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(i) Basic Documents.

The Oversea Trade Statistics published herein have been compiled from documents obtained under the Customs Act and supplied to the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics by the Department of Customs and Excise.

These documents are duplicate copies of export and import entries submitted by exporters and importers or their agents to the Department of Customs and Excise.

Export entries show date and port of entry, country of consignment and the description, quantity (where required) and value of the goods. The statistical item number is inserted and verified by officers of the Department of Customs and Excise, Canberra.

Import entries show date and port of entry, country of origin, description of goods, quantity (where required), value of the goods and amount of duty paid thereon. The statistical item number is inserted by the importer or his agent, together with the tariff item number under which the goods are admitted and these are verified by statistical officers of the Customs and Excise Department in the local offices of Collectors of Customs.

(ii) EXPORTS are recorded statistically in the month in which the export entries are passed by the Department of Customs and Excise. Normally this is within a few days of shipment, but shipment of some major items is at times delayed by abnormal factors affecting sales, deliveries for export and the loading of ships. When such delays occur, exports are diminished (pro tanto) and when such delays are overtaken shipments include substantial quantities of accumulated stock as well as current disposals.

In addition to the above, shipments of the two major exports - wool and wheat - are affected by special factors. Wool shipments in any trade year are at times materially affected by the fact that wool auctions normally end in May or June, and there is a variable carry-over for shipment in the next trade year. New season's wheat normally becomes available for shipment from December onwards, and the quantity shipped in any trade year (ending June) depends on the size of the crop and the time spread of sales for export.

During the war and in some subsequent years the factors mentioned caused marked variations in shipments within any trade year. This materially influenced the quantity and value of exports recorded for individual months and years, and consequently the recorded excess of exports over imports.

(iii) IMPORTS are recorded statistically in the month in which import entries are passed by the Department of Customs and Excise. Normally this is within a few days of discharge of cargoes.

(iv) Balance of Payments:

Statistics relating to overseas trade only do not measure Australia's Total Balance of Payments during the periods shown. Particulars of "invisible" transactions entering into the balance of payments (in particular, freight and insurance charges on imports, current production of Australian gold, overseas payments of dividends, profits, interest and royalties, Government expenditure overseas, etc.) are shown in a printed bulletin published by the Commonwealth Statistician entitled "The Australian Balance of Payments 1928-29 to 1951-52". Less detailed estimates for the years 1952-53, 1953-54 and 1954-55 have been published in mimeographed form.

1. THE TRADE POSITION

This Bulletin relates to the Oversea Trade of Australia for the month of December, 1955 and the six months ended December, 1955. Figures for these periods are subject to revision.

Imports of Merchandise in December, 1955 were valued at £A63,299,000 compared with £A64,082,000 in December, 1954, a decrease of £A783,000 or 1.2 per cent.

Exports of Merchandise in December, 1955 were valued at £A73,197,000 compared with £A84,153,000 in December, 1954, a decrease of £A10,956,000 or 13.0 per cent.

Imports of Merchandise for the six months ended December, 1955 were valued at £A412,653,000 compared with £A390,632,000 for the six months ended December, 1954, an increase of £A22,021,000 or 5.6 per cent.

Exports of Merchandise for the six months ended December, 1955 were valued at £A379,827,000 compared with £A357,437,000 for the six months ended December, 1954, an increase of £A22,390,000 or 6.3 per cent.

The table below shows the Oversea Trade in Merchandise and in Bullion and Specie for the periods under review.

OVERSEA TRADE - MERCHANDISE AND BULLION AND SPECIE DECEMBER, 1954 AND 1955 AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1954 AND 1955. (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Item	December		Six Months ended December,	
	1954	1955 (a)	1954	1955 (a)
Merchandise - Imports ..	64,082	63,299	390,632	412,653
Exports ..	84,153	73,197	357,437	379,827
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	+ 20,071	+ 9,898	- 33,195	- 32,826
Bullion and Specie - Imports ..	17	7	1,200	821
Exports ..	1,395	239	5,452	9,686
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	+ 1,378	+ 232	+ 4,252	+ 8,865
Total Trade - Imports ..	64,099	63,306	391,832	413,474
Exports ..	85,548	73,436	362,889	389,513
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	+ 21,449	+ 10,130	- 28,943	- 23,961

(a) Preliminary figures subject to revision.

Freight and insurance charges on imports are not included above. These were estimated at £92.3 million for the financial year 1954-55, and at £53.1 million for the six months ended December, 1955.

OVERSEA TRADE - MERCHANDISE 1954-55 AND 1955-56 (£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Month	Merchandise			
	Imports		Exports	
	1954-55	1955-56 (a)	1954-55	1955-56 (a)
July ..	70,182	61,522	52,020	60,865
August ..	66,535	71,148	(b) 43,913	48,902
September ..	(b) 70,314	(b) 74,903	54,769	51,688
October ..	64,615	(b) 68,234	72,656	65,964
November ..	54,904	(b) 73,547	49,926	79,211
December ..	64,082	63,299	84,153	73,197
January ..	76,013		63,618	
February ..	69,852		67,251	
March ..	77,672		(b) 77,007	
April ..	73,235		56,904	
May ..	(b) 78,858		66,840	
June ..	74,710		68,985	

(a) Preliminary figures subject to revision.

(b) Revised since previous issue.

THE TRADE POSITION (Continued)

The value of Australia's trade with countries in the sterling and non-sterling areas during December, 1954, November and December, 1955 and the six months ended December, 1954 and 1955 is shown in the following table.

OVERSEA TRADE WITH STERLING AND NON-STERLING AREAS
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	December 1954	November 1955	December 1955	Six Months ended December	
				1954	1955
<u>STERLING AREA</u>					
<u>Imports</u>					
From - United Kingdom ..	26,286	32,413	27,772	175,344	178,153
Other Sterling Area Countries ..	11,207	10,591	8,425	70,598	64,881
<u>Total:</u>	37,493	43,004	36,197	245,942	243,034
<u>Exports</u>					
To - United Kingdom ..	33,021	28,977	26,981	140,160	133,350
Other Sterling Area Countries ..	14,405	11,617	10,694	64,755	75,247
<u>Total:</u>	47,426	40,594	37,675	204,915	208,597
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	+9,933	-2,410	+1,478	-41,027	-34,437
<u>DOLLAR AREA</u>					
<u>Imports</u>					
From - United States of America	9,535	8,920	9,042	45,520	46,642
Canada ..	1,982	2,274	2,082	10,977	12,701
Other Dollar Area Countries ..	4	515	401	411	1,811
<u>Total:</u>	11,521	11,709	11,525	56,908	61,154
<u>Exports</u>					
To - United States of America	4,582	6,006	5,289	23,384	27,225
Canada ..	687	456	673	6,434	7,070
Other Dollar Area Countries ..	696	826	684	2,581	3,625
<u>Total:</u>	5,965	7,288	6,646	32,399	37,920
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	-5,556	-4,421	-4,879	-24,509	-23,234
<u>OTHER NON-STERLING AREAS</u>					
<u>Imports</u>					
From - Countries of the O.E.E.C. (a) (including dependencies)	10,530	11,056	8,584	57,989	65,394
Other Countries ..	4,555	7,784	7,000	30,993	43,892
<u>Total:</u>	15,085	18,840	15,584	88,982	109,286
<u>Exports</u>					
To - Countries of the O.E.E.C. (a) (including dependencies)	21,869	20,086	19,349	90,843	88,615
Other Countries ..	10,288	11,495	9,766	34,732	54,381
<u>Total:</u>	32,157	31,581	29,115	125,575	142,996
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	+17,072	+12,741	+13,531	+36,593	+33,710
<u>TOTAL IMPORTS:</u>	64,099	73,553	63,306	391,832	413,474
<u>TOTAL EXPORTS:</u>	85,548	79,463	73,436	362,889	389,513
<u>Excess of Exports (+) or Imports (-)</u>	+21,449	+5,910	+10,130	-28,943	-23,961

(a) Organization for European Economic Co-operation.

2. IMPORTS

(a) Countries of Origin: Total imports (including Outside Packages and Bullion and Specie) into Australia from Principal Countries during December, 1954 and 1955 and the six months ended December, 1954 and 1955 are shown hereunder:-

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Country of Origin	December		Six months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
United Kingdom ..	26,286	27,772	175,344	178,153
Australian Territories -				
New Guinea ..	180	380	2,009	2,240
Other ..	179	248	1,054	1,544
Borneo (British) ..	1,128	649	9,229	4,260
Canada ..	1,982	2,082	10,977	12,701
Ceylon ..	1,488	917	9,298	4,474
Christmas Is. ..	46	45	347	298
East Africa (British) ..	227	12	1,297	894
Hong Kong ..	241	158	1,272	1,509
India ..	2,016	1,586	12,529	13,464
Malaya, Fed. of ..	1,203	1,153	5,771	8,984
New Zealand ..	512	556	3,851	4,094
Pacific Is. (British) ..	59	106	1,004	1,040
Pakistan ..	271	317	1,320	1,053
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	310	213	4,601	3,954
Singapore ..	168	135	1,250	872
South Africa, Union of ..	434	271	2,391	2,156
West Africa - Gold Coast ..	1	4	779	132
Other British Countries ..	440	175	2,989	1,777
<u>TOTAL BRITISH COUNTRIES:</u>	37,171	36,779	247,312	243,599
Arabian States ..	2,466	1,612	12,814	13,530
Argentina ..	80	94	585	120
Austria ..	298	262	1,842	2,145
Belgium ..	754	696	4,971	4,474
Brazil ..	298	18	1,318	645
Chile ..	-	1	250	850
China ..	135	195	882	1,184
Czechoslovakia ..	194	183	1,289	1,378
Denmark ..	84	88	512	927
Egypt ..	9	8	239	99
Finland ..	258	256	1,595	1,691
France ..	1,628	1,192	6,671	8,408
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	2,570	2,209	14,749	17,178
Hungary ..	18	7	163	123
Indonesia ..	1,595	1,905	12,011	10,623
Iran ..	2	2,076	86	10,124
Italy ..	1,143	618	5,903	6,382
Japan ..	1,433	1,736	6,946	13,161
Netherlands ..	980	913	6,342	6,994
Netherlands Antilles ..	3	47	488	1,280
Norway ..	730	458	3,035	2,624
Poland ..	5	38	48	84
Portugal ..	79	39	378	340
Spain ..	50	113	462	771
Sweden ..	1,085	1,004	6,225	6,463
Switzerland ..	776	702	5,388	5,688
U.S.S.R. ..	41	64	287	315
United States of America ..	9,535	9,042	45,520	46,642
Venezuela ..	-	60	340	888
Other Foreign Countries ..	679	891	3,181	4,744
<u>TOTAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES:</u>	26,928	26,527	144,520	169,875
<u>TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES:</u>	64,099	63,306	391,832	413,474

IMPORTS (Continued)

(b) Statistical Classes: Total Imports during the six months ended December, 1954 and 1955 are compared hereunder according to Statistical Classes.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Statistical Class	Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..	3,239	4,242
II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin; Non-alcoholic Beverages ..	15,741	9,636
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors ..	1,010	1,164
IV. Tobacco ..	6,935	9,130
V. Live Animals ..	205	239
VI. Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs ..	1,822	1,996
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres; Cork and Manufactures; and Synthetic Fibres	9,411	8,807
VIII. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel		
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	13,521	14,022
(b) Textiles ..	42,359	39,706
(c) Apparel ..	6,357	5,993
<u>Total Class VIII:</u>	62,237	59,721
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes ..	46,671	47,943
X. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes ..	2,559	2,819
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons ..	4,081	3,752
XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery		
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures	81,062	89,338
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment ..	13,178	16,449
(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) ..	50,934	52,600
<u>Total Class XII:</u>	145,174	158,387
XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof		
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	7,606	11,398
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures	345	395
<u>Total Class XIII:</u>	7,951	11,793
XIV. Wood and Wicker ..	7,515	9,819
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China Glass and Stoneware ..	7,561	7,577
XVI. Paper and Stationery		
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board ..	15,707	16,851
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..	5,306	6,222
<u>Total Class XVI:</u>	21,013	23,073
XVII. Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces ..	6,187	6,365
XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i. ..	5,145	5,482
XIX. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers ..	13,457	15,310
XX. Miscellaneous ..	22,718	25,398
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie ..	1,200	821
<u>TOTAL :</u>	391,832	413,474

3. EXPORTS

(a) Countries of Destination: Total Exports (including Bullion and Specie) from Australia to Principal Countries during December, 1954 and 1955 and the six months ended December, 1954 and 1955 are shown hereunder:-

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Country of Destination	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
United Kingdom ..	33,021	26,981	140,160	133,350
Australian Territories -				
New Guinea ..	576	503	3,464	4,183
Papua ..	326	443	2,249	3,311
Other ..	80	90	468	497
Borneo (British) ..	93	56	455	462
Canada ..	687	673	6,434	7,070
Ceylon ..	963	1,122	4,054	5,008
Cyprus ..	43	36	647	836
Hong Kong ..	1,617	598	6,572	10,905
India ..	3,087	752	8,423	3,541
Ireland, Republic of ..	385	139	1,904	787
Malaya, Fed. of ..	875	655	3,586	4,907
Malta ..	39	225	262	648
Mauritius ..	203	59	524	597
New Zealand ..	3,589	2,522	19,107	21,872
Pacific Is. (British) ..	573	540	3,152	3,277
Pakistan ..	53	179	843	897
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	77	270	797	1,347
Singapore ..	968	897	5,804	5,432
South Africa, Union of ..	371	360	1,290	1,309
Sudan, Anglo-Egyptian ..	27	35	148	243
West Indies (British) ..	64	110	566	867
Other British Countries ..	252	655	1,359	1,909
<u>TOTAL BRITISH COUNTRIES :</u>	<u>47,969</u>	<u>37,900</u>	<u>212,268</u>	<u>213,255</u>
Arabian States ..	284	193	1,024	926
Austria ..	50	21	274	273
Belgium ..	4,156	2,557	14,660	12,734
Burma ..	82	184	807	1,156
China ..	71	316	920	1,027
Czechoslovakia ..	449	762	1,218	2,490
Denmark ..	93	215	459	555
Egypt ..	62	309	1,017	827
France ..	7,517	7,802	32,199	37,079
French Associated States and Dependencies -				
New Caledonia ..	270	164	1,123	1,320
Other ..	25	35	300	389
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	3,826	2,954	16,572	14,409
Greece ..	57	80	221	469
Indonesia ..	554	703	1,846	2,866
Italy ..	4,328	3,934	16,061	14,920
Japan ..	7,552	6,936	22,102	37,184
Korea ..	12	-	438	355
Mexico ..	514	392	1,395	1,914
Netherlands ..	311	636	4,189	2,375
Philippines ..	218	142	772	1,092
Poland ..	790	116	2,940	3,675
Portugal ..	185	102	642	468
Spain ..	20	49	177	512
Sweden ..	190	304	1,070	1,050
Switzerland ..	420	302	1,091	1,086
Thailand ..	77	144	525	808
Turkey ..	270	8	598	19
U.S.S.R. ..	-	-	-	-
United States of America ..	4,582	5,289	23,384	27,225
Yugoslavia ..	102	105	215	457
Other Foreign Countries ..	512	782	2,382	6,598
<u>TOTAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES:</u>	<u>37,579</u>	<u>35,536</u>	<u>150,621</u>	<u>176,258</u>
<u>TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES:</u>	<u>85,548</u>	<u>73,436</u>	<u>362,889</u>	<u>389,513</u>

EXPORTS (Continued)

(b) Statistical Classes: Total exports during the six months ended December, 1954 and 1955 are compared hereunder according to Statistical Classes:-
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Statistical Class	Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..	58,882	66,005
II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin; Non-alcoholic Beverages ..	68,402	63,825
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors ..	770	723
IV. Tobacco ..	187	356
V. Live Animals ..	495	670
VI. Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs	170,999	174,943
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres; Cork and Manufactures; and Synthetic Fibres	513	788
VIII. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel -		
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	631	644
(b) Textiles ..	520	331
(c) Apparel ..	259	185
<u>Total Class VIII:</u>	1,410	1,160
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes ..	3,345	6,154
X. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes ..	467	499
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons ..	8,611	11,380
XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery		
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures	24,147	26,166
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances and Equipment	1,253	1,467
(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) ..	4,676	5,103
<u>Total Class XII:</u>	30,076	32,736
XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof		
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	388	361
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures	1,158	1,233
<u>Total Class XIII:</u>	1,546	1,594
XIV. Wood and Wicker ..	1,138	1,823
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware ..	666	490
XVI. Paper and Stationery		
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board ..	188	268
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery	1,209	1,174
<u>Total Class XVI:</u>	1,397	1,442
XVII. Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces ..	316	293
XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i. ..	673	550
XIX. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers	2,310	2,839
XX. Miscellaneous ..	5,234	11,557
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie ..	5,452	9,686
<u>TOTAL:</u>	362,889	389,513

(c) Exports of Wool: The following table shows the value of exports of wool, including sheepskins with wool on, of Australian produce only, in each month of the years 1954-55 and 1955-56.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Month	1954-55	1955-56	Month	1954-55	1955-56
July ..	22,731	28,358	January ..	31,652	
August ..	10,053	13,102	February ..	33,871	
September ..	22,842	18,944	March ..	41,637	
October ..	40,802	33,803	April ..	29,526	
November ..	26,510	39,588	May ..	30,558	
December ..	45,709	38,574	June ..	33,761	

EXPORTS (Continued)

(d) Principal Commodities: The following table shows the total quantities of principal items exported during the six months ended December, 1954 and 1955.

Particulars	Unit of Quantity	Six Months ended December	
		1954	1955
<u>CLASS I - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin:</u>			
Butter	'000 lb.	54,632	96,845
Cheese	"	23,148	20,779
Processed milk -			
Condensed	"	17,097	28,339
Dried, including malted	"	27,566	36,140
Infants' and invalids' foods	"	3,621	4,433
Eggs -			
In shell	'000 doz.	16,819	14,511
Not in shell	'000 lb.	12,362	15,239
Meats, poultry and game -			
Bacon and hams	"	1,083	573
Offals	"	20,325	19,376
Preserved by cold process -			
Beef and veal	"	159,354	211,907
Lamb	"	66,509	60,637
Mutton	"	16,413	18,312
Pork	"	3,993	1,430
Poultry	"	(a)	1,198
Rabbits and hares -			
Furred (carcasses)	'000 prs.	} (b){	41
Skinned (carcasses and pieces)	'000 lb.		8,398
Preserved in airtight containers	"	77,347	70,355
Sausage casings, natural (c)	{ cwt.	6,930	(d)
	{ bundles	691,360	1,142,371
<u>CLASS II - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin:</u>			
Fruit -			
Dried -			
Currants	'000 lb.	10,228	8,566
Raisins	"	75,783	70,050
Fresh -			
Apples	bushel	216,817	475,334
Citrus	"	440,869	486,895
Preserved in airtight containers	'000 lb.	76,055	86,454
Pulped	"	2,092	1,055
Grain or cereals -			
Prepared -			
Barley - pearl and Scotch	"	87	202
Flour, (wheaten) plain white	"	523,876	659,322
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	4,591	15,314
Rice	cwt.	310,017	524,812
Unprepared -			
Barley	ton	146,212	78,327
Oats	"	12,089	45,017
Wheat	"	801,223	729,646
Jams and fruit jellies	'000 lb.	4,309	2,505
Sugar (cane)	ton	447,209	344,440
Vegetables preserved or pulped	'000 lb.	1,842	1,025
<u>CLASS III - Spirituous Liquors:</u>			
Wine	'000 gal.	557	604

(a) 150,105 pairs.

(b) 2,611,905 pairs.

(c) Natural and synthetic combined in 1954.

(d) Recorded in bundles since 1st October, 1954.

EXPORTS (Continued)

Particulars	Unit of Quantity	Six months ended December	
		1954	1955
CLASS VI - Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs:			
Hides and skins -			
Calf, cattle and horse ..	'000 lb.	14,310	22,333
Kangaroo and wallaby ..	"	440	512
Rabbit and hare ..	"	2,633	2,402
Sheep and lamb ..	"	46,894	54,559
Wool -			
Greasy ..	"	427,082	523,978
Scoured and washed, slips, carbonized, tops, noils and waste ..	"	47,772	55,292
CLASS IX - Oils, Fats and Waxes:			
Tallow, edible and inedible ..	ton	9,103	24,227
CLASS XI - Stones and Minerals:			
Coal ..	ton	184,273	95,037
Ores and Concentrates -			
Lead and Silver-lead ..	"	29,753	27,380
Zinc ..	"	132,183	158,927
CLASS XIII - Metals:			
Lead -			
Pig ..	ton	78,099	81,717
Bullion ..	"	21,469	18,381
Zinc, bars, blocks, etc. ..	"	18,822	20,161

(e) DESTINATION OF EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL PRODUCTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN: Exports of principal products of Australian Origin to various countries during the six months ended December, 1954 and 1955 are shown in the following table.

Country of Consignment	Six months ended December			
	1954		1955	
	'000 lb.	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment	'000 lb.	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment
BEEF AND VEAL - PRESERVED BY COLD PROCESS				
United Kingdom ..	128,857	9,738	174,555	12,109
Bermuda ..	613	97	555	89
Hong Kong ..	3,113	234	1,530	119
Malta ..	937	75	1,760	155
Singapore ..	6,415	535	6,557	542
West Indies (British) ..	756	78	662	67
Other British Countries ..	2,790	281	2,696	296
Arabian States ..	1,062	202	847	155
Belgium ..	2,328	191	3,225	256
Egypt ..	3,612	269	1,637	128
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	2,329	189	4,640	366
Netherlands ..	1,493	125	501	41
Philippines ..	2,458	216	4,123	334
United States of America ..	125	12	1,208	114
Other Foreign Countries ..	2,466	250	7,411	622
TOTAL:	159,354	12,492	211,907	15,393
MUTTON AND LAMB - PRESERVED BY COLD PROCESS				
United Kingdom ..	72,738	7,447	69,157	6,108
Bermuda ..	16	2	141	20
Canada ..	1,410	136	1,724	167
Ceylon ..	289	15	254	19
Hong Kong ..	348	35	472	35
Malaya, Fed. of ..	107	10	434	33
Singapore ..	830	52	1,178	78
Other British Countries ..	1,900	136	1,734	146
Belgium ..	700	28	611	25
Egypt ..	73	5	1,943	100
Netherlands ..	2,711	116	27	1
United States of America ..	88	11	405	33
Other Foreign Countries ..	1,712	141	869	64
TOTAL:	82,922	8,134	78,949	6,829

EXPORTS (Continued)

Country of Destination	Six Months ended December			
	1954		1955	
	Tons	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment	Tons	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment
<u>BARLEY (UNPREPARED)</u>				
United Kingdom ..	13,626	296	16,159	349
Other British Countries ..	10,629	218	298	3
Belgium ..	41,528	865	5,818	137
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	28,347	536	1,850	38
Italy ..	300	7	4,100	114
Japan ..	12,347	293	43,313	1,362
Korea ..	-	-	-	-
Netherlands ..	38,935	765	1,001	20
Other Foreign Countries ..	500	11	5,788	126
<u>TOTAL:</u>	146,212	2,991	78,327	2,149

<u>WHEAT</u>				
United Kingdom ..	207,078	5,360	192,915	4,768
Cyprus ..	18,397	503	25,572	699
India ..	192,714	4,979	-	-
Ireland, Republic of ..	25,513	662	11,521	295
Malaya, Fed. of ..	6,747	196	12,433	213
Malta ..	-	-	5,171	118
New Zealand ..	112,173	2,987	131,304	3,409
Pakistan ..	-	-	2	-
Rhodesia and Nyasaland ..	17,868	497	35,066	935
Singapore ..	2,132	60	2,769	83
Other British Countries ..	1,871	52	19,189	324
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	139,334	3,754	-	-
Iraq ..	-	-	44,880	1,232
Italy ..	-	-	-	-
Japan ..	20,070	489	138,352	3,769
Netherlands ..	37,611	1,001	931	24
Portuguese Possessions - Mozambique ..	2,329	64	9,727	268
Sweden ..	-	-	-	-
Syria ..	-	-	64,529	1,750
Other Foreign Countries ..	17,385	474	35,285	904
<u>TOTAL:</u>	801,222	21,078	729,646	18,791

<u>FLOUR (WHEATEN), PLAIN WHITE</u>				
	'000 lb.		'000 lb.	
United Kingdom ..	35,042	474	65,671	909
Aden ..	9,933	138	13,806	186
Borneo (British) ..	7,382	122	6,791	107
Ceylon ..	97,742	1,528	161,810	2,258
Hong Kong ..	5,962	93	5,660	79
India ..	41	1	35	1
Malaya, Fed. of ..	80,073	1,362	67,814	1,074
Mauritius ..	15,533	233	16,572	238
Pacific Is. - Fiji ..	10,135	165	9,746	160
Singapore ..	76,860	1,263	43,450	720
Other British Countries ..	24,149	382	48,303	648
Arabian States ..	3,838	55	15,444	204
Burma ..	28,464	462	13,606	216
Egypt ..	15,026	225	4,194	60
French Possessions ..	10,596	170	8,665	144
Indonesia ..	83,518	1,379	146,344	2,319
Thailand ..	12,340	214	16,762	279
Other Foreign Countries ..	7,115	114	14,488	241
<u>TOTAL:</u>	523,749	8,380	659,161	9,843

EXPORTS (Continued)

Country of Consignment	Six months ended December			
	1954		1955	
	'000 lb.	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment	'000 lb.	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment

BUTTER

United Kingdom ..	45,217	7,535	80,717	12,321
Australian Territories -				
New Guinea ..	140	29	126	26
Papua ..	112	23	140	30
Borneo (British) ..	120	29	133	31
Ceylon ..	1,015	197	1,260	229
Guiana (British) ..	211	43	236	49
Hong Kong ..	736	146	908	160
India ..	354	83	385	83
Malaya, Fed. of ..	610	143	521	119
Mauritius ..	318	78	177	42
Singapore ..	1,281	263	1,956	367
West Africa (British) ..	147	34	147	34
West Indies (British) ..	743	149	476	100
Other British Countries ..	787	168	778	166
Arabian States ..	407	96	287	68
Burma ..	269	66	114	27
Egypt ..	476	93	244	47
French Possessions - New Caledonia	192	40	182	38
Germany, Fed. Rep. of ..	-	-	3,268	559
Indonesia ..	84	20	72	17
Japan ..	431	92	171	37
Netherlands ..	165	40	174	44
Peru ..	93	23	37	9
Philippines ..	271	69	308	76
U.S.S.R. ..	-	-	-	-
Other Foreign Countries ..	453	104	4,017	717
<u>TOTAL:</u>	54,632	9,563	96,834	15,396

SUGAR (CANE)

	tons		tons	
United Kingdom ..	267,601	11,868	154,467	6,728
Australian Territories - New Guinea	629	34	744	44
Canada ..	72,659	2,834	88,056	3,188
Ceylon ..	9,519	323	-	-
Hong Kong ..	18,435	661	9,196	352
New Zealand ..	22,008	969	30,596	1,391
Singapore ..	5,200	197	-	-
Other British Countries ..	1,705	98	2,175	136
French Possessions - New Caledonia	1,085	62	950	57
Japan ..	48,026	1,984	52,178	2,051
Other Foreign Countries ..	309	22	6,078	238
<u>TOTAL:</u>	447,176	19,052	344,440	14,185

SHEEP AND LAMB SKINS

	'000 lb.		'000 lb.	
United Kingdom ..	5,600	960	6,024	915
Other British Countries ..	2	-	19	2
Belgium ..	850	167	496	83
France ..	37,032	6,749	43,540	7,045
Italy ..	1,461	305	1,061	161
Netherlands ..	570	61	490	52
United States of America ..	908	59	1,758	159
Other Foreign Countries ..	471	66	1,171	173
<u>TOTAL:</u>	(a) 46,894	8,367	(b) 54,559	8,590

(a) 7,252,799 skins.

(b) 7,851,807 skins.

EXPORTS (Continued)

Country of Destination	Six Months ended December			
	1954		1955	
	Tons	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment	Tons	£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment
<u>LEAD (PIG)</u>				
United Kingdom ..	47,710	5,780	49,912	6,397
New Zealand ..	1,840	235	1,699	223
South Africa, Union of	1,048	131	300	38
Other British Countries	32	4	41	6
United States of America	27,112	3,198	27,625	3,576
Other Foreign Countries	357	45	2,110	270
<u>TOTAL:</u>	78,099	9,393	81,687	10,510

WOOL - GREASY

	'000 lb.		'000 lb.	
United Kingdom ..	141,496	46,359	141,693	37,266
Canada ..	688	237	1,634	468
Ireland, Republic of	2,662	963	1,548	454
South Africa, Union of	1,460	364	664	157
Other British Countries	321	122	643	203
Austria ..	700	260	819	254
Belgium ..	42,335	11,096	47,998	9,946
Czechoslovakia ..	3,124	1,169	8,337	2,464
France ..	75,550	23,224	112,101	28,064
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	29,666	9,432	35,775	9,320
Italy ..	40,861	13,356	39,525	11,007
Japan ..	45,144	16,990	80,188	25,120
Mexico ..	3,034	1,186	4,768	1,547
Netherlands ..	1,078	332	2,022	542
Poland ..	7,380	2,912	10,590	3,637
Portugal ..	1,404	544	1,236	387
Sweden ..	997	339	1,019	261
Switzerland ..	3,122	956	3,770	921
Turkey ..	1,246	520	24	8
U.S.S.R. ..	-	-	-	-
United States of America	22,926	8,511	24,778	7,569
Yugoslavia ..	528	194	1,428	455
Other Foreign Countries	1,360	494	3,400	1,022
<u>TOTAL:</u>	(a) 427,082	139,560	(b) 523,960	141,072

WOOL - SCOURED AND WASHED, SLIPS, CARBONIZED, NOILS, TOPS AND WASTE

	15,755	6,391	15,368	5,348
United Kingdom ..	1,763	768	2,042	755
Canada ..	358	216	1,343	700
India ..	76	35	50	18
Ireland, Republic of	184	82	456	205
Pakistan ..	208	85	217	84
South Africa, Union of	605	401	1,015	558
Other British Countries	2,342	891	2,115	672
Belgium ..	1,356	904	1,660	852
China ..	431	180	520	196
Denmark ..	3,561	1,531	3,227	1,148
France ..	2,581	1,030	4,601	1,673
Germany, Fed. Rep. of	420	185	557	232
Greece ..	2,742	979	2,863	1,013
Italy ..	725	397	3,469	1,527
Japan ..	5	4	774	307
Korea ..	393	192	230	92
Mexico ..	478	185	669	208
Netherlands ..	552	240	530	194
Sweden ..	137	60	257	94
Switzerland ..	11,269	4,619	11,212	4,044
United States of America	1,830	965	1,996	936
Other Foreign Countries	<u>TOTAL:</u>	(c) 47,771	20,340	(d) 55,171
				20,856

(a) 1,429,672 bales.

(b) 1,733,534 bales.

(c) 196,458 bales, excluding bales of wool waste.

(d) 252,415 bales, excluding bales of wool waste.

**4. VALUE OF COMMODITIES IMPORTED AND EXPORTED DURING DECEMBER, 1954 AND 1955
AND THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1954 AND 1955.**

TOTAL IMPORTS

(LA'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS I - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin:				
Cheese	32	16	168	186
Fish -				
Fresh or preserved by cold process ..	121	106	619	929
Preserved in airtight containers ..	271	385	1,697	2,330
Other	33	45	261	339
Lactose	-	29	52	90
Meats -				
Sausage Casings (excluding synthetic)	38	12	290	202
Other	3	4	25	46
Other foodstuffs of animal origin ..	31	20	127	120
Total Class I:	529	617	3,239	4,242
CLASS II - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin:				
Non-alcoholic Beverages:				
Cocoa butter	71	28	1,266	647
Cocoa beans, mass, paste or slab ..	61	67	1,213	463
Coffee and chicory	145	70	1,045	656
Confectionery, including cocoa and chocolate	15	10	128	166
Fruit, dried-dates	209	-	209	13
Grain and pulse	6	15	150	180
Hops	3	53	84	158
Muts, edible	70	65	624	625
Pickles and sauces	13	13	59	56
Sago and tapioca	2	2	32	55
Spices	53	45	437	349
Sugar and sugar syrups	7	-	57	23
Tea	1,823	1,276	9,811	5,445
Vegetables, preserved in airtight containers	26	14	290	380
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	48	54	336	420
Total Class II:	2,552	1,712	15,741	9,636
CLASS III - Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors:				
Ale, beer, porter, cider and perry ..	3	3	19	17
Spirits (beverages) -				
Whisky	65	147	788	873
Other	37	30	144	210
Wine, fermented	16	15	59	64
Total Class III:	121	195	1,010	1,164
CLASS IV - Tobacco:				
Cigarettes	181	70	1,061	611
Cigars	20	7	58	66
Snuff	-	-	-	1
Tobacco -				
Manufactured	21	7	59	56
Unmanufactured	1,803	2,900	5,757	8,396
Total Class IV:	2,025	2,984	6,935	9,130
CLASS V - Live Animals	5	13	205	239

TOTAL IMPORTS (Continued)
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS VI - Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs;				
Coarse hair and fibre ..	35	111	253	494
Hides and skins -				
Calf and cattle ..	5	2	80	41
Furred skins ..	42	33	297	323
Goat ..	24	1	174	117
Other ..	8	21	43	52
Shells ..	14	33	117	123
Silk, raw ..	6	-	31	5
Wool ..	98	147	733	723
Other animal substances ..	14	16	94	118
Total Class VI:	246	364	1,822	1,996
CLASS VII - Vegetable Substances and Fibres;				
Cork and Manufactures; and Synthetic Fibres;				
Copra ..	67	178	1,061	1,035
Cork and manufactures ..	48	35	287	305
Fibres -				
Coir ..	17	30	116	116
Cotton, raw ..	703	598	4,284	3,138
Flax and hemp ..	18	34	68	143
Jute ..	196	46	384	335
Kapok ..	38	19	221	171
Synthetic fibres and filaments ..	110	99	554	713
Other ..	128	50	687	719
Gums and resins ..	89	138	632	921
Seeds -				
Gardening, agricultural and horticultural ..	83	121	593	671
Oil seeds ..	16	1	133	154
Tanning substances ..	48	23	274	306
Other vegetable substances ..	21	8	117	80
Total Class VII:	1,582	1,380	9,411	8,807
CLASS VIII - Yarns and Manufactured Fibres;				
Textiles and Apparel;				
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres -				
Bags and sacks -				
Corn and Flour ..	348	408	5,028	5,479
Woolpacks ..	237	84	1,059	904
Other ..	5	28	43	189
Cordage and twines and manufactures thereof	23	30	189	203
Sewing and other cotton ..	149	193	1,019	1,089
Yarns -				
Cotton ..	206	241	1,548	1,212
Hair ..	9	24	76	97
Synthetic fibre ..	707	588	4,394	4,674
Woollen ..	15	23	100	75
Other ..	4	8	40	87
Waste materials and scrap textile articles	2	2	25	13
Total Class VIII (a):	1,705	1,629	13,521	14,022
(b) Textiles				
Blankets and blanketing ..	15	15	102	90
Floor coverings ..	806	851	6,096	5,579
Articles of furnishing, drapery and napery -				
Handkerchiefs, serviettes and tablecloths ..	84	74	929	985
Other ..	46	44	337	332
Piece-goods -				
Canvas and Duck ..	125	93	736	685
Cotton and linen ..	2,620	2,113	21,329	18,917
Fabrics and felts, impregnated ..	66	88	492	474
Jute, including hessians and brattice cloth ..	243	198	1,229	1,772
Synthetic fibre ..	978	728	7,672	7,406
Silk ..	67	38	465	526

TOTAL IMPORTS (Continued)
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
(b) Textiles (Continued)				
Piece-goods -				
Valvets, velveteens, etc. ..	155	116	533	532
Woollen	167	168	682	705
Felts	40	51	222	328
Other	70	65	488	446
Towels and towelling ..	102	62	748	572
Other Textiles	46	51	299	357
Total Class VIII (b):	5,630	4,755	42,359	39,706
(c) Apparel -				
Buttons, including snap fasteners ..	23	23	159	164
Footwear	80	49	496	532
Garments -				
Knitted -				
Hosiery	128	44	576	311
Outerwear	50	16	189	104
Underwear	15	10	134	65
Other	7	23	44	90
Not Knitted -				
Outerwear	97	78	340	425
Sleeping wear, underwear, shirts and other sewn garments ..	37	22	147	222
Gloves	113	60	829	646
Hats and caps	85	66	485	462
Trimings and ornaments -				
Embroidery in the piece ..	36	41	229	456
Lace, nets and veilings ..	247	122	1,413	1,228
Ribbons and galloons	31	16	220	159
Other	86	78	569	653
Other apparel	78	71	527	476
Total Class VIII (c):	1,113	719	6,357	5,993
Total Class VIII:	8,448	7,103	62,237	59,721
CLASS IX - Oils, Fats and Waxes:				
Fats, greases and waxes ..	104	72	737	415
Oils -				
Castor	30	12	95	95
Linseed	117	160	701	743
Olive	51	42	355	377
Peanut (china)	29	56	177	175
Petroleum -				
Crude	1,912	2,921	11,691	18,099
Kerosene (incl. aviation turbine fuel)	521	601	3,793	3,685
Lubricating (mineral) ..	341	286	2,525	2,580
Residual and solar	859	245	8,016	3,917
Spirit	2,999	2,447	16,869	15,815
Turpentine substitutes ..	72	103	463	567
Other	47	65	286	761
Tung (china wood)	32	50	162	234
Other	138	99	801	480
Total Class IX:	7,252	7,159	46,671	47,943
CLASS X - Pigments, Paints and Varnishes:				
Colour pigments -				
Black	102	128	718	760
Titanium oxide and titanium white ..	82	70	479	564
Other	46	63	452	470
Dyes, natural and synthetic ..	86	132	777	886
Paints, colours and varnishes ..	30	19	133	139
Total Class X:	346	412	2,559	2,819

TOTAL IMPORTS (Continued)
(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment)

Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS XI - Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons:				
Abrasives (natural) ..	69	55	271	295
Asbestos ..	372	219	1,623	1,411
Sulphur ..	358	103	1,254	1,223
Other rocks, minerals, etc. ..	151	177	933	823
Total Class XI:	950	554	4,081	3,752
CLASS XII - Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery:				
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures -				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloys (excluding wire and cable) ..	513	373	1,787	2,498
Bolts, nuts, rivets and washers ..	57	47	326	320
Chain and chains of base metal ..	46	43	290	368
Copper and copper-base alloys (excluding wire and cable) ..	410	243	4,504	2,991
Cutlery ..	193	157	1,200	1,286
Fencing posts and droppers ..	58	28	450	290
Heating and cooking appliances ..	102	129	582	704
Iron and steel (including special ferro-alloys) -				
Bars, rods, hoop, ingots, etc. ..	786	1,228	3,113	7,640
Ferro-alloys (mainly in lump form) ..	54	352	355	759
Pig, scrap and powder ..	-	-	5	7
Pipes, tubes and fittings therefor ..	217	105	1,257	770
Plate and sheet -				
Galvanized ..	700	259	3,428	1,767
Plain ..	688	543	3,605	3,918
Tinned, plated, polished and decorated ..	1,668	1,137	6,368	5,727
Structural ..	221	473	1,323	2,140
Kitchenware ..	27	53	203	261
Lamps and lampware ..	35	37	223	350
Leaf and foil ..	66	85	379	628
Meters and parts ..	197	203	1,267	1,156
Pins, hooks, eyes, needles and slide fasteners ..	17	20	139	174
Tin ..	18	47	120	155
Tools of trade ..	359	339	2,182	2,252
Vehicles -				
Aircraft and parts ..	1,172	588	3,274	3,506
Cycles and cycle parts ..	33	41	306	392
Motor cycles, side-cars, etc. ..	114	111	748	615
Motor vehicles -				
Complete ..		1,006		6,750
Bodies and parts ..	5,590	574	34,340	3,347
Chassis and parts ..		4,199		27,463
Railway and tramway vehicles (including trolley buses) and parts ..	85	62	709	602
Other and parts ..	159	192	1,400	1,791
Wire, single strand -				
Iron and steel ..	119	305	784	2,060
Copper and copper base alloys ..	6	8	87	33
Other ..	11	29	122	168
Wire manufactures* -				
Aluminium and aluminium-base alloy electrical conductor ..	5	23	86	163
Iron and steel ..	156	184	860	1,113
Other ..	1	4	18	20
Other metals and semi-manufactures † ..	158	171	827	915
Other metal manufactures ..	813	678	4,375	4,239
Total Class XII (a):	14,854	14,086	81,062	89,338

* For cable and wire, covered, see Class XII (b).

† Includes all basic shapes, castings and forgings in the rough and pipes and tubes flexible or coated.

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS XII - (Continued)				
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical				
<u>Appliances and Equipment -</u>				
Batteries and accumulators ..	20	33	188	184
Cable and wire, covered ..	78	131	891	1,079
Communication equipment including radio and television ..	407	382	1,848	2,465
<u>Dynamo electrical machines -</u>				
Electrical motors ..	211	292	1,555	1,731
Other ..	209	380	1,835	1,889
Heating and cooking appliances ..	72	82	490	578
Ignition equipment for internal combustion engines -				
Spark plug and parts ..	38	12	274	182
Other ..	18	21	137	137
Lamps, bulbs, tubes, etc. ..	131	98	820	751
Measuring and recording instruments ..	23	155	314	781
Protective equipment ..	41	104	324	527
Regulating, starting and controlling apparatus ..	295	320	2,086	2,593
Transformers and rectifiers ..	134	317	1,092	1,882
Other electrical machinery and appliances	224	245	1,324	1,670
Total Class XII (b):	1,901	2,572	13,178	16,449
(c) Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) -				
Air and gas compressors ..	131	79	616	536
Agricultural, horticultural, etc., machinery -				
Harvesting ..	80	88	2,038	1,607
Other ..	212	132	1,279	1,891
Cranes, hoists and other lifting machinery	29	62	579	365
Dairying machinery ..	43	76	362	500
Hand tools (power driven) ..	165	137	935	944
Household machines (except sewing and refrigerating) -				
Vacuum cleaners ..	59	25	396	212
Washing machines ..	93	40	618	313
Other ..	57	27	353	289
<u>Metal-working machinery -</u>				
Machine tools ..	383	914	2,308	3,445
Other ..	290	335	1,474	2,099
<u>Motive power machinery -</u>				
Aircraft engines and parts ..	447	702	2,432	3,067
Power boilers and parts ..	67	139	402	513
Tractors and parts ..	1,721	1,762	10,577	8,540
Turbines and parts ..	43	393	746	1,502
Other and parts ..	973	1,170	6,375	6,249
Office and accounting machines ..	460	469	2,502	3,280
Printing machinery ..	124	285	938	1,483
Pumps ..	83	151	474	612
Refrigerating appliances ..	113	56	682	422
Roller and ball bearings ..	155	258	1,102	1,608
Sewing machines ..	436	294	2,126	1,821
Stone-cutting, road-making and mining machinery ..	661	509	4,096	3,414
<u>Textile-working machinery and appliances -</u>				
Knitting machines ..	119	100	601	480
Other ..	176	296	1,306	1,440
Other machines and machinery ..	1,171	1,023	5,617	5,968
Total Class XII (c):	8,291	9,522	50,934	52,600
Total Class XII:	25,046	26,180	145,174	158,387

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
<u>CLASS XIII - Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof:</u>				
(a) <u>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures -</u>				
Rubber -				
Crude, waste and masticated ..	1,136	1,003	5,415	8,420
Substitutes ..	35	146	124	539
Rubber manufactures -				
Elastics and rubber thread ..	90	77	601	511
Tyres and tubes ..	102	146	1,018	985
Other ..	80	93	448	943
<u>Total Class XIII (a):</u>	1,443	1,465	7,606	11,398
(b) <u>Leather and Leather Manufactures -</u>				
Leather ..	34	17	177	193
Leather manufactures ..	23	32	168	202
<u>Total Class XIII (b):</u>	57	49	345	395
<u>Total Class XIII:</u>	1,500	1,514	7,951	11,793
<u>CLASS XIV - Wood and Wicker:</u>				
Manufactures of wood and wicker, including plywood, veneers and corestock ..	104	173	648	1,033
Timber -				
Dressed, bent or cut into shape ..	221	82	981	851
Undressed (including logs) ..	1,414	1,116	5,784	7,841
Wicker, bamboo and cane ..	19	10	102	94
<u>Total Class XIV:</u>	1,758	1,381	7,515	9,819
<u>CLASS XV - Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware:</u>				
Abrasives (synthetic) ..	76	56	420	371
Cement ..	80	8	465	144
Crockery and other householdware ..	333	351	2,595	2,765
Glass ..	237	268	2,048	1,758
Glasware ..	207	163	1,205	1,372
Porcelain for electrical purposes ..	20	27	111	259
Tiles ..	81	93	571	666
Other earthenware, china, etc. ..	31	25	146	242
<u>Total Class XV:</u>	1,065	991	7,561	7,577
<u>CLASS XVI - Paper and Stationery:</u>				
(a) <u>Pulp, Paper and Board -</u>				
Millboard and other boards ..	172	111	925	799
Paper -				
Printings -				
Newsprint ..	975	1,001	5,503	6,272
Other ..	394	425	2,271	2,603
Tissue and tissue cap (including cigarette) ..	168	108	1,111	874
Wrapping and bag papers ..	318	257	1,898	1,555
Writing and typewriting ..	166	175	761	1,093
Other ..	97	150	775	868
Pulp for manufacturing paper ..	312	376	2,463	2,787
<u>Total Class XVI (a):</u>	2,602	2,603	15,707	16,851

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
(b) <u>Paper Manufactures and Stationery -</u>				
Books (printed), directories, etc. ..	491	635	3,056	3,765
Pens and pencils -				
Fountain pens and propelling pencils	133	85	626	575
Other ..	26	19	184	151
Other paper manufactures, stationery, etc.	208	199	1,440	1,731
<u>Total Class XVI (b):</u>	858	938	5,306	6,222
<u>Total Class XVI:</u>	3,460	3,541	21,013	23,073
<u>CLASS XVII - Sporting Materials, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces:</u>				
Fancy goods ..	124	97	966	1,091
Jewellery, including imitation jewellery ..	144	91	984	820
Precious stones, unset ..	113	56	624	565
Sporting material ..	46	47	310	316
Timepieces -				
Clocks and clock movements ..	110	78	721	759
Watches and watch movements ..	202	164	1,139	1,222
Toys ..	120	88	1,443	1,592
<u>Total Class XVII:</u>	859	621	6,187	6,365
<u>CLASS XVIII - Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i.:</u>				
Cameras and magic lanterns and accessories therefor ..	180	149	839	915
Cinematographs ..	49	33	291	253
Films for cinematographs ..	137	119	866	817
Photographic goods ..	50	56	261	309
Instruments and materials -				
Optical and ophthalmic ..	89	78	742	770
Surgical and dental ..	150	147	1,046	1,218
Other scientific instruments and machines	171	153	1,100	1,200
<u>Total Class XVIII:</u>	826	735	5,145	5,482
<u>CLASS XIX - Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers:</u>				
Acids ..	187	78	670	547
Additives for petroleum oils ..	59	58	473	612
Alcohols and spirits ..	41	44	416	366
Drugs and medicinal preparations -				
Antibiotics ..	113	136	867	556
Vitamin and vitamin preparations ..	66	19	270	222
Other ..	426	678	2,315	3,278
Essential oils ..	26	49	259	276
Fertilizers -				
Potash salts ..	20	35	285	328
Rock phosphates ..	180	322	1,171	1,596
Other ..	1	170	815	321
Perfumery and toilet preparations ..	54	35	385	395
Soap and soap substitutes ..	29	53	266	444
Sodium cyanide ..	-	18	90	106
Styrene (monomer) ..	31	52	193	252
Tetraethyl lead ..	-	71	296	230
Chemical compounds, n.e.i. ..	729	786	4,258	5,250
Chemical materials and products, n.e.i. ..	65	52	428	531
<u>Total Class XIX:</u>	2,027	2,656	13,457	15,310

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS XX - Miscellaneous:				
Antiques, paintings, works of art ..	37	14	237	123
Arms, ammunition and explosives ..	99	57	948	558
Bags, baskets, purses, wallets, etc. ..	66	44	546	521
Brushware ..	29	23	190	189
Military, naval and air force stores and equipment ..	99	266	1,130	2,832
Musical instruments and parts -				
Gramophones, etc., including records ..	74	104	499	801
Other ..	52	51	326	384
Outside packages ..	1,163	1,190	7,337	7,372
Packings for engines, boilers, etc. ..	96	96	623	665
Passengers' effects ..	219	323	1,284	1,839
Prefabricated buildings ..	91	110	738	381
Specialised equipment for large-scale projects-				
Electric power station ..	3	8	149	72
Oil refining ..	172	23	649	418
Other ..	268	156	1,239	708
Synthetic resins ..	495	274	2,628	1,944
Vessels (ships) ..	30	14	1,454	2,589
Wall and ceiling boards, parts and decorations	71	63	374	495
All other articles ..	421	371	2,367	3,507
Total Class XX:	3,485	3,187	22,718	25,398
TOTAL MERCHANDISE:	64,082	63,299	390,632	412,653
CLASS XXI - Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie:				
Gold, including gold in matte ..	10	7	1,172	799
Silver, including silver in matte ..	7	-	28	22
Total Class XXI:	17	7	1,200	821
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
Importing States -				
New South Wales ..	24,464	24,288	155,195	166,621
Victoria ..	25,643	23,373	141,445	149,966
Queensland ..	4,490	5,091	34,250	32,009
South Australia ..	4,733	5,257	30,606	33,851
Western Australia ..	3,540	4,095	23,326	24,462
Tasmania ..	1,226	1,183	6,808	6,034
Northern Territory ..	3	19	202	531
GRAND TOTAL:	64,099	63,306	391,832	413,474

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS I - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin:				
Butter	4,193	4,297	9,563	15,395
Cheese	1,161	484	2,420	1,865
Eggs	1,152	1,029	4,255	4,273
Fish, fresh or preserved by cold process	56	56	204	319
Ghee	38	14	180	188
Honey	66	114	340	548
Infants' and invalids' foods	92	191	641	761
Margarine	5	3	28	17
Meats -				
Bacon and hams	39	25	241	135
Meat extracts	18	140	440	507
Preserved by cold process -				
Beef and veal	2,453	2,365	12,492	15,393
Lamb	2,914	2,204	7,316	5,858
Mutton	259	300	818	971
Offals	337	342	1,304	1,839
Pork	57	36	478	201
Poultry	29	22	402	288
Rabbit and hare	82	100	765	799
Preserved in airtight containers	1,730	2,098	11,706	10,573
Sausage Casings	312	241	899	1,058
Other	110	43	437	215
Milk and Cream -				
Preserved, condensed, concentrated	521	403	1,514	2,107
Dried, including malted	581	658	2,194	2,475
Other foodstuffs of animal origin	33	41	245	220
Total Class I:	16,238	15,206	58,882	66,005
CLASS II - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin:				
Non-alcoholic Beverages:				
Biscuits, cakes and puddings	40	22	208	220
Confectionery, cocoa and chocolate	26	52	167	176
Foods for animals	46	100	258	523
Fruit juices, syrups and substitutes	23	30	321	158
Fruit -				
Dried -				
Currants	34	67	499	450
Raisins	330	461	3,761	3,674
Other	36	6	481	214
Fresh -				
Apples	4	2	271	641
Citrus	104	49	657	729
Other	6	4	24	43
Frozen	-	-	-	1
Preserved in tins and other airtight containers	189	120	5,560	6,464
Pulped	6	1	118	68
Grain and pulse -				
Prepared -				
Breakfast foods	24	50	179	343
Flour (wheaten) -				
Plain white	2,221	2,082	8,383	9,846
Other	48	35	400	272
Rice	139	171	1,073	1,346
Other	108	77	482	530
Unprepared -				
Barley	77	334	2,991	2,149
Maize	23	3	82	67
Oats	23	215	277	1,156
Peas (not split)	13	13	139	133
Sorghum	16	-	458	166
Wheat	5,011	1,741	21,078	18,791
Other	27	59	285	500

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS II - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin:				
<u>Non-alcoholic Beverages - continued:</u>				
Jams and fruit jellies	35	29	223	149
Soups	6	40	203	197
Sugar (cane)	3,538	1,594	19,054	14,185
Tea	47	47	176	58
<u>Vegetables -</u>				
Preserved in liquid or pulped ..	33	50	125	106
Other	30	22	223	178
Other foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	41	49	246	294
Total Class II:	12,304	7,525	68,402	63,825
CLASS III - Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors:				
Ale, beer, cider, etc.	1	9	227	248
Spirits (beverages)	42	9	173	126
Wine	88	30	370	349
Total Class III:	131	48	770	723
CLASS IV - Tobacco:				
Cigarettes, cigars and snuff ..	4	11	60	242
Tobacco	28	17	127	114
Total Class IV:	32	28	187	356
CLASS V - Live Animals:				
Cattle	59	24	181	332
Horses	9	13	129	128
Sheep	24	21	145	158
Other live animals	4	5	40	52
Total Class V:	96	63	495	670
CLASS VI - Animal Substances, not Foodstuffs:				
<u>Hides and skins -</u>				
Calf, cattle and horse	178	403	895	1,381
Kangaroo and wallaby	24	20	167	190
Opossum	4	1	32	13
Rabbit and hare	103	113	552	1,355
Sheep and lamb	1,811	1,562	8,367	8,590
Other (including sheepskin and lambskin pieces)	36	31	163	186
Pearl-shell	14	86	371	469
Trochus-shell	43	105	290	421
<u>Wool -</u>				
Greasy	39,060	33,204	139,560	141,076
Scoured and washed, slipe, carbonized, tops, noils and waste	4,549	4,017	20,341	20,876
Other animal substances	52	100	261	386
Total Class VI:	45,874	39,642	170,999	174,943
CLASS VII - Vegetable Substances and Fibres:				
<u>Cork and Manufactures; and Synthetic Fibres:</u>				
Seeds	25	131	321	442
Tanning substances	6	30	104	248
Other vegetable substances	9	13	88	98
Total Class VII:	40	174	513	788

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
<u>CLASS VIII - Yarns and Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel:</u>				
<u>(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres -</u>				
Waste materials and scrap from textile articles	103	104	375	500
Yarns -				
Woollen	9	-	122	28
Other	8	1	70	58
Other manufactured fibres ..	11	4	64	58
<u>Total Class VIII (a):</u>	131	109	631	644
<u>(b) Textiles -</u>				
Blankets and blanketing ..	1	1	6	5
Piece-goods -				
Cotton	11	25	80	63
Wholly or chiefly of rayon or other synthetic fibres ..	73	5	213	68
Woollen	12	7	57	31
Other	6	10	38	47
Other textiles	21	21	126	117
<u>Total Class VIII (b):</u>	124	69	520	331
<u>(c) Apparel -</u>				
Footwear	6	16	39	37
Outerwear	13	8	83	64
Underwear and sleeping attire ..	7	3	45	27
Other apparel	12	12	92	57
<u>Total Class VIII (c):</u>	38	29	259	185
<u>Total Class VIII:</u>	293	207	1,410	1,160
<u>CLASS IX - Oils, Fats and Waxes:</u>				
Fats and Waxes, etc. -				
Edible animal fats, excluding tallow ..	19	14	88	43
Fatty acids	12	20	56	110
Tallow - edible and inedible ..	225	502	784	1,774
Other	14	13	83	104
Oils -				
Petroleum and shale oils ..	58	444	766	2,635
Whale oils	-	-	1,479	1,332
Other	32	20	89	156
<u>Total Class IX:</u>	360	1,013	3,345	6,154
<u>CLASS X - Pigments, Paints and Varnishes:</u>				
Lead oxides	14	10	121	136
Paints and enamels prepared for use ..	32	40	189	239
Other pigments, paints and varnishes ..	30	18	157	124
<u>Total Class X:</u>	76	68	467	499
<u>CLASS XI - Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons:</u>				
Asbestos, crude and fibre ..	1	56	109	416
Asphalt, tar and pitch ..	22	36	190	227
Coal	75	-	694	391
Coke	21	25	83	174
Ores and concentrates, including residues and wastes -				
Lead and silver-lead ..	257	323	1,789	2,353
Titanium and zirconium ..	276	363	1,443	2,181
Tungsten	239	305	1,535	1,904
Zinc	147	612	1,713	2,602
Other	64	95	845	973
Other stones and minerals ..	52	37	210	159
<u>Total Class XI:</u>	1,154	1,852	8,611	11,380

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS XII - Metals, Metal Manufacturers and Machinery:				
(a) <u>Metals and Metal Manufactures -</u>				
Metals and semi-manufactures -				
Cadmium	42	24	132	137
Copper	26	24	1,254	2,808
Copper-base alloys	40	4	323	318
Iron and steel	715	233	3,379	2,910
Lead -				
Bullion and silver-lead bullion	488	237	3,176	2,857
Pig	1,766	1,717	9,393	10,514
Other	201	81	696	561
Zinc	245	368	2,029	2,371
Other	32	32	153	180
Metal manufactures -				
Builders' and engineering hardware	41	22	230	179
Tools of trade	44	34	222	195
Vehicles and parts	433	245	1,594	1,456
Window louvres	33	55	256	317
Other metal manufactures	260	221	1,310	1,363
<u>Total Class XII (a):</u>	4,366	3,297	24,147	26,166
(b) <u>Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Appliances and Equipment -</u>				
Batteries and accumulators	43	30	230	262
Communication equipment	46	89	410	510
Other electrical appliances	79	68	613	695
<u>Total Class XII (b):</u>	168	187	1,253	1,467
(c) <u>Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) -</u>				
Aircraft engines and parts	123	47	670	290
Agricultural, horticultural, etc., machinery	97	250	618	744
Mining and metallurgical machinery and appliances	54	42	261	268
Motive power machinery	55	68	520	736
Personal massage appliances	20	47	150	296
Pumps, machinery	28	20	235	177
Refrigerating appliances	31	39	232	205
Other machines and machinery	344	355	1,990	2,387
<u>Total Class XII (c):</u>	752	868	4,676	5,103
<u>Total Class XII:</u>	5,286	4,352	30,076	32,736
CLASS XIII - Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof:				
(a) <u>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</u>	83	58	388	361
(b) <u>Leather and Leather Manufactures -</u>				
Leather -				
Hide Leathers -				
Sole	58	47	288	249
Other	122	158	632	807
Sheep and lamb	29	12	106	57
Other	17	10	65	65
Leather manufactures	9	7	67	55
<u>Total Class XIII (b):</u>	235	234	1,158	1,233
<u>Total Class XIII:</u>	318	292	1,546	1,594

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
<u>CLASS XIV - Wood and Wicker:</u>				
Sleepers, railway	16	162	127	449
Timber	99	141	760	1,109
Wood and wicker manufactures ..	43	41	251	265
<u>Total Class XIV:</u>	158	344	1,138	1,823
<u>CLASS XV - Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware -</u> ..	75	58	666	490
<u>CLASS XVI - Paper and Stationery:</u>				
(a) <u>Pulp, Paper and Board</u> ..	18	28	188	268
(b) <u>Paper Manufactures and Stationery</u>				
Books (printed), periodicals, newspapers, etc.	127	105	674	720
Paper manufactures and stationery ..	97	90	535	454
<u>Total Class XVI (b):</u>	224	195	1,209	1,174
<u>Total Class XVI:</u>	242	223	1,397	1,442
<u>CLASS XVII - Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces:</u>				
Precious stones, unset - pearls, etc. ..	15	10	89	101
Sporting goods	27	13	136	131
Other	17	8	91	61
<u>Total Class XVII:</u>	59	31	316	293
<u>CLASS XVIII - Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i.:</u>				
Films for cinematographs, etc. ..	23	14	146	121
Photographic goods and materials ..	61	36	268	252
Other optical, surgical and scientific instruments and materials	62	32	259	177
<u>Total Class XVIII:</u>	146	82	673	550
<u>CLASS XIX - Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers:</u>				
Acids	9	4	54	25
Drugs and medicinal preparations -				
Acetylsalicylic acid	9	5	79	101
Other	116	109	648	629
Eucalyptus oil	26	25	83	123
Perfumery and toilet preparations ..	15	13	93	107
Soap	28	19	136	121
Other chemicals, elements and compounds ..	226	291	834	1,384
Miscellaneous chemical preparations (including fertilizers)	94	34	383	349
<u>Total Class XIX:</u>	523	500	2,310	2,839

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Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
CLASS XX - Miscellaneous:				
Arms and ammunition	5	21	72	151
Military, Naval and Air Force stores and equipment	114	146	1,069	2,342
Synthetic resins	52	35	368	347
Vessels (ships) transferred abroad ..	29	150	242	561
All other articles	548	1,137	3,483	8,156
Total Class XX:	748	1,489	5,234	11,557
TOTAL MERCHANDISE:	84,153	73,197	357,437	379,827
CLASS XXI - Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie:				
Bronze Specie	-	-	-	-
Gold, including gold in matte ..	1,170	77	4,127	8,235
Silver, including silver in matte ..	225	162	1,325	1,451
Total Class XXI:	1,395	239	5,452	9,686
SUMMARY				
States of Final Shipment -				
New South Wales	24,734	21,807	103,756	115,263
Victoria	27,194	24,543	95,311	103,244
Queensland	14,410	12,500	79,006	82,743
South Australia	10,937	7,363	50,061	48,947
Western Australia	7,376	3,957	30,181	33,400
Tasmania	867	1,265	4,535	5,874
Northern Territory	30	1	39	42
Australian Produce:	84,885	72,443	358,508	382,618
Re-exports:	663	993	4,381	6,895
GRAND TOTAL:	85,548	73,436	362,889	389,513

5. VALUE OF STORES SHIPPED ON OVERSEA VESSELS (a)
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Particulars	December		Six Months ended December	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
Value of stores shipped on oversea vessels	1,082	796	5,794	6,119

(a) Not included in export figures throughout this Bulletin.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE

Particulars of the Gross Revenue collected under each Statistical Class, and of the individual items of the Excise Tariff, together with total Refunds and Drawback paid and Net Revenue, are shown in the following table for the six months ended December, 1954 and 1955.

(£A'000)

Statistical Class or Excise Division		Six Months ended December	
		1954	1955
<u>CUSTOMS</u>			
1. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..		171	238
2. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin ..		797	601
3. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors ..		1,407	1,418
4. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff ..		8,021	6,665
5. Live Animals ..		-	-
6. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured) not Foodstuffs ..		4	7
7. Vegetable Substances and Fibres ..		109	130
8a. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..		327	255
8b. Textiles ..		5,003	4,962
8c. Apparel ..		1,298	1,341
9. Oils, Fats and Waxes ..		11,274	9,838
10. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes ..		65	71
11. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons ..		20	20
12a. Metals and Metal Manufactures ..		6,864	6,378
12b. Dynamo Electrical Machinery and Electrical Appliances, etc. ..		1,118	1,283
12c. Machines and Machinery (except Dynamo Electrical) ..		4,173	3,914
13a. Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..		680	670
13b. Leather and Leather Manufactures ..		43	52
14. Wood and Wicker, raw and manufactured ..		686	842
15. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware ..		1,084	1,289
16a. Pulp, Paper and Board ..		436	327
16b. Paper Manufactures and Stationery ..		304	334
17. Sporting Material, Toys, Jewellery and Timepieces ..		1,789	1,880
18. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments, etc. ..		595	657
19. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, etc. ..		621	654
20. Miscellaneous Goods ..		1,049	1,321
Sundry Undistributed Duties ..		87	118
Duties under Industries Preservation Act ..		13	6
Customs other Miscellaneous Receipts ..		190	147
<u>TOTAL CUSTOMS</u>		48,228	45,418
Primage ..		4,368	4,289
<u>TOTAL CUSTOMS AND PRIMAGE</u>		52,596	49,707
<u>EXCISE</u>			
Beer ..		38,284	40,954
Spirits ..		3,429	3,756
Tobacco ..		7,811	7,176
Cigars and Cigarettes ..		13,834	16,917
Petrol ..		6,367	8,653
Playing Cards ..		25	24
Cigarette Papers and Tubes ..		518	463
Matches ..		564	549
Coal ..		323	311
Other Excise, including Licences ..		265	293
<u>TOTAL EXCISE</u>		71,420	79,096
Total Gross Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue:		124,016	128,803
Refunds and Drawback Paid:		3,035	3,523
<u>TOTAL : Net Customs, Primage and Excise Revenue:</u>		120,981	125,280

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