

As regards trade from the different countries, the relative positions remain much the same as in 1922, except that the importations from the United Kingdom have increased by £5,000, whilst those from New Zealand and Australia have fallen by a similar amount. The importations from other countries not enumerated decreased by £8,000. The figures for the two years are—

	1922.		1923.	
	Value.	Per Cent.	Value.	Per Cent.
	£		£	
United Kingdom	14,202	5.0	19,788	7.3
New Zealand	82,596	29.0	77,782	28.9
Australia	104,663	37.0	98,301	36.4
United States of America	63,345	22.5	62,717	23.4
Other countries	18,133	6.5	10,293	4.0
	282,939	100.0	268,881	100.0

Tariff Changes.—In July last a number of items were added to the free list, as already stated. It is estimated that the loss of revenue resulting from these concessions amounted to £1,717. The amount was distributed as follows: Animals (living), £72; meat and fish (frozen), £288; butter, £210; rice (unpolished), £260; honey, £5; infants foods, £10; manures, £50; sacks (copra), £756; shooks of undressed wood, £6; machinery (copra and cocoa drying), £60: total, £1,717.

Rice from Fiji.—The prohibition against importation of rice from Fiji was removed by an amending Ordinance in November last, importation now being allowed under certain precautionary conditions. This has already led to a fair amount of additional trade with our island neighbour.

HARBOUR SECTION.

Beacons and Lights.—The new Aga light on Vaca has proved very satisfactory and economical. Lower leading-light has been electrified from Alcazar supply. Apia lights are now reliable, and the authorities have been notified of the change and information inserted on charts. Small beacons around harbour are lit with oil-lamps.

Buoys and Moorings.—All moorings lifted, cleaned, and relaid; two old buoys replaced, and heavy 2½ in. cables laid on two buoys. These moorings are now safe for any size vessel.

Passages.—This work was taken over from Public Works. New pins supplied to Safune, Salilua, and Palauli, and rocks in Palauli passage blasted, and a considerable amount of clearing-work done in and around Apia Harbour.

Maintenance.—All plant regularly overhauled and kept in good order. Two old surf-boats and one towing-launch have been disposed of.

S.s. "Lady Roberts."—This ship was brought over from New Zealand in June, 1923, and has proved a very valuable asset, considerably lightening the work of mooring and lifting the heavy anchors and chains in use in this port; also, it has very much improved the mail and passenger service to Pago Pago.