

TRADE WITH SOUTH AMERICA.

Table XVI hereunder shows details of our trade with the main South American States :

Table XVI.—Trade with South America.

	Exports.			Imports.		
	1936.	1937.	1938.	1936.	1937.	1938.
	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
Argentina	11,795	50,331	29,915	18,476	41,190	27,571
Bolivia .. ..	..	..	..	1,413	2,009	1,746
Brazil	5,937	12,501	15,000	15,955	34,009	26,522
Chile	2,520	1,369	88	7,560	16,543	24,447
Ecuador	1,161	150	447	6,624	4,907	5,711
Paraguay .. ..	..	..	..	20	20	..
Peru	72	2	700	161	85	31
Uruguay	36,081	126,910	13,904	..	..	..
Totals	57,566	203,563	60,054	50,504	98,764	86,028

Items of export to these countries are potatoes, apples, and sheep. It is the fall in the volume of potatoes exported which mainly accounts for the drop of £143,509 in the total export figure.

The main items of import from these South American countries during 1938 are as follows (1937 figures given in parentheses): Nitrate of soda, £23,961 (£16,416); edible nuts, £22,416 (£22,771); undressed hides, pelts, and skins, £12,114 (£15,409); millet-seed, £11,134 (£18,586); cocoa-beans, £8,099 (£8,930); and cocoa-butter, £45 (£7,015).

ISLAND TRADE.

The figures for the trade between New Zealand and the islands in the Pacific generally show a fall from the 1937 level, as the following figures will indicate.

TRADE WITH FIJI.

Both exports from this country to Fiji and imports into this country from Fiji during 1938 show an increase over the figures for 1937. Table XVII gives details of this trade over the past seven years.

Table XVII.—Total Trade with Fiji.

Year ended 31st December,	Total Trade.	Exports to Fiji.	Imports from Fiji.	Excess of Imports over Exports.
	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
1932	205,338	88,693	116,645	27,952
1933	193,531	87,435	106,096	18,661
1934	188,659	85,493	103,166	17,673
1935	166,281	86,191	80,090	6,101*
1936	197,878	102,076	95,802	6,274*
1937	190,787	95,214	95,572	341
1938	211,075	98,427	112,648	14,221

* Excess of exports over imports.

Exports to Fiji comprised a number of items, of which the most important were meats, salted, frozen, and tinned, £14,676 (£18,271); potatoes, £4,928 (£5,002); bacon and hams, £3,963 (£3,947); soap, £4,241 (£3,501); tallow, £2,203 (£3,632); timber, £1,825 (£1,584); baking-powder, £1,666 (£2,085); butter and cheese, £1,541 (£2,101); lard, £901 (£934); sugar, refined, £665 (£3,040); and onions, £104 (£1,352).

Imports from Fiji during 1938 were bananas, £80,981 (£61,427); raw sugar, £10,605 (£12,395); potatoes, £4,803 (£5,185); molasses, £2,923 (£2,714); mandarins, £1,764 (£3,849); and oranges, £790 (£1,784).