

TRADE.

Imports for the year 1925 totalled £18,747, as against £16,788 for 1924. Exports amounted to £17,429, as against £14,608 for 1924, of which £17,320 went to New Zealand and £109 to Western Samoa.

The main items of exports were—Copa, 647 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons; bananas, 4,000 cases; basketware and mats, 213 $\frac{3}{4}$ dozen; hats, 2,801 $\frac{3}{4}$ dozen; and fungus, 6,523 lb.

Owing to the severe drought experienced from the 1st September to the 14th March, which seriously affected the native food crops, coconut-trees, and banana-plants, prospects for the coming season are not so bright as I would wish. The majority of these crops are beginning to recover a little after the recent rains, and it is hoped that the outlook will improve as the season advances. Although we have suffered from the drought, we consider that we have got off very lightly in comparison to what Samoa and the eastern Cook Group have suffered through hurricanes and gales.

Return of Imports for the Year ended 31st December, 1925.

Article.				Whence imported.	Value.	
Agricultural produce	..	..	..	New Zealand	£	£
Ale and stout	..	..	..	"	..	119
Apparel n.e.i.	..	..	..	"	1,050	25
				Western Samoa	4	
				United Kingdom	132	
				Australia	31	
				Tonga	20	
				Japan	44	
				U.S. America, West Coast ..	48	
Arms, ammunition, and explosives	..	..	..	New Zealand	—	1,329
Bacon and ham	..	..	..	"	17	302
				Australia	4	
Bags and sacks	..	..	..	New Zealand	718	
				United Kingdom	3	
				Australia	112	
Beverages, non-alcoholic	..	..	..	New Zealand	..	833
Bicycles and parts	..	..	..	"	..	13
Biscuits	..	..	..	"	..	172
Blue	..	..	..	"	..	714
Boots and shoes	..	..	..	"	186	27
				United Kingdom	18	
				Australia	2	
Brushware	..	..	..	New Zealand	29	
				Australia	1	
Butter and cheese	..	..	..	New Zealand	167	
				Australia	15	
Carriages and parts	..	..	..	New Zealand	..	182
Cement	..	..	..	"	..	67
Confectionery n.e.i.	..	..	..	"	171	283
				Australia	2	
Cordage and twine	..	..	..	New Zealand	66	
				United Kingdom	18	
				Australia	30	
Cotton piece-goods n.e.i.	..	..	..	New Zealand	1,461	
				Western Samoa	10	
				United Kingdom	1,369	
				Australia	15	
				Tonga	10	
				U.S. America, West Coast ..	13	
Cotton, sewing	..	..	..	New Zealand	46	
				United Kingdom	57	
Crockery and glassware	..	..	..	New Zealand	..	103
Cutlery	..	..	..	"	41	38
				United Kingdom	5	
				Australia	21	
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