12,105	8·0	12,117	8·0	8,949	9·6
Other countries	20,474	13·6	23,300	15·5	15,645	16·9
Totals	150,902	100·0	150,856	100·0	92,784	100·0

EXPORTS.

Copra, Cocoa, Rubber, and Bananas are dealt with in the report on Agriculture.

Further details relative to trade are given in "Trade, Commerce, and Shipping of the Territory of Western Samoa for the Calendar Year, 1934," and in the graphs appended to this report.

SHIPPING.

Overseas Merchant Shipping entering Port of Apia.

	Financial Year ended					
	31st March, 1934.			31st March, 1935.		
	British.	Other.	Total.	British.	Other.	Total.
Number of vessels	75	42	117	68	28	96
Tonnage, vessels	69,361	34,977	104,338	83,725	35,960	119,685
Tons cargo, inwards	6,864	1,708	8,572	6,324	1,860	8,184
Tons cargo, outwards	12,506	6,893	19,399	13,025	7,134	20,159

Six British warships entered and cleared the port during the period. No sailing-vessels called.

X. JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION.

The Samoa Act, 1921, prescribes the judiciary for the Territory. In September, 1934, the Chief Judge returned to New Zealand and was not replaced, his functions now being performed by a New Zealand Magistrate who visits the Territory on circuit at stated intervals. In the absence of a Judge minor cases are dealt with by one of the resident Commissioners of the High Court.

The Land and Titles Commission is a special branch of the High Court constituted under the authority of the Samoa Native Land and Titles Commission Order, 1924, which has now been replaced by the Native Land and Titles Protection Ordinance, 1934. It is the only Court having jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate upon all claims or disputes between Samoans relating to Native land, Samoan names or titles, or succession to any property or rights in accordance with Native custom. During the year the Commission was occupied for twenty sitting-days, and heard nine cases involving over seven hundred and sixty Natives.

In its civil jurisdiction the High Court recorded judgments in 152 cases; 38 cases were struck out. The total sums sued for amounted to £2,317. One divorce was granted. Particulars of criminal cases are given in the tables hereunder, which show a substantial increase in the number of cases reported. In this connection it will be noted that the increase mainly occurs in cases which are not of a serious nature.