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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEA TRADE: MAY, 1940.

Detailed particulars of the Oversea Trade of Australia for the month of May, 1940, in amplification of the preliminary totals issued on the 10th June, 1940 have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson).

The Trade Position: Imports of Merchandise in May, 1940 amounted to £stg. 10,857,000 as compared with £stg. 8,404,000 in May, 1939, an increase of £stg. 2,453,000 or 29.2%.

Exports of Merchandise were valued at £stg. 11,687,000 as compared with £stg. 7,965,000 in May, 1939, an increase of £stg. 3,722,000 or 46.7%.

Imports of Merchandise for the eleven months of the year 1939-40 were valued at £stg. 105,407,000 as compared with £stg. 90,988,000 for the corresponding period of 1938-39, an increase of £stg. 14,419,000 or 15.8%.

Exports of Merchandise for the same period were valued at £stg. 106,374,000 as compared with £stg. 90,810,000, an increase of £stg. 15,564,000 or 17.1%.

Balance of Trade: In May, 1940 there was a favourable commodity balance of trade of £stg. 830,000 as compared with an unfavourable balance of £stg. 439,000 in May, 1939.

For the first eleven months of the year 1939-40 a favourable commodity balance of trade of £stg. 967,000 was recorded compared with an unfavourable balance of £stg. 178,000 for the corresponding months of the previous year.

Balance of Trade (a)

The following table shows the movements of merchandise in the periods under review:-

Item	May		Eleven Months July - May	
	1939	1940 (b)	1938-39	1939-40(b)
<u>BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.</u>				
	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000
Merchandise - Exports ..	7,965	11,687	90,810	106,374
Imports ..	8,404	10,857	90,988	105,407
Commodity Balance:	- 439	830	- 178	967
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.</u>				
	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Merchandise - Exports ..	9,977	14,638	113,740	133,233
Imports ..	10,527	13,598	113,962	132,023
Commodity Balance:	- 550	1,040	- 222	1,210

Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

(a) The movements of bullion and specie are excluded as they are not available for publication.

(b) Preliminary figures, subject to revision.

In the next table the values of Imports and of Exports of Merchandise are shown for the months of July to June, 1938-39, and the months of July to May, 1939-40.

Month	Imports of Merchandise		Exports of Merchandise	
	1938-39	1939-40	1938-39	1939-40
	£m.stg.	£m.stg.	£m.stg.	£m.stg.
July ..	8.6	8.9	6.9	6.6
August ..	9.5	9.2	6.2	6.5
September	7.9	6.8	7.3	6.4
October..	8.2	7.3	9.2	7.9
November	8.8	7.4	11.3	12.5
December	7.7	7.7	10.5	11.2
January..	8.2	11.5	7.3	11.1
February	8.2	13.9	8.5	11.5
March ..	8.7	9.6	8.9	10.0
April ..	6.8	12.2	6.8	11.1
May ..	8.4	10.9	7.9	11.6
June ..	8.3	-	6.2	

IMPORTS.

(a) Statistical Classes: Imports of Merchandise are compared hereunder for the months of May, 1939 and 1940 according to statistical classes.

Statistical Class	May		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	
	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000
I Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..	102	129	27
II Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin ..	348	341	- 7
III Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors ..	70	86	16
IV Tobacco and Preparations thereof ..	275	180	- 95
V Live Animals ..	14	10	- 4
VI Animal Substances, not foodstuffs ..	211	185	- 26
VII Vegetable Substances and Fibres ..	235	449	214
VIII (a) Apparel and Attire ..	123	122	- 1
(b) Textiles ..	969	1,811	822
(c) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..	263	457	194
<u>Total - Class VIII:</u>	<u>1,375</u>	<u>2,390</u>	<u>1,015</u>
IX Oils, Fats and Waxes ..	765	1,242	477
X Paints and Varnishes ..	52	107	55
XI Stones and Minerals including Ores ..	53	124	71
XII (a) Machines and Machinery ..	1,101	1,139	38
(b) Metals and Manufactures ..	1,410	1,809	399
<u>Total - Class XII:</u>	<u>2,511</u>	<u>2,946</u>	<u>437</u>
XIII (a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	128	266	138
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	9	11	2
<u>Total - Class XIII:</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>140</u>
XIV Wood and Wicker ..	162	130	- 32
XV Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass etc. ..	137	156	19
XVI (a) Paper ..	437	537	100
(b) Stationery - Paper Manufactures ..	145	143	- 2
<u>Total - Class XVI:</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>680</u>	<u>98</u>
XVII Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods..	85	119	34
XVIII Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments ..	126	134	8
XIX Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers ..	454	629	175
XX Miscellaneous ..	710	541	- 169
<u>TOTAL MERCHANDISE:</u>	<u>8,404</u>	<u>10,857</u>	<u>2,453</u>

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(b) Principal Commodities: Increases and decreases in the value of Principal Commodities imported into Australia in May, 1939 and May, 1940 are as follows:-

Commodity	May		Increase or Decrease Estg.1,000
	1939	1940	
	Estg.1,000	Estg.1,000	
Fish	75	95	20
Tea	184	155	-29
Whisky	52	72	20
Tobacco - Unmanufactured	263	173	-90
Silk, raw	23	54	31
Cotton, raw	22	107	85
Pulp for Paper making	7	39	32
Seeds	37	66	29
Carpets, Floor coverings	132	194	62
Piece Goods - Canvas and Duck	41	73	32
Cotton and Linen	347	700	353
Hessian and Other Jute	50	83	33
Silk including Artificial Silk	217	427	210
Bags and Sacks	142	220	78
Yarns - Artificial Silk	60	165	105
Cotton	35	38	3
Oils - Kerosene	70	93	23
Lubricating (Mineral)	77	247	170
Petroleum	475	678	203
Residual	70	115	45
Dynamo Electric Machines	42	58	16
Cable and Wire covered.. .. .	86	155	69
Telegraph Instruments, etc.	74	57	-17
Metal working Machinery	138	101	-37
Native Power Machinery (not electric)	200	190	-10
Tools of Trade (Not Machines)	60	67	7
Motor Car Chassis and Parts	654	383	-271
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, etc.	102	224	122
Timber - Undressed	121	97	-24
Glass and Glassware	67	70	3
Printing Paper	313	327	14
Writing and Typewriting Paper	33	72	39
Timepieces, etc.	26	41	15
Films for Cinematographs	41	42	1
Fertilizers	103	121	18
Sulphur	23	16	-7

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EXPORTS.

(a) Principal Commodities: Increases and decreases in the value of commodities exported from Australia in May, 1939 and May, 1940 are as follows:-

Commodity	May		Increase or Decrease £A.1,000
	1939	1940	
	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	
Butter	1,468	667	-801
Cheese	50	92	42
Eggs	3	1	- 2
Bacon and Hams	9	13	4
Beef	356	440	84
Lamb	64	49	--15
Mutton	10	43	33
Pork	111	222	111
Meats preserved in tins.. .. .	39	156	117
Sausage Casings	32	24	- 8
Milk and Cream	42	130	88
Currants	185	120	- 65
Raisins	388	452	64
Fruits preserved in liquid	190	280	90

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Commodity	May		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	Decrease
(Continued)	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Wheat	782	1,472	690
Barley	28	71	43
Flour	418	591	173
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	59	14	- 45
Sugar	3	252	249
Wine	55	118	63
Pearlshell	9	14	5
Calf, Cattle Skins	92	30	- 62
Rabbit Skins	30	137	107
Sheepskins	129	46	- 83
Wool, Greasy	1,944	5,291	3,347
Scoured and Tops	426	1,008	582
Tallow	36	103	67
Leather	69	198	129
Paper and Stationery	37	25	- 12
Timber	121	72	- 49

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(b) Declared Unit Values: A comparison of the average prices computed from the declared export values of the principal commodities shows that average prices were higher in May, 1940 than in May, 1939 for wool, sheepskins, wheat, flour, butter, sugar, wine, beef, and tallow.

Average lower prices were recorded for raisins and mutton.

The detailed tables of imports and exports are attached hereto.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Overseas Trade

Value of Principal Articles imported and exported during May, 1939 and 1940, and during the eleven months of the years 1938-39 and 1939-40.

(Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs)
(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS
(British Currency Values)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
CLASS I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin excluding Living Animals					
Fish - preserved in tins ..	50,989	64,763	849,292	818,196	-31,096
fresh, smoked, potted and concentrated ..	23,954	30,248	318,220	277,406	-40,814
Meat - preserved in tins ..	902	928	6,524	4,724	-1,800
potted or concentrated ..	5,779	5,710	34,956	39,556	4,600
sausage casings ..	15,005	21,727	191,816	269,880	78,064
other ..	55	2	3,731	857	-2,874
Milk and Cream ..	17	29	748	2,981	2,233
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	4,784	5,417	44,999	41,940	-3,059
TOTAL - CLASS I:	101,485	128,824	1,450,286	1,455,540	5,254
CLASS II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin: Non-alcoholic Beverages and Substances used in making -					
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Caramel Butter and Cocoa Butter ..	12,195	12,221	111,550	83,761	-27,789
Cocoa and Chocolate ..	6,913	52,781	225,117	244,766	19,649
Coffee and Chicory ..	16,005	23,073	83,493	133,415	49,922
Confectionery ..	4,698	1,543	55,630	30,026	-25,604
Fruits - Dried, including Dates ..	133	540	65,056	108,122	43,066
Fresh, Bananas ..	1,164	1,375	11,493	13,094	1,601
Other ..	310	916	9,737	15,551	5,814
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i. ..	3,720	1,149	58,186	39,033	-19,153
preserved in liquid ..	2,316	5,639	22,416	34,726	12,310
Ginger ..	24,272	11,840	87,970	122,938	34,968
Grain and Pulse - unprepared ..	3,083	1,163	14,712	13,906	-806
prepared, Rice ..	1,098	365	10,899	8,601	-2,098
Other ..	2,214	6,287	32,656	42,379	9,723
Infants' and Invalids' Foods ..	1,417	496	12,465	20,271	7,786
Liquorice ..	813	3	6,847	3,192	-3,655
Mustard ..	23,093	41,222	239,340	27,440	-32,100
Nuts - edible ..	1,167	837	14,442	8,701	-5,741
Pickles and Sauces ..	2,491	3,486	29,071	43,136	14,065
Sago and Tapioca ..	4,156	4,560	24,130	33,845	9,715
Seeds - Canary, Hemp and Rape ..	6,161	6,977	56,055	88,242	32,187
Spices ..	540	2,333	37,872	35,702	-2,170
Sugar and Sugar Products ..	183,652	185,101	2,263,777	2,794,530	530,753
Tea ..	45,747	6,978	161,417	179,439	18,022
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	347,658	340,792	3,634,351	4,369,016	734,665
TOTAL - CLASS II:	347,658	340,792	3,634,351	4,369,016	734,665
CLASS III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquora.					
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry ..	3,832	4,447	30,801	35,703	4,902
Spirits (Beverages) - Brandy ..	4,345	212	22,556	19,086	-3,470
Gin ..	3,089	1,510	29,285	35,024	5,739
Rum ..	938	2,042	5,654	9,334	3,680
Whisky ..	51,522	72,010	510,798	800,231	289,433
Others including liqueurs ..	2,125	2,475	23,961	31,813	7,852
Wine (Fermented) - Sparkling ..	2,397	1,628	16,518	14,054	-2,464
Other ..	2,233	1,585	16,677	12,777	-3,900
TOTAL - CLASS III:	70,481	85,909	656,250	958,022	301,772

IMPORTS (CONTINUED)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1939-40	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
<u>CLASS IV. Tobacco and Preparations thereof.</u>					
Tobacco - Manufactured ..	8,145	4,723	56,017	52,864	- 3,153
Unmanufactured ..	262,630	172,899	1,623,049	1,745,984	122,935
Cigars ..	1,038	4	13,859	8,951	- 4,908
Cigarettes ..	2,779	1,894	28,103	30,745	2,642
Snuff ..	62	232	481	659	178
TOTAL - CLASS IV:	274,654	179,752	1,721,509	1,839,203	117,694
<u>CLASS V. Live Animals</u> ..	14,450	10,280	162,497	112,540	-49,957
<u>CLASS VI. Animal Substances (mainly Unmanufactured) not foodstuffs</u>					
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	604	2,745	15,349	19,561	4,212
Gut, Natural and Imitation ..	1,423	4,094	21,804	25,456	3,652
Hair and Fibres ..	7,457	18,973	93,400	141,659	48,259
Hides and Skins -					
Calf, Cattle, Horse ..	34,865	3,243	208,052	66,360	-141,692
Sheep ..	4,106	391	25,999	8,718	-17,281
Other ..	47,608	47,822	407,374	470,302	62,928
Silk, raw ..	23,036	54,412	358,534	743,148	384,614
Wool ..	85,730	50,638	640,718	141,686	-499,032
Other Animal Substances ..	5,733	3,191	40,406	35,180	- 5,226
TOTAL - CLASS VI:	210,562	185,509	1,811,636	1,652,070	-159,566
<u>CLASS VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres.</u>					
Copra ..	22,859	33,147	158,049	197,008	38,959
Cork and Cork Manufactures ..	12,373	15,825	148,178	187,508	39,330
Fibres - Cotton, Raw ..	22,126	107,070	252,888	483,036	230,148
Flax, Hemp, including					
Phormium Tenax ..	39,767	44,915	263,793	337,149	73,356
Kapok ..	22,497	10,650	196,639	176,829	-19,810
Other ..	19,116	27,504	126,003	194,661	68,658
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking,					
Furniture Mats, etc. ..	5,436	6,328	46,176	37,768	- 8,408
Gums and Resins ..	39,600	90,895	335,689	557,959	222,270
Pulp for Papermaking ..	7,104	38,725	309,125	290,829	-18,296
Seeds - Gardening and Horticultural	1,620	3,527	33,246	47,564	14,318
Linsed ..	19,033	49,717	294,573	511,887	217,314
Other ..	16,704	12,940	167,814	124,511	-43,303
Tanning Substances, including Bark	4,814	5,512	61,839	107,503	45,664
Other Vegetable Substances ..	2,398	1,810	32,591	28,689	- 3,902
TOTAL - CLASS VII:	235,447	448,565	2,426,603	3,282,901	856,298
<u>CLASS VIII. (a) Apparel and Attire;</u>					
<u>(b) Textiles; (c) Manufactured Fibres.</u>					
<u>(a) Apparel and Attire</u>					
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, etc. (Other than knitted) ..	4,708	1,053	67,073	52,274	-14,799
Boots and Shoes ..	10,042	11,487	173,705	157,047	-16,658
Buttons ..	7,793	9,098	108,036	127,225	19,189
Furs and Other Skins wholly or partly made up and dressed or prepared ..	5,653	4,437	67,534	47,770	-19,764
Gloves ..	16,854	27,072	352,799	344,718	- 8,081
Hats and Caps ..	17,775	8,536	156,801	162,456	5,655
Knitted Articles of Apparel -					
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, etc... ..	2,349	1,612	30,309	23,999	- 6,310
Socks and Stockings ..	1,903	2,045	42,183	31,732	-10,451
Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc. ..	1,426	197	18,368	11,896	- 6,472
Trimmings and Ornaments ..	31,162	37,500	343,894	404,874	60,980
Other Apparel and Attire ..	23,672	18,856	363,048	317,185	-45,863
Total - Apparel and Attire:	123,337	121,893	1,723,750	1,681,176	-42,574

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IMPORTS (CONTINUED)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
CLASS VIII. (b) Textiles (Cont'd.)					
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Carpets, Linoleums and Other Floor Coverings ..	132,133	193,625	1,500,300	1,827,508	-327,208
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys, etc..	4,675	2,289	74,211	78,022	3,811
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen ..	11,658	20,119	189,367	252,052	62,685
Piece Goods -					
Canvas and Duck ..	41,459	72,794	514,238	597,804	83,566
Cotton and Linen ..	347,395	700,362	4,386,948	6,091,783	1,704,835
Hessian and Other Jute Piece-goods ..	49,576	83,164	407,249	936,490	529,241
Lace for Attire ..	17,982	22,144	150,237	200,401	50,164
Silk including artificial Silk	216,604	427,037	2,349,157	3,319,200	970,043
Velvets, Velveteens, Plushes etc.	17,151	35,904	223,851	284,337	60,486
Woollens ..	15,124	19,844	267,699	263,157	- 4,542
Other ..	48,588	68,026	643,570	753,517	109,947
Quilts, Tablecovers, Sheets, etc...	11,201	22,460	199,904	256,115	56,211
Sewing and Other Cottons, Threads	32,323	60,223	459,608	476,589	16,981
Towels and Towelling ..	26,204	36,613	324,258	393,159	68,901
Other Textiles ..	16,584	26,022	211,093	289,668	78,575
Total - Textiles:	988,657	1,810,626	11,901,650	16,019,602	4,118,112
(c) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres					
Bags and Sacks -					
Chaff, Bran and Compressed Fodder	14,258	17,522	148,667	109,848	-39,019
Corn and Flour ..	77,943	95,062	944,468	1,920,399	975,931
Woolpacks ..	49,638	106,351	290,869	695,194	404,325
Other ..	383	1,006	17,869	10,811	- 7,058
Cordage and Twines, excluding:					
Metal Cordage ..	11,671	21,547	175,450	217,207	41,757
Yarns - Artificial Silk ..	60,040	165,156	461,414	1,048,398	586,984
Cotton ..	35,298	37,339	354,119	442,811	88,692
Wool ..	5,493	4,305	44,285	40,197	- 4,088
Other ..	8,355	8,630	54,052	46,935	- 7,117
Total - Yarns, etc.:	263,279	457,218	2,491,393	4,531,800	2,040,407
TOTAL - CLASS VIII:	1,375,273	2,389,737	16,116,833	22,232,778	6,115,945
CLASS IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes.					
Fats and Waxes etc. ..	22,936	23,346	179,686	305,580	125,894
Oils - Kerosene ..	70,407	92,662	600,883	811,250	210,367
Lined ..	568	376	21,481	10,569	- 10,912
Lubricating (Mineral) ..	76,608	246,791	703,910	1,517,017	813,107
Olive ..	9,621	17,277	81,455	90,180	8,724
Petroleum ..	475,042	677,552	5,266,757	6,949,338	1,680,581
Residual ..	69,590	114,520	659,752	1,107,931	448,179
Turpentine and Substitutes	2,677	10,902	75,060	130,784	55,724
Other ..	37,974	59,735	406,360	515,297	108,917
TOTAL - CLASS IX:	765,443	1,242,163	7,997,365	11,437,946	3,440,581
CLASS X. Paints and Varnishes					
Paints and Colours ..	50,491	105,605	499,150	650,396	151,246
Varnishes, Stains and Lacquers ..	1,365	1,037	13,276	15,440	2,162
TOTAL - CLASS X:	51,856	106,702	512,426	665,836	153,408
CLASS XI. Stones and Minerals, including Ores and Concentrates					
Asphalt, Bitumen and Natural Pitch	9,155	25,851	280,666	279,968	- 698
Stones (including Marble and Slate);					
Abrasives ..	15,477	26,320	160,631	219,466	58,835
Other Stones ..	2,319	1,001	26,852	19,777	- 7,075
Other Minerals, etc., including Ores and Concentrates ..	26,472	70,329	376,226	422,388	46,162
TOTAL - CLASS XI:	53,423	123,501	844,375	941,599	97,224

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IMPORTS (Continued)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
CLASS XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery.					
(a) <u>Machines and Machinery</u>					
Electrical Machinery and Appliances-					
Batteries and Accumulators ..	3,951	4,407	37,137	62,965	25,828
Cable and Wire, covered ..	85,788	154,513	1,122,620	1,323,193	200,573
Dynamo Electric Machines ..	41,583	57,860	754,862	663,238	-91,624
Lamps, Filament for Lighting and Heating ..	15,406	23,129	162,268	195,682	33,414
Telegraphic Instruments, etc.					
Telephones and Telephone switchboards ..	74,493	56,949	966,033	654,603	-311,430
Other ..	125,248	150,107	1,468,529	1,193,474	-275,055
Agricultural, Horticultural etc. machinery ..	10,340	6,855	200,135	154,816	-45,319
Dairying Machinery ..	11,392	9,713	185,115	195,988	10,873
Metal Working Machinery ..	137,747	100,937	1,193,093	1,202,847	9,754
Mining Machinery ..	37,477	14,648	259,560	271,161	11,601
Motive-power Machinery(excluding Electric) ..	200,360	190,228	2,347,322	2,038,406	-308,916
Printing Machinery ..	21,803	22,528	289,638	184,789	-104,849
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	14,907	28,138	191,810	234,814	43,004
Sewing Machines..	20,945	69,987	317,277	408,510	91,033
Sheep-shearing Machines ..	602	4,215	16,676	31,194	12,518
Weighing Machines ..	4,025	3,885	69,077	48,112	-20,965
Yarn-making and Textile-making Machinery ..	40,394	57,157	371,767	350,266	-21,501
Other Machines and Machinery ..	254,408	183,451	2,713,439	2,546,023	-167,416
Total - Machines, etc.:	1,100,869	1,138,707	12,668,558	11,760,081	-908,477
(b) <u>Metals and Manufactures other than Machinery</u>					
Bolts and Nuts, Rivets and Washers	5,197	4,598	59,858	46,789	-13,069
Leaf and Foil ..	11,057	24,191	103,756	138,996	35,240
Nails ..	2,361	4,619	28,945	36,273	7,328
Pins, Hooks, Eyes and Crochet Hooks ..	4,440	8,807	53,342	66,385	13,043
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts etc..	160	-	14,214	2,282	-11,932
Wire ..	8,226	4,277	143,815	103,213	-40,602
Lamps and Lampware ..	26,468	39,000	224,491	274,790	50,299
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	49,964	66,752	480,437	532,558	52,121
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	59,956	66,951	785,498	834,596	49,098
Vehicles -					
Cycle and Cycle Parts ..	31,483	43,118	408,301	421,515	13,214
Motor Cars - Bodies and Parts ..	9,632	3,496	101,732	78,559	-23,173
Chassis and Parts..	654,328	382,680	6,686,138	6,096,920	-589,218
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, etc. ..	23,232	23,479	274,540	224,951	-47,589
Other Metals and Metal Manufactures	523,450	1,137,123	6,889,944	9,247,733	2,357,789
TOTAL - Metals, etc.:	1,409,954	1,809,091	16,255,011	18,107,560	1,852,549
TOTAL - CLASS XII:	2,510,823	2,947,798	28,923,569	29,867,641	944,072
CLASS XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof and substitutes therefor.					
(a) <u>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</u>					
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, etc. ..	101,549	224,493	1,086,332	1,646,464	560,132
Rubber Manufactures -					
Boot and Apparel Elastic, Rubber Thread ..	12,912	25,295	154,567	254,603	100,036
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	1,608	2,011	32,596	23,893	-8,703
Other ..	12,030	14,390	125,964	133,937	7,973
Total - Rubber, etc.:	128,099	266,189	1,399,459	2,058,897	659,438

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IMPORTS (CONTINUED)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
<u>(b) Leather and Manufactures of</u>					
Leather	4,377	7,526	67,279	50,242	- 17,037
Leather Manufactures, etc.	4,839	2,928	53,887	48,498	- 15,389
Total - Leather, etc.:	9,216	10,754	131,166	98,740	- 32,426
TOTAL - CLASS XIII:	137,315	276,943	1,530,625	2,157,637	627,012
<u>CLASS XIV. Wood and Wicker. Raw and Manufactured.</u>					
Timber - Dressed	14,783	15,153	234,104	196,596	- 37,508
Undressed	121,184	96,825	1,378,061	1,351,047	- 27,014
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	26,314	18,351	297,771	273,451	- 24,320
TOTAL - CLASS XIV:	162,281	130,329	1,909,936	1,821,094	- 88,842
<u>CLASS XV. Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass and Stoneware.</u>					
Crockery and Other Household Ware	36,470	50,875	522,838	570,172	47,334
Glass and Glassware	66,552	69,722	833,487	774,583	- 58,904
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stoneware	34,165	35,125	365,331	413,878	50,547
TOTAL - CLASS XV:	137,187	155,722	1,719,656	1,758,633	38,977
<u>CLASS XVI. Paper and Stationery</u>					
(a) Paper	20,425	24,541	218,979	255,416	36,437
Millboards and Other Boards	10,263	19,731	68,744	121,187	52,443
Parchment	312,736	327,428	2,521,317	2,837,131	315,814
Printing	22,773	34,976	271,316	410,112	138,796
Wrapping	32,915	72,195	420,205	626,108	205,903
Writing and Typewriting	37,797	58,175	402,027	576,878	174,851
Other	436,929	537,018	3,902,588	4,826,832	924,244
Total - Paper:	436,929	537,018	3,902,588	4,826,832	924,244
(b) Stationery and Paper Manufactures	94,789	83,534	991,528	985,526	- 6,002
Books (printed) Directories, etc.	7,930	4,789	81,953	53,276	- 28,677
Catalogues, Price Lists, Circulars	3,805	5,678	70,120	79,737	9,617
Paperhangings and Wallpapers	10,323	17,974	162,714	191,144	28,430
Pens and Pencils	28,133	31,532	436,650	489,808	53,158
Other Stationery	144,980	143,507	1,742,965	1,799,491	56,526
Total - Stationery, etc.:	581,909	680,555	5,645,553	6,626,323	980,770
<u>CLASS XVII. Jewellery. Timepieces and Fancy Goods.</u>					
Articles for Games	13,341	9,432	171,584	144,895	- 26,689
Fancy Goods - Toys	8,293	22,664	176,151	227,857	51,706
Other	11,971	20,483	209,553	208,074	- 1,479
Jewellery - Precious Stones (unset) - Pearls, Cameos, etc.	17,355	19,812	221,700	222,572	872
Other	7,684	5,537	88,370	89,832	1,462
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, etc.	26,082	41,496	465,751	457,689	- 8,062
TOTAL - CLASS XVII:	84,711	119,422	1,333,109	1,350,919	17,810
<u>CLASS XVIII. Optical. Surgical and Scientific Instruments</u>					
Films for Cinematographs etc.	40,800	42,075	517,735	510,956	- 6,779
Optical and Meteorological Instruments	9,858	10,401	108,745	113,741	4,996
Surgical and Dental Instruments, etc.	32,602	45,040	341,628	447,586	105,988
Talking Machines - Phonographs etc.	5,791	4,000	56,947	50,288	- 6,659
Other Optical and Scientific Instruments	36,446	32,785	448,536	479,858	31,322
TOTAL - CLASS XVIII:	125,497	134,301	1,473,591	1,608,429	134,838
<u>CLASS XIX. Drugs, Chemicals and Ferrous Salts.</u>					
Acids	11,260	15,552	98,550	114,692	16,142
Alkalis	9,676	30,332	194,559	138,399	- 56,160
Alloys	2,064	2,471	15,164	24,386	9,222
Green of Tartar and Substitutes	33,828	15,843	213,844	240,802	26,958
Oxides of Potassium and Sodium					

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IMPORTS (CONTINUED)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
CLASS XIV. Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers (Contd.)					
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations- Proprietary Medicines ..	27,291	43,772	331,529	324,905	23,365
Other	16,825	40,167	199,606	272,650	73,044
Dyes	35,956	50,680	314,127	424,236	110,109
Fertilizers	103,011	120,562	1,157,003	954,436	-202,567
Insecticides, Disinfectants, Washes and Dips	5,154	7,113	69,768	137,520	67,552
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous)..	11,567	20,027	104,576	129,357	25,361
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	16,905	24,723	161,263	214,385	53,122
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates etc.	9,600	32,661	85,165	112,864	29,699
Salt	4,511	3,856	47,579	41,174	- 6,405
Sodium Salts - Carbonate (Soda Ash) ..	12,533	18,011	181,531	184,315	2,784
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) ..	10,491	11,083	95,518	118,877	23,359
Other	22,584	34,428	209,977	290,871	80,894
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations- Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	1,128	2,102	18,691	22,117	4,426
Other	3,596	3,836	67,536	62,869	- 557
Sulphur (Brimstone)	23,170	16,176	47,852	446,833	13,239
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	92,987	137,602	954,911	1,208,847	253,936
TOTAL - CLASS XIV:	454,237	629,787	4,007,563	5,467,513	1,389,260
CLASS XV. Miscellaneous					
Articles of Celluloid and Colluloid Sheets	9,644	25,350	132,134	154,521	52,387
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, Cases, Trunks, etc.	12, 55	3, 13	227, 686	109, 504	- 27, 782
Brushware - Vacuum Cleaners (Household) ..	6,577	27,778	192,000	272,683	79,593
Other	7,625	5,454	83,816	75,609	- 8,207
Goods Imported per parcel post ..	49,616	34,130	580,518	402,725	-117,793
Musical Instruments, etc. - Pianos	2,732	2,628	28,234	28,969	735
Player Pianos	-	-	134	1,461	1,307
Piano and Player Piano Parts ..	1,029	754	7,816	6,521	- 1,295
Other Musical Instruments and Parts	10,765	8,517	127,052	74,443	- 52,609
Oilman's Stores	14,371	19,028	176,530	145,577	- 30,953
Outside Packages	171,123	253,615	2,108,836	2,436,550	377,914
Passengers' Effects	55,841	18,751	407,824	313,800	- 94,024
Packings for Engines, Boilers, etc.	11,894	13,391	123,045	155,692	32,647
Sops	4,220	3,013	45,752	54,163	10,611
Vessels (Ships) including fittings	143,460	7,956	667,650	154,810	-508,840
All Other Articles	202,137	110,813	1,395,253	1,265,772	-132,177
TOTAL - CLASS XV:	702,757	540,824	5,160,419	5,801,402	378,617
BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.					
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
TOTAL MERCHANDISE:	8,404,469	10,857,014	90,987,854	105,407,242	14,419,388
ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.					
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
TOTAL IMPORTS - MERCHANDISE:	20,526,597	13,598,410	13,562,411	132,022,695	16,060,284

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EXPORTS.
(Australian Currency Values)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<u>CLASS I. Foodstuffs of Animal</u>					
<u>Origin excluding Living Animals.</u>					
Butter	1,468,170	677,101	11,873,025	13,978,537	2,105,512
Butter Substitutes	159	2,986	4,261	7,755	3,494
Cheese	50,189	92,403	1,005,910	1,382,866	376,956
Eggs	2,522	835	660,789	597,339	- 63,450
Meats -					
Bacon and Hams	8,997	13,252	111,767	245,577	133,810
Potted and Concentrated	2,813	3,233	16,680	26,585	9,905
Preserved by Cold Process -					
Beef	355,653	439,793	3,887,396	4,090,257	202,861
Lamb	64,494	49,325	4,334,951	5,283,976	949,025
Mutton	9,842	42,582	392,318	681,108	291,880
Pork	111,476	222,348	782,964	1,360,107	577,143
Rabbits and Hares	6,005	53,105	209,176	341,214	132,038
Preserved in tins	39,005	156,375	437,329	805,240	367,911
Sausage Casings	32,497	24,005	428,722	398,845	-29,877
Other	30,282	49,385	417,001	584,433	167,432
Milk and Cream	41,548	129,840	752,948	1,060,680	307,732
Other Animal Foodstuffs	4,274	41,043	39,342	160,886	121,544
TOTAL - CLASS I:	2,227,926	1,997,611	25,354,579	31,008,495	5,653,916
<u>CLASS II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable</u>					
<u>Origin, non-alcoholic Beverages and substances used in making.</u>					
Aerated Waters, Cocoa and Chocolate, Coffee and Chicory, Chicory, Fruit Juices	4,509	3,230	46,880	45,605	- 1,275
Biscuits	4,264	14,326	63,397	100,432	37,005
Confectionery	6,649	5,770	90,895	101,300	10,405
Fodders	7,540	6,790	63,248	106,345	43,097
Fruits, Dried - Currants	185,471	120,440	716,668	377,796	-338,872
Raisins	387,784	452,018	1,787,538	1,113,208	-674,330
Other	8,455	10,792	106,682	51,679	-55,003
Fruits, Fresh - Apples	433,553	143,912	1,339,924	569,515	-770,409
Citrus	3,422	2,220	187,634	171,555	-16,079
Other	77,766	23,993	352,098	206,547	-145,551
Fruits, preserved in Liquid	189,952	280,488	1,119,402	1,157,010	37,608
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	10,893	20,625	131,857	131,008	- 849
Grain and Pulse, unprepared -					
Barley	27,716	70,617	331,822	194,121	-137,701
Wheat	781,569	1,473,678	7,957,432	6,080,289	-1,877,143
Other	10,662	6,748	102,111	47,958	- 54,153
Grain and Pulse, prepared -					
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	58,570	13,965	351,001	253,650	- 97,351
Flour (Wheaten)	418,210	590,637	4,132,319	4,590,408	458,089
Rice	11,237	7,349	175,754	267,864	92,110
Other	6,275	24,388	76,352	173,455	97,103
Infants and Invalids Foods	-	-	44	87	43
Jams and Fruit Jellies	46,500	65,766	228,800	476,049	247,249
Sugar	3,013	251,884	4,176,811	6,091,917	1,915,106
Tea	3,033	4,894	38,723	48,427	9,704
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	12,213	12,148	110,277	117,335	7,058
TOTAL - CLASS II:	2,701,316	3,606,678	23,687,669	22,473,530	-1,214,139
<u>CLASS III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors.</u>					
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry	6,663	27,777	72,150	123,325	51,175
Spirits (Beverages)	3,022	15,328	130,974	174,279	43,305
Wine	55,018	118,265	926,577	315,753	- 10,824
TOTAL - CLASS III:	70,703	161,370	1,129,701	1,213,357	83,656
<u>CLASS IV. Tobacco and Preparations thereof.</u>					
Cigarettes, Cigars and Snuff	912	11,051	10,681	26,606	15,925
Tobacco	46,901	32,064	321,263	231,744	- 89,519
TOTAL - CLASS IV:	47,813	43,115	331,944	258,350	- 73,594

EXPORTS (CONTINUED)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
CLASS V. Live Animals.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Cattle	685	948	8,575	7,357	- 1,218
Horses	7,257	2,835	106,661	78,568	-30,093
Sheep	14,415	7,332	78,477	101,139	22,662
Other Living Animals	804	827	8,423	6,273	- 2,150
TOTAL - CLASS V:	23,161	11,942	204,156	193,357	-10,799
CLASS VI. Animal Substances (Mainly Unmanufactured) not Foodstuffs.					
Beche-de-mer	68	-	18,071	1,115	-16,956
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	14,395	14,174	107,311	138,703	31,392
Hides and Skins -					
Calf, Cattle and Horse	92,352	30,141	985,374	629,011	-356,363
Fox	157	535	27,752	33,757	6,005
Kangaroo and Wallaby	6,751	8,410	177,419	161,540	-15,879
Opossum	4,294	52	16,040	9,110	- 6,930
Rabbit	30,255	137,199	400,660	774,544	373,884
Sheep	128,802	46,061	2,241,165	2,363,428	122,263
Other	685	403	25,032	25,798	766
Pearlshell	9,016	14,324	217,150	200,572	-16,578
Trochus Shell	1,534	455	42,253	36,578	- 5,675
Wool - Greasy	1,944,053	5,290,825	35,857,405	44,239,253	8,381,848
Scoured and Tops	425,598	1,007,629	4,917,769	6,107,427	1,189,658
Other Animal Substances	2,815	10,034	54,269	129,681	75,412
TOTAL - CLASS VI:	2,660,775	6,560,242	45,087,810	54,850,517	9,762,707
CLASS VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres.					
Copra	3,271	53	10,359	1,664	-8,695
Fibres - Cotton, raw	-	1,114	-	1,691	1,691
Other	9,855	30,122	101,334	133,099	32,065
Sandalwood	4,168	4,755	41,910	46,454	4,544
Seeds	5,536	10,659	61,185	89,325	28,140
Tanning Substances	9,002	2,794	35,748	38,668	2,880
Other Vegetable Substances	2,603	9,332	33,018	50,536	17,518
TOTAL - CLASS VII:	34,435	58,929	287,254	361,637	74,383
CLASS VIII. (a) Apparel and Attire (b) Textiles: (c) Manufactured Fibres.					
Boots and Shoes	1,768	3,733	21,240	34,943	13,703
Other Apparel and Attire	13,479	31,103	104,860	129,935	25,075
Piece Goods	17,879	2,177	143,423	152,473	9,054
Other Textiles	12,015	6,788	103,774	86,941	-16,833
Manufactured Fibres, including					
Bags, Cordage and Yarns	37,891	43,168	232,715	319,297	86,582
TOTAL - CLASS VIII:	83,032	106,969	606,012	723,589	117,577
CLASS IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes.					
Fats and Waxes etc.	8,069	34,673	81,539	197,908	116,369
Oils	15,223	40,031	126,020	304,102	178,082
Tallow, unrefined	36,132	103,120	437,707	737,280	349,573
TOTAL - CLASS IX:	59,424	177,824	645,266	1,239,290	644,024
CLASS X. Paints and Varnishes	15,815	19,735	162,245	162,775	530
CLASS XI. Stones and Minerals, Including Ores and Concentrates	271,023	152,106	2,494,099	2,249,336	-244,763
CLASS XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery.					
(a) Machines and Machinery	106,740	169,128	930,322	1,230,865	300,543
(b) Metals and Manufactures other than Machinery	1,138,046	905,517	8,236,301	11,652,015	3,415,714
TOTAL - CLASS XII:	1,244,786	1,074,645	9,166,623	12,882,880	3,716,257
CLASS XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof and Substitutes therefor.					
Rubber and Manufactures	9,149	21,881	75,461	104,490	29,029
Leather	68,863	196,108	564,014	1,235,785	671,771
Leather Manufactures, etc.	3,015	2,506	33,968	34,552	584
TOTAL - CLASS XIII:	81,027	220,495	673,443	1,374,827	701,384

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EXPORTS (CONTINUED)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<u>CLASS XIV. Wood and Wicker. Raw and Manufactured.</u>					
Timber	120,644	72,398	907,098	742,031	-165,067
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	12,028	29,343	140,992	196,983	55,991
TOTAL - CLASS XIV:	132,672	101,741	1,048,090	939,014	-109,076
<u>CLASS XV. Earthenware, Cements.</u>					
China, Glass and Stoneware. ..	24,555	15,135	198,309	157,974	- 40,335
<u>CLASS XVI. Paper and Stationery.</u>					
Paper	6,842	8,008	69,824	80,505	10,681
Stationery	30,506	16,587	389,269	316,247	- 73,022
TOTAL - CLASS XVI:	37,348	24,595	459,093	396,752	- 62,341
<u>CLASS XVII. Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods.</u>					
Precious Stones - Unset - Pearls, Cameos, etc.	3,815	510	64,079	29,995	- 34,084
Other Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods	11,844	8,458	100,552	98,992	- 1,560
TOTAL - CLASS XVII:	15,659	8,968	164,631	128,987	- 35,644
<u>CLASS XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments.</u>					
Films for Cinematographs, Bioscopes, etc.	19,142	19,528	190,931	189,644	- 1,287
Photographic Goods and Materials - Cameras, etc.	18,720	18,405	85,332	75,251	- 10,081
Talking Machines, Phonographs, etc.	2,851	2,941	27,278	28,223	1,005
Other Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments	4,972	8,717	42,873	68,759	25,886
TOTAL - CLASS XVIII:	45,685	49,591	346,414	361,937	15,523
<u>CLASS XIX. Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers.</u>					
Cascain	29	6,024	6,380	61,604	55,224
Fertilizers	5,913	4,582	35,027	52,313	17,286
Medicines	24,585	16,852	174,004	190,161	16,157
Oils - Essential (non-spirituous) - N.E.I.	1,651	2,493	22,510	35,496	12,986
Eucalyptus	4,313	28,474	70,329	123,988	53,659
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	2,808	3,467	39,570	39,445	- 125
Other Drugs and Chemicals	46,373	61,248	347,731	473,541	125,810
TOTAL - CLASS XIX:	85,672	123,140	695,551	976,548	280,997
<u>CLASS XX. Miscellaneous.</u>					
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	19,035	15,455	185,449	165,718	- 19,731
Oilmen's Stores	6,029	2,972	70,187	67,321	- 2,866
Personal and Household Effects, etc.	14,267	8,589	97,745	61,772	- 35,973
Soap	8,935	7,337	67,945	96,369	28,424
Vessels (Ships) transferred abroad	-	-	-	-	-
Goods exported per parcel post. ..	12,199	2,045	111,563	29,752	- 84,811
All Other Articles	50,806	85,075	460,762	789,248	328,486
TOTAL - CLASS XX:	111,271	121,473	996,651	1,230,180	233,529
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.</u>					
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
TOTAL (Australian Produce)	9,709,082	14,464,542	111,895,272	131,514,610	19,619,338
(Other Produce)	267,644	173,642	1,344,268	1,718,728	- 125,540
GRAND TOTAL MERCHANDISE:	9,976,726	14,638,184	113,239,540	133,233,338	19,493,798
<u>ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.</u>					
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
TOTAL EXPORTS - MERCHANDISE:	7,965,450	11,687,173	90,810,011	106,373,922	15,563,911

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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEA TRADE: MAY, 1940.

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BALANCE OF TRADE.

The following table shows the movements of merchandise and of bullion and specie in the periods under review:-

Item	May		Eleven Months July - May	
	1939	1940 (a)	1938-39	1939-40(a)
<u>BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.</u>				
	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000
Merchandise - Exports ..	7,965	11,687	90,810	106,374
Imports ..	8,404	10,857	90,988	105,407
Commodity Balance:	- 439	830	- 178	967
Bullion and Specie - Exports..	1,547	1,337	13,946	15,690
Imports..	228	455	2,708	3,831
Bullion and Specie Balance:	1,319	882	11,238	11,859
TOTAL BALANCE:	880	1,712	11,060	12,826
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.</u>				
	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Merchandise - Exports ..	9,977	14,638	113,740	133,233
Imports ..	10,527	13,598	113,962	132,023
Commodity Balance:	- 550	1,040	- 222	1,210
Bullion and Specie - Exports	1,934	1,671	17,434	19,614
Imports	285	570	3,391	4,798
Bullion and Specie Balance:	1,649	1,101	14,043	14,816
TOTAL BALANCE:	1,099	2,141	13,821	16,026

Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

(a) Preliminary figures, subject to revision.

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IMPORTS.

Principal Countries of Origin: Imports into Australia from Principal Countries for May, 1940 and for the first eleven months July - May, 1939-40 are given below:-

Country of Origin	May 1940		Eleven Months July - May, 1939-40	
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	Percentage of Total Imports
United Kingdom	4,527,128	40,037,078	36.65	
Canada	583,751	8,496,048	7.78	
Ceylon	26,730	652,187	0.59	
India	549,973	5,471,494	5.01	
Malaya (British)	215,239	1,412,700	1.29	
New Zealand	222,411	1,635,687	1.50	
Other British Countries	891,602	6,607,153	6.05	
Total British Countries:	7,016,834	64,312,347	58.87	
Belgium	117,100	965,107	0.88	
China	57,372	686,963	0.63	
Czechoslovakia	178	76,950	0.07	
France	99,795	904,080	0.83	
Germany	6,088	1,135,528	1.04	
Italy	116,150	747,190	0.68	
Japan	578,246	5,239,857	4.80	
Netherlands	118,436	763,686	0.70	
Netherlands East Indies	873,477	9,033,435	8.27	
Sweden	23,028	917,243	0.84	
Switzerland	86,635	915,467	0.84	
United States of America	1,780,397	18,335,788	16.79	
Other Foreign Countries	184,601	2,714,603	2.48	
Total Foreign Countries:	4,041,503	42,437,897	38.85	
Outside Packages	253,615	2,487,905	2.28	
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES:	11,311,952	109,238,149	100.00	

(b) Principal Commodities: Increases and decreases in the value of Principal Commodities imported into Australia in May, 1939 and May, 1940 are as follows:-

Commodity	May		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	
	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000
Alloys	28	34	6
Iron and Steel - Bars, Rods etc.	32	51	19
Pipes and Tubes	26	33	7
Plate and Sheet, Plain	35	50	15
Plate and Sheet, Tinned	160	241	81
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives..	163	245	82

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IMPORTS.
(British Currency Values)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increased or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
<u>CLASS XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>
(b) <u>Metals and Manufactures other than Machinery.</u>					
Alloys	28,334	33,662	249,055	338,370	89,315
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, Angles, etc... ..	10,868	40,172	166,099	228,191	62,092
Iron and Steel - Bars, Rods, Hoops, Ingots, etc.	32,451	50,608	437,149	377,082	- 60,067
Beams, Channels, Girders, Joists, etc.	-	291	2,796	2,504	- 292
Pig and Scrap.. ..	44	933	629	1,725	1,096
Pipes and Tubes	26,459	33,189	424,455	284,784	-139,671
Plate and Sheet - Galvanised, Corrugated	170	-	104,756	356	-104,400
Flat	52	3	81,486	2,270	- 79,216
Plain	34,560	50,475	619,428	437,185	-182,243
Tinned	159,716	241,416	1,667,462	2,286,581	619,119
Vehicles - Other and Parts	64,376	440,956	1,208,461	3,341,454	2,132,993
Other Metals and Metal Manufactures	166,420	245,418	1,928,168	1,947,231	19,063
<u>CLASS XX. - Miscellaneous</u>					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	162,988	70,559	918,833	776,792	-142,041
All Other Articles	37,199	40,253	477,418	486,980	9,562
<u>CLASS XXI. Gold and Silver and Bronze Specie.</u>					
Gold, including Gold in Matte	226,372	451,385	2,638,045	3,794,275	1,156,230
Silver, including Silver in Matte	1,267	3,553	69,297	36,492	-32,805
Bronze Specie	1	-	179	40	- 139
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XXI:</u>	<u>227,640</u>	<u>454,938</u>	<u>2,707,521</u>	<u>3,830,807</u>	<u>1,123,286</u>
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
<u>Importing States</u>					
New South Wales	3,981,956	5,348,204	42,373,402	50,553,943	8,180,541
Victoria	2,935,661	3,876,687	32,451,597	38,074,841	5,623,244
Queensland	637,096	882,221	7,370,973	8,082,073	711,100
South Australia	546,855	485,405	5,411,191	6,194,577	783,386
Western Australia	444,111	534,674	4,968,175	5,177,349	209,174
Tasmania	82,811	184,272	1,098,166	1,109,747	11,581
Northern Territory	3,619	489	21,971	45,619	23,648
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	<u>8,632,109</u>	<u>11,311,952</u>	<u>93,695,475</u>	<u>109,238,149</u>	<u>15,542,674</u>
<u>BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES (STERLING).</u>					
<u>TOTAL IMPORTS -</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>
Merchandise	8,404,469	10,857,014	90,987,954	105,407,342	14,419,388
Bullion and Specie - Gold	226,372	451,385	2,638,045	3,794,275	1,156,230
Silver and Bronze	1,268	3,553	69,476	36,532	- 32,944
<u>TOTAL - Bullion and Specie:</u>	<u>227,640</u>	<u>454,938</u>	<u>2,707,521</u>	<u>3,830,807</u>	<u>1,123,286</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	<u>8,632,109</u>	<u>11,311,952</u>	<u>93,695,475</u>	<u>109,238,149</u>	<u>15,542,674</u>
<u>ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.</u>					
<u>TOTAL IMPORTS -</u>	<u>£s.</u>	<u>£s.</u>	<u>£s.</u>	<u>£s.</u>	<u>£s.</u>
Merchandise	10,526,597	13,598,410	113,962,411	132,022,695	18,060,284
Bullion and Specie - Gold	283,531	565,360	3,304,152	4,752,330	1,448,178
Silver and Bronze	1,588	4,450	87,019	45,756	-41,263
<u>TOTAL - Bullion and Specie:</u>	<u>285,119</u>	<u>569,810</u>	<u>3,391,171</u>	<u>4,798,086</u>	<u>1,406,915</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	<u>10,811,716</u>	<u>14,168,220</u>	<u>117,353,582</u>	<u>136,820,781</u>	<u>19,467,199</u>

Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

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(c) Declared Unit Values: A comparison of the average prices computed from the declared export values shows that the average price of gold was higher in May, 1940 than in May, 1939.

Principal Countries of Destination: Exports from Australia to Principal Countries in May, 1940 and for the eleven months of the trade year 1939-40 are given below:-

Country of Destination	May, 1940	Eleven Months July - May, 1939-40	
	£A.	£A.	Percentage of Total Exports
United Kingdom	7,560,101	82,477,446	53.96
Canada	346,223	3,218,768	2.11
Ceylon	84,815	892,216	0.58
India	41,844	1,759,366	1.15
Malaya (British).. ..	220,572	2,739,891	1.79
New Zealand	695,054	5,955,525	3.90
Other British Countries	665,025	5,232,186	3.42
Total British Countries:	9,613,634	102,275,398	66.91
Belgium	13	858,989	0.56
China	222,614	1,373,527	0.90
Czechoslovakia	-	11,391	0.01
France	2,177,675	10,535,955	6.89
Germany	-	325,714	0.21
Italy	48,199	112,182	0.08
Japan	878,238	5,351,806	3.50
Netherlands	25	324,803	0.21
Netherlands East Indies	143,173	1,898,494	1.24
Sweden	848	146,617	0.10
Switzerland	30,881	103,087	0.07
United States of America	1,962,839	23,510,572	15.38
Other Foreign Countries	1,231,052	6,018,576	3.94
Total Foreign Countries:	6,695,557	50,571,713	33.09
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES:	16,309,191	152,847,111	100.00

∅ Includes Wheat "For Orders"; the final country of destination is not yet available.

(a) Principal Commodities: Increases and decreases in the value of commodities exported from Australia in May, 1939 and May, 1940 are as follows:-

Commodity	May		Increase or Decrease £A.1,000
	1939	1940	
	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Coal	25	-	- 25
Ores and Concentrates -			
Silver and Silver Lead	53	86	33
Zinc	126	33	- 93
Other	60	26	- 34
Iron and Steel	515	209	-306
Lead Pig	433	491	58
Tin Ingots	37	27	- 10
Zinc, Bars, etc...	51	42	- 9

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(b) Quantities: The principal commodities exported in larger quantities in May, 1940 as compared with May, 1939 were: Cheese, Bacon and Hams, Beef, Mutton, Pork, Rabbits and Hares, Meats preserved in Tins, Milk and Cream, Raisins, Fruit Preserved in Liquid, Wheat, Jams and Fruit Jellies, Sugar, Wine, Rabbit Skins, Wool, Tallow Unrefined, Silver and Silver Lead Ores and Concentrates, Lead (Pig).

The principal commodities exported in smaller quantities were: Butter, Lamb, Sausage Casings, Currants, Apples, Citrus Fruits, Flour, Calf, Cattle and Horse Skins, Kangaroo and Wallaby Skins, Opossum Skins, Sheepskins, Coal, Zinc Ores and Concentrates, Tin Ingots, Zinc Bars and Blocks.

EXPORTS.

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
<u>CLASS XI. Stones and Minerals.</u>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<u>Including Ores and Concentrates</u>					
Coal	24,793	278	302,437	226,827	- 75,610
Ores and Concentrates -					
Silver and Silver Lead ..	52,925	85,805	443,072	758,710	315,638
Zinc	125,256	32,755	778,200	529,053	-249,147
Other	60,381	25,624	899,224	626,592	-272,632
Other Stones and Minerals ..	7,668	7,644	71,166	108,154	36,988
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XI:</u>	<u>271,023</u>	<u>152,106</u>	<u>2,494,099</u>	<u>2,249,336</u>	<u>-244,763</u>
<u>CLASS XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery.</u>					
(a) <u>Machines and Machinery</u>					
Machines and Machinery ..	108,748	169,128	930,322	1,230,865	300,543
(b) <u>Metals and Manufactures other than Machinery</u>					
Copper - Ingots and in Matte ..	125	-	15,469	7,957	- 7,512
Iron and Steel - Manufactured and partly manufactured ..	515,296	209,237	1,967,938	5,037,289	3,069,351
Lead - Pig and in Matte ..	433,440	490,625	4,007,852	4,509,087	501,235
Metal Scrap	7,132	1,539	59,062	33,066	- 25,996
Platinum, Osmium, etc. ..	704	961	3,013	7,133	4,120
Tin Ingots	36,556	27,058	338,626	244,314	- 94,312
Vehicles	18,177	55,510	211,734	223,012	11,276
Zinc - Bars, Blocks, etc. ..	51,325	41,888	822,632	704,803	-117,829
Other Metals and Manufactures ..	75,291	78,699	809,975	885,354	75,379
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XII:</u>	<u>1,246,794</u>	<u>1,074,645</u>	<u>9,166,623</u>	<u>12,882,860</u>	<u>3,716,257</u>
<u>CLASS XX. Miscellaneous</u>					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	24,268	50,054	190,225	500,057	309,832
All Other Articles	26,538	35,021	270,537	289,191	18,654
<u>CLASS XXI. Gold and Silver and Bronze Specie.</u>					
Gold, including Gold in Matte ..	1,846,447	1,592,301	16,532,978	18,775,102	2,242,124
Silver, including Silver in Matte	87,527	78,705	900,477	838,173	- 62,304
Bronze Specie	26	1	275	492	223
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XXI:</u>	<u>1,934,000</u>	<u>1,671,007</u>	<u>17,433,730</u>	<u>19,613,773</u>	<u>2,180,043</u>
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
<u>States of Final Shipment</u>					
New South Wales	4,986,195	6,750,196	41,876,878	64,314,070	22,437,192
Victoria	2,316,437	3,521,265	29,003,518	34,942,253	5,936,735
Queensland	2,622,009	2,787,481	26,723,759	28,844,627	2,120,868
South Australia	854,414	1,922,184	13,963,391	13,789,369	-174,002
Western Australia	736,977	983,049	16,577,985	8,732,049	-7,845,936
Tasmania	394,609	344,164	3,016,035	2,212,950	-803,085
Northern Territory	85	852	11,704	11,773	69
Total (Australian Produce ..	11,369,176	16,073,684	126,547,953	149,485,887	22,937,934
(Other Produce	541,550	235,507	4,625,317	3,361,224	-1,264,093
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	<u>11,910,726</u>	<u>16,309,191</u>	<u>131,173,270</u>	<u>152,847,111</u>	<u>21,673,841</u>
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.</u>					
<u>TOTAL EXPORTS -</u>	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Merchandise	9,976,726	14,638,184	113,739,540	133,233,338	19,493,798
Bullion and Specie -					
Gold	1,846,447	1,592,301	16,532,978	18,775,102	2,242,124
Silver and Bronze	87,553	78,706	900,752	838,671	- 62,081
<u>TOTAL - Bullion and Specie:</u>	<u>1,934,000</u>	<u>1,671,007</u>	<u>17,433,730</u>	<u>19,613,773</u>	<u>2,180,043</u>
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<u>ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.</u>					
<u>TOTAL EXPORTS -</u>	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
Merchandise	7,965,450	11,687,173	90,810,011	106,373,922	15,563,911
Bullion and Specie -					
Gold	1,477,158	1,273,841	13,226,383	15,020,082	1,793,699
Silver and Bronze	69,902	62,839	719,163	669,596	- 49,567
<u>TOTAL - Bullion and Specie:</u>	<u>1,547,060</u>	<u>1,336,680</u>	<u>13,945,546</u>	<u>15,689,678</u>	<u>1,744,132</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	<u>9,512,510</u>	<u>13,023,853</u>	<u>104,755,557</u>	<u>122,063,600</u>	<u>17,308,043</u>

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EXPORTS
(Quantities for Classes I to XII)

Articles	May		Eleven Months		Increase or Decrease	
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40		
CLASS I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin						
<u>excluding Living Animals.</u>						
Butter	1,000 lb.	24,873	11,063	211,067	256,052	44,985
Cheese	" "	1,852	2,229	33,406	41,778	8,372
Meats -						
Bacon and Hams ..	1,000 lb.	138	203	1,620	3,822	2,202
Preserved by Cold Process-						
Beef	1,000 lb.	23,091	23,606	244,976	245,378	402
Lamb	" "	2,427	1,842	155,058	198,297	43,239
Mutton	" "	870	3,140	26,778	44,679	17,901
Pork	" "	3,983	7,617	27,317	45,596	18,279
Rabbits and Hares ..	" pr.	102	835	3,586	6,051	2,465
Preserved in tins ..	" lb.	1,125	3,547	13,067	20,597	7,530
Sausage Casings ..	.. cwt.	1,722	1,383	21,792	22,172	380
Milk and Cream ..	1,000 lb.	853	3,693	18,273	29,713	11,440
CLASS II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin, non-alcoholic Beverages and substances used in making.						
Fruits, Dried, Currants ..	1,000 lb.	10,528	8,115	49,656	24,049	-25,607
Raisins	" "	21,922	26,263	100,111	65,209	-34,902
Fruits, Fresh, Apples ..	.. ctl.	577,063	177,258	1,796,138	631,981	-1,164,157
Citrus	" "	2,983	2,200	235,837	197,791	-38,046
Fruits preserved in liquid	1,000 lb.	11,955	15,700	71,663	69,026	-2,637
Grain and Pulse - Unprepared-						
Wheat	1,000 ctl.	3,529	4,864	34,290	24,225	-10,065
Grain and Pulse - Prepared-						
Flour (Wheaten) ..	1,000 ctl.	1,442	1,316	13,089	12,345	-744
Jams and Fruit Jellies ..	1,000 lb.	2,372	2,810	12,334	23,048	10,714
Sugar .. .. .	.. ton	163	20,868	442,971	523,063	80,092
CLASS III. Spirituous and Alcoholic						
Liquors .. .. .	.. 1,000 gal.	234	473	3,496	3,546	50
Wine .. .. .	..				
CLASS VI. Animal Substances (mainly Unmanufactured) not Foodstuffs						
Hides and Skins -						
Calf, Cattle and Horse..	1,000 no.	135	33	1,984	780	-1,204
Kangaroo and Wallaby ..	" "	62	49	1,112	872	-240
Opessum	" "	40	-	104	46	-58
Rabbit	" lb.	436	1,069	4,129	6,535	2,406
Sheep	" no.	815	306	13,216	10,600	-2,616
Wool, Greasy	" lb.	44,712	85,961	758,861	748,256	-10,605
Scoured and Tops..	" "	5,768	9,993	65,323	66,833	1,510
CLASS IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes						
Tallow, unrefined ..	.. ton	2,194	4,453	25,224	37,625	12,401
CLASS XI. Stones and Minerals, including Ores and Concentrates.						
Coal .. .. .	.. ton	25,715	182	335,432	239,466	-95,966
Ores and Concentrates -						
Silver and Silver Lead..	.. ton	4,618	5,322	31,485	58,099	26,614
Zinc .. .. .	.. ton	52,472	16,536	228,275	153,676	-74,599
CLASS XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery.						
Lead - Pig and in Matte ..	.. ton	21,083	23,859	192,587	205,454	12,867
Tin Ingots ton	136	90	1,357	839	-518
Zinc - Bars, Blocks, etc..	.. ton	2,615	2,020	41,326	41,119	-207

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**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED TO
VARIOUS COUNTRIES - ELEVEN MONTHS JULY-MAY, 1938-39 AND 1939-40.**

Country of Destination	Eleven Months 1938-39		Eleven Months 1939-40	
	July-May		July-May	
BUTTER.				
	lb.	£A.	lb.	£A.
United Kingdom ..	199,660,450	11,173,742	239,364,011	12,901,721
Other British Countries ..	4,559,776	280,131	6,827,400	443,588
China ..	292,637	17,498	531,007	33,984
Egypt ..	1,350,312	77,252	3,600,684	222,316
Netherlands East Indies ..	4,034,692	252,311	3,967,126	262,475
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,168,867	72,091	1,761,554	114,453
TOTAL:	211,066,734	11,873,025	256,051,782	13,978,537
BEEF - PRESERVED BY COLD PROCESS.				
	lb.	£A.	lb.	£A.
United Kingdom ..	224,500,447	3,526,715	215,606,958	3,552,763
Other British Countries ..	8,968,384	171,667	17,389,304	314,732
Egypt ..	9,087,750	144,732	10,154,914	179,791
Japan ..	441,654	5,023	156,382	2,331
Philippine Islands ..	1,421,235	29,809	1,217,478	26,397
Other Foreign Countries ..	556,247	9,450	852,519	14,333
TOTAL:	244,975,717	3,887,396	245,377,555	4,090,257
MUTTON AND LAMB - PRESERVED BY COLD PROCESS.				
	lb.	£A.	lb.	£A.
United Kingdom ..	176,776,336	4,610,232	236,791,098	5,832,411
Other British Countries ..	4,206,379	98,292	4,451,862	104,156
Foreign Countries ..	853,087	18,745	1,732,876	31,607
TOTAL:	181,835,802	4,727,269	242,975,836	5,968,174
WHEAT.				
	cental	£A.	cental	£A.
United Kingdom ..	7,575,022	1,743,852	5,334,081	1,272,549
Irish Free State ..	110,880	23,485	103,255	24,380
India ..	3,524,345	789,681	659,807	150,224
New Zealand ..	1,559,208	354,074	813,466	163,896
Union of South Africa ..	1,023,442	331,787	80,658	28,987
Other British Countries ..	444,197	109,784	537,135	153,561
China ..	5,519,116	1,164,587	1,838,231	605,680
Japan ..	180,174	44,593	3,433,423	889,857
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,809,359	453,779	1,462,161	316,154
For Orders(a) ..	12,544,562	2,941,810	9,962,317	2,474,001
TOTAL:	34,290,305	7,957,432	24,224,534	6,080,289
(a) Particulars of Final Destination of Wheat shipped "For Orders" not available.				
FLOUR (WHEATEN).				
	cental	£A.	cental	£A.
United Kingdom ..	2,137,823	642,322	2,450,035	964,262
Ceylon and India ..	357,239	110,656	335,858	127,171
Hong Kong ..	451,885	145,599	222,835	91,804
Malaya (British) ..	1,246,006	408,858	1,483,331	540,470
Mauritius ..	241,920	69,677	282,655	98,268
Sudan ..	358,926	108,417	437,599	149,945
Other British Countries ..	998,275	315,978	1,087,528	409,072
China ..	3,627,989	1,106,249	988,757	357,334
Kwantung Peninsula ..	-	-	264,837	81,725
Egypt ..	335,807	104,557	583,662	228,042
Netherlands East Indies ..	1,807,802	608,723	2,018,262	747,315
Philippine Islands ..	588,157	190,914	560,871	208,577
Other Foreign Countries ..	937,465	320,369	1,629,077	586,423
TOTAL:	13,089,294	4,132,319	12,345,307	4,590,408

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Country of Destination	Eleven Months 1938-39		Eleven Months 1939-40	
	July-May		July-May	
<u>WOOL - GREASY.</u>				
	cental	£A.	cental	£A.
United Kingdom ..	3,221,116	15,511,706	5,052,015	29,590,381
Other British Countries ..	27,562	153,976	51,497	351,841
Belgium ..	990,126	4,128,557	106,195	524,329
Czechoslovakia ..	72,741	298,307	81	443
France ..	1,562,072	6,635,082	1,523,784	8,525,552
Germany ..	324,724	1,711,019	44,618	217,803
Italy ..	208,658	1,150,582	15,892	95,427
Japan ..	651,111	3,322,866	432,256	3,204,015
Poland ..	67,088	348,471	4,668	19,281
United States of America ..	199,172	1,192,733	154,764	1,170,112
Other Foreign Countries ..	264,238	1,404,106	96,786	540,059
<u>TOTAL:</u>	7,588,608	35,857,405	7,432,556	44,239,253
<u>WOOL - SCOURED AND WASHED. TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.</u>				
	cental	£A.	cental	£A.
United Kingdom ..	336,253	2,358,928	443,914	3,808,281
Other British Countries ..	50,853	463,159	91,984	1,076,099
Belgium ..	51,888	387,475	7,697	59,845
China ..	12,831	136,019	14,436	200,949
Czechoslovakia ..	6,860	51,458	140	1,174
France ..	95,866	696,181	64,736	515,413
Germany ..	17,539	153,506	3,808	26,737
Italy ..	671	6,595	168	1,735
Japan ..	14,229	90,497	14,743	132,483
Mexico ..	11,188	125,390	3,400	40,152
Poland ..	4,973	43,191	747	7,524
Sweden ..	18,908	138,956	5,841	47,527
United States of America ..	6,830	56,876	7,258	83,944
Other Foreign Countries ..	24,339	209,528	9,955	105,564
<u>TOTAL:</u>	653,228	4,917,769	668,327	6,107,427

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