

The principal items imported into New Zealand from the British West Indies during the years 1933, 1934, and 1935 are set out below :—

	1933.	1934.	1935.
	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
Oranges, fresh	3	7,616	18,990
Cocoa-beans, raw	6,215	4,845	16,756
Rum	3,851	4,576	5,055
Asphalt and bitumen	2,271	3,519	5,973

The admission of New Zealand apples and pears into Trinidad has hitherto been prohibited by the authorities there on the grounds that such classes of fruit may be infected with the Mediterranean fruit-fly. Strong representations were made recently by the Department of Industries and Commerce to the authorities in Trinidad for the removal of the restrictions on the importation of New Zealand apples and pears on the grounds that Mediterranean fruit-fly is not, and never has been, in existence in New Zealand. It is gratifying to announce that, following upon these representations, restrictions have been removed as far as these classes of New Zealand fruit are concerned. The only proviso is that the fruit must be accompanied by a certificate of origin stating to the satisfaction of the Director of Agriculture in Trinidad that the fruit was grown in New Zealand.

ISLAND TRADE.

Fiji.

Exports from New Zealand to Fiji in 1935 were valued at £86,191, as compared with £85,493 in 1934, an increase of £698. Imports into the Dominion from Fiji decreased by £2,451, the figures for 1935 being £80,084 as against £82,535 in 1934.

The value of both our export and import trade with Fiji in each of the past five calendar years is set out below for purposes of comparison. As will be readily observed, trade in each direction has shown a steady recession during that period, except that in 1935 our exports to Fiji showed a slight increase.

Year ended 31st December,	Exports to Fiji.	Imports from Fiji.
	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
1931	89,245	112,955
1932	88,693	116,645
1933	87,435	106,096
1934	85,493	103,166
1935	86,191	80,084

Exports of New Zealand produce to Fiji consist of a fairly wide range of commodities, of which the following were some of the more important in 1935, the 1934 figures being shown in parentheses for purposes of comparison :—

Bags and sacks, £11,152 (£12,133); meats, frozen, smoked, and tinned, £11,275 (£6,331) potatoes, £6,212 (£4,233); refined sugar, £3,069 (£4,203); soap, £4,617 (£3,643); tea, £4,967 (£4,442) cinematograph-films, £6,677 (£9,064); bacon and hams, £2,506 (£2,221); tallow, £2,010 (£1,324); baking-powder, £1,102 (£907); butter and cheese, £1,470 (£1,469); timber, £1,630 (£646); fresh apples and pears, £855 (£649); dried, preserved, and condensed milk, £720 (£743); provisions and confectionery, £1,807 (£650).

Imports from Fiji consisted mainly of raw sugar, £7,989 (£10,357); molasses, £1,745 (£884); and bananas, £59,274 (£82,526).

Western Samoa.

The value of the total import and export trade of Western Samoa in each of the past five calendar years is shown in the following table :—

Year ended 31st December,	Imports into Samoa.	Exports from Samoa.	Total Trade.
	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
1931	164,950	194,447	359,397
1932	150,902	183,028	333,930
1933	150,856	173,837	324,693
1934	92,784	128,117	220,901
1935	135,757	189,298	325,055

It will be observed that both imports and exports increased considerably in 1935, the total trade improvement being £104,154.