

IMPROVEMENT IN NEW ZEALAND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS—continued
MOST RECENT INFORMATION COMPARED WITH EARLIER PERIODS—continued

	Unit.	Depression low.		1935-36.		1938-39.		Latest Figure.	
		Year ended 31st March.	Amount.	Year ended 31st March.	Amount.	Year ended 31st March.	Amount.	Year ended 31st March.	Amount.
<i>Production—continued</i>									
Building permits issued in urban districts—									
Total value all buildings	£(m.) ..	1933	2.5	1936	5.9	1939	12.1	1946	16.4
Private dwellings	Number	1933	1,496	1936	4,140	1939	8,093	1946	7,736
Government housing construction : Dwellings commenced (included above)	Number	..	..	..	..	1939	3,432	1946	2,623
Membership of workers' unions	(000) ..	1933 ⁴	71.9	1935 ⁴	80.9	1938 ⁴	249.2	1944 ⁴	223.0
<i>Transport and Communication—</i>									
Value of exports (excluding specie)									
Value of total exports (1936-38 = 100)	£(m.) ..	1932	33.9	1936	49.7	1939	57.9	1946	88.9
	Index No.	..	..	1935 ⁴	96	1938 ⁴	97	1945 ⁴	95 ⁶
Value of imports (excluding specie)	£(m.) ..	1932	24.8	1936	37.4	1939	54.4	1946	57.0
Post and telegraph : Volume of business handled	£(m.) ..	1933	153	1936	220	1939	286	1946	655
Radio-receiving licenses	(000) ..	..	..	1936 ³	192.3	1939 ³	317.5	1946 ³	393.0
<i>Railways—</i>									
Passenger journeys	Million..	1933	18.4	1936	20.4	1939	23.3	1946	32.4
Net ton-miles run	Million..	1933	363.4	1936	443.6	1939	574.5	1946	842.5
Motor-vehicles licensed	Number	1933 ³	195,019	1936 ³	228,247	1939 ³	307,931	1946 ³	315,500 ⁹
<i>Finance—</i>									
Aggregate private income	£(m.) ..	1933	91.8	1936	124.6	1939	185.8	1945	304.0 ⁶
Salaries and wages payments (included above)	£(m.) ..	1933	58.9	1936	72.5	1939	109.5	1946	185.2 ⁶
Trading bank deposits (excluding Government)	£(m.) ..	1932	51.0	1936	62.1	1939	64.1	1946	133.7
Weekly bank debits (excluding Government)	£(m.) ..	1933	10.4	1936	13.8	1939	18.0	1946	27.6
Net bank-note circulation	£(m.) ..	1932	5.8	1936	6.6	1939	10.4	1946	35.7
Net overseas funds of banks (New Zealand business only)	£(m.) ..	..	7	1936 ⁸	44.1	1939 ⁸	9.3	1946 ⁸	98.4