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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEA TRADE - JANUARY, 1940.

Preliminary totals of the Oversea Trade of Australia for the month of January, 1940, have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson).

Imports of Merchandise in January, 1940 were valued approximately at £stg.11,520,000 as compared with £stg.9,233,000 in January, 1939, an increase of £stg.3,287,000 or 39.9 per cent.

Exports of Merchandise in January, 1940 amounted to approximately £stg.11,080,000 as compared with £stg.7,239,000 in January, 1939, an increase of £stg.3,841,000 or 53.1 per cent.

The unfavourable balance of commodity trade was thus approximately £stg.440,000 compared with an unfavourable commodity balance of £stg.994,000 in January, 1939.

For the first seven months of the year 1939-40 a favourable commodity balance of £stg.3,300,000 was recorded compared with an unfavourable commodity balance of £stg.336,000 for the corresponding months of 1938-39.

BALANCE OF TRADE (a).

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

Item	January		Seven Months July - January	
	1939	1940(b)	1938-39	1939-30(b)
<u>BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.</u>				
	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000
Merchandise -				
Exports ..	7,239	11,080	58,592	62,147
Imports ..	8,233	11,520	51,928	58,847
Commodity Balance:	- 994	- 440	- 336	3,300
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.</u>				
	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Merchandise -				
Exports ..	9,067	13,678	73,387	77,639
Imports ..	10,312	14,429	73,807	73,705
Commodity Balance:	-1,245	- 551	- 420	4,134

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

(b) Preliminary figures subject to revision.

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EVENING PAPERS .. MONDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1940.
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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEAS TRADE : JANUARY, 1940.

Detailed particulars of the Oversea Trade of Australia for the month of January, 1940, in amplification of the preliminary totals issued on the 8th February, 1940 have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson).

DETAILS OF TRADE

Imports of Merchandise. Imports of Merchandise in January, 1940 amounted to £stg.11,520,000 as compared with £stg.8,233,000 in January, 1939, an increase of £stg. 3,287,000 or 39.9 per cent.

Exports of Merchandise were valued at £stg.11,080,000 as compared with £stg.7,239,000 in January, 1939 an increase of £stg.3,841,000 or 53.1 per cent.

Imports of Merchandise for the first seven months of the year 1939-40 were valued at £stg.58,846,000 as compared with £stg.58,928,000 for the corresponding period of 1938-39, a decrease of £stg.82,000 (0.1 per cent.).

Exports of Merchandise for the same period were valued at £stg.62,147,000 as compared with £stg.58,592,000, an increase of £stg.3,555,000 (6.1 per cent.).

Balance of Trade: In January, 1940, there was an unfavourable commodity balance of trade of £stg.440,000 compared with an unfavourable commodity balance of £stg.994,000 in January, 1939.

For the first seven months of the year 1939-40 a favourable commodity balance of £stg.3,301,000 was recorded, compared with an unfavourable commodity balance of £stg.336,000 for the corresponding months of 1938-39.

BALANCE OF TRADE (a)

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

Item	January		Seven Months July - January	
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Commodity Balance:	- 994	- 440	- 336	3,301
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES</u>				
	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Merchandise - Exports ..	9,067	13,878	73,387	77,839
Imports ..	10,312	14,428	73,807	73,705
Commodity Balance:	-1,245	- 550	- 420	-4,134

(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 January, 1938-39, and the months of July to January, 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	-	8.5	
March ..	8.7		8.9	
April ..	6.8		6.8	
May ..	8.4		7.9	
June ..	8.3		6.2	

IMPORTS

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

Statistical Class		January		Increase or Decrease
		1939	1940	
		£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000	£stg.1,000
I	Foodstuffs of Animal Origin ..	187	165	- 22
II	Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin ..	269	494	225
III	Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors ..	58	211	153
IV	Tobacco and Preparations thereof ..	120	90	- 30
V	Live Animals ..	34	14	- 20
VI	Animal Substances, not foodstuffs ..	215	174	- 41
VII	Vegetable Substances and Fibres ..	214	317	103
VIII	(a) Apparel and Attire ..	162	169	7
	(b) Textiles ..	1,060	1,999	939
	(c) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres ..	173	395	222
<u>TOTAL - Class VIII:</u>		1,395	2,563	1,168
IX	Oils, Fats and Waxes ..	849	1,339	490
X	Paints and Varnishes ..	44	102	58
XI	Stones and Minerals including Ores ..	88	97	9
XII	(a) Machines and Machinery ..	1,178	1,191	13
	(b) Metals and Manufactures ..	1,484	1,972	488
<u>TOTAL - Class XII:</u>		2,662	3,163	501
XIII	(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures ..	105	172	67
	(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures ..	15	12	- 3
<u>TOTAL - Class XIII:</u>		120	184	64
XIV	Wood and Wicker ..	207	154	- 53
XV	Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass etc. ..	136	225	89
XVI	(a) Paper ..	401	355	- 46
	(b) Stationery - Paper Manufactures ..	158	200	42
<u>TOTAL - Class XVI:</u>		559	555	- 4
XVII	Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods ..	90	114	24
XVIII	Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments ..	151	174	23
XIX	Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers ..	398	719	321
XX	Miscellaneous ..	437	666	229
<u>TOTAL MERCHANDISE:</u>		8,233	11,520	3,287

Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

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

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IMPORTS

Commodity	January		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	
	Estg.1,000	Estg.1,000	Estg.1,000
Fish	153	128	- 25
Tea	144	315	171
Whisky	45	188	143
Tobacco - Unmanufactured	114	79	- 35
Silk, raw	35	98	63
Cotton, raw	25	49	24
Pulp for Paper-making	38	19	- 19
Seeds	33	90	57
Carpets, Floor coverings	129	232	103
Piece Goods - Canvas and Duck	42	77	35
Cotton and Linen	350	721	371
Hessian and Other Jute	42	126	84
Silk including Artificial Silk	202	413	211
Bags and Sacks	87	144	57
Yarns - Artificial Silk	35	157	122
Cotton	28	51	23
Oils - Kerosene	70	80	10
Lubricating (Mineral)	70	139	69
Petroleum	611	841	230
Residual	30	132	102
Dynamo Electric Machines	76	48	- 28
Cable and Wire covered	122	154	32
Telegraph Instruments, etc.	87	67	- 20
Metal working Machinery	82	126	44
Motive Power Machinery (not electric)	230	192	- 38
Alloys	16	52	36
Iron and Steel - Bars and Rods	43	45	2
Pipes and Tubes	42	37	- 5
Plate and Sheet, Plain	26	41	15
Tinned	158	208	50
Tools of Trade (Not Machines)	73	80	7
Motor Car Chassis and Parts	620	688	68
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, etc.	79	111	32
Timber - Undressed	120	114	- 6
Glass and Glassware	62	88	26
Printing Paper	242	153	- 89
Writing and Typewriting Paper	51	65	14
Timepieces, etc.	32	48	16
Films for Cinematographs	52	47	- 5
Fertilizers	94	101	7
Sulphur	11	87	76
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	32	155	123

Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

EXPORTS.

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

Commodity	January		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	
	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Butter	1,328	2,091	763
Cheese	162	212	50
Beef	267	175	- 92
Lamb	384	581	197
Mutton	72	66	- 6
Meats preserved in tins	32	47	15
Sausage Casings	43	48	5
Milk and Cream	91	160	69
Currants	4	-	- 4
Raisins	10	4	- 6
Apples	1	-	- 1
Fruits preserved in Liquid	15	11	- 4

Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.
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EXPORTS

Commodity	January		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	
(Continued)	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Wheat	939	378	- 561
Barley	74	1	73
Flour	293	535	242
Bran, Follard and Sharps	38	14	- 24
Wine	98	2	- 96
Pearlshell	16	33	17
Calf, Cattle Skins ..	58	52	- 6
Rabbit and Hare Skins ..	10	42	32
Sheepskins	177	278	101
Wool, Greasy	2,560	5,517	2,957
Scoured and Tops	364	604	240
Tallow	33	100	62
Coal	26	29	3
Ores and Concentrates -			
Silver and Silver Lead	34	76	42
Zinc	40	27	- 13
Other	271	36	- 235
Iron and Steel	148	331	183
Lead Pig	296	427	131
Tin Ingots	57	11	- 46
Zinc, Bars, etc.	46	97	49
Leather	42	99	57
Paper and Stationery ..	35	38	3
Timber	77	50	- 27

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(b) Quantities: The principal commodities exported in larger quantities in January, 1940 as compared with January, 1939 were: Butter, cheese, bacon and hams, lamb, mutton, rabbits and hares, meats preserved in tins, sausage casings, milk and cream, fresh apples, flour (wheaten), jams and fruit jellies, sugar, rabbit skins, sheepskins, wool, tallow, silver and silver lead ores and concentrates, zinc ores and concentrates, lead (pig) and zinc bars.

The principal commodities exported in smaller quantities were: Beef, pork, currants, raisins, citrus fruits, fruits preserved in liquid, wheat, wine, calf skins, kangaroo and wallaby skins, coal and tin ingots.

(c) 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 January, 1940 than in January, 1939 for wool, sheepskins, wheat, flour, butter, sugar, wine, beef, tallow, lead (pig) and zinc (bars).

Average lower prices were recorded for Lamb, Mutton and raisins.

The detailed tables of imports and exports are attached hereto.

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11th MARCH, 1940.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Oversea Trade

Value of Principal Articles imported and exported during January, 1939 and 1940, and during the seven 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	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
CLASS I. - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin excluding Living Animals					
Fish - preserved in tins ..	135,589	99,803	533,349	513,905	- 19,444
fresh, smoked, potted and concentrated ..	27,181	28,146	199,775	176,849	- 22,926
Meat - preserved in tins ..	915	172	3,790	2,897	- 893
potted or concentrated	2,340	2,911	16,067	19,884	3,817
sausage casings ..	18,411	31,029	125,026	134,279	9,253
other ..	118	40	3,122	759	- 2,363
Milk and Cream ..	43	126	522	2,413	1,891
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	2,388	2,557	18,264	25,356	7,092
TOTAL - CLASS I:	186,985	164,784	899,915	876,342	- 23,573
CLASS II. - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin: Non-alcoholic Beverages and Substances used in making					
Caramel, Caramel Paste, Caramel Butter, and Cocoa Butter	13,954	3,620	74,782	34,461	-40,321
Cocoa and Chocolate ..	45,002	66,685	117,288	108,692	- 8,596
Coffee and Chicory ..	4,816	7,862	37,548	68,226	30,678
Confectionery ..	1,945	3,756	40,072	25,536	-14,536
Fruits - Dried, including Dates	1,199	9,902	63,336	101,001	37,665
Fresh, Bananas ..	-	1,009	6,605	8,133	1,528
Other ..	1,726	4,545	4,508	8,250	3,742
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid ..	5,251	1,731	42,224	25,089	-17,135
Ginger ..	1,624	5,462	16,364	23,082	6,718
Grain and Pulse - unprepared	3,555	9,397	25,693	75,148	49,455
prepared, Rice	1,966	1,924	6,569	9,308	2,739
Other	1,214	513	7,954	6,781	- 1,173
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	2,429	4,729	23,757	24,077	320
Liquorice ..	440	1,129	7,645	8,402	757
Mustard ..	45	621	900	3,007	2,107
Nuts - edible ..	16,278	29,863	157,397	160,542	3,145
Pickles and Sauces ..	1,574	540	10,030	4,608	- 5,422
Sago and Tapioca ..	2,296	3,460	20,246	28,107	7,861
Seeds - Canary, Hemp and Rape	1,174	3,845	13,832	22,045	8,213
Spices ..	6,200	6,172	32,794	52,352	19,558
Sugar and Sugar Products ..	3,979	3,174	29,517	20,605	- 8,912
Tea ..	143,648	315,405	1,472,397	1,907,812	435,415
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	8,771	8,650	49,064	146,628	97,564
TOTAL - CLASS II:	269,086	494,014	2,260,522	2,871,892	611,370
CLASS III. - Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors.					
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry	3,949	5,495	20,796	19,761	- 1,035
Spirits (Beverages) - Brandy	839	6,923	13,498	14,417	919
Gin ..	3,173	3,345	20,310	14,882	- 5,428
Rum ..	244	200	3,803	3,742	- 61
Whisky	43,952	187,774	333,636	477,284	143,648
Others, including Liqueurs	2,186	4,007	15,182	16,318	1,136
Wine (Fermented) - Sparkling	1,737	2,247	9,898	8,345	- 1,553
Other ..	1,446	1,582	10,011	7,175	- 2,836
TOTAL - CLASS III:	57,526	211,573	427,134	561,924	134,790

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IMPORTS (Continued)

Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
CLASS IV. - Tobacco and Preparations					
thereof					
Tobacco - Manufactured ..	2,777	5,826	35,528	29,076	- 6,452
Unmanufactured ..	114,011	78,962	1,015,182	960,443	- 54,739
Cigars ..	1,246	328	9,189	8,459	- 730
Cigarettes ..	1,860	4,394	20,623	22,477	1,854
Snuff ..	22	87	367	369	2
TOTAL - CLASS IV:	119,916	89,597	1,080,889	1,020,824	- 60,065
CLASS V. - Live Animals	33,781	14,537	116,683	66,483	- 50,200
CLASS VI. - Animal Substances (Mainly					
Unmanufactured) not foodstuffs					
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	779	1,287	11,250	12,117	867
Gut, Natural and Imitation	2,410	3,468	16,977	15,993	- 984
Hair and Fibres ..	5,816	16,860	68,272	82,687	14,415
Hides and Skins -					
Calf, Cattle, Horse ..	23,648	1,213	138,753	56,052	-82,701
Sheep ..	938	-	12,249	5,506	- 6,743
Other ..	29,163	50,077	254,935	269,578	14,643
Silk, raw ..	34,733	97,831	235,599	496,668	261,069
Wool ..	113,211	35	306,316	73,660	-232,656
Other Animal Substances ..	4,490	3,521	24,314	22,349	- 1,965
TOTAL - CLASS VI:	215,188	174,312	1,068,665	1,034,610	- 34,055
CLASS VII. - Vegetable Substances					
and Fibres					
Copra ..	13,485	6,761	98,675	125,007	26,332
Cork and Cork Manufactures	17,724	7,364	90,535	83,624	- 6,911
Fibres - Cotton, Raw ..	23,753	48,999	162,971	230,959	67,988
Flax, Hemp, including					
Phormium Tenax ..	15,708	35,967	149,899	157,755	7,856
Kapok ..	16,349	9,903	118,655	118,881	226
Other ..	11,249	14,856	70,657	97,809	27,152
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking,					
Furniture, Mats, etc. ..	738	661	35,280	27,306	- 7,974
Gums and Resins ..	32,365	66,129	211,037	292,695	81,658
Pulp for Papermaking ..	37,947	18,561	293,937	137,415	-156,522
Seeds - Gardening and Horticultural					
Linseed ..	4,176	5,789	21,430	29,300	7,870
Other ..	11,664	74,494	171,078	278,137	107,059
Tanning Substances, including Bark	17,325	10,113	75,968	74,479	- 1,489
Other Vegetable Substances	5,273	12,430	38,979	66,834	27,855
	6,204	4,839	22,078	15,341	- 6,737
TOTAL - CLASS VII:	213,960	316,866	1,561,179	1,735,542	174,363
CLASS VIII. - (a) Apparel and Attire					
(b) Textiles; (c) Manufactured					
Fibres					
(a) Apparel and Attire					
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, etc.					
(Other than knitted) ..	15,991	9,920	49,427	39,508	- 9,919
Boots and Shoes ..	9,967	13,998	125,657	113,026	-12,631
Buttons ..	14,031	20,038	71,133	77,889	6,756
Furs and Other Skins wholly or					
partly made up and dressed or prepared	4,199	5,716	46,233	30,206	-16,027
Gloves ..	32,715	22,467	205,251	173,866	-31,385
Hats and Caps ..	13,193	10,301	106,107	117,752	11,645
Knitted Articles of Apparel -					
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, etc.	4,367	3,664	18,154	13,133	- 5,021
Socks and Stockings ..	4,400	5,364	27,361	23,698	- 3,663
Shirts, Collars, Ties, etc.	640	2,220	12,418	8,908	- 3,510
Trimnings and Ornaments ..	33,482	43,141	213,619	217,839	4,020
Other Apparel and Attire ..	29,263	32,209	223,505	188,276	-35,229
Total - Apparel and Attire:	162,248	169,038	1,099,065	1,004,101	-94,964

Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

IMPORTS (Continued).

Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1939-39	1939-40	Estg.
<u>CLASS VIII. (Continued)</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>	<u>Estg.</u>
(b) <u>Textiles</u>					
Carpets, Linoleums and Other Floor Coverings ..	128,743	231,987	927,867	1,021,080	93,213
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys, etc.	6,017	10,539	52,728	54,388	1,660
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen ..	6,643	22,092	152,671	161,813	9,142
Piece Goods -					
Canvas and Duck ..	41,571	76,786	371,691	355,100	-16,591
Cotton and Linen ..	349,883	721,255	3,035,900	3,278,927	243,027
Hessian and Other Jute Piecegoods	42,302	126,527	249,338	453,420	204,082
Lace for Attire ..	13,225	28,055	97,521	109,069	11,548
Silk including artificial silk	202,165	412,585	1,603,636	1,907,010	303,374
Velvets, Velvetseens, Plushes, etc.	26,950	37,370	110,358	104,302	- 6,056
Woollens ..	43,012	37,954	175,133	143,672	-31,461
Other ..	92,555	112,846	332,924	330,897	- 2,027
Quilts, Tablecovers, Sheets, etc.	14,003	33,577	142,233	149,473	7,240
Sewing and Other Cottons, Threadsetc.	41,925	57,590	305,708	259,161	-46,547
Towels and Towelling ..	28,600	53,602	222,173	232,916	10,743
Other Textiles ..	22,540	36,206	134,150	162,143	27,993
Total - Textiles:	1,060,134	1,998,981	7,914,031	8,723,371	809,340
(c) <u>Yarns and Manufactured Fibres</u>					
Bags and Sacks -					
Chaff, Bran and Compressed Fodder	16,219	16,978	93,131	59,042	- 34,089
Corn and Flour ..	50,664	76,049	713,135	1,444,939	731,804
Woolpacks ..	14,566	48,910	197,515	317,586	120,071
Other ..	5,117	2,615	15,417	6,026	- 9,391
Cordage and Twines, excluding Metal Cordage ..	10,912	31,025	126,923	136,984	10,061
Yarns - Artificial Silk ..	34,548	156,668	273,119	464,537	191,418
Cotton ..	27,570	50,783	232,142	253,783	21,641
Wool ..	7,456	7,153	22,524	21,558	- 966
Other ..	5,949	4,476	34,046	21,528	- 12,518
Total - Yarns, etc.:	173,001	394,657	1,707,952	2,725,983	1,018,031
TOTAL - CLASS VIII:	1,395,383	2,562,676	10,721,048	12,453,455	1,732,407
<u>CLASS IX. - Oils, Fats and Waxes.</u>					
Fats and Waxes etc. ..	17,497	36,136	111,173	175,578	64,405
Oils - Kerosene ..	70,016	79,715	373,114	433,575	60,461
Linseed ..	1,930	718	17,489	8,384	- 9,105
Lubricating (Mineral) ..	70,340	138,749	423,400	759,240	335,840
Olive ..	4,563	3,912	48,543	28,925	- 19,618
Petroleum ..	611,423	840,813	3,283,638	3,960,286	676,648
Residual ..	29,824	131,920	382,799	650,339	267,540
Turpentine and Substitutes	8,412	22,002	45,723	90,655	44,932
Other ..	35,348	85,523	266,184	282,135	15,951
TOTAL - CLASS IX:	849,353	1,339,486	4,952,063	6,389,117	1,437,054
<u>CLASS X. - Paints and Varnishes</u>					
Paints and Colours ..	43,160	98,054	312,534	345,014	32,480
Varnishes, Stains and Lacquers ..	1,163	3,638	9,103	11,851	2,748
TOTAL - CLASS X:	44,323	101,692	321,637	356,865	35,228
<u>CLASS XI. - Stones and Minerals, including Ores and Concentrates</u>					
Asphalt, Bitumen and Natural Pitch	19,351	32,852	176,230	171,222	- 5,008
Stones (including Marble and Slate)					
Abrasives ..	13,328	28,819	104,789	106,996	2,207
Other Stones ..	2,421	2,601	19,647	14,179	- 5,468
Other Minerals, etc., including Ores and Concentrates ..	52,379	32,314	276,776	189,529	-87,247
TOTAL - CLASS XI:	87,479	96,586	577,442	481,926	-95,516

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Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
CLASS XII. - Metals, Metal Manu- factures and Machinery					
(a) <u>Machines and Machinery</u>					
Electrical Machinery and Appli- ances -					
Batteries and Accumulators	2,543	6,146	23,403	39,586	16,183
Cable and Wire, covered ..	121,887	154,194	721,830	736,924	15,094
Dynamo Electric Machines ..	76,099	48,087	516,245	430,693	- 85,552
Lamps, Filament for Lighting and Heating ..	14,910	23,131	106,790	100,746	- 6,044
Telegraphic Instruments, etc.- Telephones and Telephone Switchboards ..	86,901	66,607	598,908	387,892	- 211,016
Other ..	176,144	135,379	942,733	687,306	- 255,427
Agricultural, Horticultural, etc.- Machinery ..	11,375	11,543	164,042	128,364	- 35,678
Dairying Machinery ..	17,872	17,620	142,109	128,633	- 13,476
Metal Working Machinery ..	82,068	126,250	770,387	732,651	- 37,736
Mining Machinery ..	25,786	17,717	166,766	168,373	1,607
Motive-power Machinery (ex- cluding Electric) ..	230,404	192,250	1,647,401	1,162,248	- 485,153
Printing Machinery ..	12,942	18,190	188,950	117,583	- 71,367
Roller Bearings and Ball Bear- ings ..	19,583	22,329	132,625	112,492	- 20,133
Sewing Machines ..	22,190	12,021	215,092	246,084	30,992
Sheep Shearing Machines ..	154	9,292	16,096	17,495	1,399
Weighing Machines ..	5,186	5,552	50,041	23,909	- 26,132
Yarn-making and Textile-making machinery ..	31,410	42,592	236,595	166,342	- 70,253
Other Machines and Machinery	240,738	282,642	1,809,713	1,684,888	- 124,825
Total - Machines, etc.	1,178,192	1,191,242	8,449,726	7,072,209	-1,377,517
(b) <u>Metals and Manufactures other than Machinery</u>					
Alloys ..	15,503	51,993	126,409	179,119	52,710
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots					
Angles, etc. ..	23,232	30,003	107,437	130,063	22,626
Bolts and Nuts, Rivets and Washers ..	5,109	5,646	40,009	27,575	- 12,434
Leaf and Foil ..	12,668	12,696	70,656	66,949	- 3,707
Iron and Steel -					
Bars, Rods, Hoops, Ingots etc.	43,269	44,721	317,454	214,444	- 103,010
Beams, Channels, Girders, Joists etc. ..	369	540	2,218	1,605	- 613
Fig and Scrap ..	61	-	313	473	160
Pipes and Tubes ..	42,084	37,455	299,629	159,011	- 140,618
Plate and Sheet -					
Galvanised - Corrugated	-	-	104,470	356	- 104,114
Flat ..	1,117	662	80,528	1,548	- 78,980
Plain ..	26,077	40,579	441,840	227,226	- 214,614
Tinned ..	158,073	207,450	1,138,865	1,137,418	- 1,447
Nails ..	3,053	4,169	20,546	19,718	- 828
Pins, Hooks, Eyes and Crochet Hooks ..	5,424	9,278	34,897	33,496	- 1,401
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts etc.	158	1,668	12,863	2,270	- 10,593
Wire ..	15,163	12,764	108,472	73,013	- 35,459
Lamps and Lampware ..	20,119	26,394	134,649	147,540	12,891
Plated Ware and Cutlery ..	35,432	65,359	322,265	305,857	- 16,408
Tools of Trade (not Being Machines) ..	72,712	80,300	539,787	480,591	- 59,196
Vehicles -					
Cycle and Cycle Parts ..	35,334	48,343	281,970	240,902	- 41,068
Motor Cars - Bodies and Parts	10,439	13,719	62,416	45,405	- 17,011
Chassis and Parts	620,417	687,536	3,988,350	3,430,434	- 557,916
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, etc.	31,811	25,212	154,756	112,185	- 42,571
Other and Parts ..	134,241	340,847	744,588	526,345	- 218,243
Other Metals and Metal Manufac- tures ..	172,090	224,254	1,276,309	1,118,421	- 157,888
Total - Metals, etc.:	1,483,885	1,971,588	10,411,696	8,681,964	-1,729,732
TOTAL - CLASS XII:	2,662,077	3,162,830	18,861,422	15,754,173	-3,107,249

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Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
CLASS XIII. - Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof and Substitutes therefor	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
(a) <u>Rubber and Rubber Manufactures</u>					
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, etc. ..	76,646	110,871	641,117	814,412	173,295
Rubber Manufactures -					
Boot and Apparel Elastic, Rubber Thread ..	11,624	42,823	97,596	152,665	55,269
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	3,638	2,579	21,356	16,347	- 5,009
Other ..	10,970	15,450	82,393	81,730	- 663
Total - Rubber, etc.:	101,878	171,723	842,462	1,065,354	222,892
(b) <u>Leather and Manufactures of Leather</u>					
Leather ..	7,933	4,511	40,608	29,316	- 11,292
Leather Manufactures, etc. ..	7,260	7,783	44,837	31,602	- 13,235
Total - Leather, etc.:	15,193	12,294	85,445	60,918	- 24,527
TOTAL - CLASS XIII:	120,071	184,017	927,907	1,126,272	198,365
CLASS XIV. - Wood and Wicker, Raw and Manufactured					
Timber - Dressed ..	56,039	11,263	147,175	95,646	- 51,529
Undressed ..	120,093	113,850	683,435	817,115	- 66,320
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	31,321	29,045	201,056	175,936	- 25,120
TOTAL - CLASS XIV:	207,453	154,178	1,231,666	1,088,697	-142,969
CLASS XV. - Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass and Stoneware					
Crockery and Other Household Ware	35,407	70,543	361,087	343,117	- 37,970
Glass and Glassware ..	62,333	88,358	584,485	451,408	-133,077
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stoneware ..	37,763	65,868	225,574	251,295	25,721
TOTAL - CLASS XV:	135,503	224,769	1,191,146	1,045,820	-145,326
CLASS XVI. - Paper and Stationery					
(a) <u>Paper</u>					
Millboards and Other Boards ..	25,128	20,662	143,115	124,274	- 18,841
Parchment ..	5,266	19,782	40,902	55,303	14,401
Printing ..	242,436	153,252	1,657,159	1,428,599	-228,560
Wrapping ..	36,324	36,026	166,559	189,980	23,421
Writing and Typewriting ..	51,492	65,025	294,988	282,716	- 12,272
Other ..	40,240	60,148	269,871	287,619	17,748
Total - Paper:	400,886	354,895	2,572,594	2,368,491	- 204,103
(b) <u>Stationery and Paper Manufactures</u>					
Books (printed) Directories, etc.	97,563	123,090	676,889	647,107	- 29,782
Catalogues, Price Lists, Circulars	7,460	4,807	55,360	36,346	- 19,014
Paperhangings and Wallpapers ..	7,981	9,713	37,463	28,115	- 9,346
Pens and Pencils ..	13,428	19,132	121,946	116,726	- 5,220
Other Stationery ..	31,716	43,530	294,648	359,477	64,829
Total - Stationery, etc.:	158,148	200,272	1,186,306	1,187,771	1,465
TOTAL - CLASS XVI:	559,034	555,167	3,758,900	3,556,262	- 202,638
CLASS XVII. - Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods.					
Articles For Games ..	12,686	14,405	119,002	97,398	- 21,604
Fancy Goods - Toys ..	5,283	16,473	152,288	155,716	3,458
Other ..	13,630	19,409	163,508	133,883	- 29,625
Jewellery - Precious Stones (unset)	20,997	8,052	133,724	118,136	- 15,586
Pearls, Cameos, etc. ..	-	-	-	-	-
Other ..	5,637	8,158	61,788	69,076	7,288
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, etc.	31,683	47,638	363,982	285,842	- 78,140
TOTAL - CLASS XVII:	89,918	114,135	994,292	860,083	- 134,209

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	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
CLASS XVIII. - Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments					
Films for Cinematographs etc. ..	52,202	46,781	329,288	320,604	- 8,684
Optical and Meteorological Instruments ..	11,559	9,414	76,112	69,600	- 6,512
Surgical and Dental Instruments, etc.	40,619	62,504	228,777	247,061	18,284
Talking Machines - Phonographs etc.	5,829	9,642	35,621	43,220	7,599
Other Optical and Scientific Instruments ..	40,722	45,318	304,478	235,808	- 68,670
TOTAL - CLASS XVIII:	150,931	173,659	974,276	916,293	- 57,983
CLASS XIX. - Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers					
Acids ..	8,854	15,808	63,827	72,416	8,589
Argol ..	8,782	15,577	147,439	60,209	- 87,230
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes	1,452	3,438	10,165	13,054	2,889
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium	21,060	22,924	107,456	173,750	66,294
Drugs and Medicinal Preparations -					
Proprietary Medicines ..	35,955	28,624	203,348	181,220	- 22,128
Other ..	17,894	46,041	123,956	150,427	26,471
Dyes ..	30,978	83,431	209,510	228,512	19,002
Fertilizers ..	94,202	101,066	816,047	661,326	-154,721
Insecticides, Disinfectants, Washes and Dips ..	6,176	14,683	53,351	77,616	24,265
Oils, Essential (Non-spirituous) ..	5,692	12,230	61,987	65,898	3,911
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	14,827	23,644	123,419	117,724	- 5,695
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates etc.	7,993	10,639	57,769	38,952	- 18,817
Salt ..	3,738	4,282	33,018	23,150	- 9,868
Sodium Salts -					
Carbonate (Soda Ash) ..	9,127	16,542	106,788	118,945	12,157
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	7,420	12,993	62,052	70,848	8,796
Other ..	15,030	31,468	126,057	148,898	22,841
Spirits and Spirituous Preparations -					
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups ..	1,789	3,454	12,036	15,398	3,362
Other ..	3,148	3,467	52,688	59,006	- 13,682
Sulphur (Brimstone) ..	11,479	87,129	322,938	305,054	- 17,884
Other Drugs and Chemicals ..	91,989	181,946	635,110	681,008	45,898
TOTAL - CLASS XIX:	397,585	719,386	3,328,961	3,243,411	- 85,550
CLASS XX. - Miscellaneous					
Articles of Celluloid and Celluloid Sheets ..	8,006	9,057	74,672	83,884	9,212
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	31,553	155,445	359,026	418,481	59,455
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, Cases, Trunks, etc. ..	12,788	13,530	183,517	156,649	- 26,868
Brushware - Vacuum Cleaners (Household) ..	16,218	23,934	132,838	139,681	6,843
Other ..	5,819	7,999	60,749	46,039	- 12,710
Goods Imported per parcel post ..	44,157	41,649	335,889	262,019	- 73,870
Musical Instruments, etc. -					
Pianos ..	1,954	3,883	19,338	18,107	- 1,231
Player Pianos ..	46	218	154	531	377
Piano and Player Piano Parts ..	13	1,314	4,963	4,544	- 419
Other Musical Instruments and parts ..	13,198	7,086	91,724	48,350	- 43,374
Oilmen's Stores ..	8,636	13,958	90,605	72,700	- 17,905
Outside Packages ..	188,420	272,188	1,369,667	1,433,728	64,061
Passengers' Effects ..	39,143	26,574	215,454	236,264	20,810
Packings for Engines, Boilers, etc.	13,549	24,849	84,254	85,482	1,228
Soap ..	4,194	8,089	28,622	40,375	11,753
Vessels (Ships) including fittings	6,039	1,159	286,775	54,895	- 231,880
All Other Articles ..	43,705	54,618	334,130	302,888	- 31,242
TOTAL - CLASS XX:	437,438	665,550	3,672,377	3,406,617	- 265,760

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Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1938	1939	1938-39	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
<u>Merchandise</u>					
<u>Importing States -</u>					
New South Wales ..	3,564,966	5,268,938	25,672,248	26,020,693	348,445
Victoria ..	2,661,976	4,036,222	20,869,080	20,680,481	- 188,599
Queensland ..	630,745	854,133	4,800,761	4,796,513	- 4,248
South Australia ..	549,808	645,808	3,620,322	3,658,342	38,020
Western Australia ..	486,824	566,939	3,235,733	3,064,898	- 170,835
Tasmania ..	138,160	142,559	713,560	585,704	- 127,856
Northern Territory	511	5,217	16,420	39,977	23,557
<u>TOTAL - MERCHANDISE:</u>	6,232,990	11,519,816	58,928,124	58,646,608	- 81,516
<u>ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES</u>					
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<u>TOTAL IMPORTS - MERCHANDISE:</u>	10,311,820	14,428,570	73,807,475	73,705,376	- 102,099

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EXPORTS
(Australian Currency Values)

Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
CLASS I. - Foodstuffs of Animal					
<u>Origin excluding Living Animals</u>					
Butter ..	EA. 1,327,835	2,091,030	7,834,704	9,433,128	1,598,424
Butter Substitutes ..	EA. 23,983	35,035	142,734	173,422	31,138
Cheese ..	EA. 190	872	2,579	3,414	835
Eggs ..	EA. 162,148	211,919	751,508	921,502	169,594
Meats -	EA. 5,219	6,800	24,638	30,073	5,435
Bacon and Hams ..	EA. 4,144	19,452	653,841	594,372	- 59,469
Potted and Concentrated	EA. 7,494	26,045	80,709	170,139	89,430
Preserved by Cold Process -	EA. 94	362	1,143	2,492	1,349
Beef ..	EA. 221	1,087	9,479	20,643	11,164
Lamb ..	EA. 267,008	175,128	2,524,286	3,023,405	499,119
Mutton ..	EA. 16,840	9,952	159,280	186,571	26,591
Pork ..	EA. 383,606	580,786	3,667,726	4,849,655	1,181,929
Rabbits and Hares	EA. 14,621	22,917	130,225	181,754	51,529
Preserved in tins	EA. 71,837	66,410	284,572	528,456	243,884
Sausage Casings ..	EA. 4,900	4,921	18,661	33,692	15,031
Other ..	EA. 87,989	80,069	388,912	666,342	277,420
Milk and Cream ..	EA. 3,107	2,638	13,503	22,423	8,920
Other Animal Foodstuffs	EA. 6,132	21,664	172,145	148,569	- 23,556
TOTAL - CLASS I:	EA. 128	406	2,822	2,709	33
CLASS II. - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin, non-alcoholic					
<u>Beverages and substances used in making</u>					
Aerated Waters, Cocoa and Chocolate, Coffee and Chicory, Chicory, Fruit Juices	EA. 4,072	5,795	31,818	33,179	1,361
Biscuits ..	EA. 4,345	5,336	45,234	62,933	17,569
Confectionery ..	EA. 5,046	9,333	57,130	72,339	15,209
Fodders ..	EA. 3,805	12,959	40,377	55,104	24,727
Fruits, Dried - Currants	EA. 4,027	248	191,949	176,398	- 15,551
Raisins	EA. 288	13	12,530	10,917	- 1,613
Other	EA. 10,484	3,795	957,798	418,751	- 539,047
Fruits, Fresh - Apples	EA. 680	294	53,572	24,571	- 28,001
Citrus	EA. 658	57	81,979	17,766	- 64,213
Other	EA. 517	467	24,917	59,920	35,003
Fruits, preserved in Liquid	EA. 253	261	23,757	55,665	32,909
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	EA. 1,674	2,021	183,208	168,499	- 14,709
Grain and Pulse, unprepared -	EA. 1,541	1,179	232,237	195,210	- 37,027
Barley ..	EA. 1,554	2,827	21,842	17,560	- 4,282
Wheat ..	EA. 15,397	11,109	521,219	618,666	97,447
Other	EA. 1,060	491	33,474	40,231	6,757
Grain and Pulse, prepared -	EA. 21,886	24,984	70,769	44,913	- 25,856
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	EA. 74,234	1,477	165,697	85,949	- 79,748
Flour (Wheaten)	EA. 939,155	378,237	4,757,155	1,975,267	- 2,781,888
Rice ..	EA. 4,485	1,464	18,902	9,339	- 9,363
Other	EA. 1,019	2,528	64,215	20,837	- 43,378
Infants and Invalids' Foods	EA. 38,121	14,106	212,144	207,361	- 4,783
Jams and Jellies	EA. 293,310	535,183	2,545,818	2,654,241	108,423
TOTAL - CLASS II:	EA. 1,307	1,354	7,538	7,963	425
CLASS III. - Foodstuffs of Mineral Origin					
<u>Foodstuffs of Mineral Origin</u>					
Almonds ..	EA. 13,832	7,725	133,718	184,860	51,142
Other	EA. 3,924	19,532	49,294	103,871	54,577
Infants and Invalids' Foods	EA. 6,253	22,822	130,137	192,583	62,446
Jams and Jellies	EA. 306	1,136	7,223	8,967	1,744

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Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1939-39	1939-40	
<u>CLASS II. (Continued) -</u>					
Sugar	Lb. 219,836	693,151	4,164,119	4,796,687	632,568
.. ..	ton 22,127	57,748	442,062	415,205	- 23,557
Tea	Lb. 2,307	3,139	25,441	32,037	6,596
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	Lb. 6,111	16,212	73,333	70,693	- 2,640
TOTAL - CLASS II:	Lb. 1,671,567	1,773,053	14,549,313	12,080,479	-2,468,834
<u>CLASS III. - Spirituous Alcoholic</u>					
<u>Liquors</u>					
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and					
Perry	Lb. 5,420	7,497	48,306	54,251	5,945
Spirits (Beverages) ..	Lb. 6,059	15,467	94,758	132,667	37,909
Wine	Lb. 98,157	2,413	668,875	721,044	52,169
1,000 gal.	349	6	2,483	2,800	317
TOTAL - CLASS III:	Lb. 109,636	25,377	811,939	907,962	96,023
<u>CLASS IV. - Tobacco and Prepara-</u>					
<u>tions thereof</u>					
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	Lb. 361	549	7,556	9,593	2,037
Tobacco	Lb. 15,567	12,705	183,198	154,150	- 29,048
TOTAL - CLASS IV:	Lb. 15,928	13,254	190,754	163,743	- 27,011
<u>CLASS V. - Live Animals</u>					
Cattle	Lb. 1,247	900	7,468	4,666	- 2,802
Horses	Lb. 12,256	6,148	79,126	57,225	- 21,901
Sheep	Lb. 3,175	7,436	40,667	65,224	24,557
Other Living Animals	Lb. 653	382	4,486	2,661	- 1,825
TOTAL - CLASS V:	Lb. 17,331	14,866	131,747	129,776	- 1,971
<u>CLASS VI. - Animal Substances</u>					
<u>(Mainly Unmanufactured) not</u>					
<u>Foodstuffs</u>					
Beche-de-mer ..	Lb. 4,208	10	17,883	911	- 16,972
Gelatine and Glue of all					
kinds	Lb. 8,211	7,851	69,513	75,518	6,005
Hides and Skins -					
Calf, Cattle and Horse	Lb. 57,859	51,813	657,856	456,061	- 201,795
1,000 no.	158	65	1,456	617	- 839
Fox	Lb. 160	988	26,422	33,186	6,764
Kangaroo and Wallaby	Lb. 4,552	2,072	149,028	127,863	- 21,165
1,000 no.	27	26	886	790	- 96
Opossum	Lb. 108	46	11,443	8,636	- 2,807
1,000 no.	-	-	62	43	- 19
Rabbit	Lb. 10,121	41,907	329,607	513,688	184,081
1,000 lb.	152	324	3,078	4,278	1,200
Sheep	Lb. 176,817	277,633	1,683,155	1,706,566	23,411
1,000 no.	1,437	1,560	8,765	7,313	- 1,452
Other	Lb. 5,011	8,061	17,030	20,876	3,846
Pearlshell	Lb. 15,911	32,843	153,150	162,958	9,806
Trochus Shell ..	Lb. 3,528	9,682	24,132	27,400	3,268
Wool - Greasy ..	Lb. 2,560,475	5,516,918	22,366,689	21,579,213	- 787,476
1,000 lb.	31,361	91,167	454,017	387,038	- 66,979
Scoured and Tops	Lb. 363,904	604,337	3,255,611	3,065,227	- 190,384
1,000 lb.	4,693	5,396	4,288	34,783	8,103
Other Animal Substances	Lb. 4,394	8,904	39,435	93,906	54,421
TOTAL - CLASS VI:	Lb. 3,215,259	6,563,065	28,801,004	27,872,009	- 928,995
<u>CLASS VII. - Vegetable Sub-</u>					
<u>stances and Fibres</u>					
Copra	Lb. -	-	3,848	1,121	- 2,727
Fibres - Cotton, raw	Lb. -	-	-	-	-
Other	Lb. 7,622	6,350	61,860	59,550	- 2,310
Sandalwood	Lb. 536	495	18,027	19,100	1,073
Seeds	Lb. 2,923	1,829	32,015	42,614	10,599
Tanning Substances ..	Lb. 2,322	139	24,601	26,899	3,702
Other Vegetable Substances	Lb. 4,442	3,883	19,181	29,926	10,745
TOTAL - CLASS VII:	Lb. 17,845	12,696	159,532	173,210	13,678

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		January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
Articles		1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
<u>CLASS VIII. - (a) Apparel and Attire; (b) Textiles; (c) Manufactured Fibres</u>						
Boots and Shoes ..	EA.	1,384	3,480	15,183	19,932	4,749
Other Apparel and Attire	EA.	6,707	7,834	69,444	48,616	- 20,828
Piece Goods ..	EA.	9,856	8,834	95,599	83,790	- 11,809
Other Textiles ..	EA.	8,408	5,059	71,163	53,668	- 17,495
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	EA.	12,146	26,346	124,860	162,298	37,438
<u>TOTAL - CLASS VIII:</u>	EA.	38,501	51,553	376,249	368,304	- 7,945
<u>CLASS IX. - Oils, Fats and Waxes</u>						
Fats and Waxes, etc.	EA.	6,550	31,685	55,497	114,929	59,432
Oils ..	EA.	5,525	15,081	80,741	169,035	88,294
Tallow, unrefined ..	EA.	38,308	99,896	275,926	408,929	133,003
	ton	2,295	4,434	15,197	20,954	5,757
<u>TOTAL - CLASS IX:</u>	EA.	50,383	146,662	412,164	692,893	280,729
<u>CLASS X. - Paints and Varnishes</u>						
	EA.	11,312	12,448	106,600	88,358	- 18,242
<u>CLASS XI. - Stones and Minerals, including Ores and Concentrates</u>						
Coal ..	EA.	25,788	29,190	204,559	184,028	- 20,531
	ton	30,422	30,044	231,384	194,596	- 36,788
Ores and Concentrates - Silver and Silver Lead	EA.	33,650	76,081	336,042	427,305	91,263
	ton	2,504	7,364	23,199	34,252	11,053
Zinc ..	EA.	40,359	26,890	371,560	366,545	- 5,015
	ton	7,843	9,233	92,675	102,999	10,324
Other ..	EA.	270,795	36,278	734,851	456,552	- 278,299
Other Stones and Minerals	EA.	7,202	5,124	42,294	66,763	24,469
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XI:</u>	EA.	377,794	173,563	1,689,306	1,501,193	- 188,113
<u>CLASS XII. - Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery</u>						
(a) <u>Machines and Machinery</u>						
Machines and Machinery	EA.	57,392	94,831	604,934	674,538	69,604
(b) <u>Metals and Manufactures other than Machinery</u>						
Copper - Ingots and in Matte	EA.	-	-	6,898	7,945	1,047
Iron and Steel - Manufactured and partly manufactured	EA.	147,748	330,935	939,195	3,558,631	2,619,436
Lead - Pig and in Matte	EA.	296,333	427,414	2,437,593	2,887,141	449,548
	ton	13,046	20,153	115,543	131,546	16,003
Metal Scrap ..	EA.	1,966	2,688	40,632	23,833	- 16,799
Platinum, Osmium, etc.	EA.	633	2,053	1,668	4,297	2,629
Tin Ingots ..	EA.	56,809	11,157	256,866	170,138	- 86,728
	ton	231	51	1,045	579	- 466
Vehicles ..	EA.	15,039	14,003	108,837	104,158	- 4,679
Zinc - Bars, Blocks, etc.	EA.	48,292	97,243	529,660	501,678	- 27,982
	ton	2,423	3,586	26,384	23,449	- 2,935
Other Metals and Manufactures	EA.	59,118	81,422	514,910	512,183	- 2,727
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XII:</u>	EA.	683,330	1,061,746	5,441,193	8,444,542	3,003,349
<u>CLASS XIII. - Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof and Substitutes therefor</u>						
Rubber and Manufactures	EA.	4,995	11,169	46,356	59,277	12,921
Leather ..	EA.	42,286	99,389	347,645	608,885	261,240
Leather Manufactures, etc.	EA.	3,596	2,064	22,009	18,780	- 3,229
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XIII:</u>	EA.	50,877	112,622	416,010	686,942	270,932

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Articles	January		Seven 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	77,335	50,481	608,280	530,538	- 77,742
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	12,290	15,103	94,612	98,153	3,541
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XIV:</u>	89,625	65,584	702,892	628,691	- 74,201
<u>CLASS XV. - Earthenware, Cements, China, Glass and Stoneware</u> ..	13,710	12,186	134,398	99,354	- 35,044
<u>CLASS XVI. - Paper and Stationery</u>					
Paper	4,767	8,984	45,981	48,641	2,660
Stationery	30,357	29,043	221,102	203,531	- 17,571
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XVI:</u>	35,124	38,027	267,083	252,172	- 14,911
<u>CLASS XVII. - Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods</u>					
Precious Stones - Unset - Pearls, Cameos, etc.	2,360	2,975	38,483	26,643	- 11,840
Other Jewellery, Timepieces and Fancy Goods	6,275	8,296	67,203	62,895	- 4,308
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XVII:</u>	8,635	11,271	105,686	89,538	- 16,148
<u>CLASS XVIII. - Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments</u>					
Films for Cinematographs, Bioscopes, etc.	16,744	25,329	127,974	125,617	- 2,357
Photographic Goods and Materials - Cameras, etc.	7,090	1,177	54,449	41,390	- 13,059
Talking Machines, Phonographs, etc.	2,087	2,322	17,177	17,262	85
Other Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments	2,544	7,122	28,509	40,609	12,100
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XVIII:</u>	28,465	35,950	228,109	224,878	- 3,231
<u>CLASS XIX. - Drugs, Chemicals and Fertilizers</u>					
Casein	873	7,727	6,344	41,095	34,751
Fertilizers	187	3,444	22,528	40,304	17,776
Medicines	13,691	19,547	107,461	131,191	23,730
Oils - Essential (non-spirituous) - N.E.I.	146	1,083	7,561	23,493	15,932
Eucalyptus	1,608	3,443	54,891	63,153	8,262
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations ..	1,408	5,218	26,688	28,308	1,620
Other Drugs and Chemicals	24,061	39,493	207,514	265,640	58,126
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XIX:</u>	41,974	79,955	432,987	593,184	160,197
<u>CLASS XX. - Miscellaneous</u>					
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives ..	9,974	18,990	122,788	158,378	35,590
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	16,067	15,745	122,085	105,711	- 16,374
Oilmen's Stores	4,900	7,404	47,233	50,154	2,921
Personal and Household Effects, etc.	6,862	4,834	53,412	48,492	- 4,920
Soap	5,817	9,951	42,944	61,842	18,898
Vessels (Ships) transferred abroad	-	-	-	-	-
Goods exported per parcel post ..	5,475	1,910	72,443	20,941	- 51,502
All Other Articles	15,350	25,497	160,696	151,950	- 8,746
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XX:</u>	64,445	84,331	621,601	597,468	- 24,133

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EXPORTS (Continued)

Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	£s.	£s.	£s.	£s.	£s.
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
<u>Merchandise</u>					
<u>States of Final Shipment -</u>					
New South Wales ..	2,761,863	5,391,111	22,176,434	26,621,522	4,445,088
Victoria ..	2,395,451	3,668,524	17,780,586	19,081,811	1,301,225
Queensland ..	1,773,333	2,520,094	17,594,322	18,757,054	1,162,732
South Australia ..	1,012,586	1,041,782	8,869,610	7,590,901	-1,278,709
Western Australia ..	974,859	933,782	5,947,459	4,858,881	-1,088,578
Tasmania ..	148,150	318,961	1,010,537	919,656	- 90,881
Northern Territory ..	563	3,779	7,765	9,489	1,724
(Australian Produce ..	8,954,213	13,726,675	72,353,934	76,747,183	4,393,249
TOTAL (					
(Other Produce ..	112,592	151,358	1,032,779	1,092,131	59,352
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	9,066,805	13,878,033	73,386,713	77,839,314	4,452,601

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES

<u>TOTAL EXPORTS - MERCHANDISE:</u>	7,238,966	11,080,266	58,592,185	62,147,157	3,554,972
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Note. - The movements of bullion and specie are excluded, as they are not available for publication.

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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEA TRADE : JANUARY, 1940.

The following tables were withdrawn from the Monthly Oversea Trade Press Notice for January (No. 996), and are forwarded for your information, subject to the provisos mentioned above in regard to their confidential nature.

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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	January		Seven Months July - January	
	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 ..	7,239	11,080	58,592	62,147
Imports ..	8,233	11,520	58,928	58,846
Commodity Balance ..	- 994	- 440	- 336	3,301
Bullion and Specie - Exports	1,456	1,841	9,298	10,610
Imports	319	771	1,735	2,612
Bullion and Specie Balance	1,137	1,070	7,563	7,998
Total Balance:	143	630	7,227	11,299
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES</u>				
	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Merchandise - Exports ..	9,067	13,878	73,387	77,839
Imports ..	10,312	14,428	73,807	73,705
Commodity Balance:	- 1,245	- 550	- 420	4,134
Bullion and Specie - Exports	1,820	2,301	11,624	13,264
Imports	399	966	2,173	3,272
Bullion and Specie Balance	1,421	1,335	9,451	9,992
Total Balance:	176	785	9,031	14,126

(a) Preliminary figures, subject to revision.

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IMPORTS (Contd.)

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

Country of Origin	January, 1940	Seven Months July - January, 1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Percentage of Total Imports
United Kingdom ..	5,604,219	22,375,116	36.40
Canada ..	766,052	4,779,491	7.78
Ceylon ..	104,484	440,414	0.72
India ..	437,560	3,160,234	5.14
Malaya (British) ..	115,556	658,497	1.07
New Zealand ..	142,252	961,325	1.56
Other British Countries	505,776	3,777,323	6.13
Total British Countries:	7,675,899	36,152,402	58.82
Belgium ..	79,470	441,155	0.72
China ..	101,130	396,902	0.64
Czechoslovakia ..	2,699	74,535	0.12
France ..	68,595	402,786	0.66
Germany ..	10,495	1,111,226	1.81
Italy ..	84,061	346,324	0.56
Japan ..	689,306	3,181,445	5.12
Netherlands ..	80,646	354,590	0.58
Netherlands East Indies	1,050,071	5,437,764	8.85
Sweden ..	79,214	467,087	0.76
Switzerland ..	86,325	329,752	0.56
United States of America	1,716,479	9,426,698	15.34
Other Foreign Countries	293,091	1,700,043	2.77
Total Foreign Countries:	4,341,582	23,371,517	38.85
Outside Packages ..	273,239	1,434,779	2.33
TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES:	12,290,720	61,458,698	100.00

Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
<u>CLASS XXI. - Gold and Silver and Bronze Specie.</u>					
Gold, including Gold in Matte	314,201	765,266	1,680,599	2,585,794	905,195
Silver, including Silver in Matte ..	4,718	4,938	53,956	26,296	- 27,687
Bronze Specie ..	-	-	100	27	- 73
TOTAL - CLASS XXI:	318,919	770,204	1,734,655	2,612,090	877,435
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
<u>Importing States</u>					
New South Wales ..	3,846,693	5,963,240	27,145,738	28,279,224	1,133,486
Victoria ..	2,399,168	4,112,324	21,130,245	21,034,040	- 96,205
Queensland ..	630,745	854,133	4,800,761	4,796,513	- 4,248
South Australia ..	549,808	645,808	3,620,322	3,658,342	38,020
Western Australia ..	486,824	566,939	3,235,733	3,064,898	- 170,835
Tasmania ..	138,160	142,559	712,560	585,704	- 127,856
Northern Territory	511	5,217	16,420	39,977	23,557
GRAND TOTAL:	8,551,909	12,290,720	60,662,779	61,458,698	795,919
<u>BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES (STERLING)</u>					
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
TOTAL IMPORTS					
Merchandise ..	8,232,990	11,519,816	58,928,124	58,846,608	81,516
Bullion and Specie - Gold	314,201	765,966	1,680,599	2,585,794	905,195
- Silver ..	4,718	4,938	54,056	26,296	- 27,760
and Bronze ..					
TOTAL - Bullion and Specie:	318,919	770,904	1,734,655	2,612,090	877,435
GRAND TOTAL:	8,551,909	12,290,720	60,662,779	61,458,698	795,919

IMPORTS (Contd.)

Articles	January		Seven Months July - January		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	<u>ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES</u>				
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<u>TOTAL IMPORTS -</u>					
Merchandise ..	10,311,820	14,428,570	73,807,475	73,705,376	- 102,099
Bullion and Specie -					
Gold ..	393,537	959,372	2,104,950	3,238,706	1,133,756
Silver and Bronze ..	5,909	6,185	67,705	32,936	- 34,769
<u>TOTAL - Bullion and Specie:</u>	399,446	965,557	2,172,655	3,271,642	1,098,987
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	10,711,266	15,394,127	75,980,130	76,977,018	996,888

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EXPORTS

(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 January, 1940 than in January, 1939.

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

Country of Destination	January, 1940	Seven Months July - January, 1939-40	
	£A.	£A.	Percentage of Total Exports
United Kingdom ..	8,044,304	52,134,672	57.23
Canada ..	337,167	2,162,455	2.37
Ceylon ..	84,631	677,178	0.74
India ..	276,429	1,271,482	1.40
Malaya (British) ..	353,403	1,813,578	1.99
New Zealand ..	533,000	3,600,147	3.95
Other British Countries ..	462,030	2,944,363	3.23
<u>Total British Countries:</u>	10,090,964	64,603,875	70.91
Belgium ..	37,771	554,178	0.61
China ..	73,295	440,561	0.48
Czechoslovakia ..	-	11,391	0.01
France ..	1,727,518	2,845,614	3.12
Germany ..	-	325,714	0.36
Italy ..	3,288	59,186	0.07
Japan ..	349,232	1,801,202	1.98
Netherlands ..	19,368	318,542	0.35
Netherlands East Indies ..	197,538	1,290,434	1.42
Sweden ..	70	65,587	0.07
Switzerland ..	1,335	8,818	0.01
United States of America ..	3,130,130	16,119,574	17.69
Other Foreign Countries ϕ	548,761	2,658,238	2.92
<u>Total Foreign Countries:</u>	6,088,306	26,499,039	29.09
<u>TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES:</u>	16,179,270	91,102,914	100.00

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

EXPORTS (Contd.)

Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1939	1940	1938-39	1939-40	
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<u>CLASS XXI. - Gold and Silver and Bronze Specie.</u>					
Gold, including Gold in Matte	1,723,481	2,297,622	11,022,614	12,844,961	1,822,347
Silver, including Silver in Matte	96,602	3,615	600,921	418,142	- 182,779
Bronze Specie ..	-	-	148	497	349
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XXI:</u>	<u>1,820,083</u>	<u>2,301,237</u>	<u>11,623,683</u>	<u>13,263,600</u>	<u>1,639,917</u>
<u>SUMMARY</u>					
<u>States of Final Shipment</u>					
New South Wales	3,386,997	7,044,471	26,431,184	37,174,099	10,742,915
Victoria ..	2,723,895	4,312,332	19,322,573	21,382,205	2,059,632
Queensland ..	1,773,333	2,520,094	17,595,158	18,757,185	1,162,027
South Australia	1,106,900	1,041,782	9,423,249	7,979,015	-1,444,234
Western Australia	1,747,050	937,851	11,219,930	4,861,265	-6,358,665
Tasmania ..	148,150	318,961	1,010,537	919,656	- 90,881
Northern Territory	563	3,779	7,765	9,489	1,724
(Australian Produce:	10,353,954	15,982,372	82,034,102	88,619,874	6,585,772
TOTAL (					
(Other Produce	532,934	196,898	2,926,294	2,483,040	- 443,254
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	<u>10,886,888</u>	<u>16,179,270</u>	<u>85,010,396</u>	<u>91,102,914</u>	<u>6,092,518</u>
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES</u>					
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
<u>TOTAL EXPORTS -</u>					
Merchandise ..	9,066,805	13,878,033	73,386,713	77,839,314	4,452,601
Bullion and Specie -					
Gold ..	1,723,481	2,297,622	11,022,614	12,844,961	1,822,347
Silver and Bronze	96,602	3,615	601,069	418,639	- 182,430
<u>TOTAL - Bullion and Specie:</u>	<u>1,820,083</u>	<u>2,301,237</u>	<u>11,623,683</u>	<u>13,263,600</u>	<u>1,639,917</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	<u>10,886,888</u>	<u>16,179,270</u>	<u>85,010,396</u>	<u>91,102,914</u>	<u>6,092,518</u>
<u>ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.</u>					
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
<u>TOTAL EXPORTS -</u>					
Merchandise ..	7,238,966	11,080,266	58,592,185	62,147,157	3,554,972
Bullion and Specie -					
Gold ..	1,378,785	1,838,098	8,818,091	10,275,969	1,457,876
Silver and Bronze	77,127	2,886	479,895	334,242	- 145,653
<u>TOTAL - Bullion and Specie:</u>	<u>1,455,912</u>	<u>1,840,984</u>	<u>9,297,986</u>	<u>10,610,211</u>	<u>1,312,225</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL:</u>	<u>8,694,878</u>	<u>12,921,250</u>	<u>67,890,171</u>	<u>72,757,368</u>	<u>4,867,197</u>

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

Country of Destination	Seven Months 1938-39		Seven Months 1939-40	
	July-January		July-January	
BUTTER				
	lb.	£s.	lb.	£s.
United Kingdom ..	135,800,203	7,406,360	167,720,836	8,733,391
Other British Countries ..	2,739,381	167,597	4,531,758	291,784
China ..	178,674	10,473	365,027	23,049
Egypt ..	684,792	39,482	2,022,964	120,992
Netherlands East Indies ..	2,704,498	169,057	3,126,791	203,700
Other Foreign Countries ..	675,721	41,735	942,392	60,212
TOTAL:	142,783,269	7,834,704	178,709,768	9,433,128
BEEF - PRESERVED BY COLD PROCESS				
	lb.	£s.	lb.	£s.
United Kingdom ..	128,970,182	2,272,886	170,427,279	2,735,429
Other British Countries ..	6,543,707	127,126	8,806,446	163,283
Egypt ..	5,999,536	95,871	5,884,034	98,562
Japan ..	441,654	5,023	-	-
Philippine Islands ..	948,762	19,613	856,716	17,416
Other Foreign Countries ..	236,023	3,767	596,423	9,005
TOTAL:	143,139,864	2,524,286	186,570,898	3,023,695
MUTTON AND LAMB - PRESERVED BY COLD PROCESS.				
	lb.	£s.	lb.	£s.
United Kingdom ..	146,069,102	6,124,499	212,006,039	5,305,456
Other British Countries ..	2,343,240	56,403	2,933,051	64,100
Foreign Countries ..	473,780	11,110	674,096	13,075
TOTAL:	148,886,122	6,192,012	215,613,186	5,382,631
WHEAT				
	cental	£s.	cental	£s.
United Kingdom ..	4,699,889	1,159,776	3,034,268	587,771
India ..	2,479,347	556,160	659,807	150,224
New Zealand ..	470,941	122,405	319,753	68,225
Union of South Africa ..	1,023,442	331,787	-	-
Other British Countries ..	296,213	77,364	381,391	92,975
China ..	171,659	35,550	234,303	61,042
Japan ..	148,696	37,849	129,368	34,593
Other Foreign Countries ..	781,379	230,364	450,999	86,883
For Orders (a) ..	8,830,118	2,205,900	4,329,251	893,554
TOTAL:	18,901,684	4,757,155	9,539,140	1,975,267
(a) Particulars of Final Destination of Wheat shipped "For Orders" not available.				
FLOUR (WHEATEN).				
	cental	£s.	cental	£s.
United Kingdom ..	850,802	259,113	1,033,846	320,965
Ceylon and India ..	216,662	71,462	257,565	89,146
Hong Kong ..	317,621	106,303	117,843	43,025
Malaya (British) ..	797,448	270,346	1,134,644	390,809
Mauritius ..	153,025	46,590	174,045	51,433
Sudan ..	264,235	81,500	311,122	92,132
Other British Countries ..	1,158,171	388,879	754,941	258,718
China ..	1,281,001	457,573	737,292	242,551
Kwantung Peninsula ..	-	-	264,837	81,725
Egypt ..	287,571	92,159	378,123	134,819
Netherlands East Indies ..	1,175,511	410,604	1,555,806	527,360
Philippine Islands ..	343,880	117,655	400,085	132,788
Other Foreign Countries ..	692,853	243,634	723,547	246,881
For Orders ..	-	-	162,103	54,684
TOTAL:	7,538,780	2,545,818	8,005,799	2,667,036

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN

(Continued)

Country of Destination	Seven Months 1938-39		Seven Months 1939-40	
	July-January		July-January	
WOOL - GREASY				
	cental	£A.	cental	£A.
United Kingdom	1,690,614	9,174,740	2,805,993	16,966,220
Other British Countries	9,653	52,947	27,729	192,680
Belgium	639,186	2,759,912	57,651	232,519
Czechoslovakia	61,066	243,466	87	443
France	1,122,236	4,775,553	576,244	1,876,198
Germany	220,402	1,154,998	44,618	217,803
Italy	125,550	666,670	10,583	50,650
Japan	409,550	2,085,446	184,496	1,018,407
Poland	35,023	186,780	4,668	19,284
United States of America	64,859	391,818	91,730	684,500
Other Foreign Countries	162,037	874,359	66,584	320,509
TOTAL:	4,540,176	22,366,689	3,870,383	21,579,213
WOOL - SCOURED AND WASHED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.				
	cental	£A.	cental	£A.
United Kingdom	198,408	1,530,481	222,100	1,809,021
Other British Countries	36,013	331,126	47,221	539,038
Belgium	31,712	240,954	7,192	52,708
China	5,306	58,579	4,516	49,210
Czechoslovakia	6,038	45,109	140	1,174
France	69,689	518,660	32,310	247,307
Germany	13,755	120,767	3,307	26,737
Italy	565	5,611	168	1,739
Japan	8,910	50,907	13,035	110,743
Mexico	6,929	81,813	2,663	27,864
Poland	2,947	24,033	747	7,524
Sweden	12,833	94,903	3,990	29,480
United States of America	4,161	34,397	5,187	57,368
Other Foreign Countries	13,790	118,271	5,260	105,314
TOTAL:	411,056	3,255,611	347,836	3,065,227

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EXPORTS
(Australian Currency Values)

Articles	January		Seven Months		
	1940	1941	1939-40	1940-41	Increase or Decrease
	£k	£k	£k	£k	£k
CLASS I - Foodstuffs of Animal Origin excluding Living Animals					
Butter	2,432,038	1,401,479	10,762,720	5,945,136	-4,817,584
Butter Substitutes ..	872	36,032	3,414	109,602	106,188
Cheese	211,397	260,566	924,285	972,543	48,258
Eggs	19,452	113,362	594,372	1,056,920	462,548
Ments -					
Bacon and Hams ..	26,045	52,271	170,139	219,074	48,935
Potted and Concentrated Preserved by Cold Process	1,087	4,114	20,643	39,056	18,413
Beef	173,229	107,561	3,018,838	2,674,128	-344,710
Lamb	580,786	430,381	4,849,655	3,807,891	-1,041,764
Mutton	66,410	25,262	528,456	195,140	-333,316
Pork	80,069	64,218	666,342	1,001,291	334,949
Rabbits and Hares ..	21,664	877	148,589	94,004	-54,585
Preserved in tins ..	47,137	187,923	425,655	985,229	559,574
Sausage Casings ..	47,972	47,883	287,929	271,466	-16,463
Other	40,057	36,783	410,259	516,633	106,374
Milk and Cream ..	159,959	171,894	699,809	846,892	147,083
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	20,237	7,825	61,615	69,198	7,583
TOTAL - CLASS I:	3,920,411	2,948,371	23,572,720	18,804,203	-4,768,517
CLASS II - Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin, non-alcoholic Beverages and substances used in making					
Aerated Waters, Cocoa and Chocolate, Coffee and Chicory, Chicory, Fruit Juices	5,795	14,971	33,179	84,052	50,873
Biscuits	5,336	12,726	62,903	108,889	45,986
Confectionery	9,333	9,088	72,471	62,258	-10,213
Fodders	12,959	6,411	65,104	30,707	-34,397
Fruits, Dried - Currants	248	8,358	176,398	393,269	216,871
Raisins	3,795	11,833	418,751	1,075,738	656,987
Other	57	1,479	17,766	29,546	11,782
Fruits, Fresh - apples ..	467	207	59,920	71,613	11,693
Citrus	2,021	15,155	160,499	155,510	-12,989
Other	2,627	3,317	17,560	9,743	-7,817
Fruits preserved in liquid	11,109	21,349	619,672	339,013	-280,659
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	24,984	5,772	44,913	16,176	-28,735
Grain and Pulse, unprepared -					
Barley	1,477	9	85,949	83,320	-2,629
Wheat	378,237	1,063,297	1,961,770	6,716,375	4,754,605
Other	2,535	2,500	20,637	59,720	39,083
Grain and Pulse, prepared -					
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	14,106	7,523	207,361	82,489	-124,872
Flour (Wheaten)	536,128	642,631	2,655,186	4,550,303	1,903,117
Rice	7,725	11,732	184,060	159,997	-24,063
Other	19,532	42,632	103,871	184,032	80,161
Infants and Invalids Foods	-	13	75	165	90
Jams and Fruit Jellies ..	22,622	27,533	193,500	223,301	29,501
Sugar	675,568	310,949	4,628,863	3,833,950	-794,913
Ton	3,139	2,977	32,037	24,947	-7,090
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	16,212	21,840	70,693	178,686	107,993
TOTAL - CLASS II:	1,756,415	2,249,207	12,102,450	18,461,003	6,379,345

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EXPORTS (Continued)

Articles	January				Seven Months
	1940	1941	1939-40	1940-41	Increase or Decrease
CLASS III - Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors.	L.	L.	L.	L.	L.
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider and Perry	7,497	133,290	54,251	470,612	416,361
Spirits (Beverages) .. .	15,467	44,086	132,667	178,883	45,221
Wine .. .	2,413	28,117	721,044	297,743	- 423,301
TOTAL - CLASS III:	25,377	205,493	907,962	947,243	39,231
CLASS IV - Tobacco and Preparations thereof					
Cigarettes, Cigars and Snuff	549	10,970	9,593	103,568	92,975
Tobacco	12,705	16,403	154,150	152,452	- 1,698
TOTAL - CLASS IV:	13,254	27,373	163,743	256,020	92,277
CLASS V - Live Animals					
Cattle	900	1,082	4,666	3,086	- 1,520
Horses	6,148	39,333	57,225	86,844	29,619
Sheep	7,436	4,980	65,224	45,372	- 19,852
Other Living Animals .. .	382	433	2,661	2,710	49
TOTAL - CLASS V:	14,866	45,838	129,776	138,012	8,236
CLASS VI - Animal Substances (Mainly Unmanufactured) not Foodstuffs.					
Becho-do-mor	10	2,327	511	4,378	- 3,467
Colatine and Glue of all kinds	7,851	6,546	75,518	62,454	- 6,936
Hides and Skins -					
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	51,613	22,439	456,061	271,149	- 184,921
Fox	966	1,255	33,108	67,277	- 34,031
Kangaroo and Wallaby ..	2,072	23,560	127,063	213,128	85,235
Opussum	46	4,424	8,636	77,990	69,354
Rabbit	41,907	46,592	513,686	1,012,620	499,740
Sheep	277,633	57,157	1,706,566	787,122	- 919,442
Other	3,061	3,075	20,376	11,538	- 9,337
Pearlshell	32,043	14,033	162,958	134,129	- 28,829
Trophus Shell	9,682	2,653	27,400	6,265	- 21,135
Wool - Greasy	5,007,701	4,145,870	23,333,266	17,737,358	- 5,595,306
Scoured and Tops .. .	642,743	372,653	3,168,456	5,150,022	1,981,566
Other Animal Substances ..	6,904	7,864	93,906	48,514	- 45,392
TOTAL - CLASS VI:	6,692,334	4,711,240	29,729,291	25,601,244	- 4,127,947
CLASS VII - Vegetable Sub- stances and Fibres					
Copra	-	-	1,121	12	- 1,109
Fibres - Cotton, raw ..	-	551	-	2,363	- 2,363
Other	6,350	17,257	59,550	56,337	- 36,787
Sandalwood	495	6,125	19,100	28,229	9,129
Seeds	1,829	3,419	42,614	45,584	2,960
Tanning Substances ..	139	7,959	20,399	40,638	19,739
Other Vegetable Substances	3,853	5,655	29,226	25,475	- 4,451
TOTAL - CLASS VII:	12,696	41,066	173,210	236,640	65,436
CLASS VIII: (a) Apparel and Attire; (b) Textiles; (c) Manufactured Fibres					
Boots and Shoes	3,400	3,611	19,932	20,759	827
Other Apparel and Attire ..	7,634	63,413	48,616	223,429	179,813
Piece Goods	6,834	55,992	33,750	230,644	146,054
Other Textiles	5,059	9,316	53,668	76,754	23,086
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	26,346	54,318	162,286	336,239	173,941
TOTAL - CLASS VIII:	51,553	215,351	360,304	692,825	521,521

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EXPORTS (Continued)

Articles	January		Seven months		
	1940	1941	1939-40	1940-41	Increase Decrease
<u>CLASS IX - Oils, Fats and</u>	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA
<u>Taxes.</u>					
Fats and Taxes etc. ..	31,625	11,094	114,929	160,564	45,635
Tallow, unrefined ..	93,550	79,343	407,130	393,905	113,222
Other ..	15,061	24,000	169,035	136,469	30,566
<u>TOTAL - CLASS IX:</u>	145,616	115,917	691,094	592,941	98,153
<u>CLASS X - Paints and Vernishes</u>	12,448	16,744	68,358	112,600	24,522
<u>CLASS XI - Stones and Minerals</u> <u>including Ores and Concentrates</u>	173,563	127,565	1,496,233	1,052,951	443,282
<u>CLASS XII - Metals, Metal Manu-</u> <u>factures and Machinery.</u>					
(a) <u>Machines and Machinery</u>	94,031	205,003	674,538	1,161,091	507,353
(b) <u>Metals and Manufactures</u> <u>other than Machinery</u>	966,915	743,241	7,773,651	6,163,734	1,609,917
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XII:</u>	1,061,746	948,244	8,448,189	7,345,625	1,102,564
<u>CLASS XIII - Rubber and</u> <u>Leather and Manufactures</u> <u>thereof and Substitutes</u> <u>therefor.</u>					
Rubber and Manufactures ..	11,169	26,217	59,277	241,521	182,244
Leather ..	99,389	26,247	608,885	479,813	129,072
Leather Manufactures, etc. ..	2,064	5,920	18,780	37,357	18,577
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XIII:</u>	112,622	58,384	686,942	758,691	71,749
<u>CLASS XIV - Wood and Wicker,</u> <u>Raw and Manufactured.</u>					
Timber ..	50,481	63,793	530,538	539,660	9,122
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	15,103	39,921	98,153	250,534	152,381
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XIV:</u>	65,584	103,714	628,691	790,194	161,503
<u>CLASS XV - Earthenware, Cements</u> <u>China, Glass and Stoneware.</u>	12,186	18,553	99,354	118,192	18,838
<u>CLASS XVI - Paper and Stationery</u>					
Paper ..	8,984	16,896	48,641	60,340	31,699
Stationery ..	29,643	42,261	204,131	161,244	42,887
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XVI:</u>	38,627	59,177	252,772	241,584	11,188
<u>CLASS XVII - Jewellery, Time-</u> <u>pieces and Fancy Goods</u>					
Precious Stones - Unset -					
Pearls, Cameos, etc. ..	2,975	1,516	26,643	7,904	16,739
Other Jewellery, Timepieces and					
Fancy Goods ..	8,296	5,339	62,895	40,632	22,263
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XVII:</u>	11,271	6,855	89,538	48,536	41,002
<u>CLASS XVIII - Optical, Surgical</u> <u>and Scientific Instruments</u>					
Films for Cinematographs,					
Bioscopes, etc. ..	25,287	22,656	125,575	119,560	6,015
Photographic Goods and Mater-					
ials - Cameras, etc. ..	1,177	3,666	41,390	47,614	6,424
Talking Machines, Phonographs,					
etc. ..	2,322	1,311	17,262	17,329	67
Other Optical, Surgical and					
Scientific Instruments ..	7,122	6,277	40,609	45,865	5,276
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XVIII:</u>	35,908	34,510	224,836	230,568	5,752

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EXPORTS (Continued)

Articles	January		Seven Months		Increase or Decrease
	1940	1941	1939-40	1940-41	
<u>CLASS XIX - Drugs, Chemi- cals and Fertilizers</u>	£.	£.	£.	£.	£.
Cocain	7,727	7,430	41,095	27,396	- 13,699
Fertilizers	3,444	2,000	40,304	11,773	- 28,531
Medicines	19,547	17,000	131,191	156,177	24,986
Oils-Essential (non- spirituous) - n.e.i. ..	1,063	1,733	23,493	9,319	- 14,174
Eucalyptus	3,443	20,153	63,153	129,330	66,177
Perfumery and Toilet Pre- parations	5,210	6,546	26,300	36,704	10,396
Other Drugs and Chemicals	39,423	52,266	255,655	337,132	71,477
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XIX:</u>	79,955	107,224	593,199	707,031	114,632
<u>CLASS XX - Miscellaneous</u>					
Miscellaneous articles to Pacific Islands	15,745	12,060	105,711	97,021	- 7,690
Oilmen's Stores	7,404	7,072	50,154	40,000	- 2,074
Personal and Household Effects etc.	4,034	12,309	40,452	70,067	21,575
Soap	9,051	13,366	61,042	77,072	15,230
Goods exported per parcel post	1,210	2,076	20,441	1,342	- 1,599
All other articles	44,467	280,964	310,320	1,303,106	1,492,700
<u>TOTAL - CLASS XX:</u>	84,331	337,527	597,460	2,115,490	1,518,022
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES</u>					
TOTAL (Australian Produce ..	14,377,405	12,134,365	79,570,527	70,403,959	-1,574,568
(Other Produce	151,350	214,519	1,005,611	1,071,642	66,031
<u>GRAND TOTAL MERCHANDISE:</u>	14,528,763	12,378,884	81,044,138	79,475,601	-1,568,537
<u>ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES</u>					
TOTAL EXPORTS - MERCHANDISE:	11,599,611	9,663,340	64,705,090	63,453,573	-1,252,325

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AUSTRALIAN OVERSEA TRADE - FEBRUARY, 1940.

Preliminary totals of the Oversea Trade of Australia for the month of February, 1940, have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson).

Imports of Merchandise in February, 1940, were valued approximately at £stg.13,891,000 as compared with £stg.8,192,000 in February, 1939, an increase of £stg.5,699,000 or 69.6 per cent.

Exports of Merchandise in February, 1940, amounted to approximately £stg.11,474,000 as compared with £stg.8,468,000 in February, 1939, an increase of £3,006,000 or 35.5 per cent.

The unfavourable balance of commodity trade was thus approximately £stg.2,417,000, as compared with a favourable commodity balance of £stg.276,000 in February, 1939.

For the first eight months of the year 1939-40, a favourable commodity balance of £stg.883,000 was recorded compared with an unfavourable commodity balance of £60,000 for the corresponding months of 1938-39.

BALANCE OF TRADE (a).

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

Item	February		Eight Months July - February	
	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 ..	8,468	11,474	67,060	73,621
Imports ..	8,192	13,891	67,120	72,738
<u>Commodity Balance:</u>	276	- 2,417	- 60	883
<u>AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.</u>				
	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000	£A.1,000
Merchandise -				
Exports ..	10,606	14,371	83,993	92,210
Imports ..	10,261	17,399	84,068	91,104
<u>Commodity Balance:</u>	345	- 3,028	- 75	1,106

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

(b) Preliminary figures subject to revision.

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CANBERRA, A.C.T. 8th March, 1940.