

The quantities and values of the principal exports of Western Samoa during the last five years are shown below :—

Year ended 31st December,					Cocoa.		Copra.		Rubber.	
					Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
						£		£		£
1925	..	..	..	..	664	39,626	14,519	331,274	3	1,165
1926	..	..	..	..	356	20,151	12,249	275,086	33½	6,702
1927	..	..	..	..	792	48,216	11,665	242,672	158	24,802
1928	..	..	..	..	959	69,507	15,989	319,259	167	17,268
1929	..	..	..	..	677	46,286	12,941	205,330	110	9,613

Cook and Niue Islands.

The exports of these islands for the year 1929 aggregated £146,692, and imports £125,944, as against corresponding totals of £153,989 and £136,276 for 1928. The figures for each of the last five years are as under :—

Year.					Exports.			Imports.		
					Cook Islands.	Niue Island.	Total.	Cook Islands.	Niue Island.	Total.
					£	£	£	£	£	£
1925	..	..	..	..	151,939	17,429	169,368	130,609	18,747	149,356
1926	..	..	..	..	138,588	17,655	156,243	134,473	17,563	152,036
1927	..	..	..	..	138,357	14,350	152,707	116,606	14,006	130,612
1928	..	..	..	..	133,051	20,938	153,989	117,639	18,637	136,276
1929	..	..	..	..	124,486	22,206	146,692	106,835	19,109	125,944

By far the largest part of the trade of this group of islands is conducted with New Zealand. Of recent years the United States has filled the second position of importance—but a considerable distance behind New Zealand—and then comes the United Kingdom. Exports from the Cook Islands to New Zealand in 1928 amounted to £96,470 and from Niue £16,347. Imports into the Cook Islands from New Zealand in the same year totalled £81,511 and into Niue £14,403. The total trade of New Zealand with the group in 1928 therefore amounted to £208,731 out of a total trade of £290,265, or approximately 72 per cent. The detailed figures for 1929 showing the direction of the trade of these islands are not yet available.

The principal exports from the Lower Group are oranges, bananas, tomatoes, and copra ; from the Northern Group copra and pearl-shell ; and from Niue copra, bananas, and the well-known Niuean hats and fancy baskets.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.

One of the features of our external trade during the last few years has been the decline in our trade with Australia, both absolutely and relatively to total trade. This tendency is exemplified by the following table, which sets out the figures for the last five years :—

					Exports to Australia.	Imports from Australia (according to Country of Origin).	Total Trade.
					£	£	£
1925	..	..	..	..	2,502,113	5,249,493	7,751,606
1926	..	..	..	..	3,054,433	4,625,200	7,679,633
1927	..	..	..	..	3,665,962	3,869,246	7,535,208
1928	..	..	..	..	3,402,655	3,499,151	6,901,806
1929	..	..	..	..	2,338,410	3,258,727	5,597,137