

Total trade with these countries is shown in Table XVII, which follows:—

Table XVII.—Trade with South America.

			Exports.			Imports.		
			1935.	1936.	1937.	1935.	1936.	1937.
			£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
Argentina	..	..	3,401	11,795	50,331	16,586	18,746	41,190
Bolivia	..	..	..	..	..	3,576	1,413	2,009
Brazil	..	..	11,517	5,937	12,501	27,559	15,955	34,009
Chile	..	..	76	2,520	1,369	10,625	7,560	16,543
Ecuador	..	..	281	1,161	150	5,003	6,624	4,907
Paraguay	..	..	..	..	..	10	20	20
Peru	..	..	..	72	2	196	161	85
Uruguay	..	..	14,268	36,081	126,910	..	..	..
Totals	..	..	29,543	57,566	203,563	63,555	50,504	98,764

Imports comprise undressed hides, pelts and skins, tanning-materials, seeds, edible nuts, cocoa-beans, nitrate of soda, &c.

ISLAND TRADE.

Generally speaking, the trade with islands in the Pacific is a growing one, and details are given hereunder of the trade with the more important islands:—

Fiji.

From Table XVIII below a picture of the trend of trade with this colony is given, and it is to be noticed that, while imports from that source have been maintained, some slackening-off of our exports has taken place as compared with 1936.

Table XVIII.—Total Trade with Fiji.

Year ended 31st December,			Exports to Fiji.	Imports from Fiji.	Total Trade.
			£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
1932	..	..	88,693	116,645	205,338
1933	..	..	87,435	106,096	193,531
1934	..	..	85,493	103,166	188,659
1935	..	..	86,191	80,090	166,281
1936	..	..	102,076	95,802	197,878
1937	..	..	95,214	95,564	190,778

Exports comprise a number of items no one of which is very large. Among these are meats, salted, frozen and tinned, £18,273 (£17,785); potatoes, £5,002 (£5,845); soap, £3,501 (£5,089); sugar refined, £3,040 (£4,301); tallow, £3,632 (£3,289); bacon and hams, £3,947 (£3,787); baking-powder, £2,085 (£2,126); butter and cheese, £2,101 (£2,382); onions, £1,352 (£1,607); lard, £934 (£1,199); and timber, £1,065 (£1,987).

Imports consist mainly of bananas, £61,427 (£72,499); mandarins, £3,849 (£1,809); oranges, £1,784 (£326); molasses, £2,714 (£1,489); raw sugar, £12,395 (£9,058); and potatoes, £5,185 (£4,201).

WESTERN SAMOA.

The calendar year 1937 marks still another year of increase in total trade, which, at £620,304, has exceeded the £500,000 mark. Both exports and imports increased by approximately £100,000 to record figures.

Table XIX.—Total Trade of Western Samoa.

Year ended 31st December,					Imports into Samoa.	Exports from Samoa.	Total Trade.
					£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
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
1937	..	..	..	..	267,868	352,436	620,304