

EXPORTS.

The table hereunder sets out the quantities and values of the principal commodities (excluding specie) exported from New Zealand in each of the past two calendar years :—

Principal Exports (excluding Specie).

Item.	1935.		1936.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		£(N.Z.)		£(N.Z.)
Butter Cwt.	2,789,298	13,616,740	2,796,145	15,317,576
Cheese „	1,727,552	4,376,512	1,658,206	5,122,438
Beef—				
Chilled „	110,247	188,511	240,433	382,469
Frozen „	707,339	791,200	495,564	607,378
Lamb, frozen „	2,605,526	8,184,521	2,603,805	8,417,209
Mutton, frozen „	1,025,305	1,837,600	883,844	1,672,522
Hides and calf-skins .. No.	1,788,003	685,873	1,608,789	761,511
Rabbit-skins „	13,536,745	395,090	16,928,931	763,961
Pelts „	11,765,293	894,181	10,847,249	1,245,993
Wool Bales	647,801	7,096,873	909,132	13,293,583
Tallow Tons	25,277	630,638	26,095	628,310
Kauri-gum „	2,872	79,113	3,237	96,961
Gold Oz.	172,779	1,452,940	168,914	1,404,973
Sausage-casings Lb.	4,192,001	787,261	4,416,070	641,393
<i>Phormium tenax</i> Tons	4,101	57,553	5,707	106,942
Apples Lb.	37,790,819	467,422	44,806,173	552,902
Grass-seed Cwt.	71,649	215,738	69,290	197,022
Timber Sup. ft.	39,585,198	364,359	26,993,334	265,108
Milk (dried or preserved) .. Lb.	20,783,080	370,890	23,742,354	405,801
Other items „	..	4,056,813	..	4,868,688
Total exports	..	46,538,678	..	56,751,940

The 1936 figures reveal increases over 1935 in quantities and values of exports of butter, chilled beef, rabbit-skins, wool, kauri-gum, *Phormium tenax*, apples, and milk (dried and preserved). There was a smaller quantity of frozen mutton and beef exported, with a corresponding lower aggregate return. Values of cheese, hides and calf-skins, and pelts improved considerably, while there was a decrease in the return for sausage-casings, although an increase in quantity occurred. The most notable increase in both quantity and value was that of wool, in which commodity the quantity exported increased by almost 50 per cent., and value by upwards of 80 per cent.

The direction of our export trade in 1936 is disclosed in the following table, which shows also the percentages of total exports to such countries. For comparative purposes figures for the three previous years are also given :—

Direction of New Zealand's Export Trade, with Percentages of Total Exports.

	1933.		1934.		1935.		1936.	
	Value.	Per-centage.	Value.	Per-centage.	Value.	Per-centage.	Value.	Per-centage.
British possessions, protectorates, &c.—	£(N.Z.)		£(N.Z.)		£(N.Z.)		£(N.Z.)	
United Kingdom	35,275,909	86.03	38,629,240	81.59	38,921,568	83.63	45,492,989	80.15
India	34,326	0.08	65,161	0.14	60,956	0.13	125,826	0.22
Ceylon	2,670	0.01	393	0.00	1,528	0.00	1,401	0.00
South African Union	14,427	0.03	29,152	0.06	27,504	0.06	21,855	0.03
Canada	560,875	1.37	697,865	1.46	656,984	1.41	1,103,008	1.96
Australia	1,393,391	3.40	1,882,516	3.98	1,781,811	3.83	1,843,475	3.25
Fiji	87,035	0.21	85,493	0.18	86,191	0.19	102,076	0.17
Other British countries	153,516	0.37	190,581	0.42	241,999	0.52	272,736	0.52
Total, British countries	37,522,149	91.50	41,580,401	87.83	41,778,541	89.77	48,963,366	86.30
Foreign countries and possessions—								
United States of America	1,188,972	2.91	1,250,364	2.64	2,468,071	5.30	2,877,752	5.07
France	738,176	1.80	1,228,699	2.60	484,610	1.04	1,646,168	2.90
Belgium	330,284	0.81	612,646	1.29	647,212	1.39	618,356	1.09
Germany	376,886	0.92	944,310	2.00	165,304	0.36	272,481	0.48
Japan	354,462	0.86	856,014	1.81	432,495	0.93	1,554,837	2.74
Dutch East Indies	5,496	0.02	2,548	0.01	2,235	0.01	1,894	0.00
Other foreign countries	489,494	1.20	867,865	1.82	560,210	1.20	817,086	1.42
Total, foreign countries	3,483,770	8.50	5,762,446	12.17	4,760,137	10.23	7,788,574	13.70
Totals, all countries	41,005,919	100.00	47,342,847	100.00	46,538,678	100.00	56,751,940	100.00