EXCHANGE CONTROL

The following table gives a classification of foreign exchange transactions for the years ended 31st March 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1945:

SUMMARY OF TRANSACTIONS (£(N.Z.)000)

	Year ended 31st March,					Year ended 31st March,			
Receipts.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	Payments.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
In respect of—	£.	£	£	£	In respect of—	£	£	£	£
Exports Interest, dividends, legacies, immigrants' funds, repatriated capital, and private dobts due in New Zealand	72,774 4,231	80,885 4,339	74,118 4,901	85,287 5,861	Imports, excluding payments in respect of Government imports and in respect of goods imported prior to introduction of licensing		33,103	28,152†	30,87
Trade debts due in New Zealand, including over- seas earnings of New Zealand firms	2,897	3,687	3,216	4,205	system Interest, dividends, legacies, emigrants' funds, repatri- ated capital, and private	3,782	3,643	3,778	4,74
Commissions, royalties, and insurance	166	252	250	295	debts due overseas Trade debts due overseas,	2,294	3,445	2,372	1,43
Donations and allowances Travellers' expenses Receipts on account of American Authorities and personnel Receipts by High Commis-	431 268 	290 493 5,057	350 194 16,440 4,081	424 272 5,818 28,559*	including carnings in New Zealand of overseas firms and payments in respect of goods imported prior to introduction of licens- ing system	f		3,012	,,,,,,
sioner in London Unclassified	504	395	294	156	Government debt and other services, including pay- ments in respect of imports	34,501	46,981	51,470†	48,06
					Local-body-debt services Commissions, royalties, and insurance	1,800 549	2,013 922	1,414 846	$\frac{1,53}{71}$
					Donations and allowances Film hire and entertainments	606 226	565 794	787 619	67 50
					Travellers' expenses American Authorities and personnel	198	$\begin{bmatrix} 72\\1,832 \end{bmatrix}$	6,318	$\substack{19\\4,40}$
					Unclassified			403	16
	81,271	95,997	103,844	130,877		83,579	93,370	96,272	93,31

^{*} Including sums not yet remitted to New Zealand.

† Revised.

The total figures for the year ended 31st March, 1945, disclose a favourable balance of receipts over payments of £(N.Z.)37.559 millions.

Notwithstanding that receipts on account of American Authorities and personnel decreased substantially as compared with the previous year, the total receipts from all sources was £(N.Z.)27-033 millions greater than in the previous year, and this was due in a large measure to the receipt of the following amounts from the United Kingdom Government: ---

(a) £4 millions sterling, representing dairy produce price adjustment for the production period 1st April, 1943, to 31st July, 1944 (included in receipts from "Exports").
(b) £12 millions sterling and £4 millions sterling, representing adjustments of the disparity between import and export prices (included in receipts by the High Commissioner in London).

The administration of Exchange Control Regulations covering overseas trade, funds, and securities has operated smoothly throughout the year.

TRADING BANKS

The position of the trading banks, as shown by the main items in their monthly returns, has been as follows :-

ASSETS (£(N.Z.)000)

Last Monday in Month.			Deposits at Reserve Bank.	Reserve Bank Notes.	Total Cash in New Zealand.	Net Over- seas Assets.	Government Securities.	Advances and Discounts.	
	194	4	-						
March				29,890	5,060	35,683	11,584	36,142	46,896
April				31,329	5,134	37,191	12,664	36,142	46,142
May				37,051	5,125	42,894	11,253	36,143	45,368
June				36,735	4,906	42,334	10,705	36,140	45,458
July				36,123	4,805	41,607	11,773	36,137	45,513
August				37,853	5,326	43,861	12,237	36,140	45,171
September				33,899	5,094	39,675	12,743	36,140	46,974
October		, .		25,336	5,201	31,213	13,334	36,140	50,729
November				26,938	5,368	33,062	12,622	36,140	51,239
December				30,053	4,935	35,560	13,698	36,139	50,427
	194	.5				-			
January				33,321	6,173	40,256	14,428	36,139	49,963
February				36,349	6,007	43,135	15,292	36,139	50,095
March				32,459	5,968	39,172	15,623	29,025	55,148