

Cook Islands.

The principal exports from the Lower Group of the Cook Islands are oranges, bananas, tomatoes, and copra; from the Northern Group, copra and pearl-shell; and from Niue, copra and bananas.

Tonga.

The table given hereunder shows the values of New Zealand's exports to and imports from Tonga in each of the past five calendar years:—

Year ended 31st December,					Exports to Tonga.	Imports from Tonga.
					£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
1931	..	..	..	..	29,926	625
1932	..	..	..	..	27,266	9,412
1933	..	..	..	..	19,407	8,331
1934	..	..	..	..	12,948	13,282
1935	..	..	..	..	19,104	15,200

The value of our export trade with the Kingdom of Tonga showed a steady decline from 1931 to 1934, but in 1935 it showed the substantial rise of over 47 per cent. over the previous year.

Imports still continue to show a steady tendency to increase, and the figure for 1935 (£15,200) is in marked contrast to that of 1931, when the amount of our imports from Tonga was only £625. This increase is due to our larger purchases of bananas, our principal item of import from Tonga. In 1935 this item was valued at £14,079.

The values of the principal commodities exported to Tonga from New Zealand in 1935 were as follows: Tinned meats, £8,122; meats, all classes, other than tinned, £224; sugar, £1,761; provisions, £865; timber, £1,340; miscellaneous hardware and ironmongery, cordage, and rope, £251; butter, £790.

TRADE WITH EUROPE.

The following table shows, according to the New Zealand statistical records, the value of our export and import trade with principal European countries for each of the past three calendar years:—

					1933.	1934.	1935.
					£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
Exports to—							
Germany	..	..	..	..	376,886	944,310	165,304
France	..	..	..	..	738,176	1,228,699	484,610
Belgium-Luxemburg Union	..	..	..	..	330,284	612,646	647,212
Italy	..	..	..	..	97,330	205,673	21,092
Netherlands	..	..	..	..	64,827	165,074	79,615
Switzerland	..	..	..	..	1,219	699	2,892
Sweden	..	..	..	..	33,984	117,529	47,142
Norway	..	..	..	..	2,908	4,098	569
Poland	..	..	..	..	28,463	133,234	103,321
Czechoslovakia	..	..	..	..	23	1,986	12,969
Denmark	..	..	..	..	9,404	22,092	12,395
Other countries	..	..	..	..	10,878	28,713	48,049
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,694,382	3,464,753	1,625,170
Imports from—					£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
Germany	..	..	..	..	378,753	386,116	469,854
France	..	..	..	..	198,639	192,653	180,424
Belgium-Luxemburg Union	..	..	..	..	138,620	109,712	204,744
Italy	..	..	..	..	115,888	183,948	190,592
Netherlands	..	..	..	..	93,437	111,690	150,330
Switzerland	..	..	..	..	87,987	73,029	74,801
Sweden	..	..	..	..	199,562	194,652	278,249
Norway	..	..	..	..	36,903	46,495	59,586
Poland	..	..	..	..	4,997	10,419	3,377
Czechoslovakia	..	..	..	..	42,439	58,668	102,784
Denmark	..	..	..	..	9,855	15,393	15,144
Russia	..	..	..	..	125,644	56,732	121,905
Other countries	..	..	..	..	86,287	132,825	134,268
Totals	..	..	..	..	1,519,011	1,542,352	1,986,058

The most important features of the above table are that exports to eight of the countries listed showed a decline from the figures of the previous year, and in the case of three countries only did the