

The exports of New Zealand produce to Fiji consist of a fairly wide range of products, of which those mentioned hereunder were the most important in 1936, the 1935 figures being shown in parentheses for purposes of comparison :—

Meats, salted, frozen and tinned, £17,785 (£11,235) ; potatoes, £5,845 (£6,212) ; soap, £5,089 (£4,617) ; refined sugar, £4,301 (£3,069) ; tallow, £3,289 (£2,010) ; bacon and hams, £3,787 (£2,506) ; baking-powder, £2,126 (£1,102) ; sawn timber, £1,987 (£1,630) ; butter and cheese, £2,382 (£1,470) ; onions, £1,607 (£152) ; lard, £1,199 (£504).

Imports from Fiji consisted mainly of bananas, £72,499 (£59,274) ; raw sugar, £9,058 (£7,989) ; molasses, £1,489 (£1,745) ; potatoes, £4,201 (£2,145) ; coconut-oil, £3,165 (£2,368) ; mandarins, £1,809 (£2,426) ; oranges, £326 (£1,683).

WESTERN SAMOA.

During the calendar year 1936 further considerable expansion took place in the total trade of this territory, as disclosed in the following table. Exports from Western Samoa increased by £73,957 or 39 per cent., and imports into Western Samoa by £31,263, or 23 per cent., over 1935 figures.

Total Trade of Western Samoa.

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
1936	..	..	..	..	167,020	263,255	430,275

The total values of importations into Western Samoa from various countries during the calendar year 1936 were : New Zealand, £53,218 (£51,384) ; United Kingdom, £31,165 (£22,855) ; Australia, £27,530 (£22,032) ; Japan, £17,781 (£13,662) ; United States of America, £11,636 (£14,151) ; Canada, £7,239 (£3,016) ; Dutch East Indies, £5,959 (£1,396) ; Fiji, £4,464 (£3,381) ; India, £4,114 (£2,195) ; Germany, £1,176 (£242). These ten countries together supplied over 98 per cent. of the total imports into Western Samoa during 1936.

Exports from Western Samoa during 1936, totalling £263,255, were shipped to the following countries : United Kingdom, £64,570 (£29,601) ; New Zealand, £56,869 (£59,251) ; Netherlands, £17,682 (£2,094) ; Mexico, £15,470 (£6,500) ; United States of America, £14,762 (£9,836) ; other countries, £93,902 (£82,016).

While New Zealand is the largest supplier of the needs of Western Samoa, it is noticeable that the United Kingdom is now the largest purchaser of goods from that country and took in the year under review 24·5 per cent. of the total exports from the territory. The two most important items were copra, £38,540 (£21,520), and cocoa-beans, £24,417 (£6,691).

The chief commodities taken by New Zealand were bananas, 128,045 cases, valued at £46,737 ; and cocoa-beans, 76 tons, valued at £3,880. Re-exports of silver coin amounting to £6,000 were also taken by New Zealand.

Imports into Western Samoa from New Zealand comprise small quantities of a large number of commodities, the largest being tinned meats, £13,732 ; sugar, £10,381 ; butter, £2,422 ; vegetables, £1,115 ; dressed timber, £1,017.

The quantities and values of the principal exports of Western Samoa during the past five calendar years are shown hereunder :—

Principal Exports from Western Samoa.

Year ended 31st December,					Cupra.		Cocoa-beans.		Bananas.	
					Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Cases.	Value.
						£(N.Z.)		£(N.Z.)		£(N.Z.)
1932	..	..	..	..	10,879	108,698	825	49,712	66,715	20,016
1933	..	..	..	..	11,526	101,347	899	41,813	81,983	26,999
1934	..	..	..	..	8,948	60,654	1,027	29,498	96,225	35,796
1935	..	..	..	..	12,501	108,695	576	19,639	109,000	38,146
1936	..	..	..	..	13,014	156,873	1,065	46,607	128,045	46,737