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THE FINNISH MARKET REVIEW.

THE MONEY MARKET.

As a rule the autumn causes a seasonal stringency on the money market, as cash is required for financing the harvesting of the clops and for paying taxes, while the autumn imports and the preparations of industrial concerns for the winter season also make considerable demands on the banks. This autumn, too, there have been some signs of this customary seasonal phenomenon. On the whole, however, it can be said that the state of the money market was marked during August and the early part of September by the same steady tendency towards relaxation that had been felt during the summer months. For this reason the Supervisors of the Bank of Finland were able to lower the bank rate on September 4th. This was the third occasion this year, on which the bank rate was lowered, and it has thus dropped from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 per cent and attained a level we have not reached for fifteen years.

Deposits in the Joint Stock banks fell off in August by 40.8 million marks, but the reduction was very insignificant in comparison with the corresponding drop in August, 1932, when it amounted to 238.5 millions. The credits granted by the Joint Stock banks, that had recorded falling figures since May, were reduced in August by 5.4 million marks against a reduction of 45.9 millions in August, 1932. The tension between the credits and deposits of the banks that had amounted to 1,063.9 million marks at the end of last year, but had dropped to only 462.0 millions by the end of July, increased again to 497.4 millions. The cash of the Joint Stock banks that had reached such an unusually high figure as 407.9 million marks at the end of July, decreased in August to 355.8 millions compared with only 204.6 millions a year ago. Simultaneously rediscounted bills at the Bank of Finland fell off from 23.1 to 13.2 million marks, whereas at the end of August, 1932, they amounted to 169.1 millions.

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The position of the Joint Stock banks towards other countries improved in August, as it had done in June and July, so that the net foreign balances of the banks rose from 86.5 to 105.0 million marks. If we include the foreign balances of the Bank of Finland, the net foreign balances of all the banks amounted to 1,070.0 million marks at the end of August. The thousand million mark was thus exceeded for the first time since October, 1930, the lowest point since then having been reached at the end of November, 1932, at no more than 412.6 million marks. Since that date the net foreign balances have increased by about 650 million marks.

The position of the *Bank of Finland* improved appreciably in August. The reserve of foreign currency was raised by 102.8 million marks to 885.0 millions and reached a considerably higher figure than at any time since the autumn of 1931. The credits of the Bank were reduced again by 66.6 million marks to 875.5 millions, partly owing to the reduction in re-discounted bills referred to, but to a

greater extent to the repayment of the Bank's direct credits. The note reserve increased by 50.6 million marks to 677.9 millions, while the ordinary cover grew to 72.8 per cent of the total liabilities of the Bank, whereas the cover amounted to 58.9 per cent a year ago and was no more than 68.3 per cent two years ago, before the gold standard was abandoned. It may be mentioned as a sign of greater activity in economic life that for the first time during a long period the notes in circulation exceeded the amount for the corresponding date a year At the end of last year there were earlier. still over 200 million marks less notes in circulation than a year before.

During the first fortnight in September the reserve of foreign currency at the Bank of Finland was reduced by the insignificant sum of 9.2 million marks, while the total credits fell off by 32.0 million marks. The note reserve increased by 40.7 million marks to 718.6 millions, the highest amount that has occurred since August, 1931.

The level of prices did not change much, but still had a rising tendency. The wholesale price index remained unchanged at 90 compared with 89 one year and 81 two years ago. On the other hand the index for imported goods rose 1 point and the index for exported goods 2 points. The cost of living index also rose 8 points to 1,009 in comparison with 1,020 in August, 1932.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

As in June and July, the balance of trade in August was very favourable. The value of imports amounted to 388.5 million marks against 350.1 millions in July and 332.0 millions in August, 1932, while the value of exports was 579.3 million marks compared with the record exports of 692.4 millions in July and 421.8 millions in August last year. There was thus a surplus of exports amounting to 190.8 million marks, which was, indeed, less than in June and July, but appreciably larger than in the same month last year. For

January—August this year the balance of trade provided a surplus of exports of 821.9 million marks against 843.9 millions last year and 562.7 millions in 1931, both the latter years having resulted in an uncommonly favourable balance of trade.

In August the imports of rye, wheat, bran, coffee, sugar, cotton and wool were on an appreciable scale. Among exports the comparatively high figures for round timber and sawn timber, plywood, mechanical pulp, sulphate cellulose and paper, as well as meat, cheese and eggs, are striking.

It is estimated that the quantity of sawn timber sold up to the middle of September amounted to approximately 755,000 standards, about 40,000 stds having been sold in August and about 15,000 stds in the first fortnight in September. The market has been very quiet, as is natural, seeing that the greater part of this year's production has already been disposed of. It is principally what are known as oddments left over that are available at present. By the end of August 592,800 stds had already been shipped, the total production being estimated at slightly over 800,000 stds. Some contracts have also been made recently for delivery next year, but the time is not yet ripe for a real opening of sales for next season.

THE LABOUR MARKET.

As usual the number of unemployed dropped at the end of July to its lowest point during the year and then began to rise again. For August the increase amounted to about 3,000 compared with approximately 5,500 at the same time last year, and the number of unemployed registered at the Unemployment Boards at the end of August was 22,646 against 28,645 on the same date last year. This reduction of 21 per cent refers chiefly to the country districts, where the increase in lumber work afforded more opportunities of employment. In the towns, on the other hand, the reduction in the number of unemployed was only slight.

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STATISTICS. 1. — WEEKLY STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF FINLAND.

	1932 Mill. Fmk)33 . Fmk	
	¹⁵ /9	²³ /8	³¹ /8	⁸ /9	15/9
ASSETS.	204 0	900 -	DOO •		000 -
I. Gold Reserve	304.3 500.2	322.6 849.7	322.6 885.0	322.6 878.1	322.6 875.8
Foreign Correspondents and Credit abroad II. Foreign Bills	232.5	849.7 288.2	880.0 274.0	275.5	875.8 273.0
II. Foreign Bills Foreign Bank Notes and Coupons	1.0	0.9	274.0	275.5	275.0
Inland Bills	882.9	710.3	702.6	689.1	675.8
III. Loans on Security	103.5	82.2	81.7	85.5	73.2
Advances on Cash Credit	98.6	93.3	91.2	98.5	94.5
Bonds in Foreign, Currency	279.6	197.9	198.1	202.6	199.1
» » Finnish »	65.7	83.9	83.9	83.8	84.5
Bank Premises and Furniture	. 12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Sundry Assets	206.3	241.1	294.4	262.9	294.8
Total	2 686.6	2 882.1	2 946.8	2 911.8	2 906.4
LIABILITIES.					
Notes in circulation Other Liabilities payable on demand:	1 069.7	1 030.1	1 087.1	1 097.4	1 092.9
Bank-Post-Bills	7.0	6.4	6.1	4.2	5.2
Balance of Current Accounts due to the Treasury	8.2	94.5	124.3	116.9	98.4
» » » » » » » Others	95.1	264.1	229.5	205.6	217.6
Credit abroad	191.0	191.0	191.0	191.0	191.0
Foreign Correspondents	3.4	3.0	3.0	4.0	3.0
Sundry Accounts	3.9	6.7	17.4	4.7	3.4
Capital	1 000.0	1 000.0	1 000.0	1 000.0	1 000.0
Reserve Fund	197.5	203.4	203.4	203.4	203.4
Bank Premises and Furniture		12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Earnings less Expenses	98.2 0.6	70.9	73.0	72.6	79.5
Undisposed Profits		<u> </u>			
Total	2 686.6	2 882.1	2 946.8	2 911.8	2 906.4

2. - NOTE ISSUE OF THE BANK OF FINLAND.

	1932		19)33	
	¹⁵ /9	²³ /8	³¹ /8	⁸ /9	15/9
RIGHT TO ISSUE NOTES:					
Gold Reserve and Foreign Correspondents Additional Right of Issue	804.5 1 200.0	1 1 72.3 1 200.0	1 207.6 1 200.0	1 200.7 1 200.0	1 198.4 1 200.0
Total	2 004.5	2 372.3	2 407.6	2 400.7	2 398.4
USED AMOUNT OF ISSUE: Notes in circulation Other Liabilities payable on demand	1 069.7 308.6	1 030.1 565.7	1 087.1 571.3	1 097.4 526.4	1 092.9 518.6
Undrawn Amount of Advances on Cash Credit	58.1	69.3	71.3	64.3	68.3
NOTE RESERVE: Total	1 436.4	1 665.1	1 729.7	1 688.1	1 679.8
Immediately available Dependent on increased supplementary Cover	484.5 83.6	506.6 200.6	455.8 222.1	478.4 234.2	$\begin{array}{c} 468.5\\ 250.1\end{array}$
Total	568.1	707.2	677.9	712.6	718.6
Grand total	2 004.5	2 372.3	2 407.6	2 400.7	2 398.4

Bank Rate since August 5, 1933, 5 0/0.

3. - BANK OF FINLAND. NOTE CIRCULATION AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

End		Note	Circul Mill. Fmk			Fo	reign (Jorresp Mill. Fmk		t s ¹)	End of
Month	1930	1931	1932	1933	Monthly Movement	1930	1931	1932	1933	Monthly Movement	Month
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 360.6 \\ 1 & 259.0 \\ 1 & 369.0 \\ 1 & 447.2 \\ 1 & 439.9 \\ 1 & 391.7 \\ 1 & 373.3 \\ 1 & 373.3 \\ 1 & 355.3 \\ 1 & 355.2 \\ 1 & 355.2 \\ 1 & 355.2 \\ 1 & 313.4 \\ 1 & 262.7 \\ 1 & 279.4 \\ \end{bmatrix}$	1 230.6 1 305.2 1 319.5 1 301.5 1 256.7 1 232.0 1 204.4 1 189.1 1 200.9 1 264.0 1 237.4 1 292.9	1 220.5 1 271.3 1 299.4 1 224.5 1 167.6 1 136.2 1 087.7 1 075.0 1 089.5 1 065.6 1 065.7 1 085.3	1 047.3 1 125.7 1 183.0 1 177.8 1 124.5 1 096.6 1 080.9 1 087.1	$\begin{array}{r} - 38.0 \\ + 78.4 \\ + 57.3 \\ - 5.2 \\ - 53.3 \\ - 27.9 \\ - 15.7 \\ + 6.2 \end{array}$	[669.5] 705.2 738.9 933.3 946.0 1 023.9 877.1 948.8 906.5 869.0 855.7 812.5 812.9	732.4 740.4 761.0 721.7 719.6 662.3 642.2 591.4 462.3 365.4 305.2 412.5	$\begin{array}{c} 419.9\\ 585.1\\ 650.3\\ 598.0\\ 549.9\\ 454.4\\ 438.5\\ 510.5\\ 499.0\\ 464.5\\ 499.0\\ 464.5\\ 458.8\\ 505.1\end{array}$	687.6 771.9 772.9 771.6 756.2 762.2 782.2 885.0	+ 182.5 + 84.3 + 1.0 - 1.3 - 15.4 + 6.0 + 20.0 + 102.8	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

) Credit balances with foreign correspondents. From December, 1931 up to July, 1932 including a Credit abroad, which amounted to 95.5 mill. Fmk and from August, 1932 a Credit abroad amounting to 191.0 mill. Fmk.

4. — BANK OF FINLAND. ORDINARY COVER, NOTE RESERVE AND HOME LOAN	4. — BANK OF FINLAND.	ORDINARY COVER,	NOTE RESERVE	AND HOME LOANS
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End of		rdin e ercentage					Reser l. Fmk			8 ¹)	End		
Month	1931	1932	1933	Monthly Movement	1931	1932	1933	Monthly Movement	1931	1932	1933	Monthly Movement	Month
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[74.90] 73.76 70.06 73.61 70.27 68.17 68.21 70.91 68.26 61.98 46.97 42.17 46.07	49.76 54.02 60.44 62.52 61.59 58.60 56.82 58.90 56.14 54.27 53.84 55.21	61.49 62.88 66.74 68.54 66.99 67.39 68.23 72.82	+6.28 +1.39 +3.86 +1.80 1.55 +0.40 +0.84 +4.59	[792.7] 788.6 715.3 761.2 729.5 677.1 702.3 754.5 727.9 684.3 392.9 312.1 306.2	415.9 392.9 520.7 614.4 613.5 616.2 579.4 571.3 525.6 507.2 497.4 492.1	521.0 511.7 612.8 652.0 622.2 625.2 627.3 677.9	$\begin{array}{r} + & 28.9 \\ - & 9.3 \\ + & 101.1 \\ + & 39.2 \\ - & 29.8 \\ + & 3.0 \\ + & 2.1 \\ + & 50.6 \end{array}$	[934.9] 855.7 833.3 824.2 756.3 797.8 772.9 736.8 767.4 878.7 1 157.3 1 348.8 1 309.2	1 128.8 1 059.9 972.8 945.1 944.0 950.4 992.8 1 023.7 1 173.0 1 219.6	970.1 994.1 962.8 957.8 964.7 942.1 875.5	$ \begin{array}{r} - 87.7 \\ + 24.0 \\ - 31.3 \\ - 5.0 \\ + 6.9 \\ - 22.6 \\ \end{array} $	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

') Inland Bills, Loans on Security and Advances on Cash Credit.

5. - BANK OF FINLAND. RE-DISCOUNTED BILLS AND BALANCES OF CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

End of Month	1		unted B l. Fmk	ills ')	Balance of Current Accounts due to the Treasury Mill. Fmk					Balance of Current Accounts due to others than the Treasury Mill. Fmk				
MOIIT	1931	1932	1933	Monthly Movement	1931	1932	1933	Monthly Movement	1931	1932	1933	Monthly Movement	Month	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec,	[149.6] 118.3 87.3 103.2 41.2 40.8 40.3 38.8 98.2 165.8 324.9 466.0 482.8	386.5 253.5 185.4 145.6 147.1 137.6 134.4 169.1 229.2 246.6 284.1 301.1	238.8 147.2 95.5 61.8 44.1 31.9 23.1 13.2	$ \begin{array}{r} -62.3 \\ -91.6 \\ -51.7 \\ -33.7 \\ -17.7 \\ -12.2 \\ -8.8 \\ -9.9 \\ \end{array} $	[153.6] 11.4 70.8 6.9 112.3 70.7 31.3 25.2 38.6 123.0 55.9	106.5 5.0 8.3 18.3 10.1 66.9 91.7	125.4 211.4 68.7 3.1 20.2 23.8 61.7 124.3	$\begin{array}{r} + 33.7 \\ + 86.0 \\ - 142.7 \\ - 65.6 \\ + 17.1 \\ + 3.6 \\ + 37.9 \\ + 62.6 \end{array}$	[22.8] 119.6 55.7 66.7 90.9 83.4 61.9 56.8 65.7 65.0 41.9 51.3	98.5 140.6 150.9 88.5 105.2 40.1 96.7 78.4 110.2 121.4 75.0 62.8	213.7 167.4 148.7 177.6 233.7 260.5 262.3 229.5	+150.9 - 46.3 - 18.7 + 28.9 + 56.1 + 26.8 + 1.8 - 32.8	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	

) Included in home loans, see table 4. Re-discounted BiJs according to the monthly statements of the Bank of Finland. The figures in brackets [] indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

		Yearly a	average			Monthly	average		
Î	Parity	1931 ¹)	1932		1932			1933	_
	<u> </u>			June	July	August	June	July	August
New York London Stockholm Berlin Paris Brussels Amsterdam Basle Oslo Copenhagen Prague Rome Reval Riga Madrid Warsaw Montreal	39: 70 193: 23 1 064: 07 945: 84 155: 56 552: 08 1 596: 766: 13 1 064: 07 1 064: 07 1 064: 07 1 17: 64 208: 98 1 064: 07 766: 13 766: 13 766: 13 445: 42 39: 70	$\begin{array}{c} 193:99\\ 1081:14\\ 1039:93\\ 170:93\\ 607:79\\ 1755:45\\ 846:77\\ 1073:76\\ 1074:32\\ 129:59\\ 227:42\\ 1160:08\\ 835:33\\ 413:76\\ 491:51\end{array}$	64: 89 226: 49 1 195: 06 1 542: 83 254: 91 903: 42 2 616: 33 1 259: 83 1 259: 83 1 164: 21 1 215: 86 1 93: 03 333: 36 1 709: 21 1 229: 78 524: 20 731: 48 57: 16	$1115:63\\1411:54\\234:48\\829:83\\2410:04\\1163:17\\1078:88\\1187:71\\177:21\\305:46\\1600:42\\1169:38\\492:33\\671:17$	66: 24 235: 27 1 207: 89 1 573: 54 259: 81 920: 47 2 670: 20 1 290: 62 1 169: 08 1 274: 35 1 96: 65 338: 65 1 740: 77 1 221: 93 535: 43 746: 73 57: 78	$\begin{array}{c} 67:14\\ 233:19\\ 1198:37\\ 1598:-\\ 263:16\\ 931:67\\ 2702:52\\ 1306:74\\ 1169:15\\ 1244:22\\ 199:15\\ 343:74\\ 1764:81\\ 1225:19\\ 541:44\\ 756:07\\ 58:70\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 227: \\ -1 \ 168: \ 17\\ 1 \ 582: \ 17\\ 264: \ 20\\ 937: \ 25\\ 2 \ 697: \ 67\\ 1 \ 296: \ 17\\ 1 \ 147: \ 29\\ 1 \ 013: \\ -200: \ 54\\ 351: \ 13\\ 1 \ 756: \ 25\\ 1 \ 283: \ 33\\ 571: \ 67\\ 754: \ 75\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 49:07\\ 227:-\\ 1171:38\\ 1623:81\\ 266:67\\ 950:15\\ 2744:92\\ 1315:88\\ 1141:-\\ 1014:77\\ 202:15\\ 360:96\\ 1192:69\\ 1290:77\\ 570:58\\ 762:58\\ 762:58\\ 46:34\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 50:51\\ 227:\\ 1171:96\\ 1650:11\\ 270:90\\ 965:48\\ 2791:67\\ 1337:44\\ 1143:22\\ 1015:-\\ 204:44\\ 364:37\\ 1212:44\\ 1309:44\\ 579:-\\ 770:30\\ 47:65\end{array}$

6. - RATES OF EXCHANGE QUOTED BY THE BANK OF FINLAND.

) Since the suspension of the gold standard on October 12th, 1931 the market rates have been taken into account in calculating the monthly and yearly averages.

7. - HOME DEPOSITS IN THE JOINT STOCK BANKS. 1)

End of Month	Curr	ent Accou Mill. Fmk		D	eposits Mill. Fmk			Total Mill. Fmk		Mon Move		End of Month
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1932	1933	Montai
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 555.5 \\ 1 715.6 \\ 1 689.9 \\ 1 549.8 \\ 1 532.6 \\ 1 559.9 \\ 1 561.2 \\ 1 597.3 \\ 1 561.0 \\ 1 497.0 \\ 1 595.6 \\ 1 551.0 \\ 1 635.0 \\ \end{bmatrix}$		1 765.3 1 837.9 1 853.9 1 859.8 1 859.6 1 838.7 1 895.9 1 902.0	$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 142.3 \\ 6 & 146.3 \\ 6 & 153.8 \\ 6 & 256.0 \\ 6 & 263.3 \\ 6 & 218.2 \\ 6 & 313.2 \\ 6 & 291.3 \\ 6 & 291.3 \\ 6 & 292.8 \\ 6 & 130.8 \\ 5 & 895.3 \\ 5 & 595.3 \\ 5 & 744.7 \\ 5 & 743.5 \end{bmatrix}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5 & 715.3 \\ 5 & 692.6 \\ 5 & 753.6 \\ 5 & 738.9 \\ 5 & 698.9 \\ 5 & 796.1 \\ 5 & 767.6 \\ 5 & 702.8 \\ 5 & 626.1 \\ 5 & 558.9 \\ 5 & 493.5 \\ 5 & 547.5 \end{array}$	5 566.5 5 586.0 5 672.1 5 674.0 5 655.0 5 763.3 5 770.7 5 723.8	7 843.7 7 805.8 7 795.9 7 778.1 7 874.4 7 888.6	7 680.8 7 624.3 7 675.7 7 634.4 7 530.3 7 637.3 7 637.3 7 687.6 7 449.1 7 275.3 7 150.4 7 039.9	7 423.9 7 526.0 7 573.8 7 514.6 7 602.0 7 666.6	+ 51.4	-59.2 + 87.4 + 64.6 - 40.8	Febr. March April May

Tables 7-9 according to Finnish Official Statistics VII, D, Bank Statistics.) In the tables 7-9 Mortgage banks are not included. — *) Actual current accounts and home correspondents. — *) Deposit accounts and savings accounts.

8. - HOME LOANS GRANTED BY THE JOINT STOCK BANKS.

End of Month	Ī	nland Bill Mill. Fmk		Loans	and Adva Mill. Fmk			Total Mill. Fmk		Mon Move	-•	End of Month
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	<u>1932</u>	1933	1932	1933	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[2 696.3] 2 652.7 2 630.5 2 594.0 2 594.0 2 532.5 2 479.3 2 383.3 2 376.0 2 418.6 2 411.6 2 273.1	2 292.5 2 191.6 2 103.3 2 030.7 1 988.8 1 955.9 2 045.2 2 012.7 1 995.4 1 938.6 1 903.2 1 828.5	1 597.2	6 617.5 6 513.7 6 536.9 6 587.8 6 557.2 6 604.7	$\begin{array}{c} 6 \ 536.4 \\ 6 \ 451.5 \\ 6 \ 428.4 \\ 6 \ 542.9 \\ 6 \ 474.3 \\ 6 \ 566.1 \\ 6 \ 532.6 \\ 6 \ 519.2 \\ 6 \ 506.1 \\ 6 \ 496.9 \\ 6 \ 506.3 \\ 6 \ 390.1 \end{array}$	6 466.8 6 526.9 6 572.5 6 599.0 6 553.9 6 575.8 6 559.8 6 559.8 6 578.2	9 248.0 9 149.7 9 130.9 9 120.3 9 036.5 8 988.0		8 204.6 8 207.9 8 229.0 8 255.7 8 174.1 8 173.0 8 128.6 8 123.2	-110.5 + 58.9	$\begin{array}{c} -16.8 \\ + 3.3 \\ + 21.1 \\ + 26.7 \\ - 81.6 \\ - 1.1 \\ - 44.4 \\ - 5.4 \end{array}$	Febr. March April May June

¹) Home loans, cash credits and home correspondents. The figures in brackets [] indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

Net Claims (+) and Net In-Monthly Movement Claims¹) Indebtedness²) End of debtedness (-) End of Mill, Fmk Mill, Fmk of Net Claims Mill. Fmk Month Month 1931 1932 1933 1931 1932 1931 1932 1933 1933 1932 1933 [224.0] [358.2] -134.2] 120.4 321.7 176.8 103.4 + 71.6 25.5 + 28.0 Jan. 218.3 248.4 145.9 - 30.1 Jan. - 5.5 225.4 Febr. 193.2 144.3 362.3 188.4 124.3 136.9 + 4.8 + 20.0 - 66.8 Febr. + 46.9 27.8 162.9 120.9 -162.1 372.0 +42.1+ March 209.9 209.8 148.7 7.8 March - 17.8 378.6 153.3 129.3 -168.6 + 25.6 10.0 April 210.0 178.9 139.3 + - 21.3 April + 20.4 Mav 369.0 162.0 144.7 -151.1 217.9 182.4 125.9 18.8 - 5.2 - 28.8 May - 35.7 254.4 308.2 186.2 189.5 53.8 -- 15.3 +7.1 + 25.9 June 170.9 196.6 June + 30.1+ 53.1 + 26.6 + 86.5 255.1 183.2 + 41.9 **∔** 79.4 July 285.2 177.8 269.7 151.2 July . --- 82.6 101.7 243.4 173.9 - 56.0 Aug. 296.5 278.9 157.7 +105.0+18.5Aug. 30.8 Sept. 205.0 97.4 235.8 159.9 - 62.5 6.5 Sept. 11.4 87.9 155.7 155.8 +- 67.9 Oct. Oct. 167.1 5.4 197.0 172.5 +12.2Nov. 207.9 116.8 + 10.9 --- 55.7 Nov. 196.2 132.3 +101.7 - 2.5 297.9 129.8 + 53.2Dec. Dec.

9. - POSITION OF THE JOINT STOCK BANKS TOWARDS FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

) Credit balances with foreign correspondents and foreign bills. - *) Due to foreign correspondents (85-95 % foreign deposits in Fmks).

10. - POSITION OF THE BANKS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES. 1)

11. --- CLEARING.³)

			Net Cl Mill. E	aims			Monthly	Ī	19	32	19	33	
End of			<u>MIII.</u>	<u>шк</u>			Move- ment of		Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Month
Month	1928	1929	19 30	1931	1932	1933	Net Claims			Mill. Fmk		Mill. Fmk	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	[1 296.3] 1 277.4 1 050.9 853.8 731.1 468.4 437.8 483.0 545.7 492.9 473.6 491.0	500.3 374.5 328.4 242.6 111.1 101.9 203.4 255.8 323.0 321.0 305.1	453.2 455.6 739.1 785.5 1 087.5 1 108.7 1 375.2 1 351.3 1 274.6 1 142.7 907.1	811.8 769.1 789.3 753.5 787.5 805.7 867.6 843.5 610.1 581.2 497.2	630.0 741.7 843.5 742.9 692.8 574.8 601.9 489.3 466.7 431.3 412.6		-15.8 -27.4 +7.9		126 235 103 917 104 132 116 108 112 961 113 072 112 628 106 550 113 010 124 831 119 117 128 880	1 433.4 1 290.5 1 346.5 1 328.8 1 331.4 1 398.9 1 443.1 1 442.3 1 488.7 1 440.2 1 546.7	106 709 118 631 112 929 123 597 119 131 116 470 106 819	1 492.3 1 450.9 1 466.4 1 343.4 1 405.2 1 437.6 1 425.4 1 458.9	April May June
Dec.	471.7	432.7	798.7	590.4	540.9			Ŀ	1 381 441	17 146.4		·	Total

³) For the Bank of Finland balances with foreign correspondents and foreign bills are taken into account as well as credits due to foreign correspondents, and for the Joint Stock Banks their net position is taken into account as in table 9 above. ³) Indicates the clearing operations participated in by the Joint Stock Banks at the Head Office and five Branch Offices of the Bank of Finland.

12. - DEPOSITS IN THE SAVINGS BANKS.

End of Month		h the tow Mill. Fml		Iı	n the cou Mill. Fm			Total Mill. Fmk			nthly ement	End of Month
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1932	1933	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[2 104.9] 2 125.8 2 133.0 2 155.0 2 155.0 2 159.8 2 152.0 2 135.8 2 141.9 2 137.4 2 123.0 2 074.7 2 049.3 2 146.4	2 165.1 2 162.0 2 171.5 2 170.7 2 164.5 2 145.1 2 148.1 2 148.1 2 112.0 2 098.5 2 081.1 2 187.8	2 205.2* 2 222.5* 2 244.5* 2 251.0* 2 249.6* 2 239.6* 2 245.2* 2 241.5*	2 063.9 2 066.1 2 070.1 2 061.8 2 041.1 2 033.4	2 048.5 2 042.5 2 042.9 2 031.8 2 025.8 2 005.5 1 984.0 1 971.7 1 955.1 1 929.9 2 028.3	2 023.6* 2 033.2* 2 034.5* 2 033.9* 2 016.9* 2 005.7* 2 005.0*	[4170.4] 4187.1 4229.9 421.1 4229.9 4213.8 4176.9 4175.3 4155.9 4122.9 4122.9 405.8 4007.7 ¹)4212.8	4 213.6 4 204.5 4 214.4 4 202.5 4 190.3 4 150.6 4 132.1 4 110.8 4 066.7 4 033.6 4 011.0 ²)4 216.1	$\begin{array}{c} 4 & 225.7 * \\ 4 & 246.1 * \\ 4 & 277.7 * \\ 4 & 285.5 * \\ 4 & 283.5 * \\ 4 & 256.5 * \\ 4 & 250.9 * \\ 4 & 246.5 * \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} + & 0.8 \\ - & 9.1 \\ + & 9.9 \\ - & 11.9 \\ - & 12.2 \\ - & 39.7 \\ - & 18.5 \\ - & 21.3 \\ - & 44.1 \\ - & 23.1 \\ - & 22.6 \\ + & 205.1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} + & 9.6^{*} \\ + & 20.4^{*} \\ + & 31.6^{*} \\ + & 7.8^{*} \\ - & 2.0^{*} \\ - & 27.0^{*} \\ - & 5.6^{*} \\ - & 4.4^{*} \end{array}$	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

Deposits in the Savings Banks, including long-term deposits and current accounts, according to figures supplied by the Central Statistical Office.

¹⁾ Increased by 268.s mill. Fmk interest for 1931. — ²) Increased by 242.5 mill. Fmk interest for 1932. The figures in brackets [] indicate the position at the end of the previous year
 ^{*}) Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

13. - DEPOSITS IN POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK AND IN CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES.

End of Month		Deposits in Post Office Savings Bank ') Mill. Fmk 1930 1931 1932 1933				thly ment	Cred	s in Co-op it Societi Mill. Fmk			nthly ement	End of Month
	1930	1931	1932	1933	1932	19 33	1931	1932	1933	1932	1933	-
January February March April May June July August September October November December	[224.7] 226.3 228.0 229.9 230.4 229.5 228.8 229.5 230.5 230.5 230.5 230.9 228.8 228.8 228.8	243.4 245.1 247.7 246.4 246.4 246.4 248.0 248.8 250.2 251.5 253.6	273.7 277.7 280.9 282.4 283.0 285.1 285.1 285.1 284.8 284.8 284.9	302.2* 306.7* 312.1* 313.4* 313.5* 313.5* 315.3* 314.5*	+ 4.0 + 3.2 + 1.5 - 0.1	+3.4* +4.6* +5.4* +0.1* +0.1* +1.8* -0.8*	[402.5] 406.3 414.0 423.0 427.0 423.6 429.5 432.7 431.0 427.0 418.7 417.8 420.2	421.5 425.9 434.1 432.9 429.9 435.0 434.6 431.0 428.3 422.2 419.0 423.6	424.7 427.0 444.0 443.8 441.8 444.4 443.8	+1.3 +4.4 +8.2 -1.2 -3.0 +5.1 -3.6 -2.7 -6.1 -3.2 +4.6	+ 2.3 + 17.0 - 0.2 - 2.0 + 2.6 - 0.6	April May June

3) According to Finnish Official Statistics VII, D, Bank Statistics. - *) According to data supplied by the Central Bank for Co-operative Agricultural Credit Societies. - *) Increased by 15.1 mill. Fmk interest for 1930. - *) Increased by 14.1 mill. Fmk interest for 1931. - *) Increased by 15.1 mill. Fmk interest for 1932.

14. - DEPOSITS IN CONSUMERS' CO-**OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.**

15. -- NEW RISKS INSURED BY LIFE ASSURANCE **COMPANIES.**

	Deposits on Savings Monthly						New risks accepted by Finnish Life Assurance Companies						
End of Month	-	ccounts ¹ Mill, Fmk	-		ment	1	931	1	932	19	933	End of Month	
	1931	1932	1933	1932	1933	Number	Amount Mill. Fmk	Number	Amount Mill. Fmk	Number	Amount Mill. Fmk		
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[440.8] 441.4 443.7 447.1 444.3 436.0 442.4 438.7 434.0 427.0 413.0 405.0 405.4	406.3 407.0 407.1 404.0 397.7 402.7 398.5 393.2 388.5 383.1 380.2 384.2	384.8 387.9 392.7 392.5 388.2 393.1 391.0 387.9	+0.7 +0.1 -3.1 -6.3 +5.0 -4.2	+0.6 +3.1 +4.8 -0.2 -4.3 +4.9 -2.1 -3.1	4 450 6 341 7 989 6 541 5 666 5 898 4 530 4 636 4 895 5 024 4 929 7 531	71.4 107.7 125.5 103.1 94.6 91.9 74.9 80.3 81.9 82.4 76.6 130.1	$\begin{array}{r} 3\ 582\\ 4\ 822\\ 5\ 614\\ 4\ 969\\ 4\ 313\\ 4\ 324\\ 3\ 039\\ 4\ 160\\ 4\ 133\\ 5\ 055\\ 5\ 436\\ 7\ 962\end{array}$	54.5 67.6 75.3 73.4 65.6 65.3 45.1 63.2 65.1 74.9 75.4 130.7	4 593* 5 244* 4 933* 5 120* 4 916* 3 942* 4 701*	$\begin{array}{c} 49.1^{*} \\ 64.5^{*} \\ 70.9^{*} \\ 66.9^{*} \\ 70.3^{*} \\ 69.3^{*} \\ 55.3^{*} \\ 64.0^{*} \end{array}$	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	
ative Wh	ording to olesale So	data supj ociety au	d the Co	he Finnish p-operativ	1 Co-oper- e Whole-	68 430 46 051	1120.4 749.4	57 409 34 823		37 042*	510.3*	Total JanAug.	

According to data supplied by the Finnish Co-oper-ative Wholesale Society and the Co-operative Whole-sale Association. Interest added to capital in June and December.

According to information supplied by Life Assurance Companies.

16. - CHANGES IN NUMBER AND CAPITAL OF LIMITED COMPANIES.

Year and		panies inded	Increase of capital		Companies liquidated		Companies with reduced capital			erease (+) netion (-)	Year and
Quarter	Num- ber	Capital Mill. Fmk	Num- ber	Mill. Fmk	Num- ber	Capital Mill. Fmk	Num- ber	Reduction of capital Mill. Fmk	Num- ber	Capital Mill. Fmk	Quarter
192 9 1930 1931	558 547 682	280.8 185.0 383.7	346 206 163	615.8 212.6 118.7		276.7 124.6 462.8	9 10 6	19.4 15.0 6.8	+351 +328 +332	– 258.0	1929 1930 1931
1932 Jan. — March April — June July — Sept. Oct. — Dec.		31.1 183.3 304.6 29.2	37 39 32 32	73.1 9.6 20.9 17.6	165 60	235.6 62.7 23.6 38.1	2 4 	8.5 2.1 3.5	+ 43 + 37 + 125 + 149	+ 128.1 + 301.9	1932 Jan. — March April — June July — Sept. Oct. — Dec.
1933 Jan. — March April — June July — Sept. Oct. — Dec.	193 161	30.3 21.5	21 38	15.5 47.9		43.0 35.1	4 5	9.1 38.3	+120 + 88		1933 Jan. — March April — June July — Sept. Oct. — Dec.

According to information supplied by the Central Statistical Office. *Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

17. — STOCK EXCHANGE.	BANKRUPTCIES.	PROTESTED	BILLS.

		over of		Banl	cruptcie	S ²)			Prot	ested	Bills	8)			
Month		xchange Mill. Fm		1	Tumber			Nur	aber			Amo Mill.	ount Fmk		Month
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1930	1931	1932	1933	1930	1931	1932	1933	
January	23.7	20.4	14.8	199	215*	146*	1 956	2 018	2 331	994	12.6			4.2	January
February March	28.3	14.6 11.8	15.0 11.7	201 227	156*	137* 136*	1 766 2 039	1 891	2 030 1 987	799 1 014	12.7			5.7	February March
April May June	14.4 12.9 17.6	13.9 8.4 8.3	15.7 11.7 8.7	205 200 174	188* 160* 137*	139* 126* 78*	1 723 1 701 1 508	1 938 2 232 2 367	1 575 1 640 1 477	865 880 832	11.2 10.6 13.9	14.7 11.4 13.6	8.5 7.9 8.3	4.2	April May June
July August	9.2 9.4	7.2 9.9	7.5 15.0	179 179	99* 124*	71*	1517	2 280	1658 1486	627 620	8.7	12.2 13.8		2.1	July
September October	15.9 57.9	12.4 15.1	10.0	219 226	143* 184*		1 296 1 416	2 021	1 338 1 386	010	8.1 8.3	15.2 16.2	5.5		September
November December	54.1 43.2	24.0 16.4		235 173	161* 126*		1 459 1 998	2 419 2 713	1 167 1 046		8.1 10.5	11.2	4.6 3.8		November December
Total	306.0	162.4		2 417	1 915*		19 824	26 343	19 121		127.0	162.7	103.8		Total

18. — STOCE	EXCHANGE	INDEX.
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			Shares								
Month	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	Month
January February March April May June July August September October November December	150 148 142 138 140 137 136 133 126 121 124 124	126 129 129 138 141 135 132 132 126 122 118 114	113 112 109 107 102 98 99 97 94 103 109 109	105 102 103 98 96 94 95 98 101 98 98 97	97 95 100 103 103 105 106 109	102 103 103 103 103 102 101 99 99 98 98 98	98 99 98 99 100 101 101 102 102 101 98 97	100 102 103 102 102 100 97 95 90 92 88	85 92 94 95 97 96 98 99 99 99 99 99 99 99	98 99 101 102 104 107 110 110	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Whole year	135	129	104	99 To the		101	100	97	96		Whole year

According to figures published in Unitas. In the above series the average price for 1926 = 100.

19. - NATIONAL DEBT.

End of Year	Δ	ccording	to the O Mill.	fficial B Fmk ¹)	ook-keep	ing		Calc	ulated in	Mill. D	ollars ²])	End of Year
and	Fur	nded	Short-ter	m credit		Monthly	Far	ded	Short-ter	m credit	Total	Monthly	and
Month	Foreign	Internal	Foreign	Internal	Total	Movement	Foreign	Internal	Foreign	Internal		Movement	Month
1930 1931 1932	2 521.3 2 468.2 2 431.7	360.5	178.6 348.9 350.9	64.6	3 057.1 3 242.2 3 471.9	•	76.3 69.7 68.3	9.0 5.2 7.3	4.5 8.5 7.3	0.9 2.7	89.8 84.3 85.6		1930 1931 1932
1932 Aug.	2 444.7	420.5	262.9	134.0	3 262.1	— 27.0	69.3	6.3	6.5	2.0	84.1	1.0	1932 Aug.
1933 June July Aug.	2 407.1 2 406.6 2 388.7	611.7	487.9 472.3 472.7	167.8	3 673.8 3 658.4 3 619.9	- 15.4	70.8 72.7 71.8	11.1 12.5 12.0	10.0 10.5 10.4	3.1 3.4 3.0	95.0 99.1 97.2	+ 4.1	1933 June July Aug.

According to data supplied by the Treasury.) Internal loans are given at their nominal value. Foreign loans are given in Finnish currency according to the rate ruling on the date of the raising of the loan. — *) Calculated as follows: The loans raised in the country have been calculated in dollars, according to the average rate of exchange of each month. The loans, negotiated abroad, which are all issued in different currencies, are grouped according to the proportion of currencies, shown by the coupons paid, and converted into dollars at the rate of exchange just mentioned.

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			Cur	rent rev	enue 1) de	erived fi	om		Princi-	E	xpenditu	ILLE	
Month	Total revenue	Income and Property taxes	Excise on spirits, wines, etc.	Stamp duty	Interests and Divi- dends	State Rail- ways ")	Post and Tele- graph ^s)	State Forests ^a)	pal capital revenue	Total	Current	Capital	Month
		-		M	till. Fmk,					1	Mill. Fn	uk) <u></u>
1932 JanJuly	1 370.6	68.9	11.3	107.0	57.5	4.7	10.8	20.5	213.8	1 493.2	1 314.8	178.4	1932 JanJuly
1933 JanJuly	1 584.9	61.4	45.3	111.1	108.8	39.1	13.6	29.0	113.4	1 662.7	1 370.7	292.0	1933 JanJuly
1933 Budget	2 877.4	400.0	95.0	185.0	155.7	7.9	23.2	47.7	215.4	2 877.3	2 398.9	478.4	1933 Budge

20. - STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

According to preliminary figures compiled by the Treasury from the monthly accounts.) The current revenue derived from Customs duty, and other State receipts collected by the Customs are specified in table 21 below. -) The figures given refer to net revenue.

21. — STATE RECEIPTS COLLECTED BY	THE	CUSTOMS.
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		Customs	duty on	E	xcise o	n l				
Month	Total Receipts	Imported goods incl. Storage Charges	Exported goods	Tobacco	Matches	Sweets	Fines	Light Dues	Resti- tutions	Month
				1 000 F	mk				1 000 Fmk	
1932 July August JanAug.	122 439 176 678 854 912	110 940 145 307 672 911	192 179 651	4 868 22 769 109 658	1 126 915 8 744	439 1 745 9 100	507 195 3 492	2 739 2 400 13 001	4 568 4 264 33 703	1932 July August JanAug.
1933 July August JanAug.	144 746* 163 353* 1 011 844*		52* 105* 456*	14 417* 15 441* 106 637*	1 009* 1 176* 8 964*	1 070* 1 058* 8 291*	595* 331* 2 414*	3 738* 3 110* 16 452*		1933 July August JanAug.
1933 Budget		1 145 000 g to Finnish	3 500	170 000	13 000	13 000		20 000		1933 Budge

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Month		Imports 1. F. Value Mill. Fmk	»	(F	Exports O. B. Valu Mill. Fmk	e)	Surplu	Month		
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	223.3 192.1 246.2 272.2 329.0 304.0 303.4 289.9 334.8 349.9 360.2 259.7	170.4 164.9 171.1 222.7 310.7 314.5 300.5 332.0 367.5 393.2 373.3 381.5	216.0* 191.4* 255.1* 257.0* 383.9* 353.0* 350.1* 388.5*	226.4 259.0 359.5 494.6 515.8 422.4 440.1 396.7 448.8 448.3	269.5 318.8 211.5 290.9 326.0 493.6 498.6 421.8 454.8 454.8 470.7 461.6 413.7	294.6* 232.5* 257.9* 254.6* 318.1* 587.5* 692.4* 579.3*	$\begin{array}{r} + & 4.7 \\ - & 19.8 \\ - & 13.2 \\ + & 30.5 \\ + & 190.6 \\ + & 212.4 \\ + & 132.5 \\ + & 105.3 \\ + & 46.8 \\ + & 88.6 \\ + & 188.6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} + 153.9 \\ + 40.4 \\ + 68.2 \\ + 15.3 \\ + 179.1 \\ + 198.1 \\ + 89.8 \\ + 87.3 \\ + 77.5 \\ + 88.3 \\ + 32.2 \end{array}$	+ 2.8* - 2.4* - 65.8* +234.5* +342.3* +190.8*	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total JanAug.	3 464.7 2 160.1	3 502.3 1 986.8	2 395.0*	4 456.7 2 722.8	4 631.5 2 830.7	3 216.9*	+ 992.0 + 562.7		+821.9*	Total JanAug.

22. - VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

The term imports covers all imported goods which are placed on the market either immediately after importation or after storage. Exports covers all goods exported from the open market, including re-exports. Goods are declared to the Customs by their owner, who must at the same time state the value of the goods as calculated at the frontiers of the country.
* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

23. - VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN DIFFERENT GROUPS OF GOODS.*

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f group.	Groups of Goods			(C, I.	ports F. Value l. Fmk)				(F. O.	ports B. Value) . Fmk		
No. of		Aug.	July	Aug.	Janu	ary—Aug	ust	Aug.	July	Aug.	Janu	ary—Au	gust
		1933	1933	1932	1933	1932	1931	1933	1933	1932	1933	1932	1931
12345	Live animals Food obtained from animals Cereals and their products Fodder and seed Fruit, vegetables, live plants, etc	0.0 4.6 44.9 16.9 4.3	0.0 1.9 39.0 7.3 4.9	0.0 1.8 34.8 6.5 5.7	$\begin{array}{c} 0.3 \\ 21.1 \\ 234.7 \\ 94.3 \\ 51.2 \end{array}$	0.3 17.4 193.0 69.6 49.4	2.0 24.0 152.1 117.7 62.3	0.2 40.9 0.3 0.6 2.5	0.1 32.6 0.0 0.0	0.3 41.6 0.1 0.1 0.9	2.1 284.6 0.5 2.1 3.1	2.3 349.7 1.0 1.9 1.4	2.4 355.5 1.4 5.1 0.5
67	Colonial produce and spices Preserves, in hermetically	41.2	34.1	54.6	285.4	220.8	141.9	0.8	0. 1	0.2	1.9	1.0	0.9
8 9 10 11	sealed packages Beverages Spinning materials	0.2 3.1 19.2 8.0 13.5	0.1 2.4 16.0 6.7 6.7	0.2 6.7 12.5 8.0 12.2	1.3 19.9 128.4 53.1 86.0	$1.3 \\ 62.6 \\ 105.6 \\ 62.1 \\ 78.1$	1.6 6.9 97.3 65.7 154.4	0:0 0.0 0.0 1.7 5.4	0.0 0.2 0.8 4.2	0.0 0.0 0.9 2.1	0.1 0.0 0.7 12.3 14.9	0.1 0.0 0.5 5.3 11.4	0.1 0.1 0.8 2.5 12.4
12 13	Various textile products Timber and wooden articles Bark, cane, branches or twigs, and articles made	7.3 16.8	5.3 13.5	6.4 8.2	49.6 64.6	48.3 41.7	85.6 27.6	0.1 304.1	0.1 443.2	0.0 187.3	1.7 1 356.8	0.5 951.6	0.4 1 041.4
15	from same Pulp, cardboard and paper, and articles made from same	1.8 1.5	1.3 2.0	1.7 1.2	11.9 10.5	10.6 9.2	12.1 11.4	0.1 194.8	0.1 182.6	0.0 169 s	0.4	0.2	0,4
16	Hair, bristles, feathers toge- ther with bones, horn and other carvable goods not specifically mentioned and									_			
17	articles made from same Hides and skins, leather-	1.5 9.8	1.5 7.2	1.2 6.2	10.2 58.1	8.7	10.4	0.2	0.4	0.1 2.6	1.3	1.0	1.0
19 20		42.2 22.1 6.2	60.9 22.6 12.4	32.3 18.2 3.5	282.9 178.5 66.0	$\begin{array}{r} 46.9 \\ 213.8 \\ 114.7 \\ 41.2 \end{array}$	75.2 266.2 168.0 73.1	5.4 5.4 1.3 1.0	9.1 3.2 0.8 0.2	2.6 1.0 0.9 0.0	60.4 39.5 9.1 3.5	45.1 24.5 6.1 0.6	38.8 24.6 9.7 0.6
21 22	Musical instruments, instru- ments, clocks and watches Minerals and articles made	1.8	1.4	1.6	13.1	9.8	19.7	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
	from same Asphalt, tar, resins, rubber	28.1	29.0	34.3	147.1	137.8	126.4	7.0	7.3	7.0	40.5	35.2	27.8
24	and products of same Oils, fats and waxes, and	10.0	9.9	7.5	66.0	55.9	81.5	2.0	1.5	2.0	13.5	15.1	16.2
25	products of same Ethers, alcohols not speci- fically described, ethereal	27.1	27.9	16.7	154.9	110.4	101.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.5	1.4
26 27	materials, fuses and fire-		0.6 5.2	0.5 3.9	5.2 42.1	5.3 34.3	5.4 30.4	0.1 0.0	0.2 0.0	0.1	1.0 0.0	0.9	0.4 0.1
28	works Chemical elements and com- binations thereof and drugs	0.7 26.1	1.2 15.4		5.3 122.7	4.5 122.1	3.5 82.6	0.9 0.1	1.3 0.1	0.7 0.7	11.0 3.1	9.8 3.9	10.6 7.9
1 1	Fertilizers Literature and works of art, educational materials,	8.0	6.0	2.9	54.9	47.9	61.9			0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
31	office fittings, etc Articles not specified else-	2.5			19.4	18.6	23.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.1	1.2	2.1
	where	12.1			56.3 2 395.0	44.9	67.9	0.6	699 0	1.5	2.7	3.5 9 776 1	3.4 2.691.0
	Re-exports				_			3.6	688.8 3.6	2.3	3 192.5 24.4	54.6	31.8
	Total	388.5	350.1	332.0	2 395.0	1 986.8	2 160.1	579.3	692.4	421.8	3 216.9	2 830.7	2 722.8

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24. - IMPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES.

Month		Rye Tons 1021 1022 1023			Wheat Tons			Wheaten Flour and Grain of Wheat Tons			
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933		
January February March April May June July August September October November December	842.6 99.3 793.7 2084.2 2124.6 5297.9 5854.3 3310.5 2252.0 3488.1 3375.2 389.9	$1 \begin{array}{c} 440.9 \\ 608.3 \\ 137.4 \\ 6 \begin{array}{c} 344.5 \\ 7 \begin{array}{c} 398.9 \\ 17 \begin{array}{c} 166.4 \\ 8 \begin{array}{c} 583.1 \\ 6 \begin{array}{c} 468.0 \\ 23 \begin{array}{c} 217.4 \\ 31.2 \\ 72.5 \\ 13.9 \end{array}$	74.2* 53.1* 1 462.3* 8 558.6* 15 267.9* 7 500.0* 8 068.1*	$553.9 \\ 541.7 \\ 541.1 \\ 487.0 \\ 426.7 \\ 172.8 \\ 540.3 \\ 471.8 \\ 1003.0 \\ 994.5 \\ 5402.0 \\ 1691.4 \\ \end{cases}$	$\begin{array}{c}1\ 183.5\\ 503.1\\ 779.3\\ 1\ 055.0\\ 2\ 156.2\\ 1\ 695.3\\ 2\ 437.8\\ 3\ 518.2\\ 3\ 442.4\\ 3\ 826.7\\ 5\ 643.6\\ 4\ 873.6\end{array}$	774.5* 1 490.0* 3 485.9* 2 608.9* 3 913.1* 3 882.6* 4 145.4* 6 748.5*	3544.5 4884.5 4589.6 6921.3 8002.7 7659.9 7736.6 7788.4 11936.8 12392.7 3473.2	$\begin{array}{c} 2\ 168.2\\ 3\ 106.9\\ 4\ 154.7\\ 3\ 565.2\\ 5\ 092.5\\ 4\ 977.6\\ 6\ 011.2\\ 5\ 300.0\\ 5\ 049.1\\ 4\ 863.7\\ 5\ 659.6\\ 4\ 884.1 \end{array}$	4 618.3* 4 006.2* 5 009.7* 5 074.2* 5 212.0* 4 720.7*	February March April May June July August September October November December	
Total JanAug.	29 912.3 20 407.1	$\frac{71}{482.5}\\48147.5$	42 978.0*	$12826.2 \\ 3735.3$	31 114.7 13 328.4	27 048.9*	82 086.8 46 495.7	54 832.8 34 376.3		Total JanAug.	

Month			f Rice		Bran Tons			I	Month	
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	233.0 232.2 226.9 258.1 1 380.3 2 578.3 2 280.7 1 679.7 1 455.7 1 455.7 1 234.2 2 156.8 256.0	29.7 645.9 78.0 289.1 759.6 973.0 2 321.6 782.0 455.2 741.8 1 145.3 359.8	617.8*	$\begin{array}{r} 11\ 258.0\\ 10\ 846.7\\ 10\ 303.2\\ 4\ 232.7\\ 4\ 233.7\end{array}$	788.0 2 165.1 4 299.9 4 049.9 4 747.0 3 438.5 2 135.6 2 377.0 4 743.6 10 013.1 8 170.3 2 301.3	2249.1* 2571.8* 4704.6* 6614.6* 5486.1* 3753.1* 5836.0*	452.7 250.5 253.7 385.4 435.5 422.1 232.9 186.7 277.9 278.8 131.4 468.9	367.2 191.6 286.9 211.0 322.3 365.0 257.2 357.0 554.2 660.3 1 026.2 901.4	496.5* 279.1* 254.4* 587.3* 373.0* 320.0* 380.8*	May June July
Total JanAug.		8 580.5 5 878.9	7 811.9*	73 505.5 56 385.7	49 229.2 24 001.0	35 854.9*	3 776.5 2 619.5	5 500.3 .2 358.2	3 416.1*	Total JanAug.

Month		Coffee Tons		Refin	Sugar ed and Unre Tons	fined	Rı	0	Month	
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	204.2 424.8 928.3 1 026.9 1 391.3 1 442.1 1 416.4 1 206.4 1 419.2 1 827.9 1 797.3 955.0	784.7 812.5 885.3 1 005.5 1 241.4 1 381.7 1 122.9 1 327.6 1 286.8 1 316.3 1 251.2 1 148.9	1 108.3* 1 146.6* 1 385.2* 1 244.1* 1 546.1* 1 456.3* 1 372.0* 1 491.8*	156.5 595.3 632.0 1 434.4 4 306.3 5 606.7 5 884.0 7 012.8 7 469.1 17 562.4 19 253.5 465.7	$\begin{array}{r} 847.7\\ 1184.1\\ 1928.6\\ 3555.8\\ 5043.1\\ 4523.6\\ 7716.1\\ 15215.2\\ 5648.3\\ 3267.7\\ 5319.1\\ 3910.1\end{array}$	2 832.4* 3 280.7* 4 991.6* 6 641.4* 7 484.5* 8 304.4* 6 910.8* 9 542.0*	148.3 118.8 102.3 89.2 122.3 175.7 119.5 194.1 200.3 198.3 172.8 357.5	150.8 156.2 120.4 172.5 195.4 218.9 169.1 253.3 205.0 192.0 214.1 121.8	218.0* 199.9* 197.0* 245.3* 269.6* 168.6* 251.6*	April May June July August September October November December
Total JanAug.		13 564.8 8 561.6	10 750.4 *	70 378.7 25 628.0	58 159.3 40 014.1	49 987.8*	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \ 999.1 \\ 1 \ 070.2 \end{array}$	2 169.5 1 436.6		Total JanAug.

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Month		Pig Iron Tons		Hot rolled and Sheet Iron Tons			Ce		Month	
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	2 881.4	710.9 642.2 116.1 293.2 773.7 1 974.7 982.1 2 212.5 1 224.2 1 651.5 1 079.3 597.0	412.0* 136.4* 469.6* 247.8* 575.3* 2 694.8* 1 735.9* 2 388.5*	4 800.4 4 194.4 4 171.1 5 134.7 4 993.2 2 657.9	1 822.4 1 133.8 1 528.5 1 765.1 4 857.4 5 328.3 4 429.2 3 320.7 3 575.8 5 136.8 5 136.8 3 778.6 4 603.9	3 653.4* 1 797.6* 2 812.9* 2 547.3* 5 845.3* 4 363.9* 6 334.9* 4 712.1*	$\begin{array}{c} 69\ 660.1\\ 9\ 590.7\\ 10\ 041.7\\ 7\ 68.9\\ 84\ 089.2\\ 110\ 284.6\\ 109\ 360.7\\ 117\ 056.9\\ 156\ 268.7\\ 127\ 600.4\\ 170\ 121.1\\ 95\ 870.1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 38\ 081.5\\ 5\ 214.8\\ 6\ 524.1\\ 24\ 054.4\\ 81\ 893.7\\ 1\ 24\ 003.7\\ 1\ 17\ 944.0\\ 1\ 48\ 604.1\\ 1\ 41\ 566.2\\ 1\ 52\ 814.7\\ 1\ 33\ 921.6\\ 85\ 583.9\end{array}$	18 164 2* 6 871.3* 17 389.5* 104 399.0* 113 339.5* 115 212.6*	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total JanAug.	13 713.0 6 433.9	12 257.4 7 705.4		45 547.2 28 590.3	41 280.5 24 185.4	32 067.4*	1 067 633.1 517 772.8	1 060 206.7 546 320.3		Total JanAug.

24. - IMPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES. -- Continued.

Month	I	Raw Cotton Tons			Wool Tons			Petrol Tons		Month
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	558.0 729.2 723.4 525.0 542.2 324.6 548.2 932.8 345.6 519.6 705.2 752.6	320.3 680.8 473.8 787.6 553.2 689.2 435.6 441.3 597.7 689.9 1 058.6 803.9	900.1* 359.6* 555.1* 212.7* 1 060.6* 550.8* 623.9* 769.2*	96.3 88.6 102.4 111.5 121.7 66.1 66.0 41.4 76.2 81.2 118.5 58.7	106.1 94.6 118.1 130.5 138.8 106.6 105.6 180.6 180.6 150.5 173.1 115.3	122.8* 163.7* 127.5* 138.4* 142.9* 170.6* 165.7* 192.9*	$\begin{array}{c} 169.4\\ 145.4\\ 284.2\\ 227.4\\ 2928.1\\ 1365.6\\ 6600.5\\ 6089.1\\ 6316.1\\ 15259.5\\ 15767.4\\ 1659.2 \end{array}$	$1\begin{array}{c} 758.8\\ 612.1\\ 1511.2\\ 610.4\\ 1205.6\\ 2031.4\\ 1679.3\\ 3776.8\\ 5507.9\\ 3940.3\\ 3550.9\\ 2313.5\end{array}$	3 484.7* 3 473.5* 3 667.4* 6 003.4* 6 537.2* 7 325.3*	April
Total JanAug.	7 206.4 4 883.4	7 531.9 4 381.8	5 032.0*	1 028.6 694.0	1 533.4 913.9	1 224.5*	56 811.9 17 809.7	28 498.2 13 185.6		Total JanAug.

25. - EXPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES.

Month		Meat All Kinds Tons			Butter Tons			Cheese Tons			
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933		
January February March April May June July August September October November December	199.8 266.7 205.9 218.3 249.3 180.3 171.6 161.6 361.0 343.1 460.3 560.5	307.8 290.8 235.0 199.0 219.7 179.6 143.3 210.2 318.1 412.8 527.8 428.2	251.4* 248.6* 323.8* 272.1* 308.3* 213.7* 208.7* 377.4*	1 481.7 1 399.0 1 562.1 2 062.2 1 744.6 1 472.2 1 991.2 1 119.4 1 357.7 1 018.1 918.0 1 277.1	$1\ 464.3\\ 1\ 400.6\\ 1\ 307.6\\ 1\ 935.4\\ 1\ 240.5\\ 1\ 092.4\\ 1\ 064.4\\ 1\ 177.5\\ 1\ 034.3\\ 1\ 064.1\\ 821.7\\ 921.2$	997.9* 995.4* 1 028.2* 1 107.7* 1 122.7* 670.1* 951.7* 982.9*	282.1 211.4 232.3 296.2 237.1 179.2 199.9 212.4 200.6 187.0 159.8	267.3 276.2 224.6 281.5 193.7 296.7 292.8 253.4 457.5 361.7 217.8 154.1	224.1* 307.6* 303.9*	February March April May June	
Total JanAug.	3 378.4 1 653.5	3 472.3 1 785.4	2 204.0*	17 403.3 12 832.4	$\frac{14}{10} \frac{524.0}{682.7}$	7 856.6	2 620.3 1 860.5	3 277.3 2 086.2	2 507.5*	Total JanAug.	

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Month	B	taw Hides Tons			sawn Timb Cinds excl. i 1000 m ^s		S	Month		
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	338.9 229.6 211.2 546.5 358.8 260.2 239.7 225.2 256.7 414.6 340.6 328.8	446,4 354,1 289,8 245,7 184,8 268,2 367,9 256,2 364,4 302,4 231,2 406,8	286.5* 248.3* 247.9* 367.6* 631.0* 472.2* 489.0* 350.2*	6.8 0.6 0.7 4.8 85.3 259.7 335.4 301.9 274.9 201.7 141.7 53.3	17.1 9.2 12.0 17.7 147.5 206.6 366.3 310.8 238.1 181.3 114.9 57.6	37.7* 17.3* 16.3* 25.6* 189.6* 378.5* 557.8* 456.5*	$\begin{array}{r} 9.1 \\ 4.3 \\ 4.2 \\ 5.6 \\ 44.5 \\ 137.1 \\ 134.3 \\ 92.4 \\ 97.4 \\ 95.6 \\ 107.8 \\ 52.4 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 9.6\\ 4.5\\ 4.6\\ 8.2\\ 28.5\\ 123.7\\ 128.3\\ 82.3\\ 85.1\\ 104.2\\ 106.0\\ 51.1\end{array}$	6.4* 6.8* 8.5* 34.8* 171.3*	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total JanAug.	3 750.8 2 410.1	3 717.9 2 413.1	3 092 7*	1 666.8 995.2	1 679.1 1 087.2	1 679.3*	784.7 431.5	736.1 389.7	592.8*	Total JanAug.

25. - EXPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES. - Continued.

1 standard sawn timber = 4.672 m³.

Month		Plywood Tons			Matches Tons			Bobbins Tons			
\	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933		
January February March April May June July August September October November December	5 072.2 5 256.9 6 235.2 6 764.0 4 352.2 4 724.3 4 851.4 4 588.2 4 935.3 8 445.6 9 933.3 10 552.2	8 236.5 11 847.7 6 501.3 5 956.0 4 510.0 4 785.7 3 606.6 5 137.8 6 293.8 5 792.9 9 779.8 8 200.0	6 498.2* 5 142.6* 7 512.7* 7 081.0* 6 763.9* 8 260.0* 7 037.6* 8 323.9*	$172.7 \\ 159.6 \\ 183.7 \\ 255.9 \\ 148.4 \\ 164.1 \\ 103.1 \\ 168.4 \\ 157.8 \\ 130.0 \\ 233.0 \\ 184.6 \\ 184.6 \\ 100.0 \\ 100.$	149.1 231.0 137.2 216.7 104.7 206.3 33.2 86.2 163.2 107.4 141.9 168.9	121.5* 127.3* 108.6* 121.9* 95.3* 111.6* 123.0* 108.3*	406.6 369.0 449.1 614.4 397.3 417.4 330.5 346.0 388.8 366.8 359.7 373.6	393.8 564.8 414.5 370.4 356.6 393.9 288.0 334.6 444.2 399.9 413.1 460.0		April May June	
Total JanAug.	75 710.8 41 844.4	80 648.1 50 581.6	56 619.9*	2 061.3 1 355.9	1 745.8 1 164.4	917.5*	4 819.2 3 330.3	4 833.8 3 116.6	3 916.2*	Total JanAug.	

Month	Mecl	Mechanical Pulp ¹) Tons			phite Cellul Tons	ose	Su	Month		
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	, 1933	1931	1932	1933	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	10 369.0 12 367.8	15 192.5 10 909.3 7 309.4 10 861.5 20 820.3 18 014.6 14 534.2 18 270.2 12 788.7 15 113.5 16 804.4 19 477.3	15 701.6* 10 904.5* 14 660.5* 18 014.3* 16 845.9* 23 429.6* 16 472.1* 21 036.2*	20 618.7 21 301.1 28 524.8 38 905.5 26 891.3 35 797.4	30 830.9 48 686.4 30 569.3 39 056.3 42 270.7 47 605.5 46 630.7 47 295.0 58 302.1 50 778.5 67 774.1	53 329.3* 35 648.2* 38 999.4* 42 533.7* 38 683.1* 51 049.7* 55 178.3* 51 453.7*	8 957.3 13 448.9 13 164.0 18 349.1 15 629.7 14 687.3	19 277.8 21 737.6 9 660.2 17 659.3 15 613.9 14 342.1 17 388.8 14 907.2 14 334.7 14 096.2 16 678.5 19 198.8		February March April May June July
Total JanAug.	157 394.7 109 835.5	180 095.9 115 912.0	137 064.7*	424 188.8 236 273.4	562 001.5 332 944.8		204 197.0 112 497.0		127 126.7*	Total JanAug.

Dry weight.
 Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

25. — EXPORTS	OF 3	THE MOS	ST IMPORTANT	ARTICLES. —	Continued.

Month		Cardboard Tons			Paper All Kinds Tons			Newsprint (Included in previous column) Tons			
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933		
January February March April May June June July August September October November December	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \ 953.6\\ 3 \ 218.0\\ 3 \ 559.9\\ 3 \ 559.9\\ 3 \ 696.8\\ 3 \ 580.9\\ 3 \ 853.8\\ 3 \ 567.2\\ 3 \ 374.5\\ 5 \ 002.5\\ 5 \ 289.0\\ 5 \ 646.5 \end{array}$	4 178.6 6 244.7 4 059.8 5 626.4 3 982.7 4 526.7 3 876.4 4 905.3 4 546.5 4 696.2 4 904.4 4 871.1	4 784.6* 4 919.8* 5 510.7* 4 240.5* 4 303.7* 4 734.3* 5 046.2* 4 819.8*	17 331.7 23 048.1 23 266.3 21 827.3 23 914.4 25 676.9 23 993.0 22 905.7 23 127.5 28 714.2	20 006.9 24 526.3 18 838.5 27 102.0 22 392.0 22 448.4 24 687.9 24 672.4 25 753.6 24 080.5 24 080.5 24 808.9 29 374.5	27 128.8* 24 981.0* 24 188.3* 25 724.5* 25 585.5* 29 299.1*	12 433.6 16 743.1 16 548.1 15 054.7 15 911.9 16 933.9 17 822.5 16 383.7 14 970.0 15 555.7 18 747.6	$14\ 033.5\\18\ 150.4\\13\ 482.8\\20\ 935.1\\15\ 353.0\\15\ 353.1\\16\ 963.5\\16\ 634.3\\17\ 283.2\\15\ 849.0\\17\ 012.6\\19\ 892.3$		April May June July	
Total JanAug.	47 494.7 28 182.2	56 418.8 37 400.6	38 359.6*	276 371.4 177 631.0	288 691.9 184 674.4		190 880.1 125 223.1		140 325.1*	Total JanAug.	

26. - FOREIGN TRADE WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

		(0.	Imports I. F. Valu	e)			(F.	Exports O. B. Valu	1e)	
Country	Jan	uary—Aug	ust	Whole	Year '	Jan	uary—Aug	ust	Whole	Year
	19	33	1932	1932	1931	193	3	1932	1932	1931
Europe:	Mill. Fmk	%	%	%	%	Mill. Fmk	%	%	%	%
Belgium	79.9	3.3	3.1	2.8	3.5	179.0	5.6	5.0	5.3	5.9
Denmark	86.5	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.7	88.9	- 28	2.8	2.7	3.3
Estonia	15.3	0.6	. 0.9	1.1	0.8	10.7	0.3	1.3	1.0	0.4
France	44.1	1.9	2.4	2.2	2.6	178.4	5.5	6.6	6.5	7.2
Germany	642.2	26.8	29.5	29.1	34.9	297.2	9.2	7.3	8.3	8.4
Great Britain	494.5	20.7	19.3	18.6	12.6	1 471.5	45.7	47.8	46.8	44.7
Holland		3.6 1.0	$\begin{array}{c} 4.6 \\ 2.0 \end{array}$	4.3 2.7	5.0 1.6	156.5 41.4	4.9	2.9	3.5	5.1
Italy Latvia		0.2	2.0 0.2	0.2	1.0 0.3	$\frac{41.4}{25}$	1.3 0.1	1.1 0.2	1.1 0.2	0.7 0.3
Norway		2.0	1.4	1.8	1.1	27.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Poland (and Danzig)	70.8	3.0	2.7	2.8	3.2	4.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3
Russia		4.5	4.9	5.2	2.8	54.1	1.7	1.2	1.5	2.2
Sweden		10.3	7.8	8.4	8.3	68.1	2,1	2.7	2.6	2.9
Switzerland		0.6	0.6	0.6	1.1	4.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Spain	15.9	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.6	24.2	0.8	1.5	1.3	1.1
Other European countries	23.8	1.0	1.9	· 1.7	2.7	20.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6
Total Europe	2 006.6	83.8	85.9	85.6	84.8	2 629.1	81.7	81.8	82.3	83.3
Asia	22.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	81.7	2.6	2.6	2,5	2.7
Africa	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	69.5	2.2	1.5	2.0	1.8
United States Other States of North	176.7	7.4	8.0	7.8	10.8	298.6	9.3	10.5	9.6	9.3
America	42.4	1.8	1.0	1.4	1.6	17.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5
South America		5.9	4.2	4.3	2.2	109.9	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.2
Australia	3.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	10.7	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2
Grand Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3 216.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

The country of import indicates the land in which goods were purchased, the country of export the land to which goods were sold. * Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

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Year and	Total		Group	Indices			Det	ails		Year and
Month	All Kinds	Foodstuffs	Raw Ma- terials	Machinery		Cereals and their prod.	Woollen articles	Cotton articles	Agricultur- al Require- ments	Month
1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933	915 958 1052 984 945 955 913 750 634 720	963 998 1 110 1 058 1 044 1 005 928 700 552 703	926 955 1037 923 983 910 763 649 710	728 763 867 871 873 826 877 867 867 795 897	826 901 928 881 834 839 894 839 750 783	936 984 1 230 1 089 1 158 1 110 982 752 586 709	916 1 037 1 151 1 033 1 018 1 045 1 071 1 010 902 1 006	$1 169 \\1 276 \\1 247 \\1 063 \\965 \\1 035 \\1 035 \\1 017 \\880 \\651 \\689 \\677$	897 932 1066 999 980 1084 994 834 745 848	1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933
January JanFebr. JanMarch JanMaril JanMay JanJune JanJune JanJuly JanSept. JanOct. JanNov. JanDec.	723 739 730 718 699 694 696 692	755 755 717 698 682 673 663	688 705 697 683 665 661 669 672	1 015 1 007 939 938 936 999 1 028 1 025	738 767 786 798 799 798 773 765	676 689 692 687 671 654 651 648	991 964 995 981 970 959 952 952 951	677 678 658 657 643 644 640 636	925 855 877 844 815 814 818 818 816	January JanFebr. JanApril JanApril JanJune JanJuly JanJuly JanSept. JanOct. JanNov. JanNov.

27. — IMPORT PRICE INDEX. ¹)

The import price index is lower than the wholesale price index as given in table 36, because the import price index is not influenced by the customs duties.

Year and	Total				Det	ails				Year and
Month	All Kinds	Fresh Meat	Butter	Cheese	Sawn Timber	Unsawn Timber	Mechanic- al Pulp	Chemical Pulp	Paper	Month
1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1931	1 145 1 090 1 111 1 092 1 092 1 092 1 060 993 806 795	$1\ 083\\ 1\ 045\\ 1\ 026\\ 951\\ 1\ 069\\ 1\ 158\\ 1\ 064\\ 1\ 008\\ 891\\ 826$	$1121 \\ 1250 \\ 1303 \\ 1166 \\ 1133 \\ 1231 \\ 1163 \\ 934 \\ 820 \\ 804$	985 1 088 1 013 884 911 1 008 914 796 742 751	$\begin{array}{c}1\ 118\\1\ 077\\1\ 063\\1\ 057\\1\ 092\\1\ 114\\1\ 071\\1\ 031\\801\\798\end{array}$	$1 \ 315 \\ 1 \ 214 \\ 1 \ 316 \\ 1 \ 252 \\ 1 \ 288 \\ 1 \ 401 \\ 1 \ 472 \\ 1 \ 449 \\ 1 \ 228 \\ 1 \ 033 \\ 1 \ 033$	1 708 1 365 1 384 1 489 1 272 1 104 1 155 1 180 997 979	$1 264 \\1 103 \\1 181 \\1 209 \\1 164 \\1 050 \\1 064 \\1 016 \\801 \\909$	958 924 935 940 907 853 796 760 691 678	1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1931
1933 January JanFobr. JanMarch JanMay JanJune JanJuly JanJuly JanAug. JanOct. JanOct. JanNov. JanDec.	749 752 755 747 747 760 772 778	907 883 880 871 876 866 850 831	613 612 585 570 571 578 590 605	735 713 710 721 730 723 727 729	796 814 826 833 804 814 829 835	1 006 992 985 1 002 1 036 982 981 985	956 986 993 978 951 931 926 918	774 799 805 805 806 804 797 796	644 635 626 628 625 624 621	1933 January JanFebr. JanMarch JanApril JanMay JanJuly JanJuly JanAug. JanSept. JanOct. JanNov. JanDec.

28. -- EXPORT PRICE INDEX. 1)

) The import and export indices are calculated by the Statistical Dept. of the Board of Customs in the following manner: After multiplying the quantities of imports and exports for the current year by the average price for the class of goods in question in 1913, the values of imports and exports are calculated in percentage of the figures thus obtained.

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29. - VOLUME INDEX OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Year	Jan.	Febr.	March	April	Мау	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Whole Year	Jan Aug.	Year
							Imp	orts							
1913	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1913
1929	174.6	128.4	116.7	220.9	167.2	169.0	168.7	171.7	131.4	121.8	135.7	173.2	166.2	166.2	1929
1930	124.0	127.5	135.1	168.1	123.6	137.9	140.3	149.0	127.7	130.7	166.1	168.2	137.9	137.9	1930
1931	101.1	95.9	110.2	126.3	96.7	112.0	111.6	118.2	117.6	102.2	128.1	97.6	109.1	109.1	1931
1932	73.4	78.4	73.7	97.6	86.7	104.2	98.9	117.1	97.7	86.7	107.8	148.7	93.0	93.0	1932
1933	99.9	95.0	119.0	116.7	110.4	121.7	113.7	143.4					116.1	116.1	1933
	ļ						Ехр	orts							
1913	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1913
1929	222.3	123.4	139.2	213.8	132.3	129.2	129.4	157.4	132.1	162.0	176.1	166.6	146.2	146.2	1929
1930	245.5	188.6	205.0	197.2	129.6	131.7	119.2	101.8	94.9	133.4	140.8	155.1	139.7	139.7	1930
1931	219.3	165.4	206.4	185.3	117.4	119.5	108.4	98.9	112.5	124.1	183.0	213.9		129.4	1931
1932	251.6	265.6	194.4	214.2	110.3	126.6	108.0	101.3	113.2	143.7	185.4	201.2		138.8	1932
1933	301.7	217.0	249.9	203.1	116.3	151.6	152.2	138.6					163.8	163.8	1933

Value of imports and exports calculated on the basis of the prices for 1913 and expressed in percentage of imports and exports for 1918 during the corresponding period.

	30. —	TOTAL	SALES	$\mathbf{0F}$	SOME	WHOLESALE	FIRMS.
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Month			Т	otal sale Mill. Fmk	8			Month
	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	178.2 199.3 254.8 236.0 233.4 224.8 219.0 256.1 275.8 279.8 269.7 185.2	239.1 255.5 334.4 278.8 286.7 266.6 258.8 302.8 318.7 350.1 287.7 209.0	239.1 257.3 277.0 335.8 302.7 271.4 291.5 299.9 293.3 299.3 229.0 214.5	206.2 214.9 264.9 298.6 277.7 234.9 243.2 257.1 250.7 247.8 247.2 185.2	152.9 151.2 205.3 227.4 220.7 203.0 202.6 200.4 204.4 204.4 265.9 236.7 193.3	$143.8 \\ 141.0 \\ 183.4 \\ 220.6 \\ 219.2 \\ 210.3 \\ 227.3 \\ 241.0 \\ 227.4 \\ 218.5 \\ 213.7 \\ 180.$	176.0 176.8 222.6 239.9 249.7 230.1 234.1 246.1	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total JanAug.	2812.1 1801.6	3 388.2 2 222.7	3 310.8 2 274.7	2 928.4 1 997.5	2 463.8 1 563.5	2 426.9 1 586.6	1 775.3	Total JanAug.

According to data supplied by nine wholesale firms — either co-operative or limited liability companies — the total sales of which represent about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the whole turnover of all wholesalers in Finland.

31. - INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

January	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932					Month			
				1001	1932	1933	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	
February March April May June July August September October November December	$ \begin{array}{r} 117 \\ 124 \\ 126 \\ 109 \\ 111 \\ 126 \\ 122 \\ 113 \\ 118 \\ 127 \\ 125 \\ 112 \\ \end{array} $	119 110 108 125 118 117 130 119 108 109 106 95	$105 \\ 98 \\ 92 \\ 105 \\ 110 \\ 100 \\ 108 \\ 106 \\ 104 \\ 107 \\ 105 \\ 121$	84 79 76 85 85 78 78 78 78 78 76 96 96 109	79 78 69 88 87 84 88 108 95 94 96 102	82 87 91 100 111 105	$115 \\ 120 \\ 120 \\ 109 \\ 113 \\ 123 \\ 113 \\ 116 \\ 124 \\ 131 \\ 131 \\ 125 \\ 117$	113 111 104 119 105 111 116 116 116 117 117 118 118	105 107 112 110 119 107 109 103 100 98 99 105	99 104 101 99 97 104 100 91 83 88 101 107	108 114 102 114 103 101 105 102 103 101 109 126	105 113 112 118 122 114	January February March April May June July August September October November December

According to figures published in »Unitas». Both indices are based on seasonally adjusted monthly figures for 1926 = 100.

			A r	rivals					S a	ilings			
Month	Wi	h Cargo	In	Ballast	3	Fotal	Wit	h Cargo	ln	Ballast	1	Fotal	Month
	Ves- sels	Reg. tons Net.											
1933													1933
January	157	106 487	95	61 545	252	168 032	213	164 913	13	9 764	226	174 677	
February	109		- 39	43 633	148	123 734	139	122 050	2	538	141	122 588	February
March	120	102 224	30	36 840	150		158	142 570	5	3 365	163		
April	165	112 006	77	72 623	242	184 629	201	164 392	62	16 122	263	180 514	April
May	475	250 781	240	159 614	715	410 395	464	276 750	224	52 409	688	329 159	Mav
June	522	254 432	516	413 403	1 038	667 835	837	592 850	174	46 926	1 011		
July	461	240 769	544	455 444	1 005	696 213	876	$664\ 571$	146	48 147	1 0 2 2	712 718	July
August	454	294 563	404	318 755	858	613 318	762	598 950	127	48 838	889	647 788	August
September													September
October													October
November							ł					1	November
December													December
JanAug.	2 463	1 441 363	1 945	1 561 857)4 408	3 003 220	3 650	2 727 046	753	226 109	²)4 403	2 953 155	JanAug.
1932	1 1					1 · 1) ·	1932
JanAug.	1 969	1 258 343	1568	1071847	3 537	2 330 190	3028	2 105 202	575	184476	3 603	2 290 678	JanAug.

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33. - SHIPPING WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

Country of departure	Arriv JanAu	7 a.1s ¹) 1g. 1933	Saili JanAu	ings ¹) 1g. 1933	Country of departure	Arriv JanA	7 a.ls ¹) ug. 1933	Saili JanA	ngs ¹) ug. 1933
and destination	Number of Vessels	1 000 Reg. tons Net.	Number of Vessels	1 000 Reg. tons Net.	and destination	Number of Vessels	1000 Reg. tons Net.	Number of Vessels	1 000 Reg. tons Net.
Europe:]	Asia	2	7.1		·
Belgium	102	99.3	169	162.2	Africa	1	1.6	17	55.9
Danzig	90	65.4	12	23.9	United States	31	121.9	50	148.4
Denmark	528	425.2	355	131.3	Other States			-	
Estonia	696	179.8	588	112.9	of America	16	40.8	16	45.0
France	44	66.1	178	161.4	Australia			1	4.5
Germany	559	429.0	487	359.8	Total	50	171.4	84	253.8
Great Britain.	391	436.3	962	986.0			111.4	04	205.8
Holland	181	213.3	225	257.8	Grand Total	4 408	3 003.2	4 403	2 953.1
Latvia	61	42.4	26	6.4					
Norway	74	55.0	39	28.6	P	ASSENGI	ER TRAFI	FIC. 2)	
Russia	213	100.7	278	128.1		Ari	ived	L	ft
Sweden	1 237	556.6	909	245.1	Month			·	Of whom
Spain	14	18.7	24	32.9	monum	Total	Of whom Foreigners	Total	Foreigners
Other countries	168	144.0	67	62.9		<u></u>	1	i	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Total Europe	4 358	2 831.8	4 319	2 699.3	August 1933 JanAug. 1933		7 666 29 712	11 137 38 564	9 193 27 277

¹) Vessels with cargo and in ballast together. — ³) Sea-traffic. Passenger traffic overland is at present insignificant. According to figures supplied by the Statistical Office of the Shipping Board.

84. — STATE BAILWAY

Month		of Goods ported 1000 Tons		Go	kilomet ods-tru Mill. Kr	eks		Revenue e-imburse Mill. Fm	ements)		ar Exper Mill. Fm		Month
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	745.5 678.0 616.8	649.4* 811.8* 708.0* 678.2* 725.5* 799.7* 679.5* 744.0* 707.7*	677.4* 862.0* 943.2* 722.3* 928.2* 988.7* 920.1*	42.0 47.3 51.0 44.8 45.2 48.8 51.7 43.2 41.7 44.8 41.0 38.1	42.3 51.3 49.9 50.0 46.2 50.3 47.1 42.4 42.4 42.4 44.1 44.8 43.4	43.2 46.6 57.2 44.1 49.5 55.8 56.7	56.7 53.8 60.0 59.3 58.5 62.9 66.0 57.3 53.1 55.7 49.7 60.5	52.1* 54.4* 57.7* 56.6* 62.7* 59.0* 58.4* 53.7* 52.9* 54.1* 60.2*	51.4* 51.5* 61.4* 57.0* 61.0* 66.8* 67.9*	49.9 56.7 61.0 51.4 61.0 63.3 51.7 50.1 57.3 51.5 50.1 65.0	49.5* 53.5* 59.2* 57.0* 66.6* 55.2* 55.2* 59.4* 55.4* 55.4* 53.9* 68.0*	46.6* 50.4* 55.5* 51.4* 60.0* 61.7* 52.1*	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total JanJuly		8 600.7* 5 132.1*	6 041.9*	539.6 330.8	554.2 337.1	353.1	693.5 417.2	677.1* 397.8*	417.0*	669.0 395.0	682.1* 392.9*	377.7*	Total JanJuly

According to Finnish State Bailways' Preliminary Monthly Statistics. ¹) At the final closing of the books the figures for income and expenditure will alter to a certain extent, in some cases guite con-siderably. The difference between the results based on preliminary data and the final figures will be adjusted in the figures for December. • Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

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Month			I) etail	8			Total	Monthly	Month
HOHH	Foodstuffs	Clothing	Rent	Fuel	Tobacco	Newspapers	Taxes	All Kinds	Movement	
1914 JanJune	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		1914 JanJune
1930	971	1 044	1 471	1 393	1 301	1 175	2 097	1 129		1930
1931	869	1 001	1 404	1 050	1 379	1 175	2 136	1 039	—	1931
1932	897	979	1 305	878	1 439	1 175	1 976	1 025		1932
1932 January February March April May June July August September October- November December	895	977 978 982 980 979 979 979 979 979 977 977	$1 \ 373 \\ 1 \ 373 \\ 1 \ 373 \\ 1 \ 373 \\ 1 \ 373 \\ 1 \ 264 \\ 1 \ 264 \\ 1 \ 264 \\ 1 \ 252 \\ 1 \ $	907 887 881 870 866 866 869 868 868 875 888 887	$1 403 \\ 1 429 \\ 1 458 \\ 1 470 \\ 1 482 \\ 1 490 \\ 1 490 \\ 1 515 \\ 1 516 \\ 1 346 \\ 1 334 \\ 1 334$	$1 175 \\ 1 17$	1 982 1 982	1 046 1 041 1 043 1 028 1 021 1 020 1 012 1 015 1 015 1 031 1 021	$ \begin{array}{r} -2 \\ -5 \\ +2 \\ -15 \\ -7 \\ -18 \\ +9 \\ +8 \\ -5 \\ -16 \\ -10 \\ \end{array} $	1932 January February March April May June July August September October November
1933 January February March April May June July August	894 884 870 868 868 868 882 907 920	972 972 969 968 964 964 964	1 252 1 252 1 252 1 252 1 252 1 252 1 132 1 132 1 132	898 892 893 880 881 878 883 883 883	1 334 1 334 1 334 1 334 1 334 1 334 1 334 1 334 1 334 1 334	$1 175 \\ 1 17$	1 904 1 904 1 904 1 904 1 904 1 904 1 904 1 904 1 904	1 011 1 004 996 994 993 985 1 001 1 009	$ \begin{array}{c} -10 \\ -7 \\ -8 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ -8 \\ +16 \\ +8 \\ \end{array} $	1933 January February March April May June July August

35. - COST OF LIVING INDEX.

The index is calculated by the Research Office of the Ministry for Social Affairs according to monthly reports from 30 different centres. It is based on the cost of living for the first half of 1914 = 100 and refers to the normal budget of a workman's family. The index for the total cost of living is the average of the weighted group indices.

			Index	for g	oods i	ln the	Finni	sh wh	olesal	e trad	Ð		To	tal in	dex	Tot	tal in	dex ·	
Month	T	ot al in e	lex		oducts ricultu:			roducta ne indu		Imp	orted g	gooda	imp	for orted g	oods	expo	for rted g	oods	Month
	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	1931	1932	1933	<u> </u>
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	86 86 85 84 83 82 81 79 82 87 92	94 93 92 89 88 87 89 90 90 91 90	90 89 88 88 88 88 89 90 90	74 74 75 73 71 70 71 70 66 67 72 78	78 77 78 72 71 73 72 72 72 72 72 72 72 72	73 74 72 71 73 75 75 75	94 93 93 93 92 90 89 89 87 88 89 87 88 89	94 95 95 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93	92 92 91 91 91 91 92 93	82 82 81 80 79 78 77 76 81 90 99	101 98 94 91 90 88 92 93 94 94 95 96	95 94 93 92 92 93 93 93	73 72 71 69 68 68 68 66 65 72 83 95	95 91 87 82 81 81 87 89 90 89 91	87 86 85 85 86 86 87	80 79 78 76 73 71 69 68 67 65 69 79	81 77 75 72 71 69 72 70 70 69 70 70	72 71 72 75 77 78 80	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.
Whole year	84	90	1	72	74		91	94		82	94		73	88		73	72		Whole year

36. — WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX.

The index is calculated by the Central Statistical Office, and is based on the average prices for 1926 - 100. The first group of indices refers to goods appearing in local wholesale trade in Finland, whereas the indices for imported and exported goods refer to the total quantities of goods imported or exported, including the movement of such goods that are in no way intended for wholesale trade in Finland. An indirect weighting has been applied, by means of which each class of goods is represented by the number of commodities corresponding to the calculated importance of this class in wholesale trade. The averages are arithmetical ones.

		Branch of Industry									Of which	
Quarter	Metal	Glass, Stone etc.	Chemical	Foodstuffs and luxuries	Leather	Textile	Paper	Timber	All Indus- tries	Local Indus- tries	Exporting Indus- tries	Quarter
1931 OctDec.	64.7	57.8	72.8	76.1	66.5	62.3	76.2	51.5	61.9	63.4	61.6	1931 OctDec.
1932 JanMch. AplJune July-Sept. OctDec.	66.0 76.9 70.6 89.2	81.0 79.6 63.7 73.5	95.8 79.8 51.4 72.8	83.2 74.6 88.3 74.5	87.0 67.5 74.1 88.8	84.3 78.8 72.2 77.4	80.7 64.7 69.0 79.9	71.9 74.8 67.7 55.5	78.3 77.5 72.6 70.5	79.8 77.3 68.2 77.3	78.3 71.9	1932 JanMch. AplJune July-Sept. OctDec.
1933 JanMch. AplJune July-Sept.	84.7 84.4 83.0	96.3 86.4 67.6	87.5 71.7 70.0	81.4 79.5 93.5	100.7 80.5 71.1	76.9 80.9 88.2	81.1 67.5 76.7	76.6 76.3 81.0	80.7 80.6 84.8	81.8 81.0 80.5	80.7	1931 JanMch. AplJune July-Sept

37. - INDEX OF WORKING HOURS IN INDUSTRY.

The index, which is based on the number of working hours during the corresponding quarters in 1926 = 100, is calculated by the Research Office of the Ministry for Social Affairs.

38. — NUMBER	$\mathbf{0F}$	UNEMPLO	YED.
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	Regis	tered at th	e Commu	nal Labour	Exchang	Registered at the Unemployment Boards ¹)				End of	
End of Month	1928 1929 1930		1931 1932 1933			19	32	19	33		
	Total							of whom engaged in Relief Work	Total	of whom engaged in Relief Work	Month
January February March April May June July August September October November December	2 942 2 495 2 139 1 482 868 811 762 857 946 1 600 1 600 3 045 * 2 868	4 731 4 155 3 190 3 045 1 280 1 157 1 284 1 859 2 711 5 637 9 495 8 517	12 751 10 784 10 062 7 274 4 666 5 53 4 026 5 288 7 157 10 279 10 740 9 336	11 706 11 557 11 491 11 584 7 342 6 320 6 790 9 160 12 176 14 824 18 095 17 223	20 944 18 856 17 699 16 885 13 189 12 709 13 278 16 966 18 563 19 908 21 690 20 289	23 178 20 731 19 083 17 732 13 082 11 479 13 437 15 269	89 874	35 699 40 442 40 309 34 816 26 753 11 890 8 430 7 313 14 234 23 542 33 829 34 706	76 862 69 386 64 300 53 386 42 402 27 384 19 660 22 646	33 771 31 956 31 142 27 006 24 973 15 407 9 090 8 882	January February March April May June July August September October November December

According to data provided by the Research Office of the Ministry for Social Affairs, comprising) regular statistics from the Communal Labour Exchanges in the majority of towns and urban districts only;) temporarily compiled statistics covering the whole country.

39 . —	CESSATION	$\mathbf{0F}$	WORK.
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		Initiated		Contin	ued from pi month	evious	Total				
Month		· affec	· affecting		affecting		number	affecting		Month	
	number	employers hands		number	employers	hands			hands		
1932 August September October November December						1111				1932 August September October November December	
1933 January February March April May June July August		7 60 	136 		7 7 6 6 60 60 60	136 136 101 	1 1 1 1	7 7 6 60 60 60 60	136 136 101 800 1 100 1 100 1 100	1933 January February March April May June July August	

The above particulars which are of a preliminary nature, are compiled by the Research Office of the Ministry for Social Affairs. ¹) Approximately estimated.

CERTAIN PARTICULARS ABOUT FINLAND.

1. FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Finland formed a part of the kingdom of Sweden from 1154 to 1809; after 1809 it was an autonomous Grand Duchy connected with Russia up to December 6th, 1917, when Finland declared its independence, which was acknowledged by all the Powers including Soviet Russia. It became a republic in 1919. The legislative power of the country is vested in the Diet and the President. The highest executive power is held by the President chosen for a period of 6 years. The present President *P. E. Svinhujvud* is elected for the term 1 March, 1981, to 1 March, 1987.

The Diet, composed of 200 members, is elected by universal suffrage. The proportions of the different parties in the Diet elected in 1933 are as follows:

	Nun	1 per
Social-Democratic party		
Agrarían party		
Swedish party		
Unionist party		
Patriotic National Movement's party		
Progressive party		11
Small farmers' party		3
People's party		2

2. LAND.

THE AREA is 388,217 square kilometres = 149,981 square miles, (Great Britain's area is 89,047 sq. m. and Italy's area 117,982 sq. m.). Of the total area 11.5 % are lakes. On an average 10.8 % of the land in the south of Finland is cultivated, 0.9 % in the North, 6.8 % of the whole land. Of the land area 25.3 mill. ha (62.5 mill. acres) or 73.4 % are covered by forests.

THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE in the coldest month is in S. W. Finland — 5° to — 6° C., in Lappland — 15° C. and during the warmest month + 15° and + 13° to + 14° C. resp. The average temperature in Helsinki (Helsingfors) is + 4.6° (in Oslo + 5.4°, in Montreal + 5.4°, in Moscow + 3.6°). The ground is covered by snow in the South for about 100 days, in Central Finland for 150 to 180 days, in Lappland about 210 days.

3. POPULATION.

NUMBER OF INHABITANTS (1981): 3.7 millions (of whom 0.2 million emigrants), Sweden (1931) 6.2, Switzerland (1980) 4.1, Denmark (1930) 3.6 and Norway (1930) 2.8 millions.

DENSITY OF POPULATION (1931): In South-Finland 18.7, in North-Finland 2.8 and in the whole country an average of 10.8 inhabitants to the square kilometre.

DISTRIBUTION (1981): 80.9 % of the population inhabit the country, 19.1 % the towns and urban districts. The largest towns are (1981): Helsinki (Helsingfors), the capital. 260,888 inhabitants, Turku (Åbo) 67,722, Vlipuri (Wiborg) 59,821, Tampere (Tammertors) 57,849.

OCCUPATION (1980): agriculture 59.6 %, industry and manual labour 16.8 %, commerce 4.8 %, transport 3.8 %, other occupations 15.5 %.

LANGUAGE (1930): Finnish speaking 89.4 %, Swedish speaking 10.1 %, others 0.5 %.

BELIGION (1981): Lutheran 96.3 %, Greek-Orthodox 1.8 %, others 1.9 %.

EDUCATION (1930): Amongst persons over 15 years of age only 0.9 % are illiterate. There are three universities founded in 1640, 1917 and 1920.

INCREASE OF POPULATION (1931): Births 19.5 $^{9}/_{00}$, deaths 13.3 $^{9}/_{00}$ (in France in 1980 15.7 $^{9}/_{00}$, and in England in 1980 11.4 $^{9}/_{00}$), natural increase 6.2 $^{9}/_{00}$.

4. TRADE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

FOREST RESOURCES. The growing stock of the forest is 1,620 million m³ (57,213 million cubic feet). The merchantable timber (measuring 20 cm at breast height -6 in. at a height of 18 ft.) amounts to 1,557 million trees. Of this number pine is represented by 61 %, spruce by 28 %, the conifers thus constituting 89 % or 1,384 million trees, leaftrees, mostly birch, 11 % or 173 million trees. The annual increment is 44.5 million m³ (1,568 million cub. ft.). The annual fellings according to earlier calculations are 40 million m³ (1,413 million cub. ft.). In North Finland the increment is much larger than the fellings, but in South Finland excess felling occurs locally.

AGRICULTURE (1980): Cultivated land 2.2 million hectars, divided as follows: area under cultivation 0.3—10 hectars 33.4 %, 10—50 ha 52.1 %, 50—100 ha 8.4 %, over 100 ha 6.1 %. Cultivated land is divided between the different kinds of crops as follows: 51.4 % hay, 19.4 % oats, 91 % rye, 5.1 % barley, 3.1 % potatoes, 11.9 % other. The number of dairies in 1931 amounted to 646.

OWNERSHIP OF LAND. The land area is distributed among different classes of owners approximately as follows: private 52.1 %, State 39.7 %, Joint Stock Companies 6.5 %, communities 1.7 %.

INDUSTRY (1931): Number of industrial concerns 3,497, hands 129,579, gross value of products of industry 9,264 million marks.

LENGTH OF BAILWAYS (1981): 5,485 km, of which 5,180 km State railways and 255 km private. The gauge is 1.524 m.

COMMERCIAL FLEET (1931): Steamships 527 (151,266 reg. tons net), motor vessels 150 (15,146 r. t.), sailing ships 311 (64,621 r. t.), lighters 3,729 (266,179 r. t.). Total 4,717 (497,211 r. t.).

5. FINANCE AND BANKING.

CURRENCY. Since 1860 Finland has its own monetary system. From 1877 up to the Great W ar the currency maintained its stable gold value and after the disturbances caused by the war Finland has again from January 1st, 1926, a gold standard. The unit of currency is the mark (Finnish = markkas) = 100 pennia. The gold value of 100 marks is equal to $$2.5185 = \pounds - 10$ s. $4^{-1}/s$ d.

STATE FINANCES. According to the balance sheet for 1932 the State revenue was 2,925.1 million marks of which 2,438.2 million marks were ordinary revenue, and State expenditure 3,001,7 million marks, of which 2,484.6 million marks were ordinary expenditure. The principal sources of revenue were as follows: State property and undertakings (net) 104.2, direct taxes 440.1, indirect taxes 1,238.2, miscellaneous taxes 225.8, charges 79.9, miscellaneous revenue 350.0 and capital revenue 486.9 The value of State property in 1922 is estimated at 11,150.6 million marks. For National Debt see table 19 in this issue.

MUNICIPAL FINANCES. According to the Budget for 1932 expenditure amounted to 1,289.4 million marks. Income from taxation was calculated at 492.9 million marks, taxed income at 5,513.0 million marks. The communal income tax (non-progressive) averaged 8.9 % of the ratepayers' income.

THE BANK OF ISSUE. The Bank of Finland, (founded in 1811) is a State Bank. Its head-office is in Helsinki (Helsingfors) with branches in Turku (Åbo), Pori (Björneborg), Vaasa (Vasa), Oulu (Uleåborg), Kuopio, Joensuu, Sortavala, Viipuri (Wiborg), Mikkeli (S:t Michel), Tampere (Tammerfors), Hämeenlinna (Tavastehus), Jyväskylä and Kotka.

THE JOINT STOCK BANKS (1933): Number 10, possess 489 branch offices, where all kinds of banking business is transacted. Including all banks, there is one banking establishment per 6,600 inhabitants.

The largest banks are: Kansallis-Osake-Pankki, Ab. Nordiska Föreningsbanken and Helsingfors Aktiebank, all with head offices in the capital.

OTHER BANKS (1932): Mortgage banks 6, Savings banks 481, Co-operative Credit Societies 1,410 and a Central Bank for the latter.

FINLAND AND THE PRESENT TENDENCY TOWARDS AUTARCHY.

EXTRACTS FROM A LECTURE DELIVERED IN APRIL, 1933,

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GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN FINLAND.

Finland is a country in want of available capital, her foreign debt is considerable, and during the next few decades it will still be both necessary and proper for her to have recourse to foreign capital markets, partly in order to hasten the exploitation and development of her natural resources, and partly to convert her present credits on better terms.

Hitherto comparatively small quantities of useful minerals and metals have been discovered in Finland, so that these have to be procured from abroad. Similarly, the country does not itself produce various foodstuffs and luxuries now regarded as essential to existence, and certain raw materials are either altogether absent, or else their production is economically unprofitable in Finland and consequently purposeless. Such commodities have therefore also to be imported regularly. Further, productive activity is still so one-sided and undeveloped in Finland that the supply of many useful, necessary and even essential articles, which at some future time may, perhaps, be profitably produced within the country, is at present dependent on imports, and will continue to be so for a long time. These imports and the interest on foreign credits have to be paid for by exports or similar services. For this reason Finland is dependent on foreign trade to a greater extent than most other countries. We find, indeed, that during the past few years about one-third of our total production has been sold abroad. Amongst European countries only Switzerland and Denmark can compete with us in this respect. And to take an example of the contrary, the exports of the United States are six times smaller than ours in comparison to the size of their national production.

The extent of this country's imports and the level to which the standard of living can be raised, thus depend on how much we can export. If exports are large and profitable, employment is good and the purchasing power of the population is high. Imports are correspondingly large and the needs of the nation can be satisfied without stint. At the same time the accumulation of capital also proceeds at a rapid rate and the burden of foreign indebtedness is easy to bear. The standard of living rises and prosperity in-On the other hand, when exports creases. decrease and become unprofitable, employment is reduced, wages decline, the burden of debt grows heavier to bear, imports shrink, wants are insufficiently satisfied, the standard of living falls. For a country in our position it is consequently a vital question, much more so than in the case of most nations, that the international movement of goods and capital, and, to a smaller extent, of labour, should be restricted as little as possible. - - - -

TRADE RESTRICTION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

Everyone wants to sell, but nobody wants to buy. Now already this policy, with its restrictions on trade and currency transactions, its innumerable prohibitions and barriers, has led to a shrinkage of world trade to about one-third of what it was as recently as 1929, and the process still continues. Prices have gone on falling. The number of unemployed, especially in the big industrial countries, has greatly increased. Numerous countries have been compelled to suspend their foreign payments, and many Treasuries are involved in hopeless difficulties. The general standard of living has declined everywhere, poverty and misery have attained grave dimensions, and social dissatisfaction has assumed a threatening form in many countries.

Yet the vicious circle into which we have been drawn, still revolves. Ever new barriers are being erected against the international exchange of commodities. We read constantly of new regulations and restrictions and new rises in customs duties being planned and carried out in various countries. Such restrictions have been applied of late in particular to imports of agricultural produce, with the result that the prices of these to us important articles of export have fallen with increasing rapidity. If, and as long as, the same policy is continued, the development will follow the same trend as hitherto. Unless something quite unforeseen occurs, there can be no hope of a speedy recovery until trade is allowed to regain its former freedom and the artificial barriers raised in its path are removed. The present boundaries between states, however suitable they may be as political frontiers, are impossible as the boundary lines of self-contained economic areas. We can picture to ourselves, what absolute self-sufficiency, or in other words the complete cessation of foreign trade, would mean to Finland, to take a concrete example. Our forests would lose the greater part of their value, our flourishing exporting industries would come to a standstill, our local industries would shrink very much, ships would lie almost entirely idle, Customs receipts, now the most important source of State revenue, would disappear, and so forth. Obviously, although we might succeed in forcing some sort of sustenance for the population out of the soil, our standard of living and of civilisation would sink back to what it was fifty to a hundred years ago, perhaps even lower. Even now, the gross expenditure of the State exceeds in some years the value of the entire harvest; in 1930, for instance, the ratio was 110 per cent. And although the value of the harvest could, no doubt, be increased, we see from this one figure the stupendous change which the cessation of foreign trade would cause in conditions in this country.

FINLAND'S FOREIGN OBLIGATIONS.

So far Finland has not, on her own initiative, taken part in this international race for the destroyal of world trade and towards general impoverishment. On the contrary, we have been one of the few countries which have not resorted to restrictions of an exceptional character on imports and which have placed no check on payments for imports. We have not even restricted the free movement of capital; everyone in this country has been at liberty to take and invest his capital wherever he liked. We have also conscientiously effected all our foreign payments up to the present. In fact, we are one of the rare debtor countries in the world that have been able to maintain such an attitude. The majority of the countries that have acted as we have done in this respect are, it should be remembered, great creditor nations. Nevertheless, if we compare the situation in our own country with the situation in those countries that have embarked on the path of trade and currency control, we find that we are in no wise worse off than they. On the contrary, our exports have been maintained better than those of most countries and our balance of trade has so far been exceptionally favourable. Admittedly this has demanded great efforts and sacrifices on our part, particularly for the reason that, owing to the general lack of confidence, our foreign creditors have insisted on the redemption of large sums. In this way we have had to pay off short-term foreign credits, in the space of three years, to an amount of about 2,500 million gold marks, in addition to the amortisation payments on our bond loans.

To some extent this repayment has been a perfectly natural and proper proceeding, for a large part of these foreign short-term credits have regularly been raised for financing our exporting industries and have stood in a definite relation to the quantity and value of the commodities produced for export. As the value of such goods has gradually been reduced year by year, the credits raised for purposes of export have consequently had to decrease accordingly. The reduction of foreign credits has, however, been comparatively greater than Further, in import the decline in exports. trade in particular, the employment of credit has nearly been given up altogether, mostly at the instance of the importers themselves, who have been afraid of losing on the exchange rates and have consequently tried to avoid such losses by paying cash for their purchases, sometimes going to the length of buying the necessary currency in advance. For similar reasons a considerable amount of other short-term foreign debts has been repaid. But because we have honestly and punctually met all our foreign obligations, while many other countries have been compelled to suspend or neglected their payments, confidence in this country has again begun to grow. For instance, the credit of one million pounds sterling raised by the Finnish State last January, can be considered good proof, as it was the first credit transaction of this nature negotiated for some time and therefore attracted considerable attention as the first sign of returning confidence. Confidence is, indeed, the basis of all intercourse between nations and especially of international economic It is especially essential for a relations. country in our position to enjoy the confidence of other nations and the respect and sympathy accorded to a reliable and conscientious party

to agreements. Such a position has its advantages also in an economic sense, for if we succeed in emerging from these hard times with our reputation as a debtor unimpaired, our credit is sure to improve considerably and the price we shall have to pay for the use of foreign capital will be appreciably less.

In the circumstances we should, in my opinion, continue to discharge all our foreign obligations with scrupulous care and by so doing safeguard our reputation as an honest debtor, all the more so as our position in this respect has become much easier on account of the considerable reductions we have already made in our foreign debt. For that matter, our foreign indebtedness cannot be said to be large, if we compare it with the foreign debts of those European countries that have already suspended payment, and their possibilities to manage their debt service. The entire exports of certain countries in South-East Europe would be insufficient at present to meet the interest payable by them, which in one case is in the ratio of 150 per cent to exports, thus making the position of that country altogether untenable, whereas only 15 per cent of our exports, even at the present rates of exchange and present prices, is needed to cover our payments of Our foreign debts were, besides, interest. incurred on our own initiative and based on free agreements, and with a few exceptions we have put the borrowed money to productive and even profitable use. — — — —

REDUCING THE BURDEN OF DEBT.

Nevertheless, we must naturally take the first suitable opportunity of trying to reduce the undeniably heavy burden still imposed on this country by our foreign indebtedness. Thus, we should, of course, take part with the other European countries in the negotiations for cancelling or reducing the socalled "war debts" to the United States, for these debts differ entirely from ordinary debts of a private economic nature. But without No. 9

special reasons and mutual friendly agreements we have neither the cause nor the right to break the contracts we have entered into with our foreign creditors, who entrusted their savings to us in good faith. _____

In times of economic depression, when capital is usually cheap in the big financial centres and high prices are quoted for bonds, big conversions of State loans are regularly carried out to obtain a reduction of interest and an easing of the strain on Treasuries. During the present depression, too, this has been done especially in England, where a single conversion resulted in an annual saving of about 30 million sterling to the Treasury. Other countries have tried to do the same. Our own State bonds, domestic and foreign alike, are still, however, for the time being quoted so low, that a regular conversion to loans at lower rates of interest is not possible.

On the other hand, another method of reducing interest payments by the State does seem feasible. Finnish bonds, and bonds in general, have recently been quoted so low on the New York Stock Exchange, owing to the exceptionally uncertain situation in the United States, that they yielded the buyer 11-13 per cent on his investment. By buying such bonds on its own behalf the State could well reduce its payments of interest and the loss incurred on the exchange in that connection. The means for buying the bonds should, however, be raised chiefly abroad, as neither the balance of payments nor, in particular, the state of the domestic money and capital markets allow at present of any large additional burdens for such purposes.

COMMERCIAL POLICY.

In the sphere of commercial policy too, our methods have so far apparently been right. And therefore, as matters are, we should continue to refrain, on our own initiative and in an aggressive spirit, from placing artificial restrictions on trade and creating obstacles to the regular payment of money due. An attitude of this nature guarantees a stronger position in our endeavours to safeguard our own exports. On the other hand, we must have the means and also the courage in case of need to use the measures employed by other countries against us, in defence of our rightful interests. The present situation in world trade resembles a state of war and every country is both justified and entitled, for the protection of its rightful interests, to use in self-defence the weapons used by an attacking If, for instance, our exports to a party. country, with which our balance of trade was already unfavourable, were to be strictly controlled or altogether prohibited, and payments for permissible exports were prevented or obstructed and delayed, though we freely admitted imports from that country and paid for them, the only thing we could do would be to take effective countermeasures even at the risk of further reducing the volume of international trade. This we should be compelled to do not only by the necessity of protecting the justifiable rights of our exporters against arbitrary abuse, but by a sense of loyalty towards those countries that were still willing to buy our products and to pay their price. Although in my opinion we should continue to maintain the only sane principle of international trade, indeed of all trade, i.e. that goods should be bought, where they can be obtained cheapest or on the most favourable terms, and sold, where the yield is greatest, the present exceptional circumstances compel us, when estimating the most favourable market to buy in, to take into account, what any specified market means to us as an outlet for the sale of our goods.

The present nationalistic tendency in commercial policy, according to which a country that wishes to sell good and useful commodities to another country at a moderate price is treated almost as a criminal, for whom all kinds of punishments have to be devised for his effrontery, has already brought about such a change in the previous conditions and created and developed so many new combinations and ramifications of interests, that their unravelling is no simple matter to be effected in a moment. Any general and simultaneous abolition of obstacles to international trade would therefore obviously be very difficult to Nevertheless, the recovery of world achieve. trade is an essential condition for a return of prosperity. To achieve this, certain countries appear to be aiming at the creation of blocs with other countries striving towards the same goal, within which restrictions on trade, including excessively high customs duties, would be abolished or reduced, whereas towards countries outside the bloc the same measures would be applied as they adopted towards the parties belonging to the bloc. If such combinations are formed, we should seriously have to consider our joining them even at the risk of having to surrender for that reason the principle of the most favoured nation, which we have hitherto consistently adopted in our

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS.

It is still not quite clearly apparent, on what basis international financial relations will ultimately be organised. Numerous schemes have been suggested in this respect in different quarters. — — — — — — — — —

In the present uncertain, unstabilised situation, small countries that have gone off the gold standard, like Finland and the Scandinavian countries, can hardly have any other justifiable guiding aim in their financial policy than that hitherto followed by them, viz., the greatest possible stability of the domestic price level. If they succeed in this, the foreign exchanges will settle down before long at a satisfactory level, even if for temporary reasons they do fluctuate a little now and then.

Up to the present this policy has on the whole proved successful and, since the autumn of 1931, these countries have consequently, like England, been saved in all essentials from the fall in prices which has continued in the gold currency countries. Any considerable rise in prices in any individual country, while prices in other countries either remained stable or fell, would very soon lead to an unfavourable balance of trade in that country. Exports would become unprofitable, owing to the rise in the cost of production, and imports would increase. The result would be an adverse balance of payments, a continued and permanent rise in exchange rates, and before long inflation would be in full force. At this moment, therefore, the aim of economic and financial policy in a country in our position must be to keep afloat by maintaining the steadiest possible domestic price level, by living within the limits of our income and resources, while all the time carefully watching the course of events in other countries, waiting and watching, and refraining from embarking on any dangerous or uncertain experiments. For the economic progress of the different nations depends to such an extent on the development of the general world economic situation that it is hopeless for a single country to attempt to find any short cut to lasting prosperity.

ITEMS.

The Diet. The autumn session of the Diet was opened on September 2nd with the usual ceremonies. The Government submitted 21 bills besides some special reports and statements. Of the bills special mention should be made of the Budget estimates for 1934 and bills connected with them, as well as of the bills proposing measures intended to relieve the effects of the depression in certain spheres and a bill for setting up a special Economic Council for the country. — In addition about 280 motions have been submitted to the Diet on various questions by private members and party groups.

Bank rates. As already stated in the Market Review in this Bulletin, the Supervisors of the Bank of Finland resolved at their meeting on September 4th to lower the bank rate by $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Since September 5th the Bank of Finland charges the following rates:

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For discounting purely commercial bills at	
not more than three months' date	
For discounting other bills	$5\frac{1}{2}-6$
For granting mortgage loans and advances	
on cash credit on security according to	
the nature of the security	5 — 6

By this means the official bank rate reached a level that we have not experienced since 1919 and that was considered low in view of conditions in Finland, even before the Great War.

The Joint Stock banks and other financial institutions are not likely on this occasion to reduce their rates immediately, as they were lowered as recently as July 1st. For practical reasons, too, the Saving banks and Savings funds are reluctant to alter their rates of interest except at the half year.

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Government timber auctions. As we stated in our last Bulletin, the usual auctions of timber from the State forests were held in the middle of September. The auctions were in general very lively. Bids were made for all the lots put up, but there was keen competition for lots only in such places, in which several small sawmills operated. Prices were generally higher than last year's level by 10-30 per cent, but no definite figures are as yet available.

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Wages in the Finnish paper and wood pulp trade. According to figures published recently the average hourly wages for men and women in the paper and pulp trade in Finland have been as follows:

	Men. Marks.	Women. Marks,
1928, Sept.—Nov	7:42	3:67
1929, Sept.—Nov.	7:51	3:70
1930, August	7:70	3:79
1931, August	6:69	3:20
1932, August	6:16	3:02
1933, March	6:39	3: 12

The average wages were consequently highest as late as in the autumn of 1930. It was only a long time after the trade depression had set in that wages were reduced, and the average wages reached their lowest point in the autumn of 1932, when they began to rise again. In general they have been raised again this autumn, although details are not yet available.

In order to arrive at a correct view of the course of wages the simultaneous development of the cost of living should be taken into account. With a knowledge of the fall of the cost of living index and of the course of nominal wages the following indices have been calculated for the real wages of workmen:

		Men.	Women.
1928		100.0	100.0
1929		102.0	101.5
1930		1.13.0	112.5
1931		107.0	103.0
1932		100.0	99.5
1933,	March	106.5	105.0

These figures show that in spite of the reductions of nominal wages made in the woodworking industries of Finland in 1930-1932 the real wages are still at least as high as at the outset of the international crisis. Association of Finnish Plywood Mills. The Association of Finnish Plywood Mills, which has of late had charge of all sales of plywood for most of the Finnish plywood mills, recently gave up its selling business. The Association will continue its activities as an institution for informative purposes.

New steamship line to England. Finska Angfartygs Ab. (The Finland Steamship Co. Ltd.) has now definitely decided to put on steamers for regular traffic between Turku Traffic is to start next (Åbo) and England. April, when the exportation of butter and other agricultural produce from Western Finland will be transferred from Hanko (Hangö) and Helsinki (Helsingfors) to Turku. Four steamers are to be run at first, maintaining four weekly sailings, but later the number can be reduced to three steamers, when a new, fast steamer has been secured for this line. The new steamer is to be built by Crichton-Vulcan in Turku and will cost 11 million marks.

Crop prospects. At the end of the summer the weather was in general favourable for the ripening and harvesting of the crops and for the growth of potatoes and root vegetables. Local frost occurred, it is true, but did very little harm. As the rainfall was small, harvest-

ing could on the whole be done under suitable weather conditions. The autumn sowings alone suffered to some extent for want of rain. Under such conditions the crop figures given by the Board of Agriculture in the middle of September are generally higher than in the middle of August. If we compare the results of the crops with the corresponding figures for last year, we will see that the crops of rye, autumn wheat and potatoes have turned out above medium and have yielded considerably better results than last year. The crops of spring grain, especially oats and barley, and hay are, however, worse than last year and below a medium crop, while root vegetables will this year yield a very poor crop. A general idea of the crop prospects in the middle of September for the present and three preceding years can be gleaned from the following table, in which, in stating the crop prospects, a scale of figures is employed, 8 signifying very good, 7 good, 6 above medium, 5 medium, 4 below medium, 3 a poor crop, 2 almost a failure of crop, and 1 a failure of crop.

	м	iddle of	Septemb	er.
	1933	1932	1931	1930
Wheat		5.9	5.8	5.7
Rye	6.1	5.9	5.6	6.3
Barley		5.5	5.4	5.4
Oats		5.4	5.6	5.5
Potatoes		5.2	5.5	5.7
Нау	4.5	5.1	5.0	5.2

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