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Table XXIII, setting out the trade with Tonga, shows an increase of £12,919 in exports to Tonga in 1937 as compared with 1936, and a decrease of £3,087 in imports from the Kingdom.

Table XXIII.—Total Trade with Tonga.

		ed 31st Dec	,	Exports to Tonga.	Imports from Tonga			
1000					£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)		
1933					19,407	8,331		
1934					12,948	13,282		
1935					19.104	15,200		
1936					27,215	11.296		
1937					40, 134	8,209		

The principal imports were bananas £7,193 (£10,645), and potatoes, £194 (£374), while exports from New Zealand included tinned meats, £15,809 (£10,248); sugar, £2,744 (£3,107); timber, £1,324 (£2,063); and butter, £1,421 (£2,014).

TRADE WITH THE CONTINENT OF EUROPE.

Trade with European countries other than the United Kingdom is given in Table XXIV below, for the three years 1935-37:—

Table XXIV.—Trade with Continent of Europe.

				į	1935.	1936.	1937.
				:	1000.	1000.	1991.
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Exports to—					£(N.Z.)	£(N.Z.)	$\mathfrak{L}(\mathbf{N}.\mathbf{Z}.)$
Germany					165,304	272,481	918,171
France					484,610	1,646,168	1,014,941
Belgium-Luxemburg Union					647,212	618,356	700,964
Italy					21,092	1,767	10,322
Netherlands					79,615	112,539	111,300
Switzerland					2,892	1,360	746
Sweden					47,142	64,936	92,765
Norway					569	656	3,164
Poland					103,321	173,159	166,255
Czechoslovakia					12,969	20,064	58,141
Denmark		. ,			12,098	11,219	38,05€
Finland					9,977	1,212	7,822
Spain					24,283	15,158	13,925
Other European	countries				13,750	73,640	50,563
Totals					1,624,834	3,012,715	3,187,135
mports from—				-		ACRES SORTIONS	
Germany					534,674	748,374	972,743
France		• •			222,049	215,115	232,450
Belgium-Luxemb		• • n		i	217,513	$\frac{219,113}{409,102}$	
Italy	mig Cino.		• •	• •	225,157	,	545,950
Netherlands		* .	• •			45,279	174,920
Switzerland	• •	• •	• •	• •	161,480	210,397	266,465
-	• •		• •	• •	97,208	140,776	181,476
	• •		• •		285,792	343,985	368,897
Norway			• •		64,918	72,041	76,421
Poland		• •		• •	5,596	8,607	18,202
Czechoslovakia					120,590	142,215	194,709
Denmark					16,600	17,822	17,594
Russia			• •		169,756	192,080	42,272
Finland					31,694	46,608	109,523
Spain					63,054	70,511	71,961
Other European	countries				63,507	85,551	[143,296]
Totals					2,279,588	2,748,463	3,416,879

The most important feature brought out by the table is the increase of £668,416 in imports from all European countries. Exports to those countries show only a slight increase over 1936. Increases in imports from all the countries mentioned, with the exception of Russia, and Denmark to a small extent, are apparent.

On the export side the most noticeable changes are Germany, a substantial increase, and France, a substantial decrease. These changes are due in a large measure to increased direct purchase of wool by Germany and smaller purchases by France.