

The principal countries of origin of New Zealand's imports during 1935 are shown in the next table in comparison with the figures for the two preceding years:—

Value of New Zealand's Imports (excluding Specie) according to Country of Origin, 1933-35.

	1933.	1934.	1935.
	£	£	£
British possessions, protectorates, &c.—			
United Kingdom	13,126,032	15,789,761	18,283,884
India	576,915	667,552	571,627
Ceylon	551,388	585,689	633,594
South African Union	50,646	56,092	55,800
Canada	1,264,932	2,098,610	2,450,616
Australia	2,576,092	3,238,124	3,955,677
Fiji	106,096	103,166	80,084
Other British countries	543,664	600,619	571,401
Totals, British countries	18,795,765	23,139,613	26,602,683
Foreign countries and possessions—			
United States	2,952,009	3,749,559	4,534,086
France	246,210	240,813	221,982
Germany	471,440	482,644	534,442
Belgium	172,468	137,139	217,516
Japan	675,571	836,595	1,100,177
Dutch East Indies	998,224	1,381,974	1,437,379
All other foreign countries	1,269,679	1,371,215	1,639,279
Totals, all foreign countries	6,785,601	8,199,939	9,684,861
Totals, all countries	25,581,366	31,339,552	36,287,544

Imports from British countries during 1935 increased by £3,463,050 when compared with 1934, and imports from foreign countries increased by £1,484,922, a total of £4,947,992.

In 1935 imports from British countries represented 73·31 per cent. of total imports, as compared with 73·49 per cent. in 1934, while imports from foreign countries represented 26·69 per cent., in comparison with 26·51 per cent. in 1934.

In the table below imports from each of the principal countries trading with New Zealand are shown for the past three years as percentages of total imports:—

Country of Origin.	1933.	1934.	1935.
	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
United Kingdom	51·31	50·38	50·39
India	2·26	2·13	1·58
Ceylon	2·16	1·87	1·75
South African Union	0·20	0·18	0·15
Canada	4·95	6·70	6·75
Australia	10·07	10·33	10·90
Fiji	0·42	0·33	0·22
United States	11·54	11·96	12·50
France	0·96	0·77	0·61
Germany	1·84	1·54	1·47
Belgium	0·67	0·44	0·60
Japan	2·64	2·67	3·03
Dutch East Indies	3·90	4·41	3·96

The principal feature disclosed by the foregoing table is the continued rise in the proportion of our imports coming from Canada, Australia, the United States, and Japan. A markedly smaller proportion of our imports came from India, Ceylon, and Fiji. The proportion of our imports from the United Kingdom remained almost the same as in 1934.

TRADE WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM.

Exports from New Zealand to the United Kingdom for the calendar year 1935 were valued at £38,921,368, as compared with £38,629,240 for 1934, an increase of £292,328, while imports into New Zealand from the United Kingdom increased by £2,494,123, from £15,789,761 in 1934 to £18,283,884 in 1935.

Our exports to the United Kingdom in 1935 represented 83·63 per cent. of total exports, in comparison with 81·59 per cent. in 1934, while imports from the United Kingdom in the same two years represented 50·39 per cent. and 50·38 per cent. respectively.

The importance of the United Kingdom as a market for our principal primary products is readily apparent from the foregoing statistics. The steady decline in the proportion of our total exports taken by the United Kingdom which was observable up to 1934 has now been reversed, and the percentage has risen from 81·59 in 1934 to 83·63 in 1935.