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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEA TRADE - OCTOBER, 1931.

The monthly summary of Oversea Imports and Exports for October, 1931, has been made available by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician (Professor L.F. Giblin).

IMPORTS, (valued in Sterling) during October were valued at £3,846,000 compared with £3,393,000 in September and £6,934,000 in the corresponding month of the previous year. During the last 10 years October imports have generally been in excess of those in September, the average increase being about 14%. During the four months ended the 31st October, 1931, imports totalled £14,200,000 compared with £27,301,000 during the corresponding period of the previous year. Merchandise imports in October were in value 55 per cent of those for October, 1930, whereas for September the corresponding proportion was 50%.

For the first four months of 1931-32 imports of Machinery were only 27% of those in the corresponding period of 1930-31. Other groups which declined below the general average were:- Jewellery and Fancy Goods, 32%; Metal Manufactures, 35%; Leather, 37%; Glassware, 39%; Alcoholic Liquors, 40%; Stones and Minerals, 41%; Animal Substances, 44%; Apparel, 47%; Vegetable Foodstuffs, 48%; and Oils, 49%.

The outstanding items showing a particularly low level of imports were:- Motor Cars, 18%; Electric Machinery, 26%; Fancy Goods, 32%; Fertilizers, 37%; Iron and Steel, 38%; Carpets, 40%; Tea, 42%; Crockery, 42%; Kerosene, 44%; and Petroleum, 44%, of the values recorded in the same four months of 1930.

Imports of Unmanufactured Tobacco, Kinematograph Films, and Gold Bullion, (from New Guinea and New Zealand,) showed an appreciable increase over those for the corresponding four months of 1930.

EXPORTS (valued in Australian Currency) during October were valued at £9,905,000 in comparison with £8,801,000 in October, 1930, and £6,530,000 in September, 1931. The principal items showing increased exports in October being Butter, Lamb, Mutton, Sugar, Wool, Metals, and Gold. The October increase of over £3,000,000 above the exports for September maintains the average increase experienced in the past 10 years, notwithstanding the fall in prices during the latter export seasons. With the exception of Metals, Flour, Tallow and Beef, the export prices of the main primary products for the first quarter of 1931-32 were generally within 10% of the deflated prices obtained in 1930-31, whilst an improved price is shown for Wine, Butter, Canned Fruits, and for certain Hides and Skins.

For the four months ended the 31st October, 1931, exports of merchandise totalled £25,258,000 as compared with £25,577,000 for the corresponding four months of the previous year. For the same period, exports of Bullion and Specie declined from £7,035,000 to £2,651,000.

Exports of Wheat increased during the first four months of 1931-32 to £3,137,658 in comparison with £2,467,694 for the corresponding period of 1930-31; Butter, £2,516,132 (£1,534,834); Sugar, £1,378,885 (£1,028,913); Lamb, £1,162,549 (£382,776); Mutton, £458,131 (£124,401); Eggs, £322,312 (£251,384); Zinc, £287,118 (£165,255); and Wine, £222,793 (£142,083).

On the other hand, exports of the following commodities decreased during the four months, viz:- Wool, £7,521,310 (£8,513,803); Hides and Skins, £1,394,594 (£2,026,296); Flour, £942,012 (£1,412,417); Lead, £620,695 (£897,892); Dried Fruits, £363,003 (£794,675); Timber, £166,700 (£339,129); and Ores and Concentrates, £37,943 (£482,334). Exports of Gold declined from £6,712,197 to £2,459,705; and Silver, from £321,997 to £159,399.

BALANCE OF TRADE. The balance of oversea trade for October 1930 and 1931, and the first four months of the financial years 1930-31 and 1931-32 is estimated as follows, in British Currency:-

Item.	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.
	£1,000 stg.	£1,000 stg.	£1,000 stg.	£1,000 stg.
Merchandise: Exports ..	7,949	7,124	23,966	19,345
Imports ..	6,904	3,812	27,199	14,044
Commodity Balance ..	1,045	3,312	-3,233	5,301
Gold and Silver Balance ..	179	428	6,523	1,881
<u>TOTAL BALANCE</u> ..	1,224	3,740	3,290	7,182

In October, 1931, there was an export surplus of merchandise of £3.3 million, being £2.3 million more than the surplus in October last year. For the first four months of the current year the surplus of exports amounts to £5.3 million compared with the deficiency of £3.2 million for the same period of 1930-31. For the September quarter the estimated trade position was 26 million better than for the corresponding period of last year, and at the end of October the position has improved still further, and is now £3.5 million better than at the end of October last year.

If this rate of progress could be maintained throughout the financial year, we should have a commodity balance of trade of over £40m., which would be sufficient to pay overseas obligations of about £30m., and leave £10m. to improve the credit position in London or reduce short term debt abroad on public or private account.

But there is no ground for assuming the maintenance of this rate of improvement. Apart from the uncertainties of export values, the comparison over four months is not a safe basis for expectations over the year, because in those four months of 1930 imports were relatively high. It will not be possible to maintain the same improvement for the period from January to June, when imports in the last financial year had fallen nearly to the lowest level - unless of course there is a strong recovery in export prices.

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OVERSEA TRADE.

Value of Principal Articles imported and exported during  
OCTOBER, 1930 and 1931, and during the first FOUR  
Months of the years, 1930-31 and 1931-32.

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

IMPORTS.

(British Currency Values).

Article.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<u>CLASS I. - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin,</u> <u>excluding Living Animals.</u>				
Fish - Preserved in Tins ..	41,143	35,754	142,884	97,853
Fresh, Smoked, Potted and				
Concentrated ..	19,830	10,397	96,302	43,524
Meat - Preserved in Tins ..	652	231	3,114	389
Sausage Casings ..	9,181	6,689	54,221	36,228
Other ..	2,143	699	12,716	4,493
Milk and Cream ..	3,217	-	9,676	3,997
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	1,116	475	6,728	2,656
<u>TOTAL - Class I.</u> ..	<u>77,282</u>	<u>54,245</u>	<u>325,641</u>	<u>189,140</u>
<u>CLASS II. - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin;</u> <u>Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Substances</u> <u>used in making.</u>				
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Caramel Butter and Cocoa Butter ..	11,614	2,449	36,843	11,252
Cocoa and Chocolate ..	18,494	13,780	70,728	47,797
Coffee and Chicory ..	6,617	7,537	42,018	28,494
Confectionery - Chocolate ..	262	1	283	7
Other ..	511	368	2,034	1,061
Fruits - Dried, incl. Dates ..	1,662	2,929	3,495	3,905
Fresh - Bananas ..	2,067	515	9,176	1,090
Other ..	37	328	416	400
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., pre- served in liquid ..	487	262	2,474	924
Grain and Pulse - Unprepared ..	1,647	1,803	15,890	10,589
Prepared - Rice ..	3,429	487	15,052	3,088
Other ..	639	591	4,783	2,335
Hops ..	175	-	3,324	-
Infants & Invalids' Foods ..	2,140	2,642	16,339	9,197
Mustard ..	9,395	6,045	31,314	18,735
Nuts - Edible ..	27,953	19,675	71,090	63,857
Pickles and Sauces ..	947	530	6,140	1,671
Sago and Tapioca ..	5,045	4,504	15,587	14,951
Seeds - Canary, Hemp and Rape ..	3,205	143	16,341	1,475
Spices ..	13,678	8,674	48,347	36,643
Sugar ..	-	-	-	1
Tea ..	229,713	92,734	987,475	415,077
Vinegar ..	2	1	1,285	6
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs ..	16,022	5,855	52,645	25,051
<u>TOTAL - Class II.</u> ..	<u>355,741</u>	<u>171,853</u>	<u>1,453,129</u>	<u>698,116</u>

IMPORTS (Continued).

Article.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1920.	1931.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<b>CLASS III. - Spirituous and Alcoholic</b>				
<u>Liquors.</u>				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry	4,223	2,046	22,584	8,385
Spirits (Beverages) - Brandy ..	1,171	31	7,508	341
Gin ..	3,026	4,606	3,568	6,583
Rum ..	-	-	378	430
Whisky ..	52,829	17,816	113,442	46,190
Other, incl.				
Liqueurs ..	990	564	5,274	1,204
Wine (Fermented) - Sparkling ..	698	64	3,824	185
Other ..	1,237	266	4,534	1,076
<b>TOTAL - Class III.</b> ..	64,174	25,393	161,112	64,394
<b>CLASS IV. - Tobacco and Preparations</b>				
<u>thereof.</u>				
Tobacco - Manufactured ..	5,724	823	25,132	4,044
Unmanufactured ..	9,425	59,719	165,973	249,789
Cigars ..	2,997	20	17,969	2,623
Cigarettes ..	8,334	734	52,322	3,092
Snuff ..	38	46	288	174
<b>TOTAL, Class IV.</b> ..	26,518	61,342	261,684	259,722
<b>CLASS V. - Live Animals</b> ..	4,806	710	32,317	6,413
<b>CLASS VI. - Animal Substances (Mainly</b>				
<u>Unmanufactured), not Foodstuffs.</u>				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	3,260	1,895	7,107	3,852
Hair and Fibres ..	3,726	3,267	16,851	10,089
Hides and Skins - Calf, Cattle, Horse	21,113	13,041	76,969	41,967
Sheep ..	591	15	1,684	239
Other ..	24,516	5,901	112,138	35,203
Silk, raw ..	36,699	26,173	153,021	61,450
Wool ..	2,549	389	14,766	14,771
Other Animal Substances ..	4,108	3,141	27,406	12,378
<b>TOTAL - Class VI.</b> ..	96,562	53,822	409,942	179,949
<b>CLASS VII. - Vegetable Substances and Fibres.</b>				
<u>Fibres.</u>				
Copra ..	12,954	1,275	30,320	35,662
Cork and Cork Manufactures ..	6,582	4,767	28,373	18,393
Fibres - Cotton, Raw ..	219	270	3,490	4,253
Flax, Hemp, incl. Phormium				
Tenax ..	18,298	13,366	76,472	55,147
Kapok ..	9,759	4,848	52,726	21,695
Other ..	11,683	7,956	44,029	34,571
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furn- iture, Mats, etc. ..	1,274	966	5,820	5,657
Gums and Resins ..	14,397	9,822	63,398	49,253
Pulp for Papermaking ..	19,648	36,125	77,708	78,838
Seeds - Linseed ..	17,347	2,311	101,396	35,144
Other ..	-	-	236	10
Tanning Substances - Bark ..	5,105	4,669	17,130	15,317
Other ..	8,373	5,049	58,006	20,067
Other Vegetable Substances ..				
<b>TOTAL - Class VII.</b> ..	125,644	91,424	559,104	374,007

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Article.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<b>CLASS VIII. - (a) Apparel and Attire;</b>				
(b) <u>Textiles;</u> (c) <u>Manufactured Fibres.</u>				
(a) <u>Apparel and Attire.</u>				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, etc. (Other than knitted) ..	2,545	376	25,419	1,674
Boots and Shoes ..	10,568	10,096	41,303	43,495
Furs and Other Skins, wholly or partly made up and dressed or prepared	13,759	5,762	41,974	12,731
Gloves ..	23,278	10,553	126,681	61,719
Hats and Caps ..	10,762	5,448	69,407	35,647
Knitted Articles of Apparel -				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, Underwear, etc. ..	371	149	4,034	1,480
Socks and Stockings ..	9,963	383	49,059	1,205
Men & Boys' Outer Garments ..	420	29	3,646	186
Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc. ..	2,303	74	8,073	980
Trimmings and Ornaments ..	35,107	27,340	200,994	120,575
Other Apparel and Attire ..	19,730	10,717	106,814	37,543
<b>TOTAL - Apparel and Attire ..</b>	<b>128,806</b>	<b>70,927</b>	<b>677,404</b>	<b>317,235</b>
(b) <u>Textiles.</u>				
Carpets, Linoleums, and Other Floor Coverings ..	90,284	46,071	381,398	151,253
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen ..	34,548	12,091	136,295	40,226
Piece Goods - Canvas and Duck ..	30,294	23,866	140,594	71,141
Cotton and Linen ..	408,053	439,513	2,125,255	1,796,833
Hessian and Other Jute Piece Goods ..	27,291	28,456	134,596	99,323
Lace for Attire ..	12,802	9,791	75,048	35,046
Silk or contg. Silk	301,780	274,689	1,615,563	1,029,612
Velvets, Velvetseens, Flushes, etc. ..	13,278	8,329	45,847	29,243
Woollens ..	19,684	2,832	116,290	12,691
Other ..	24,067	31,499	104,178	128,491
Quilts, Tablecovers, Sheets, etc.	17,364	9,230	60,335	27,886
Sewing and Other Cottons, Threads, etc.	32,345	38,214	194,202	171,165
Towels and Towelling ..	28,302	23,191	114,704	84,143
Other Textiles ..	31,064	9,755	114,269	40,636
<b>TOTAL - Textiles ..</b>	<b>1,071,166</b>	<b>958,027</b>	<b>5,358,574</b>	<b>3,718,239</b>
(c) <u>Yarns and Manufactured Fibres.</u>				
Bags and Sacks - Bran, Chaff, and Com-pressed Fodder	25,950	9,921	73,993	20,426
Corn and Flour ..	821,387	361,394	1,015,781	439,656
Woolpacks ..	8,484	18,600	256,487	245,970
Other ..	2,356	541	5,079	1,981
Cordage and Twines, excl. Metal Cordage	7,585	6,620	30,984	22,115
Yarns - Artificial Silk ..	38,252	32,490	144,215	131,167
Cotton ..	52,845	30,901	196,636	144,916
Wool ..	4,352	3,769	22,837	10,081
Other ..	4,427	2,411	27,024	11,921
<b>TOTAL - Yarns, etc. ..</b>	<b>965,639</b>	<b>466,647</b>	<b>1,773,041</b>	<b>1,028,233</b>
<b>TOTAL - Class VIII. ..</b>	<b>2,165,611</b>	<b>1,495,601</b>	<b>7,809,019</b>	<b>5,032,707</b>
<b>CLASS IX. - Oils, Fats and Waxes.</b>				
Fats and Waxes, etc. ..	10,390	12,917	64,101	47,691
Oils - Aerosene ..	56,897	46,995	299,236	131,402
Linseed ..	4,972	2,054	12,346	10,180
Lubricating (Mineral) ..	81,086	40,511	335,218	130,335
Petroleum ..	548,976	171,536	1,788,360	730,654
Turpentine ..	5,343	4,284	19,729	23,399
Other ..	27,270	27,355	104,631	125,329
<b>TOTAL, Class IX. ..</b>	<b>742,934</b>	<b>305,652</b>	<b>2,618,671</b>	<b>1,288,091</b>

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Article.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931. *	1930,31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<b>CLASS X. - Paints and Varnishes.</b>				
Paints and Colours ..	28,162	16,109	107,801	55,665
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, etc. ..	1,747	636	8,218	5,695
<b>TOTAL - Class X.</b> ..	<b>29,909</b>	<b>16,745</b>	<b>116,019</b>	<b>61,360</b>
<b>CLASS XI. - Stones and Minerals, incl. Ores and Concentrates.</b>				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Natural Pitch Stone, (incl. Marble and Slate) -	33,164	19,924	92,739	36,616
Abrasives ..	7,308	4,480	29,210	16,621
Other Stones ..	4,432	1,479	18,414	7,657
Other Minerals, etc., incl. Ores and Concentrates ..	9,174	5,174	75,178	26,492
<b>TOTAL - Class XI.</b> ..	<b>54,078</b>	<b>31,057</b>	<b>215,541</b>	<b>87,386</b>
<b>CLASS XII. - Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery.</b>				
<b>(a) Machines and Machinery -</b>				
<b>Electric Machinery and Appliances -</b>				
Batteries and Accumulators ..	4,906	1,878	21,287	6,430
Cable and Wire, covered ..	92,884	24,595	328,270	81,301
Dynamo Electric Machines ..	37,751	9,041	132,709	45,709
Lamps, Filament, for Lighting and Heating ..	33,662	10,801	384,449	45,326
Telegraph Instruments, etc., Telephones and Telephone Switchboards	12,269	5,014	52,955	15,079
Other ..	156,904	37,740	639,601	215,438
Implements and Machinery (Agricultural, Horticultural, etc.) ..	15,518	3,066	117,445	17,579
Metal-working Machinery ..	12,340	3,396	53,445	9,432
Motive-power Machinery (excl. Electric)	94,776	10,627	466,471	100,245
Printing Machinery ..	19,789	4,507	57,926	11,372
Sewing Machines ..	15,951	4,927	61,558	14,933
Yarn-making and Textile-making Machy.	30,351	15,807	138,117	42,208
Other Machines and Machinery ..	133,356	57,060	716,783	244,018
<b>TOTAL - Machines, etc.</b> ..	<b>660,457</b>	<b>188,459</b>	<b>3,171,016</b>	<b>849,070</b>
<b>(b) Metals and Manufactures other than Machinery -</b>				
Alloys ..	12,431	10,302	50,080	21,177
Bolts and Nuts, Rivets and Washers	3,471	1,160	16,356	4,434
Iron and Steel -				
Bars, Rods, Hoop, Ingots, etc.	35,571	17,581	139,863	55,112
Beams, Channels, Girders, Joists, etc.	2,299	33 33	14,774	4,666
Pig and Scrap ..	1,176	804	3,040	1,785
Pipes and Tubes ..	46,193	14,941	180,910	62,836
Plate and Sheet -				
Galvanized - Corrugated ..	21,860	514	109,533	1,182
Flat ..	5,299	117	49,122	783
Flain ..	49,188	9,309	162,943	46,685
Tinned ..	131,331	46,058	320,462	202,893
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, etc.	550	-	2,510	189
Wire ..	10,744	3,676	44,135	12,004
Lamps and Lampware ..	13,127	9,916	67,385	28,729
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	36,884	17,928	181,171	66,840
Tools of Trade (not being Machines)	54,037	25,986	193,954	94,286
Vehicles -				
Motor Cars - Bodies and Farts ..	1,431	572	4,857	1,797
Chassis and Farts	102,962	30,741	582,345	101,983
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, etc. ..	14,599	466	38,077	4,000
Other and Farts ..	33,152	22,322	186,021	69,771
Other Metals and Metal Manufactures	156,386	75,738	703,116	286,479
<b>TOTAL - Metals, etc.</b> ..	<b>732,691</b>	<b>288,164</b>	<b>3,050,654</b>	<b>1,067,611</b>
<b>TOTAL - Class XII.</b> ..	<b>1,393,148</b>	<b>476,623</b>	<b>6,221,670</b>	<b>1,916,681</b>

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Articles.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<b>CLASS XIII. - Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof and Substitutes therefor.</b>				
<b>(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures.</b>				
Crude, Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, etc. ..	41,949	23,462	97,506	67,443
Rubber Manufactures -				
Boot and Apparel Elastic,				
Rubber Thread ..	19,665	23,934	81,952	89,644
Tyres, Pneumatic, and Other ..	2,637	719	12,417	2,816
Other ..	14,083	6,179	56,527	25,628
<b>TOTAL - Rubber, etc. ..</b>	<b>78,334</b>	<b>54,294</b>	<b>248,402</b>	<b>185,531</b>
<b>(b) Leather and Manufactures of Leather.</b>				
Leather ..	6,865	3,196	25,655	9,651
Leather Manufactures, etc. ..	3,638	1,461	18,309	6,659
<b>TOTAL - Leather, etc. ..</b>	<b>10,503</b>	<b>4,657</b>	<b>43,964</b>	<b>16,310</b>
<b>TOTAL - Class XIII. ..</b>	<b>88,837</b>	<b>58,951</b>	<b>292,366</b>	<b>201,841</b>
<b>CLASS XIV. - Wood and Wicker, Raw and Manufactured.</b>				
Timber - Dressed - ..	12,854	9,187	80,144	22,628
Undressed ..	87,272	35,891	338,708	198,355
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, incl. Furniture ..	36,417	20,298	142,759	65,941
<b>TOTAL - Class XIV. ..</b>	<b>136,543</b>	<b>65,376</b>	<b>561,611</b>	<b>286,924</b>
<b>CLASS XV. - Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass and Stoneware.</b>				
Cement (Portland) ..	457	252	1,602	290
Crockery and Other Household Ware	52,852	28,765	215,456	91,076
Glass and Glassware ..	41,382	17,354	177,822	67,487
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stoneware ..	7,083	4,444	39,349	10,038
<b>TOTAL - Class XV. ..</b>	<b>101,774</b>	<b>50,815</b>	<b>434,229</b>	<b>168,891</b>
<b>CLASS XVI. - Paper and Stationery.</b>				
<b>(a) Paper -</b>				
Millboards and Other Boards	12,358	13,118	84,962	37,811
Printing ..	184,925	142,272	727,689	527,709
Wrapping ..	14,274	15,760	72,751	44,221
Writing and Typewriting ..	40,726	29,984	162,623	94,116
Other ..	30,580	28,385	137,616	88,101
<b>TOTAL - Paper ..</b>	<b>282,863</b>	<b>229,519</b>	<b>1,185,641</b>	<b>791,956</b>
<b>(b) Stationery and Paper Manufactures -</b>				
Books, (Printed) Directories, &c.	116,120	80,583	427,862	260,154
Paperhangings and Wallpapers	5,129	3,867	23,839	12,804
Pens and Pencils ..	21,821	8,562	70,137	25,663
Other Stationery ..	71,031	40,834	290,338	134,368
<b>TOTAL - Stationery, etc. ..</b>	<b>214,101</b>	<b>133,846</b>	<b>812,176</b>	<b>432,939</b>
<b>TOTAL - Class XVI. ..</b>	<b>496,964</b>	<b>363,365</b>	<b>1,997,817</b>	<b>1,224,947</b>
<b>CLASS XVII. - Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods.</b>				
Fancy Goods - Toys ..	42,531	9,800	127,596	32,364
Other ..	55,746	22,469	247,499	92,940
Jewellery - Precious Stones (unset) -				
Pearls, Cameos, etc. ..	5,338	2,730	34,570	9,184
Other ..	9,408	3,537	44,910	14,289
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, etc.	31,000	9,179	110,302	31,161
<b>TOTAL - Class XVII. ..</b>	<b>144,023</b>	<b>47,715</b>	<b>564,877</b>	<b>179,940</b>

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Article.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<b>CLASS XVIII. - Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments.</b>				
Films for Kinematographs, etc. . .	14,654	48,321	59,898	196,229
Surgical and Dental Instruments, etc.	27,044	15,087	97,424	71,170
Talking Machines - Phonographs, etc.	5,361	2,180	34,355	12,265
Other Optical and Scientific Instruments	30,419	15,371	120,485	51,644
<b>TOTAL - Class XVIII.</b> ..	<b>77,478</b>	<b>80,969</b>	<b>312,162</b>	<b>331,308</b>
<b>CLASS XIX. - Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers.</b>				
Acid - Tartaric ..	1,132	381	5,496	601
Calcium Carbide ..	54	2	1,549	24
Cream of Tartar ..	624	166	16,726	334
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium	3,541	1,444	10,710	13,919
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations -				
Proprietary Medicines ..	27,179	10,596	103,362	53,220
Other ..	12,000	7,000	50,247	31,713
Dyes ..	11,414	14,901	42,998	73,710
Fertilizers ..	111,459	27,351	406,579	151,419
Insecticides, Disinfectants, Washes				
and Dips ..	8,022	3,714	27,205	11,177
Oils - Essential (Non-spirituos)	5,741	3,780	30,231	16,525
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	23,702	9,309	101,603	42,885
Salt ..	4,551	3,197	18,910	11,330
Sodium Salts - Carbonate (Soda Ash)	10,861	8,808	30,699	32,761
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	8,354	9,987	28,165	34,905
Other ..	6,483	11,072	35,809	53,577
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations -				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours,				
Juices, Syrups, ..	2,937	511	11,509	1,980
Other ..	8,125	2,515	25,616	7,286
Sulphur (Brimstone) ..	51,883	5,781	130,556	30,747
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	77,946	50,804	282,187	217,056
<b>TOTAL - Class XIX.</b> ..	<b>376,008</b>	<b>171,319</b>	<b>1,360,157</b>	<b>785,169</b>
<b>Class XX. - Miscellaneous.</b>				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives ..	46,415	37,303	164,362	90,005
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, Cases, Trunks, &c.	14,548	2,943	56,563	10,155
Brushware - Vacuum Cleaners (Household)	7,175	2,462	25,307	18,310
Other ..	8,633	2,022	36,680	7,153
Matches and Vestas ..	184	5	1,018	18
Musical Instruments, etc. -				
Pianos ..	382	-	2,227	249
Player Pianos ..	114	87	1,462	234
Piano and Player Piano Parts ..	599	11	5,541	77
Other Musical Instruments and Parts	6,974	1,979	29,537	8,892
Outside Packages ..	173,721	105,700	787,400	392,210
Packings for Engines, Boilers, etc.	5,888	5,397	22,379	19,452
Soap ..	903	699	8,532	3,015
Vessels (Ships, incl. Fittings)	20,615	-	106,015	10,983
All Other Articles ..	59,949	30,854	245,218	125,207
<b>TOTAL - Class XX.</b> ..	<b>346,100</b>	<b>189,462</b>	<b>1,492,241</b>	<b>675,961</b>
<b>CLASS XXI. - Gold and Silver and Bronze Specie.</b>				
Gold, incl. Gold in Matte ..	28,324	32,459	95,410	150,045
Silver, incl. Silver in Matte ..	1,718	1,235	6,658	6,098
Bronze Specie ..	-	-	6	71
<b>TOTAL - Class XXI.</b> ..	<b>30,042</b>	<b>33,694</b>	<b>102,069</b>	<b>156,214</b>

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Article.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<u>SUMMARY.</u>				
<u>Importing States -</u>				
New South Wales ..	2,585,404	1,625,832	11,429,644	6,081,761
Victoria ..	2,567,026	1,306,368	9,344,416	5,075,575
Queensland ..	564,676	290,194	2,576,219	1,239,002
South Australia ..	589,924	363,705	1,897,190	925,732
Western Australia ..	520,102	220,805	1,709,060	747,798
Tasmania ..	106,303	39,027	337,015	127,286
North Australia ..	(a) 741	(a) 192	7,834	3,007
	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u> ..	6,934,176	3,846,123	27,301,378	14,200,161
<u>Total Imports - Merchandise</u> ..	6,904,146	3,812,429	27,199,475	14,043,947
<u>Bullion and Specie</u>	30,030	33,694	101,903	156,214

(a) September.

(b) The corresponding Australian Currency Values are estimated for -

October, 1930 ..	£7,371,000
October, 1931 ..	£4,982,000
Four Months, 1930-31 ..	£28,964,000
" " 1931-32 ..	£18,442,000

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(Australian Currency Values).

Article.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<u>CLASS I. - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin,</u> <u>excluding Living Animals.</u>				
Butter .. ..	691,152	969,867	1,534,834	2,516,132
Butter Substitutes .. ..	5	28	52	133
Cheese .. ..	18,617	31,354	99,022	59,113
Eggs .. ..	112,601	149,356	251,384	322,312
Meats - Potted or Concentrated	965	4,481	14,097	15,834
Preserved by Cold Process -				
Beef .. ..	200,109	204,760	878,843	895,724
Lamb .. ..	295,670	540,244	382,776	1,162,549
Mutton .. ..	68,764	114,871	124,401	458,131
Rabbits and Hares .. ..	39,220	45,945	231,332	244,313
Preserved in Tins .. ..	12,109	10,907	60,871	45,803
Sausage Casings .. ..	22,121	24,349	89,401	72,211
Other .. ..	63,452	50,088	156,830	178,260
Milk and Cream .. ..	54,722	57,173	136,444	186,473
Other Animal Foodstuffs .. ..	1,134	2,146	5,913	6,169
<b>TOTAL - Class I. ..</b>	<b>1,580,641</b>	<b>2,205,569</b>	<b>3,966,200</b>	<b>6,163,157</b>
<u>CLASS II. - Foodstuffs of Vegetable</u> <u>Origin, Non-Alcoholic Beverages and</u> <u>Substances used in making.</u>				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa and Chocolate,				
Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, etc.	5,433	4,608	17,717	18,428
Biscuits .. ..	6,870	6,299	28,443	18,952
Confectionery .. ..	5,250	4,839	19,496	17,432
Fodders .. ..	5,828	5,718	13,139	14,047
Fruits, Dried - Currants .. ..	18,338	27,070	147,778	100,350
Raisins .. ..	71,803	44,801	629,359	254,076
Other .. ..	4,336	2,145	17,538	8,577
" Fresh - Apples .. ..	298	689	21,525	12,722
Citrus .. ..	21,421	24,524	64,954	100,512
Other .. ..	3,355	2,936	28,234	24,268
Fruits, preserved in liquid .. ..	24,561	65,081	175,134	224,921
Fruits and vegetables, pulped	574	981	8,138	3,668
Grain and Pulse, unprepared -				
Barley .. ..	25,691	5,520	95,577	34,318
Wheat .. ..	773,713	682,702	2,467,694	3,137,658
Other .. ..	13,483	5,789	30,150	13,326
Grain and Pulse, prepared -				
Bran, Follard and Sharps .. ..	7,345	14,931	27,016	81,735
Flour (Wheaten) .. ..	309,333	276,938	1,412,417	942,012
Rice .. ..	5,046	10,451	19,419	25,284
Other .. ..	658	1,056	3,242	3,530
Jams and Fruit Jellies .. ..	3,115	3,997	12,294	15,217
Sugar .. ..	340,590	509,766	1,028,913	1,378,885
Tea .. ..	13,901	4,825	32,058	15,262
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs .. ..	6,524	29,954	25,418	88,513
<b>TOTAL, Class II. ..</b>	<b>1,667,516</b>	<b>1,735,620</b>	<b>6,325,653</b>	<b>6,533,693</b>
<u>CLASS III. - Spirituous and Alcoholic</u> <u>Liquors.</u>				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry	3,916	4,365	14,122	15,208
Spirits (Beverages) .. ..	1,911	1,957	10,475	10,351
Wine .. ..	57,866	86,257	142,083	222,793
<b>TOTAL - Class III. ..</b>	<b>63,713</b>	<b>92,579</b>	<b>166,680</b>	<b>248,852</b>

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Article.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<u>CLASS IV. - Tobacco and Preparations thereof.</u>				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff ..	1,512	1,324	5,519	5,619
Tobacco ..	35,581	26,357	125,959	109,703
<u>TOTAL - Class IV.</u> ..	37,093	27,681	131,478	115,322
<u>CLASS V. - Live Animals.</u>				
Cattle ..	729	91	4,432	1,611
Horses ..	65,342	38,503	84,287	46,519
Sheep ..	2,427	1,972	4,262	2,859
Other Living Animals ..	250	263	1,083	1,536
<u>TOTAL - Class V.</u> ..	68,748	40,829	94,064	52,525
<u>CLASS VI. - Animal Substances (Mainly Unmanufactured), not Foodstuffs.</u>				
Hides and Skins - Calf, Cattle, Horse	82,466	33,228	314,166	105,757
Fox ..	3,910	4,032	38,370	43,089
Kangaroo and Wallaby	32,664	26,960	78,589	55,672
Opossum ..	26,791	92,738	195,638	325,041
Rabbit and Hare	70,802	56,137	371,434	356,378
Sheep ..	254,881	189,891	1,026,058	507,523
Other ..	473	102	2,041	1,134
Pearlshell ..	56,565	23,312	158,647	61,455
Trochus Shell ..	5,241	1,040	14,370	7,305
Wool - Greasy ..	3,288,308	3,416,805	7,453,608	6,497,399
Scoured ..	246,099	350,548	1,041,900	968,425
Tops ..	11,219	27,835	18,295	55,486
Other Animal Substances ..	12,006	18,499	42,224	40,457
<u>TOTAL, Class VI.</u> ..	4,091,425	4,241,127	10,755,340	9,025,121
<u>CLASS VII. - Vegetable Substances and Fibres.</u>				
Bark - Tanning ..	4,452	2,943	7,119	5,429
Copra ..	-	-	9,419	7
Fibres - Cotton, Raw ..	644	-	644	
Other ..	3,471	1,352	14,487	6,551
Sandalwood ..	3,037	660	10,201	23,299
Other Vegetable Substances ..	6,640	4,303	36,744	18,938
<u>TOTAL, - Class VII.</u>	18,244	9,258	78,614	54,224
<u>CLASS VIII. - (a) Apparel and Attire; (b) Textiles; (c) Manufactured Fibres.</u>				
Boots and Shoes ..	1,464	3,451	7,080	15,978
Other Apparel and Attire ..	17,596	10,565	55,951	47,763
Piece Goods ..	22,040	12,666	50,299	34,582
Other Textiles ..	9,679	8,146	34,403	39,764
Manufactured Fibres. incl. Bags, Cordage and Yarns ..	10,565	5,036	26,219	21,838
<u>TOTAL - Class VIII.</u>	61,344	39,864	173,952	159,925
<u>CLASS IX. - Oils, Fats and Waxes.</u>				
Fats and Waxes, etc. ..	2,507	3,399	10,851	10,140
Oils, ..	6,119	9,297	23,951	23,149
Tallow, unrefined ..	54,386	75,393	210,648	235,708
<u>TOTAL - Class IX.</u> ..	63,012	88,089	245,450	268,997
<u>CLASS X. - Paints and Varnishes</u>				
	4,142	4,206	16,709	17,491



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Article.	Period.			
	October,		Four Months,	
	1930.	1931.	1930-31.	1931-32.
	£.	£.	£.	£.
<b>CLASS XVIII. - Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments.</b>				
Photographic Goods and Materials -				
Cameras, etc. ..	10,443	6,358	23,157	13,594
Talking Machines, Phonographs, etc.	15,505	4,803	50,243	21,317
Other Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments ..	19,694	12,147	41,537	55,853
<b>TOTAL - Class XVIII.</b>	<b>45,642</b>	<b>23,308</b>	<b>114,937</b>	<b>90,764</b>
<b>CLASS XIX. - Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers.</b>				
Cocain .. ..	2,841	360	6,405	3,432
Fertilizers - Ammonium Sulphate	-	-	141	536
Other .. ..	411	150	2,138	1,373
Medicines .. ..	8,671	11,004	35,709	31,627
Oils - Essential (non-spirituous),				
n.e.l. .. ..	4,431	8,334	23,145	19,191
Eucalyptus .. ..	2,608	8,276	15,128	17,130
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	23,375	24,867	81,738	79,278
<b>TOTAL - Class XIX. ..</b>	<b>42,337</b>	<b>52,991</b>	<b>164,454</b>	<b>152,567</b>
<b>CLASS XX. - Miscellaneous.</b>				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	2,958	17,023	28,472	37,771
Personal and Household Effects, etc.	8,716	5,100	43,858	28,476
Soap .. ..	30,096	29,415	111,318	77,007
Vessels (Ships) transferred abroad	-	-	12,500	13,500
All Other Articles .. ..	15,741	16,413	57,556	59,602
<b>TOTAL - Class XX. ..</b>	<b>57,511</b>	<b>67,951</b>	<b>253,704</b>	<b>216,356</b>
<b>CLASS XXI. - Gold and Silver and Bronze Specie.</b>				
Gold, incl. Gold in Matte ..	142,769	595,494	6,712,197	2,459,705
Silver, incl. Silver in Matte	82,414	27,566	321,997	159,399
Bronze Specie .. ..	453	3,971	457	32,017
<b>TOTAL - Class XXI. ..</b>	<b>225,636</b>	<b>607,031</b>	<b>7,034,651</b>	<b>2,651,121</b>
<b>SUMMARY.</b>				
<b>States of Final Shipment -</b>				
New South Wales .. ..	3,031,223	4,024,217	8,907,550	9,457,599
Victoria .. ..	1,953,452	2,393,656	7,843,994	6,818,962
Queensland .. ..	1,802,960	1,649,637	6,614,867	6,131,128
South Australia .. ..	1,043,255	727,134	3,184,408	2,331,279
Western Australia .. ..	859,462	949,680	5,794,711	2,746,871
Tasmania .. ..	101,753	158,188	248,264	417,049
North Australia .. ..	(a)2,194	(a)2,680	12,513	6,209
) Australian Produce .. ..	8,577,903	9,690,129	31,876,008	27,127,438
TOTAL) Other Produce .. ..	223,396	215,061	735,299	781,609
<b>GRAND TOTAL (b) ..</b>	<b>8,801,299</b>	<b>9,905,190</b>	<b>32,611,307</b>	<b>27,909,197</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS - Merchandise ..</b>	<b>8,575,663</b>	<b>9,298,159</b>	<b>25,576,656</b>	<b>25,258,074</b>
Bullion and Specie	225,636	607,031	7,034,651	2,651,123

(a) September. (b) The corresponding British Currency Values are estimated at-

October, 1930 .. ..	£3,158,000
October, 1931 .. ..	£7,576,000
Four Months, 1930-31 ..	£30,591,000
"  "  1931-32 .. ..	£21,382,000

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