

TRADE WITH THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

Table XXIII hereunder sets out the figures over the past three years for trade between New Zealand and European countries:—

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—					1936.	1937.	1938.
Exports to—					£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
Germany	272,481	919,148	886,308
France	1,646,168	1,014,941	1,011,987
Belgium-Luxemburg Union	..	..	..	..	618,356	682,913	363,113
Italy	..	..	..	..	1,767	10,322	6,578
Netherlands	..	..	..	..	112,539	128,474	147,455
Switzerland	..	..	..	..	1,360	746	2,791
Sweden	..	..	..	..	64,936	92,765	83,722
Norway	..	..	..	..	656	3,164	2,310
Poland	..	..	..	..	173,159	166,255	194,164
Czechoslovakia	..	..	..	..	20,064	58,141	24,508
Denmark	..	..	..	..	11,219	38,056	63,261
Finland	..	..	..	..	1,212	7,822	6,129
Spain	..	..	..	..	15,158	13,925	7,755
Other European countries	..	..	..	..	73,640	50,563	56,853
Totals	..	..	..	..	3,012,715	3,187,235	2,856,934
Imports from—							
Germany	..	..	..	..	748,374	972,760	1,118,585
France	..	..	..	..	215,115	232,464	235,274
Belgium-Luxemburg Union	..	..	..	..	409,102	546,042	518,498
Italy	..	..	..	..	45,279	174,917	163,746
Netherlands	..	..	..	..	210,397	268,521	269,913
Switzerland	..	..	..	..	140,776	181,479	259,639
Sweden	..	..	..	..	343,985	368,908	404,913
Norway	..	..	..	..	72,041	77,801	72,335
Poland	..	..	..	..	8,607	18,201	13,861
Czechoslovakia	..	..	..	..	142,215	194,746	190,379
Denmark	..	..	..	..	17,822	17,593	21,376
Russia	..	..	..	..	192,080	42,273	41,873
Finland	..	..	..	..	46,608	109,521	116,064
Spain	..	..	..	..	70,511	71,961	71,898
Other European countries	..	..	..	..	85,551	142,787	127,167
Totals	..	..	..	..	2,748,463	3,419,974	3,625,521

Imports from these European countries during 1938 have followed the increasing tendency noticeable over the past few years, and show an increase of £205,547 over the 1937 figures. Imports comprise a very wide range of articles.

Table XXIV.—Direct Exports to European Countries listed above.

Commodity.	1937.	1938.	Commodity.	1937.	1938.
	£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)		£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)
Wool	2,719,354	2,257,281	Seeds, grass and clover	5,702	3,349
Sheep-skins with wool	64,131	141,342	Casein	10,091	4,297
Sheep - skins without wool	9,749	23,634	Tallow	9,472	14,936
Cattle-skins	143,982	145,412	Rabbit-skins	12,445	6,376
Calf-skins	71,270	14,370	Sausage-casings	4,966	..
Apples	26,375	136,377	Fish	618	993
Kauri-gum	9,746	9,189	Butter	65,000	65,000

The above table discloses some interesting variations in the items of export to Europe during the years 1937 and 1938. The value of wool sent direct dropped by £462,073, calf-skins by £56,900, kauri-gum by £557, grass and clover-seeds by £2,353, casein by £5,794, rabbit-skins by £6,069, and sausage-casings by £4,966. Increased exports are shown for sheep-skins with wool, £77,211; sheep-skins without wool, £13,885; cattle-skins, £1,430; apples, £100,002; tallow, £5,464; and fish, £375.