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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEA TRADE : MAY, 1952.

**Note** : Values are in Australian Currency f.o.b.

Preliminary totals of the Oversea Trade of Australia for the month of May, 1952 and totals for each of the first eleven months of the trade years 1950-51 and 1951-52 are shown below. This preliminary statement will be followed shortly by the usual Monthly Bulletin.

Total Imports in May, 1952 were valued at approximately £76.4 million as compared with £76.0 million in May, 1951, an increase of £0.4 million or 0.5 per cent.

Total Exports in May, 1952, amounted to approximately £51.8 million as compared with £98.7 million in May, 1951, a decrease of £46.9 million or 47.5 per cent.

Balance of Trade: In May, 1952, the unfavourable balance of trade was approximately £24.6 million compared with a favourable balance of £22.7 million in May, 1951.

For the first eleven months of the year 1951-52, an unfavourable balance of approximately £378.7 million was recorded compared with a favourable balance of £234.4 million for the corresponding months of 1950-51.

The following table shows the totals of Oversea Trade (including Bullion and Specie) during each of the eleven months ended May, 1952 as compared with totals for corresponding months of 1950-51.

(£A. million f.o.b.)

Period	1950-51			1951-52 (a)		
	Exports	Imports	Excess of Exports (b)	Exports	Imports	Excess of Exports (b)
July	49.2	51.1	- 1.9	58.3	80.8	- 22.5
August	38.5	64.6	- 26.1	45.9	80.3	- 34.4
September	46.4	57.0	- 10.6	39.1	94.9	- 55.8
October	86.7	54.8	31.9	57.0	111.4	- 54.4
November	95.8	57.9	37.9	66.9	97.7	- 30.8
December	72.2	49.6	22.6	49.7	68.5	- 18.8
January	98.8	62.4	36.4	65.7	113.9	- 48.2
February	85.1	67.5	17.6	56.9	106.5	- 49.6
March	94.6	58.4	36.2	67.9	85.5	- 17.6
April	136.1	68.4	67.7	59.6	81.6	- 22.0
May	98.7	76.0	22.7	51.8	76.4	- 24.6
Total 11 months	902.1	667.7	234.4	618.8	997.5	- 378.7

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