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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE

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THIS report deals with the work of the Department of Industries and Commerce during the year ended 30th April, 1927. Though condensed, it covers various subjects that come under the Department's purview, but does not purport to deal with matters of a routine character.

OVERSEAS TRADE.

External trade for the year 1926 unfortunately does not compare favourably with the two previous years, in that the total value of our export trade has declined, and imports were in excess of exports to the extent of £4,613,000.

The value of the external trade of the Dominion during the calendar year 1926 amounted to £95,165,138, a decrease of £12,503,666 as compared with the previous year.

The following table shows the value of our exports to various countries in 1925 and 1926 :—

	1925.	1926.
	£	£
British Possessions, Protectorates, &c.—		
United Kingdom	44,073,717	35,102,233
India	197,428	82,826
South Africa Union	19,306	31,540
Canada	423,068	861,717
Australia	2,502,113	3,054,433
Fiji	133,450	152,323
Tonga	90,447	67,765
Western Samoa	84,878	83,728
All other British countries	72,615	90,359
	47,597,022	39,526,924
Foreign Countries and Possessions—		
Belgium	194,575	171,360
France	600,824	681,568
Germany	1,614,090	364,629
Italy	325,279	145,266
Netherlands	55,013	112,714
Japan	231,839	162,832
United States of America	4,345,758	3,818,162
Hawaii	144,599	113,151
All other foreign countries	153,273	178,969
	7,665,250	5,748,651
Total all countries	£55,262,272	£45,275,575