

*Imports.*

The following table shows the countries whence goods were imported, the effect of adverse foreign exchange in the latter part of the year 1931 being noticeable :—

Countries.	1930.		1931.	
	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.
	£		£	
United Kingdom .. .. .	47,183	17·1	29,286	17·8
New Zealand .. .. .	81,388	29·6	56,450	34·2
Australia .. .. .	58,653	21·3	35,468	21·5
United States of America .. .. .	54,369	19·7	23,805	14·4
Other countries .. .. .	33,762	12·3	19,941	12·1
Totals .. .. .	275,355	100·0	164,950	100·0

The principal decreases as compared with 1930 were : Drapery, £17,608 ; meat in tins, £13,671 ; fish, preserved, £6,827 ; benzine and gasoline, £5,377 ; flour, £3,873 ; biscuits, £3,670 ; sugar, £3,168 ; soap, £2,493 ; meat in kegs, £1,814 ; hardware, £1,487 ; kerosene, £1,217 ; fancy goods, £1,211 ; boots and shoes, £1,143 ; paper and stationery, £1,031 ; jams, jellies, and preserves, £997 ; confectionery, £980.

The majority of these are staple lines of native trade, and the decrease in them, which averages 45 per cent., illustrates the extent to which the Samoans have reverted to consumption of their own products.

*Exports.*

*Copra.*—The estimated production by Samoans during 1931 was 7,644 tons.

*Rubber.*—Export amounted to only 41 tons, valued at £1,140, during the early part of 1931, as compared with 101 tons, valued at £6,461, during 1930. Production has ceased owing to prevailing low values.

*Re-exports.*—These amounted to £9,023 during 1931, as compared with £5,244 in 1930, the increase being accounted for by authorized shipments of £5,000 and £200 specie (silver coin) to New Zealand and Niue Island respectively.

Further details relative to trade are given in “ Trade, Commerce, and Shipping of the Territory of Western Samoa for the Calendar Year 1931,” and in the graphs forming Appendix B to this report.

## REVENUE.

The total receipts at the Customhouse, Apia, for the financial years ended 31st March, 1931 and 1932 respectively, are shown in the following :—

—					1930-31.	1931-32.	Increase.	Decrease.
					£	£	£	£
Import duties .. .. .					45,661	27,194	..	18,467
Export duties—								
Copra .. .. .					18,470	16,200	..	..
Cacao .. .. .					1,701	1,220	..	..
Rubber .. .. .					908	..	..	..
Beche-de-mer .. .. .					..	14	..	..
Bananas .. .. .					384*	10,032*	..	..
					21,463	27,466	6,003*	..
Shipping fees .. .. .					2,644	2,234	..	410
Leases, wharfages, &c. .. .. .					1,811	1,152	..	659
Taxes .. .. .					10,627	9,174	..	1,453
Miscellaneous, including sale of medicinal liquor					6,010	7,305	1,295	..
Total receipts .. .. .					88,216	74,525	7,298	20,989
								7,298
Net decrease .. .. .					..	..	..	13,691

\* Of this revenue of 2s. 6d. per case the whole to 31st December, 1931, and 2s. 3d. per case since 1st January, 1932, has been applied to the assistance of the Administration export scheme.