

Western Samoa.

The values of imports, exports, and total trade of the Territory of Western Samoa for the last five years are shown in the following table:—

Year ended 31st December,					Imports.	Exports.	Total Trade.
					£	£	£
1926	..	..	..	..	324,940	320,783	645,723
1927	..	..	..	..	304,369	335,978	640,347
1928	..	..	..	..	326,553	422,175	748,728
1929	..	..	..	..	288,849	293,938	582,787
1930	..	..	..	..	275,355	284,515	559,870

Of the total importations, aggregating £275,355 in 1930, £265,961 worth, or 96·6 per cent., was derived from the following six countries, enumerated in their order of importance: New Zealand, £81,388; Australia, £58,653; United States, £54,369; United Kingdom, £47,183; Canada, £15,035; Fiji, £9,333. Imports covered a wide range of commodities.

Various European countries (exact destination unknown) and the United States absorbed the bulk of the exports of Western Samoa, the values of commodities shipped to these destinations in 1930 being £111,261 and £108,850 respectively. Next in importance was New Zealand, which purchased products to the value of £47,986, and then the United Kingdom, which absorbed goods valued at £10,199. The recorded value of products shipped to these four destinations was £278,296, which represented 97·8 per cent. of the total value of all exports.

Exports to New Zealand consisted almost entirely of bananas (£44,259) and cocoa-beans (£2,035).

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.		Bananas.	
				Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Cases.	Value.
					£		£		£		£
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	53,652	24,640
1930	..	..	..	1,007	61,294	12,285	166,221	101	6,461	95,867	44,259

Cook and Niue Islands.

Exports from the Cook and Niue Islands in 1930 were valued at £125,315, as compared with £146,692 in 1929; while imports into these islands in 1930 aggregated £122,098, as against £125,942 in the previous year. The figures for each of the last five calendar years are as under:—

Year.			Exports.			Imports.		
			Cook Islands.	Niue Island.	Total.	Cook Islands.	Niue Island.	Total.
			£	£	£	£	£	£
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	19,107	125,942
1930	..	..	109,438	15,877	125,315	103,468	18,630	122,098

Most of the trade of this group of islands is conducted with New Zealand. The United States has stepped into the second position of importance in recent years, but a considerable distance behind New Zealand, and the United Kingdom ranks third in importance.

Exports from the Cook Islands to New Zealand in 1930 were valued at £85,956, and from Niue £13,323. In the same year imports into the Cook Islands from New Zealand totalled £69,976, and into Niue £14,863. The total trade of New Zealand with the Group in 1930, therefore, amounted to £184,118 out of a total trade of £247,413, or approximately 74 per cent.

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.