

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

Year ended 31st December,	Cocoa.		Copra.		Rubber.		Bananas.	
	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Cases.	Value.
		£		£		£		£
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
1931 .. ..	620	35,284	11,062	109,220	41	1,140	85,225	39,022

*Cook and Niue Islands.*

Total exports from the Cook and Niue Islands in 1931 were valued at £87,136, as compared with £125,315 in 1930, a reduction of £38,179; while imports into these islands in 1931 amounted to £80,767, as against £122,098 in the previous year, a reduction of £41,331. The figures for each of the past five calendar years are shown in the following table :—

Year ended 31st December,	Exports.			Imports.		
	Cook Islands.	Niue Island.	Total.	Cook Islands.	Niue Island.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
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
1931 .. ..	79,945	7,191	87,136	69,260	11,507	80,767

Most of the trade of the Cook and Niue Islands is conducted with New Zealand. Next in importance in 1931, but a considerable distance behind so far as value of trade is concerned, was the United States, and then the United Kingdom. The value of the export and import trade of the islands in 1931 with the principal countries concerned is shown below :—

COOK ISLANDS.

Imports from—	£	Exports to—	£
New Zealand .. ..	49,223	New Zealand .. ..	66,932
United States .. ..	7,534	United States .. ..	8,232
United Kingdom .. ..	6,814	United Kingdom .. ..	3,963
Australia .. ..	3,471	Western Samoa .. ..	782
Other countries .. ..	2,218	Other countries .. ..	36
	<u>£69,260</u>		<u>£79,945</u>

NIUE ISLAND.

Imports from—	£	Exports to—	£
New Zealand .. ..	8,958	New Zealand .. ..	5,186
United Kingdom .. ..	961	Europe .. ..	1,725
Western Samoa .. ..	694	Western Samoa .. ..	252
Australia .. ..	678	Other countries .. ..	28
United States .. ..	145		
Other countries .. ..	71		
	<u>£11,507</u>		<u>£7,191</u>

New Zealand's share of trade with the Group in 1931 amounted to £130,299 out of a total trade of £167,903, or 77·6 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.

TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Our trade with the United States during 1931 showed a substantial recession as compared with the previous year, the value of our exports amounting to £920,931 as against £2,116,752 in 1931, and imports aggregating £3,885,073 as compared with £7,573,053.