

Exports to all British countries during 1935 increased by £198,140, and those to foreign countries decreased by £1,002,309, a net decrease of £804,169.

In 1935 exports to British countries represented 89·77 per cent. of total exports, as compared with 87·83 per cent. in 1934, while exports to foreign countries represented 10·23 per cent. in 1935, in comparison with 12·17 per cent. in 1934.

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.				1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
				Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
United Kingdom	..	..	..	88·02	86·03	81·59	83·63
Australia	..	..	..	4·06	3·40	3·98	3·83
Canada	..	..	..	0·69	1·37	1·46	1·41
United States	..	..	..	1·94	2·91	2·64	5·30
Belgium	..	..	..	0·47	0·81	1·29	1·39
France	..	..	..	1·43	1·80	2·60	1·04
Germany	..	..	..	0·82	0·92	2·00	0·36
Japan	..	..	..	0·67	0·86	1·81	0·93

The principal feature of the foregoing table is the increase in the percentage of exports taken by the United Kingdom. This percentage declined steadily from 88·02 in 1932 to 81·59 in 1934, but has now recovered to 83·63. The percentage of New Zealand exports taken by the United States is twice as high as it was in 1934, and Belgium also increased her percentage. The other countries all showed reductions in the proportion of our goods taken, the most marked being Germany, the figure falling from 2·00 in 1934 to 0·36 in 1935.

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.				1934.		1935.	
				Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
					£		£
Wheat	..	..	.. Bushels	111,895	28,331	224,702	58,977
Flour	..	..	.. Centals	218,785	163,365	244,733	202,855
Sugar	..	..	.. Cwt.	1,481,609	646,150	1,703,826	710,639
Tea	..	..	.. Lb.	10,170,188	725,164	9,972,438	648,535
Whisky	..	..	.. Gallons	265,994	319,621	277,447	334,369
Cigarettes	..	..	.. Lb.	593,570	249,490	923,170	343,349
Tobacco	..	..	.. Lb.	2,755,512	305,002	2,646,746	347,859
Apparel	..	..	.. ..	..	1,036,201	..	1,107,546
Boots and shoes	..	..	.. Doz. prs.	205,708	434,802	211,164	472,049
Carpets and floor-coverings	..	..	.. ..	..	433,901	..	496,425
Drapery, &c.	..	..	.. ..	..	325,540	..	326,970
Cotton piece-goods	..	..	.. ..	..	1,703,289	..	1,667,074
Silk piece-goods	..	..	.. ..	..	875,714	..	964,315
Woollen piece-goods	..	..	.. ..	..	673,904	..	652,616
Petrol and kerosene	..	..	.. Gallons	68,655,863	1,149,237	69,276,280	1,172,892
Coal	..	..	.. Tons	100,715	98,355	97,398	94,197
Hardware	..	..	.. ..	..	489,085	..	651,986
Electrical appliances	..	..	.. ..	..	1,293,003	..	1,595,762
Timber	..	..	.. ..	..	232,038	..	401,886
Motor-vehicles	..	..	.. No.	14,415	2,261,968	20,845	3,207,431
Motor-tires	..	..	.. ..	(Not recorded)	740,333	7,068,325	735,042
Other imports	..	..	.. ..	..	17,155,059	..	20,094,770
Total imports				..	31,339,552	..	36,287,544