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THE MONEY MARKET.

The most noteworthy among the changes in the money market which occurred during January is the unusual increase of 194.2 million marks in the receipts of the Joint Stock banks of which 99.2 million marks were on current accounts and 95.0 million marks on long-term Receipts thus reached the figure of 4.330.1 million marks. In the previous year the increase in January was 63.1 million marks and the greatest increase in any one month during the year amounted to 86.6 million marks. It will therefore be seen that the increase during last January was exceptionally great. On the other hand loans, especially on bills, decreased by 24.4 million marks. Owing to deposits increasing and the demand for credit diminishing, the state of the money market was eased to some extent.

The position of the Joint Stock banks towards foreign countries remained almost unchanged, the net debt having grown by only about 8 million marks.

The position of the Bank of Finland, too, improved during January: notes in circulation and loans decreased, whereas balances in the hands of foreign correspondents and current accounts increased. The reduction of the notes in circulation during January is an occurrence which repeats itself annually. The note circulation, however, was rather larger than during the corresponding period last year.

Other figures which illustrate the position of the money market do not indicate any alterations in the course of January worth mentioning. The turnover on the Exchange was nearly the same and the index figure for the price of securities on the Exchange exactly the same as for the previous month. The number of protested bills was reduced from 539 to 419. The value of the Finnish mark, as shown by the rates of exchange for foreign currency, fell slightly during January, e. g. the average rate for the dollar rose from 39:95 in December to 40:38 in January. In February Finnish currency began to rise again.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

For January the trade balance was unfavourable which is customary for this time of year in Finland, especially in view of the fact that woodgoods are generally not shipped abroad in the winter. The value of imports amounted to 306.2 million marks and exports totalled 199.0 million marks, the surplus of imports thus being 107.2 million marks. In volume imports represented 108.8 % and exports 118.0 % of the corresponding quantities for 1913 which proves, firstly, that the balance of trade in January this year was less unfavourable than in 1913, and secondly, that foreign trade in January was unusually large in volume. This last circumstance is undoubtedly to be ascribed to the fact

that the ice conditions, owing to the exceptionally mild weather during January, did not be obstruct traffic to the extent which is often the case at this season.

In the composition of imports and exports no special changes call for mention. It may be noted that imports of coffee and exports of chemical pulp were heavier than usual.

In respect to the products of Finland's export industries the year 1923 opened with good omens. For shipment during next summer about 200,000 standards of timber had been sold by the end of January, a result which may be considered good. Prices, too have shown a constant tendency to rise. England has at present, as usual, bought most. Holland and Denmark, however, have also proved good buyers. The demand from France and Belgium, on the other hand, has fallen off, apparently on account of the fall in the rate of exchange for the currencies of those countries.

The market for mechanical pulp continues to improve. The gradual rise in price which set in in the autumn, has not yet been arrested and the demand is brisk. The lock-out in this branch of industry in Sweden may have affected the position to some extent. Most of the Finnish pulp mills had already early in February sold

their entire production up to May. The demand for chemical pulp is also lively.

The paper industry is in a somewhat worse position than the industries mentioned. It is true that the demand in this branch is lively, too, but prices are not satisfactory. In contrast to prices for the above export goods, paper prices fell during 1922, for instance, for some of the most important sorts of paper from £ 20 to £ 18 per ton. As Finnish currency improved at the same time, the Finnish paper industry found it increasingly difficult to compete in the foreign market. Up to the present the paper mills have, indeed, been working full time, but the considerable rise in the value of Finnish currency at the end of February looks like forcing some measure of reduced production.

THE LABOUR MARKET.

Labour conditions continue to be especially satisfactory. There is admittedly a certain amount of unemployment in the towns which has induced the bigger towns to organise relief work for the unemployed, but such unemployment is not greater than usual for the time of year. Labour disputes have scarcely occurred at all, and have in every case been purely local in character and of short duration.

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STATISTICS.

1. — BALANCE SHEET OF THE BANK OF FINLAND. 1)

•	1922 Mill. Fmk		19 Mill.		•
	¹⁵ / ₂	23/1	81/1	8/2	15/2
ASSETS.					
I. Gold Reserve	42.6 161.3	42.7 736.6	42.7 760.1	42.7 75 7. 8	42.7 784.8
II. Finnish Silver Coin Bonds in Foreign Currency	0.5 9.2	0.5 6.9	0.5 6.9	0.5 6.9	0.5 6.9
Foreign Bank Notes and Coupons Bills	0.4 0.6	0.8 6.6	0.7 9.2	0.5 9.3	0.5 8.0
Finnish State Bonds in Finnish Currency Treasury Bills	519.1 271.7	507.7 71.7	507.7 71.7	507.7 71.7	507.7 71.7
Inland Bills	645.7 —	548.5 59.8	5 13. 8 5 9. 8	525 . 1 59 . 8	525.6 59.8
Inland Bills 2) Loans on Security Advances on Current Accounts	26.2 0.5	29.4 5 3. 9 8.9	29,4 53.7 8,9	29.3 53.7 8.9	29.8 53.7 8.9
Bank Premises and Furniture Sundry Assets	6.0 48.9	12.0 47.9	12.0 54.6	12.0 44.9	12.0 47.9
LIABILITIES. Total	1 732.7	2 133.9	2 131.7	2 130.8	2 160.0
Liabilities payable on demand:	1.050		4 000		
Notes in circulation	1 372.3 1.3	1 345.2 2.5	1 399.7 2.6	1 413.4 3.5	1 435.5 1.9
Balance of Current Accounts due to Government	49.7	260.3	234.9	252.8	228.0
» » » » Others	38.8 10.2	199.1 23.0	154.1 30.7	145.3	187.7
Foreign Correspondents Sundry Accounts		18.0	23.6	24.7 26.2	25.9 15.8
Government's Long-term Deposits		85.0	85.0	60.0	60.0
Earnings less Expenses	9.1	5.3	5.6	9.4	9.7
Capital	100.0 50.0	100.0	100.0	100.0 50.0	100.0
Reserve Fund	6.0	50.0 6.0	50.0 6.0	6.0	50.0 12.0
Profits at disposal	70.0	39.5	39.5	39.5	33.5
Total	1 732.7	2 133.9	2 131.7	2 130.8	2 160.0

2. - NOTE ISSUE OF THE BANK OF FINLAND.

	1922		19	23	
	15/2	23/1	³¹ / ₁	8/2	15/2
RIGHT TO ISSUE NOTES:					
Gold Reserve and Foreign Correspondents	203.9 1 500.0	779.3 1 500.0	802.8 1 500.0	800.5 1 500.0	827.5 1 500.0
Total	1 703.9	2 279.3	2 302.8	2 300.5	2 327.5
Less Insufficient Supplementary Cover 3)	52.8	357.3	389.5	378.3	379.1
Right to Issue Notes	1 651.1	1 922.0	1 913,3	1 922.2	1 948.4
USED AMOUNT OF ISSUE: Notes in circulation	1 372.3 125.3 1.2	1 345.2 502.9 1.7	1 399.7 445.9 1.7	1 413.4 452.5 1.7	1 435.5 459.3 1.7
Total	1 498.8	1 849.8	1 847.3	1 867.6	1 896.5
NOTE RESERVE	152.3	72.2	66.0	54.6	51.9
Total	1 651.1	1 922,0	1 913.3	1 922.2	1 948.4

^{&#}x27;) Made up in accordance with the regulations regarding the Bank's note issue, contained in the Law of Dec. 30, 1921.

Bills not included in the supplementary cover (see note 3).

Difference between 1500 million marks, being the maximum of the Bank's fiduciary note issue, and assets (above under group II) serving as supplementary cover for the note issue.

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

End of		Note	Circula Mill, Fmk				Foreign	Correspo Mill, Fmk.		1)	End of
Month	1913	1921	1922	1923	Monthly Movement	1913	1921	1922	1923	Monthly Movement	Month
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	114.4 1 119.6 1 116.0 1 118.2 1 114.9 1 109.9 1 112.0 1 112.3 1	1 341.0] 1 348.8 1 464.4 1 476.0 1 451.4 1 404.9 1 398.6 1 357.7 1 379.1 1 415.7 1 382.7 1 382.7	1 341.2 1 442.1 1 441.2 1 415.4 1 400.0 1 373.1 1 340.4 1 356.4 1 397.2 1 375.6 1 343.3 1 420.9	1 399.7 1 512.9	21.2 + 113.2	[60.4] 55.1 53.7 53.6 49.6 48.5 48.7 52.1 51.9 58.5 64.9 62.9 58.5	[180.3] 156.5 117.5 88.0 63.6 108.4 115.2 135.1 125.7 107.0 130.5 149.9 215.7	201.5 161.5 155.6 185.0 153.2 79.8 97.5 106.1 345.3 915.2 853.3 708.0	760.1 803.1	+ 52.1 + 43.0	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

¹⁾ Credit balances with foreign correspondents.

4. — BANK OF FINLAND. HOME LOANS AND NOTE RESERVE.

End of			me Loan Mill. Fmk		_		Not	te Rese Mill. Fmk			End of
Month	1913	1921	1922	1923	Monthly Movement	1913	1921	1922	1923*)	Monthly Movement	Month
	[115.2]	[255.4]				[16.0]	[91.4]			1	:
Jan.	114.9	225.2	646.0	605.8	44.5	17.2	125.6	213.3	455.5	+ 49.8	Jan.
Febr.	119.2	292.6	757.2	601.6	— 4.2 ·	23.6	66.2	152.9	422.1	33.4	Febr.
March	120.8	264.2	731.6		. 4	22.2	99.3	179.7	}	.	March
April	121.5	254.4	716.8		1	23.0	101.5	184.3		•	April
May	126.4	319.5	774.0			18.6	73.6	163. 0	1	1 .	May
June	119.6	338.1	822.1			26.2	67.2	135.3			June
July .	113.4	348.8	798.7	i	. • 1	32.8	57.2	176.7	ļ	!	July
Aug.	108.9	380.2	811.5			37.7	36.2	180.6		:	Aug.
Aug. Sept.	104.5	434.1	679.7		.i	42.9	7.4	306.6	1	! !	Sept.
Oct.	102.9	435.2	421.6	l	1	45.2	26.6	55 1. 6			Oct.
Nov.	103.9	452.1	478.1	i	"	46.4	28.7	504. 8) ·		Nov.
Dec.	110.0	657.1°)	650.3] .	41.2	139.4	405.7			Dec.

5. — BANK OF FINLAND. BALANCES OF CURRENT ACCOUNTS.

End of	- B		Current A Governme Mill. Fmk.	ent	lue	Balanc	e of Curre tha	ent Accous in Govern Mill, Fink	ment	o others	End of Month
Month	1913	1921	1922	1923	Monthly Movement	191 3	1921	1922	1923	Monthly Movement	l
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	[23.1] 20.1 17.7 20.1 22.5 17.7 18.2 19.0 18.1 17.9 27.3 23.1	[26.1] 10.5 21.0 2.8 75.5 19.3 32.5 48.5 17.5 55.9 106.1	93.5 41.3 	234.9 217.3	— 4.4 — 17.6	[4.7] 4.9 3.6 4.3 3.6 3.4 4.4 5.2 4.5 4.5 4.7 4.3	[53.1] 69.5 34.7 59.7 49.7 60.1 64.8 78.8 49.2 42.8 63.5 57.9	53.9 47.0 51.9 69.1 73.4 60.5 69.3 60.9 85.0 202.0 167.7 110.6	154.1 151.8	+ 43.5	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

The figures in brackets [] indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

¹⁾ Loans on Security, Advances on Current Accounts and Inland Bills.

1) It has been increase at this point is a result of the new ordinances concerning the note issue.

2) In these figures the amount deducted in Table 2 has been included in the note reserve, as this is in reality a conditional note reserve. The difference between these two forms of note reserve consists only in the fact that the deduction referred to may be utilised for the note issue only if set against such means as can be referred to the supplementary cover, while on the other hand no conditions are laid down with regard to the employment of the note reserve which the Bank publishes in its balances.

6. — BANK OF FINLAND. CLEARING.

j)		Tot	tal			Details	for 1923		
Month	19	22¹)	19	23°)	Bank-P	ost-Bilis	Che	ques	Month
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
il		Mill. Fmk		Mill. Fmk		Mill. Fmk		Mill. Fmk	
January	37 649	638.5	83 621	1 318.2	71942	589.7	11 679	728.5	January
February	34 772	686.6	72910	1 254.6	61 545	524.2	11 365	730.4	February
March	$42\ 194$	728.3		ı				. '	March
April	40 301	726.4		· .					April
May	43 914	800.0		!					May
June	41 199	780.7							June
July	42 578	740.0 h							July
August	39 858	805.5		I				i i	August
September	42 615	853.0							September
October	48 608	1 370.5							October
November :	49 31 0	1 167.4		1		Ι ,		ļ - ji	November
December	49 508	1 019.9				i			December
Total	512 506	10 316.8				I		Į.	Total
JanFebr.	72 421	1 325.1	156531	2 572.8	133 487	1 113.9	23 044	1 458.9	JanFebr.

1) Includes only clearing at the Head Office of the Bank. — 2) From the beginning of 1923 these figures contain the clearing both at the Head Office of the Bank and at five of the branches.

7. — RATES OF EXCHANGE QUOTED BY THE BANK OF FINLAND, MONTHLY AVERAGE.

Month	 London	Paris	Brussels	Berlin	Amster- dam	Basle	Stock- holm	Chris- tiania.	Copen- hagen	New York	Prague	Reval	Month
Par. 1920	25: 22	100: —	100:	12 3 : 4 6	208: 32	100: —	138: 89	13 8: 89	13 8: 89	5: 18	105:01	100: —	Par. 1920
Dec. 1921	145: 36	247: 56	262: 08	57: 92	1 286: 76	6 4 6: 36	812: 24	609: 36	614: 52	41 : 67	_	— I	Dec. 1921
Dec. 1922	218: 92			,	1 917: 80		1 291: 40	801: 64	1 027: 40	52:94		i	Dec. 1922
Febr. March	210: 94	433: 73	406: 92	17: 68	1 870: 67 1 825: 23				1 025 25 1 016: 92		<u> </u>	14: 49 14: 14	March
April May	212: 74	478: 55 436: —	3 99: 96	16: 59	1 971: 68 1 848: 60	924: 96	1 232: 80	883: 44	1 023: 88	47: 89	_	14: 54	
June July	205: 46 208: 75	3 86: 88	367: 15	10: 04	1 788: 17 1 820: 19	902 : 3 5	1 218: 27	78 3: —	1 001: 17 1 011: 42	47: 06	i i	14: 04 14: —	July
Aug. Sept.	204: 25	374: 63 352: 54	333: 3 8	3: 23	1 828: 63 1 787: 69	870: 85	1 219:	774: 35		46: 07	150:54		Sept.
Oct. Nov.	176: 33	319: — 269: 38	249: 65	-: 59	1 683: 38 1 546: 46	725: 58	1 150: 77 1 057: 70	723: 58	795: 88	3 9: 42		11:49	Nov.
Dec. 1923		288: 65			1 591: 09		1 075: 26				124:22		1923
Jan. Febr.					1 598: 12 1 513: 13		1 084: 20 1 017: 54				114:21		

8. — HOME DEPOSITS IN THE JOINT STOCK BANKS.

End of	Curr	ent Accou Mill. Fmk	nts ¹)	D	eposite Mill. Fmk	s ²)	<u>.</u>		tal Fmk		End of
Month	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	Monthly Move- ment	Month
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[54.3] 57.9 54.8 56.8 54.3 55.8 55.6 55.7 57.7 57.9 59.7 58.1 54.6	[944.3] 977.7 961.2 1 028.1 1 020.9 990.8 1 008.3 1 042.9 1 035.7 1 124.2 1 134.8 1 128.2	1 121.4	[591.0] 595.9 599.6 603.3 601.6 609.7 613.3 615.8 612.8 611.7 615.3 605.3	2 844.0] 2 873.7 2 898.7 2 910.9 2 936.6 2 932.3 3 001.4 2 984.8 2 972.7 2 966.7 2 959.5 2 988.2 3 113.7	3 208.7	[645.3] 653.8 654.4 660.1 657.6 665.3 669.0 673.5 670.7 671.4 663.4 673.8	[3 788.3] 3 851.4 3 859.9 3 939.0 3 957.5 3 923.1 4 009.7 4 027.7 4 098.4 4 090.9 4 094.3 4 116.4 4 135.9	4 330,1	+ 194.2	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

Tables 8-10 according to Finlands' Official Statistics VII. D. Bank Statistics. The figures in brackets [] indicate the position at the end of the previous eary.

1) Actual current accounts and home correspondents.

2) Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

9. — HOME LOANS GRANTED BY THE JOINT STOCK BANKS.

End of	_	nland Bill Mill, Fmk	s	Loans	and Overd Mill, Fmk	rafts 1)		Total Mill. Fmk		Monthly Move-	End of
Month	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	ment	Month
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[283.7] 290.2 292.1 294.7 298.1 301.4 297.1 289.0 281.3 278.4 275.9 274.1	(1 584.3) 1 570.1 1 568.0 1 584.1 1 733.3 1 834.2 1 847.3 1 833.6 1 848.1 1 862.3 1 849.2 1 847.7 1 905.3	1877.7	[453.3] 459.8 465.4 467.2 472.8 478.5 474.9 470.1 472.3 470.5 477.7 473.4 469.3	[4 388.6] 4 298.7 4 372.8 4 404.5 4 317.8 4 266.5 4 290.5 4 268.2 4 253.9 4 239.3 4 212.7 4 257.2 4 240.6	4 243.8	[737.0] 750.0 757.5 761.9 770.9 779.9 772.0 759.1 758.6 748.9 755.8 749.3	[5 972.9] 5 868.8 5 940.8 5 988.6 6 051.1 6 100.7 6 137.5 6 101.8 6 102.0 6 101.6 6 061.9 6 104.9 6 145.9	6 121.5	- 24.4	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept Oct. Nov. Dec.

¹⁾ Home loans, cash credits and home correspondents.

10. — POSITION OF THE JOINT STOCK BANKS WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

End of		redits Iill. Fmk			Debts ²) Mill. Fmk		Net Claim	(+) and Ne Mill. Fmk	tDebts (—)	Monthly Move-	End of
Month	1913 ³)	1922	1923	1913 •)	1922	1923	1913 °)	1922	1923	ment	Month
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	[32.9] 30.1 30.4 27.8 26.7 27.5 32.2 40.9 50.5 52.1 53.8 50.5 49.5	[86.8] 96.8 116.2 86.7 103.5 84.7 81.8 115.1 107.4 119.9 92.1 79.2 72.2	101.3	[15.7] 14.7 17.2 17.6 23.1 27.7 26.0 19.7 16.1 15.6 20.1 20.3 16.2	[994.6] 944.8 936.4 947.6 1 034.6 1 036.3 999.9 1 001.2 988.4 998.5 1 086.1 1 078.8 971.8	1 008.8	[+ 17.2] + 15.4 + 13.2 + 10.2 + 3.6 - 0.2 + 21.2 + 34.4 + 36.5 + 33.7 + 30.2 + 33.3	[— 907.8] — 848.0 — 820.2 — 860.9 — 931.1 — 951.6 — 918.0 — 878.6 — 994.0 — 899.6		+ 7.9	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

The figures in brackets [] indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

1) Balances with foreign correspondents and foreign bills. — 2) Due to foreign correspondents. — 3) In the previous number of this Bulletin were in this table indicated in the column for 1913 the figures for 1920, which error hereby is adjusted.

11. — BANKRUPTCIES AND PROTESTED BILLS.

	Ban	krapt	cies				P	rotested	Bills			
Month	N	umbe	r		Nur	nber				ount mk		Month
	1913	1922	1923	1913	1921	1922	1923	1913	1921	1922	1923	
January	67	39		959	392	422	419*	2 776 572	3 256 407	4 868 271	3 799 831*	
February	62	33		762	299	398	į.	2 058 523	3 991 840	2 655 837		February
March	62	37		957	3 85	364	ļ	1 116 242	4 226 417	2 482 270		March
April May	75	34	ii ii	881	266	313	i	1 182 381	2 998 643	2 772 569		April
May	⊭ 70	33	ļį	861	267	370		987 084	4 036 483	3 611 654		May
June	53	28		807	279	345		8 03 44 9	2 220 208	2 753 271	i	June
July	51	27	ļļ.	820	239	363		826 565	2 306 286	2 265 867		July
August	62	17		799	222	299	,	1 009 717	4 372 719	1 648 083		August
September	62	25*	(8 3 8	290	31 8		1 046 329	4 348 018	3 661 774		September
October	66	23*	ļ!	888	379	334		8 3 0 33 9	4 434 386	2 310 614		October
November	69	33*	:	762	487	339		627 718	7 675 952	2 946 482		November
December	63	37*	[]	942	468	539*		1 035 126	5 244 829	4814994*		December
Total	762	366*		10 276	3 973	4 404*		14 300 045	49 112 188	36 791 686*		Total

Number of bankruptcy petitions filed during the corresponding month which will lead in due course to actual bankruptcy. The reports for 1913 and 1921 are given according to the notices in the Official Gazette, those for 1922 according to the reports sent in to the Central Statistical Office by the various Courts.

Protested bills according to figures published in the *Report of Bills Protested in Finland*.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

12. — TURNOVER OF HELSINGFORS STOCK EXCHANGE.

		Total		I	etails for	1923 Mill. F	mk	
Month		Mill. Fmk.			Shares		l	Month
	1921	1922	1923	Bank	Industrial	Miscel- laneous	Bonds	
January	33.5	12.1	14.1 .	10.1	3.0	0.9	0.1	January
February	26.7	13.1	12.2	5.6	4.5	1.5	0.6	February
March	26.2	10.5		i]	March
April	16.2	10.8		I				April
May	13.6	17.3			!			May
June	9.8	6.5					İ	June
July	7.6	3.9		i	; ·		[July
August	11.8	6.9		!	! [August
September	18.4	11.8		:				September
October	29.2	17.0						October
November	15.6	12.2	1		li		l	November
December	9.3	13.8	j		i		İ.	December
Total	217.9	135.9	i		1		1	Total
JanFebr.	60.2	25.2	26.3	15.7	7.5	2.4	0.6	JanFebr.

According to figures supplied by the Stock Exchange Committee.

13. — STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX.

Year	Jan,	Febr.	. March	April	Мау	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year
1919 1920 1921 1922 1923	300 322 214 152 154	296 327 192 160 154	289 331 175 160	267 305 167 150	267 284 165 143	274 288 175 141	276 303 169 144	286 315 169 147	288 296 167 154	290 248 160 167	286 213 154 157	300 196 147 154	1919 1920 1921 1922 1923

According to figures published in the *Mercator*.

In calculating the above index-figures 16, since Jan. 1922 15, investments quoted on the Helsingfors Stock Exchange have been, taken into account, of which 5 bank shares, 8 industrial and 2 others. Nominal value = 100.

14. — NATIONAL DEBT.

Month	unded	Floating						жш.	Fmk.		End of
	1		Total	Funded	Floating	Total	Funded	Floating	Total	Monthly Movement	Month
1920 January 3	308.8	28.6	337.4	873.9	630.3	1 504.2	1 182.7	658.9	1 841.6	+ 5.6	1920 January
1921 January 3	304.1	136.4	440.5	923.9	584.8	1 508.7	1 228.0	721.2	1 949.2	+ 13.1	1921 January
February 54 March 55 April 55 May 55 June 55 July 55 August 55 September 56 November 66	535.5 535.5 535.3 535.3 535.3 534.8 534.5 534.5 534.5 534.5 534.5 532.0 559.8	156.1 156.1 156.1 156.1 156.1 156.1 156.1 156.1 156.1 156.1 156.1 156.1	691.6 691.4 691.4 691.4 690.9 690.6 690.6 690.4 718.6 778.1 826.9	955.9 955.9 956.4 956.6 956.6 955.5 954.8 954.9 953.8 956.2 956.0	267.8 249.3 248.6 243.3 219.2 194.9 190.0 181.3 172.1 172.1 103.0 95.0	1 223.7 1 205.2 1 205.0 1 199.8 1 175.8 1 151.5 1 145.5 1 136.1 1 127.0 1 125.9 1 059.2 1 051.0	1 491.4 1 491.4 1 491.8 1 491.9 1 491.4 1 490.0 1 489.3 1 489.2 1 516.3 1 578.2 1 615.8	423.9 405.4 404.7 399.4 375.3 351.0 346.1 327.4 328.2 328.2 259.1 262.1	1 915.3 1 896.8 1 896.4 1 891.2 1 867.2 1 842.4 1 836.1 1 826.7 1 817.4 1 844.5 1 837.3 1 877.9	$\begin{array}{c} -18.5 \\ -18.5 \\ -0.4 \\ -5.2 \\ -24.0 \\ -24.8 \\ -6.3 \\ -9.4 \\ -9.3 \\ +27.1 \\ -7.2 \\ +40.6 \end{array}$	1922 January February March April May June July August September October November December
	359.8 359.8	167.1 167.1	826.9 826.9	956.0 956.0	85.2 84.5	1 041.2 1 040.5	1 615.8 1 615.8	252.3 251.6	1 868.1 1 867.4	- 9.8 - 0.7	1923 January February
	46.2 45.7	5.7 5.7 5.7	51.9 51.4	23.7 25.0	Mill. Dollar 2.1 2.2	rs 25.8 27.2	69.9 70.7		Dollars 77.7 78.6	$\begin{array}{c c} - & 1.2 \\ + & 0.9 \end{array}$	January February

The above table is based on the monthly report on the Public Debt published by the Treasury in the Official Gazette. Internal loans are given at their nominal value. Foreign loans are given in Finnish currency according to the rate prevailing on the date of the raising of the loan. As a result of this, loans of an earlier date than 1914 are set down at par.

1) 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, negociated abroad, which are all issued in different currencies, are grouped according to the proportion of currencies, showed by the coupons paid, and reduced to dollars at the rate of exchange just mentioned.

15. — MISCELLANEOUS STATE RECEIPTS COLLECTED BY CUSTOMS.

(000's omitted.)

Month	Import Customs and Storage Charges	Export Customs	Export Charges	Clearing Charges	Light Dues	Excise on Tobacco	Excise on Matches	Month
1923 January February March April May June July August September October November December	70 073	1 191	21	73	426	10 062	1142	1923 January February March April May June July August September October November December
January 1923	29 360 20 6 3 6	1 191 756 653 826	21 471 2 592 —	73 47 52 20	426 288 207 65	10 062 6 269 9 922 10 308	1 142 381 — —	January 1923 » 1922 » 1921 » 1920
1923 Budget Estimate	720 000	23 000	5 000	2 000	14 000	120 000	14 000	1923 Budget Estimate

Tables 15-24 according to Finnish Official Statistics I. A., Foreign Trade of Finland, Monthly Reports.

16. — VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Month	(Imports C. I. F. Válu Mill. Fmk	e)	(Exports F. O. B. Valu Mill. Fmk	16)	_	ıs of Impor r Exports (- Mill, Fmk		Month
	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	29.9 26.6 30.0 32.3 52.6 43.5 40.3 51.8 61.4 48.4 35.6	146.1* 116.6* 225.7* 322.3* 456.4* 425.9* 319.9* 360.7* 365.0* 392.5* 422.2*	306.2* 261.5*	13.0 14.2 13.6 17.3 36.6 49.1 56.6 52.1 50.3 42.9 32.3 26.8	146.5* 116.3* 200.0* 256.0* 233.3* 532.3* 622.9* 600.0* 511.6* 479.3* 390.5* 272.4*	199.0* 150.4*	$\begin{array}{c} -16.9 \\ -12.4 \\ -16.4 \\ -15.0 \\ -16.0 \\ +6.1 \\ +13.1 \\ +11.8 \\ -1.5 \\ -18.5 \\ -16.1 \\ -8.8 \end{array}$	+ 0.4* - 0.3* - 25.7* - 66.3* - 123.1* + 106.4* + 303.0* + 200.2* + 150.9* + 114.3* - 2.0* - 149.8*	— 107.2* — 111.1*	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total JanFebr.	495.4 56.5	3 953.1* 262.7*	567.7*	404.8 27.2	4 461.1* 262.8*	349.4*	90.6 29.3	+ 508.0* + 0.1*	— 218.3 *	Total JanFebr.

The term import covers all imported goods which have been let out into the market either immediately after importation or after storage.

Goods are notified 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. Consequently, imports are given according to their C. I. F. value and exports F. O. B.

Export covers all goods exported from the open market, including re-exports.

^{*} Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

17. - VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS IN DIFFERENT GROUPS OF GOODS.

\Box				Imp	orts	*				Exp	orts		
group		:		(C. I. I	. Value)					(F. O. E	3. Value)		:
of gr	Groups of Goods			Mill	. Fmk					Mill.	Fmk		
No. o		Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	J	an.—De	;.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	J	an.—De	3.
	·	1922	1922*	1923*	1920	1921	1922*	1922	1922*	1923*	1920	1921	1922*
1	Live animals	0.0	0.3	0.0	1.0	0.3	1.6	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.6	30.4	9.0
2	Food obtained from animals	4.5	9.4	9.8	42.1	119.1	106.8	26.7	27.3	28.3	70.4	439.0	453.7
	Cereals and their products Fodder and seed	18.3 5.1	106.1 6.5	33.1	534.2 34.0	715.4 50.2	703.4 60.7	$\begin{array}{c} 0.3 \\ 0.1 \end{array}$	2.1 1.3	2.3	0.0 3.7	2.2 4.6	
5	Fruit, vegetables, live plants,	J.1		6.8	94.0	00.2	00.1	0.1	1.5	1.0	5.1	4.0	11.6
	etc	2.5	11.7	10.1	59.4	65.2	76.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.2	19.0	3.9
6	Colonial produce and spices Preserves, in hermetically	19.3	86.9	35.6	522.4	683.5	551.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.9	8.7	9.2
	_ sealed packages	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.6	2.1	1.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	i — I	0.1	2.8
8	Beverages	0.6 12.2	0.2 35.7	0.9	2.7 314.4	2.1 249.4	5.2	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0 0.4
	Yarns and ropes	3.4	6.4	33. 6 8.2		71.7	331.1 107.3	0.0	0.0 0.0			0.2 1.2	0.4
11	Cloth	7.6	18.7	26.2	191.0	204.3	289.1	0.9	0.2		0.4	9.4	13.0
12 13	Diverse textile products Timber and wooden articles	4.8 0.9	9.0 1.6	$\begin{array}{c} 12.2 \\ 1.1 \end{array}$	64.3 16.0	120.6 15.5	134.7 13.6	0.1 22.8	0.1 101.5	0.0	0.3 1 633.3	2.4	3.1
	Bark, cane, branches or	0.5	1.0	1.1	10.0	10.5	15.0	~~	101.0	22.9	1 000.5	1 020.0	4 434.1
	twigs, and articles made					_					ا نہ ا	_	
15	from same	0.9	4.8	2.7	12.1	7.7	23.0	0,0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.1	1.9
10	er and articles made from												
	same	0.6	1.0	0.9	6.3	6.3	8.8	79.6	119.4	127.3	1 080.7	1 127.6	1 430.3
16	Hair, bristles, feathers toge- ther with bones, horn and												
	other carvable goods not												
į l	specifically mentioned, and					44 -	40-	ـ ا	0 -	0.0			
17	articles made from same Hides and skins, leather-	0.8	1.2	1.4	4.0	11.7	10.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.1	2.4	2.2
-	goods, furs, etc	8.2	13.6	15.7	121.9	100.2	153.5	9.0	12.4				
	Metals and metal goods		36.6	43.4		310.1	403.6	0.6	0.5				
50 18	Machinery and apparatus Means of transport	10.7 0.9	16.6 3.1	19.3 4.2		276.7 56.8	203.9 49.3	0.2 0.0	0.5	0.5 0.0			
21	Musical instruments, instru-	: 							_				
00	ments, clocks and watches	1.4	4.0	3.9	14.8	22.4	23.7		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ZZ	Stones and earths, and articles made from same	3.7	12.8	7.3	156.5	85.2	139.6	0.4	1.0	0.3	5.1	16.5	13.7
23	Asphalt, tar, resins, rub-	:											
	ber and products made from same	3.8	5.7	5.7	81.8	54.7	77.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	6.5	10.9	11.2
24	Oils, fats and waxes, and		0.,	0.1		01.1		0.5	0.0		i	10.5	11.2
er.	products of same	5.4	13.6	8.0	197.0	160.5	177.5	0.1	0,0	0.0	1.6	2.5	0.6
ZĐ	Ethers, alcohols not speci- fically described, ethereal	;				•							
	oils, cosmetics, etc	0.3	0.5	0.3		4.7	5.6	0.3			_		
26	Colours and dyes Explosives, fire-arms and	3.0	2.7	3.3	43.9	38.4	50.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
4'	materials, fuses and fire-									[1
-	works	0.1	0.7	0.7	9.3	7.0	4.8	1:8	2.4	3.3	19.4	21.5	29.2
28	Chemical elements and combinations thereof and									:		!	
	drugs	3.3	7.3	7.0	169.5			0.1	0.2	0.9	1.2	6.9	8.4
	Fertilizers Literature and works of art,	1.5	1.3	0.5	21.4	32.1	72.8	-	-	i — [-	<u> </u>	-
50	educational materials, of-											İ	-
	fice fittings, etc	1.5	2.6	2.6	17.7	17.1	22.9	0.2	0.3	0.2	2.2	3.7	5.9
31	Articles not specified else-	0.8	1.4	1.6	8.0	22.4	20.5	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.6	3.4	1.9
	where	146.1			<u>' </u>		3 953.1		270.7		<u> </u>	·	4 430.3
	Re-export	· —	_					2.4	1.7	1.4			
	Total	146.1	422.2	306.2	3 626.5	3 585.7	3 953.1	146.5	272.4	199.0	2 926.4	3 389.4	4 461.1

^{*} Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

18. — IMPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES.

Month		R y e Tons			Rye Flour Tons			Wheat Tons		Month
i .	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	903.3 974.5 1 391.5 906.6 6 902.8 3 696.8 5 981.5 4 769.6 13 264.9 16 126.1 9 643.9	1 278.7* 2 402.7* 7 669.3* 5 100.0* 11 494.7* 7 519.3* 3 629.8* 12 460.6* 7 175.5* 8 172.6* 14 929.8* 18 827.6*	2 492.7*	7 844.3 8 619.6 9 524.5 5 218.6 22 320.0 16 083.5 14 597.3 12 149.3 28 854.6 37 290.8 24 991.0 8 536.8	101.8* 195.4* 1 299.2* 1 576.0* 1 826.8* 2 155.6* 755.2* 969.5* 1 797.2* 569.9* 1 614.8* 4 991.1*	825.5*	12.4 10.5 23.0	19.8* 19.8* 2.2* 14.5* 2.4* 3.2* 104.3* 110.0* 18.3* 113.6* 254.0*		January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total		100 660.6*	-	196 030.3		1	368.3	662.1*		Total

Month	Wheaten Flour and Grain of Wheat Tons			Rice	and Grain o	f Rice		Month		
	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	i <u>l</u>
January February	8 858.2 5 904.9	2 582.4* 2 990.0*	6 205.1*	53.7	119.2* 299.0*	634.0*	579.2 423.3	30.6* 10.0*	138.3*	January February
March April May	5 799.8 5 950.5 14 905.8	4 508.0* 6 020.2* 9 046.7*	-	20.9 77.5 2 856.5	774.7* 810.2* 1 188.5*		658.3 562.8 796.5	70.5* 48.7* 115.1*		March April May
June July August	10 647.2 10 108.0 6 870.2	9 869.8* 4 893.8* 6 292.4*	: 	1 636.4 2 895.2 1 161.2	2 369.4* 1 548.5* 1 751.1*		1 053.2 589.3 370.8	165.6* 159.5* 353.2*		June July August
September October	8 862.9 16 015.3	5 587.6* 5 979.4*	: :: ::	1 315.5 2 060.6	835.1* 844.5*		428.5 799.4	263.1* 605.7*		September October
November December Total	15 444.7 9 034.3 118 401.8	7 443.3* 14 376.4* 79 590.0*	<u> </u>	185.9 136.4 12 416.5	976.6* 1 381.5*		754.8 386.9 7 403.0	386.6* 433.8* 2 642.4*		November December

Month		Coffee Tons		Sugar (Refined and Unrefined) Raw Tobacco Tons Tons			Raw Tobacco Tons			Month
	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	
January February March April May June July August September October November	1 899.8 1 286.6	849.9* 739.3* 915.6* 1977.7* 1534.2* 1407.8* 941.9* 1198.0* 1141.9* 1255.2*	1 679.6*	3 659.9 3 702.2 3 250.1 3 777.2 3 835.0 3 502.3 3 031.3 3 740.3 5 945.3 5 916.5 4 397.4	214.6* 118.3* 1 080.6* 2 531.5* 4 355.4* 6 551.5* 5 046.1* 5 825.5* 6 434.4* 3 781.5*	1 021.8*	326.4 324.3 284.7 353.7 297.2 260.1 315.7 320.7 295.4 462.3 327.3	124.8* 137.0* 136.0* 131.6* 167.2* 154.5* 135.6* 226.5* 211.6* 203.7* 169.4*	245.9*	January February March April May June July August September October November
November December Total	719.0	1 297.3* 586.6* 13 845.4*		4 397.4 2 907.5 47 665.4	5 908.0* 18 095.1* 59 942.5*		327.3 192.7 3 760.5	151.0*		

^{*} Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

18. — IMPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES. — Continued.

Month		Raw Cotton Tons	- 1		Wool Tons			Oileakes Tons		Month
	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	1 153.1 659.9 668.4 561.5 998.1 541.5 709.4 700.2 214.2 557.0 842.9 847.9	188.2* 192.5* 1 045.6* 494.3* 778.1* 631.7* 506.6* 550.1* 422.3* 681.8* 1 145.1* 880.7*	964.4*	66.3 80.9 79.1 86.6 39.5 37.1 57.8 61.8 118.4 81.8 103.3 53.8	80.6* 171.1* 72.8* 277.2* 236.3* 190.8* 184.2* 103.4* 96.9* 137.8* 177.4* 107.0*	104.3*	536.6 508.5 707.2 423.3 317.0 284.6 421.1 1 274.1 1 940.0 2 024.1 1 698.2 1 447.0	302.1* 9.8* 151.9* 2 171.1* 250.5* 9.7* 28.1* 913.4* 1 531.1* 295.3* 1 461.5*	1 893.9*	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total	8 454.1	7 517.0*	. 1	866.4	1 835.5*		11 581.7	7 124.5*	1	Total

Month	-	Raw Hides Tons			Coal Tons			Petroleum Tons		Month
	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	558.7 371.3 336.4 539.5 753.1 586.6 420.0 694.2 416.6 440.2 390.8 356.2	285.4* 191.1* 354.8* 479.2* 683.6* 621.1* 293.1* 417.7* 344.3* 564.7* 728.1* 542.7*	464.3*	8 411.6 2 016.6 1 255.0 15 108.4 81 395.7 76 753.2 78 673.8 73 848.4 99 646.1 67 200.5 43 533.0 37 771.4	2 794.9* 2 448.5* 1 350.2* 28 734.3* 21 745.9* 37 790.4* 18 619.0* 28 915.9* 48 651.8*		616.8 610.7 188.0 26.8 61.6 1 764.6 7 914.6 9 699.6 7 334.4 4 020.4 3 373.8 460.0	4.0* 0.0* 107.7* 62.8* 267.3* 175.1* 7 908.2* 5 760.4* 2.9* 1 522.8* 896.6* 3 912.2*		January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total	5 843.6	5 505.8*		585 613.7	243 096.8*		36 071.3	20 620.0*		Total

19. - EXPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES.

February 203.6 491.1* 891.9 427.4* 115.2 220.5* F March 116.0 329.3* 1 025.0 651.5* 57.3 328.7* M April 73.8 337.8* 1 776.8 1 056.7* 95.1 321.9* A May 80.8 191.6* 1 297.1 736.9* 67.9 252.2* M June 75.2 169.4* 1 396.8 786.9* 51.5 161.7* J July 71.1 58.7* 1 530.6 1 091.1* 29.1 199.2* J August 113.0 184.5* 797.8 972.7* 117.0 193.3* A September 169.7 253.7* 706.9 678.9* 173.3 229.2* S	Month	Month
February 203.6 491.1* 891.9 427.4* 115.2 220.5* F March 116.0 329.3* 1 025.0 651.5* 57.3 328.7* M April 73.8 337.8* 1 776.8 1 056.7* 95.1 321.9* A May 80.8 191.6* 1 297.1 736.9* 67.9 252.2* M June 75.2 169.4* 1 396.8 786.9* 51.5 161.7* J July 71.1 58.7* 1 530.6 1 091.1* 29.1 199.2* J August 113.0 184.5* 797.8 972.7* 117.0 193.3* A September 169.7 253.7* 706.9 678.9* 173.3 229.2* S		
	ebruary [arch pril ay une uly ugust eptember ctober [ovember	January February March April May June July August September October November December

 ¹⁾ Fresh meat, excluding pork.
 Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

19. — EXPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES. — Continued.

Month		Raw Hides Tons			Unsawn Timber All Kinds (excl. fuel) 1 000 m ^a			uel (wood) 1000 m³)	Month
	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	<u> </u>
January February March April May June July August September October November December	317.0 393.4 303.1 441.6 298.7 185.4 230.3 185.7 343.5 297.4 336.6 352.7	86.1* 77.5* 109.0* 71.0* 9.5* 1.1* 40.4* 199.1* 212.8* 257.4* 221.8*	77.5*	3.0 5.1 4.2 24.0 307.7 487.6 610.0 721.8 604.5 295.4 81.0	7.8* 0.8* 5.7* 7.1* 61.9* 237.1* 397.4* 475.0* 444.4* 343.2* 121.9* 37.5*	3.1*	77.8 73.7 57.3 80.1 111.8 123.3 128.5 102.2 118.1 60.1 58.9	14.4* 9.7* 27.8* 57.5* 47.4* 59.0* 115.1* 82.0* 34.4* 15.1*	15.6*	January February March April May June July August September October November
Total	3 685.4	1 544.2*		3 162.9	2 139.8*	,	1066.4	582.1*		Total

Month	1 (awn Timber All Kinds 000 standard			Plywood Tons			Matches Tons		Month
	1913	1922	1923	1920¹)	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	<u> </u>
January February March April May June July August September October November December	2.8 0.0 0.2 3.0 73.8 137.0 161.8 144.7 139.7 121.6 79.7 38.7	6.4* 0.2* 0.6* 0.3* 41.8* 140.0* 182.9* 142.8* 105.6* 110.0*	2.8*	832.9 662.0 282.1 934.6 1 704.2 836.9 1 588.4 1 009.4 584.5 2 236.7 806.3 1 322.1	1 017.7* 537.3* 1 109.6* 2 452.8* 1 685.7* 1 381.1* 1 384.2* 1 701.8* 2 163.6* 2 346.5* 2 055.4* 2 223.6*	2 274.0*	30.5 ————————————————————————————————————	166.8* 60.3* 47.3* 316.3* 324.7* 293.4* 94.0* 110.0* 92.4* 206.8* 195.0* 220.2*	251.1*	January February March April May June July August Septembe October Novembe

¹ standard sawn timber = 4.672 m³.

¹) Figures for 1913 not available. Exports were negligible.

Month	1	Bobbins Tons		Mech	anicai P Tons	ulp¹)	Che	mical Pu Tons	ւ l թ ¹)	Month
	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	847.8 989.2 1 030.4 885.2 1 130.2 916.0 944.8 796.7 979.8 723.1 1 143.1 935.7	449.6* 160.1* 682.0* 693.5* 388.9* 450.4* 463.1* 515.4* 452.2* 324.8* 602.4*	473.6*	1 227.4 1 262.7 1 987.3 1 888.4 10 418.4 3 555.8 6 485.6 2 868.9 3 965.4 2 872.8 2 725.6 5 657.1	2 880.8* 2 203.6* 1 413.5* 2 361.6* 5 801.2* 5 246.9* 6 380.3* 4 588.3* 5 024.7* 4 839.6* 2 044.1*	3 591.1*	2 867.5 4 534.1 2 071.5 4 250.1 11 017.5 4 276.5 4 694.7 7 695.0 7 594.4 4 890.8 8 126.1 13 460.8	6 266.9* 12 590.7* 18 689.7* 25 205.9* 15 633.1* 11 758.0* 18 126.2* 21 352.5* 11 535.8* 18 856.9*		January February March April May June July August September October November December

^{*} Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations. — 1) Dry weight.

19. — EXPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES. — Continued.

Month		Cardboard Tons	·		Paper All Kinds Tons		P	rinting-pape Tons	or	Month
	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	2 480.7 4 128.8 4 371.3 3 832.1 5 572.7 4 540.3 4 812.5 4 824.8 5 206.0 4 718.1 4 809.7 4 454.3	1 724.9* 462.5* 1 464.5* 2 394.5* 2 493.9* 2 015.8* 1 777.9* 2 655.9* 1 825.3* 2 153.8* 3 256.9* 2 534.2* 24 689.6*	1 779.0*	10 878.1 10 906.9 11 408.4 11 998.3 12 196.6 13 094.0 12 551.9 12 676.5 12 719.9 13 515.0 12 895.3	11 609.3* 9 704.3* 19 373.8* 22 198.1* 17 433.0* 14 010.7* 13 969.4* 17 451.8* 18 044.4* 17 097.6* 14 764.2* 16 484.6*		5 301.7 5 143.4 5 159.1 5 520.8 5 773.4 5 805.2 5 736.8 5 399.0 6 155.0 6 585.0 6 977.7 6 509.0	8 144.3* 6 315.7* 13 375.6* 13 979.8* 11 915.2* 9 335.3* 9 127.6* 11 963.9* 12 836.1* 11 176.0* 10 183.5* 11 729.6*	į	January February March April May June July August September October November December

20. — FOREIGN TRADE WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

0			ports F. Value)		<u>!</u>		ports B. Value)	
Country		23 u ary	1922 Whole Year	1921 Whole Year	19 Jan		1922 Whole Year	1921 Whole Year
Europe:	Mill. Fmk	%	%	%	Mill, Fmk	%	%	°/ ₀
Belgium Denmark Esthonia France Germany Great Britain Holland Latvia Lithuania Norway Poland Russia Sweden Spain Other European countries	13.2 11.9 5.1 4.9 124.1 48.4 10.6 0.4 0.1 0.6 2.9 7.6 14.4 0.2 6.6	4.3 3.9 1.7 1.6 40.5 15.8 3.5 0.1 0.0 2.5 4.7 0.1 2.1	2.4 4.4 1.4 1.5 33.3 21.6 5.1 0.2 0.1 0.9 0.5 6.3 0.3 2.3	0.8 6.8 0.8 1.2 33.7 19.8 5.3 0.1 0.7 0.1 0.0 7.5 0.2	11.1 3.8 1.5 9.1 25.0 68.8 4.6 0.1 0.0 0.7 0.9 2.3 13.4 0.0 2.4	5.6 1.9 0.8 4.6 12.6 34.6 2.3 0.0 0.4 0.4 1.1 6.7 0.0	7.0 4.8 1.4 10.3 8.7 37.0 8.3 0.0 0.3 0.1 3.1 6.5 0.3	5.5 4.9 1.5 6.4 10.9 33.8 8.0 0.3 0.1 1.2 0.1 1.6 11.9 1.2
Total Europe	251.0	82.0	80.8	78.8	143.7	72.2	. 88.5	87.8
Asia Africa United States Other States of North America South America	0.7 0.1 37.4 0.4 16.6	0.3 0.0 12.2 0.1 5.4	0.2 0.0 15.4 0.6 3.0	1.1 0.0 17.0 0.3 2.8	1.5 0.4 45.2 0.2 7.8	0.8 0.2 22.7 0.1	0.8 2.4 6.5	1.0 2.0 8.1 0.0 1.0
Australia	306.2	100.0	0.0 100.0	100.0	199.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

According to figures supplied by the Statistical Department of the Board of Customs.

Up to Dec. 31, 1917 the last port of shipment and the first port of discharge were used in determining the respective countries of import and export. In the case of transportation of goods over land frontiers, the country from which goods arrived or that to which they were transferred was used in a similar sense, with the exception of a part of the exchange of goods with Russia, which was not put down to that country but to the actual countries of import or export. From January 1, 1918 the country of import indicates the land in which goods were purchased, and country of export the land to which goods were sold.

* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

21. — IMPORT-PRICE INDEX.

Year	Total		Det	ails			Last Groups g to their l		Year
Month	All Kinds	Foodstuffs	Clothing	Agricultur- al Require- ments	Other Goods	Raw Ma- terials	Machinery	Industrial- products	Month
1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921	100 106 162 227 519 741 755 1 387 1 329 1 072	100 111 177 236 647 881 896 1 751 1 556 1 150	100 99 130 186 405 600 608 1108 1 080 1 067	100 101 135 149 370 420 600 934 1 087 1 066	100 101 179 311 526 661 659 1 268 1 109 913	100 100 147 219 451 647 681 1 364 1 129 1 041	100 99 153 263 360 459 487 931 1 005	100 100 134 207 465 642 593 827 1 048 987	1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922
1923 January JanFebr. JanMarch JanApril JanJune JanJuly JanAug. JanSept. JanOct. JanDec.	940	963	992	953	806	1 001	839	778	1923 January JanFebr. JanMarch JanMay JanJune JanJuly JanAug. JanSept. JanOct. JanDec.

The import- and export-indices have been calculated by the Statistical Dept. of the Board of Customs in the following manner: the quantities of imports and, respectively, exports for the current year have been multiplied by the average price for the class of goods in question in 1913, after which the import (or export) value for the current year has been calculated in percentage of the sum thus obtained for purposes of comparison.

The goods chosen for the setting-up of a total-index have been divided, according to their use, into the groups: foodstuffs, clothing, agricultural requirements and other goods raw-materials, machinery and industrial products.

22. — EXPORT-PRICE INDEX.

Year	Total				Det	ails				Year
Month	All Kinds	Fresh Meat	Butter	Cheese	Timber	Bobbins	Mechanic- al Pulp	Chemical Pulp	Paper	Month
1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922	100 108 134 254 375 415 441 1 053 1 213 1 180	100 100 130 238 560 276 790 805 1 008 1 075	100 103 146 185 349 620 725 916 1 636 1 351	100 105 140 290 600 501 1079 1250 1489 1066	100 105 128 186 317 222 375 886 996 1 081	100 100 105 146 218 705 1 258 1 755 2 186 1 911	100 100 111 278 389 508 571 1 710 2 202 2 002	100 102 147 290 342 399 500 1 742 1 502 1 357	100 102 141 352 452 483 611 1185 1433 1198	1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922
January JanFebr. JanMarch JanApril JanMay JanJune JanJuly JanAug. JanSept. JanOct. JanNov. JanDec.	1 294	1244 	1 371	894	1192	1 861	2117	1 807	1 088	January JanFebr. JanMarch JanMay JanJune JanJuly JanAug. JanSept. JanOct. JanNov. JanDec.

Besides the total index the table contains indices for only a few of the most important exports. See in addition text under Table No. 21.

23. — INDEX NUMBER FOR QUANTITIES OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS. 1)

Year	Jan.	Febr.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Whole Year	Jan Dec.	Year
].]	Į.						Imp	orts							
1913 1920	100.0 66.1	73.4	100.0 68.6	100.0 72.8	100.0 36.8	100.0 56.7	100.0 55.0	100.0 47.9	100.0 47.8	100.0 34.2	100.0 48.5	100.0 61.9	52.8	100.0	1920
1921 1922	44.1 45.3	56.2 39.1	58.5 65.7	79.3 92.0	59.0 73.8	5 3.2 88.0	49.0 67.2	62.7 87.9	49.6 65.7	42.5 59.3	45.8 84.3	72.4 119.6	54.5 74.4	_	1921 1922
1923	108.8		ļ	l	!	1	E x p	: orts	i				 		1923
1913 1920	100.0 29.3	100.0 67.9	100.0 43.0	100.0 57.5	100.0 62.2	100.0 67.2	100.0 69.0	100.0 85.0	100.0 63.7	100.0 73.9	100.0 78.7	100.0 71.2		100.0	1913 1920
1921 1922	45.0 82.4	28.7 59.2	36.3 109.9	47.2 106.7	30.4 73.3	39.6 93.0	50 .2 98.9	60.7 102.3	90.9 87.3	119.6 98.5	138.4 106.5	88.8 83.5	69.0	_	1921 1922
1923	118.0			i '	1					'	'				1923

¹) Value of imports and exports calculated on the basis of the prices for 1913 and expressed in percentage of imports and exports for 1913 during the corresponding period.

24. — VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DIVIDED ACCORDING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE GOODS. 1)

		I m p	orts			Ехр	orts	ij.	
Year and	Goods for	Production	Goods for (Consumption	Goods for	Production	Goods for (Consumption	Year and
Month	Raw Material	Machinery	Industrial products	Foodstuffs	Raw Material	Machinery	Industrial products	Foodstuffs	Month
	∷ %	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
1913	32.1	10.5	18.4	39.0	67.4	3.0	16.1	13.5	1913
1914	29.3	10.9	17.2	42.6	55.4	3.8	23.4	17.4	1914
1915	34.5	5.4	11.4	48.7	27.3	6.5	41.8	24.4	1915
1916	i 38.9	7.6	14.6	38.9	26.5	6.8	53.7	13.0	1916
1917	33.7	8.3	28.2	29.8	26.1	4.9	58.2	10.8	1917
1918	19.1	8.3	20.3	52.3	55 .9	2.8	34.0	7.3	1918
1919	27.7	9.4	18.7	44.2	76.8	1.3	19.3	2.6	1919
1920	34.4	15.6	17.8	32.2	73.9	0.7	22.8	2.6	1920
1921	23.2	13.8	19.0	44.0	61.9	1.7	22.4	14.0	1921
1922	32.1	10.9	20.3	36.7	67.6	0.7	21.0	10.7	1922
192 3	1	1	į.	!				1	1923
Jan.	34 .8	12.5	23.9	28.8	49.5	0.4	35.5	14.6	Jan.

¹⁾ The goods have been divided into four groups; 1) raw materials and semimanufactured products, 2) machinery, tools, means of transport and other similar means of production, 3) other manufactured products and 4) foodstuffs (food and luxuries).

25. — FOREIGN SHIPPING.

			Ar	rivals					Sa	ilings			j
Month	Wit	h Cargo	In	Ballast		l'otal	Wi	th Cargo	In	Ballast	7	Cotal	Month
	Ves- sels	Reg. tons	Ves- sels	Reg. tons Net.	Ves- sels	Reg. tons Net.	Ves- sels	Reg. tons Net.	Ves- sels	Reg.tons Net.	Ves- sels	Reg. tons Net.	
1923 January February March	114	70 542	33	10 8 3 8	¹) 147	81 380	125	79 220	7	3 916	²) 132	83 136	1923 January February March
April May June		· .		İ		1							April May June
July Aug. Sept.		1		:						 			July Aug. Sept.
Oct. Nov. Dec.		<u> </u>		_									Oct. Nov. Dec.
Jan. 1922	76	45 613	29	14 246	105	59859	86	50 857	8	1 848	94	52 705	Jan. 1922

¹⁾ Of which 76 Finnish vessels and 71 foreign vessels.

²) > + 63 > + 69 > +

26. — SHIPPING WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

Country of departure	Arri Jan.	vals ¹) 1923.		ings ¹) 1923.	Country of departure		vals 1) . 1923		ngs ¹) . 1923
and destination	Number of Vessels	1000 Reg. tons Net.	Number of Vessels	1000 Reg. tons Net.	and destination	Number of Vessels	Reg. tons Net.	Number of Vessels	1000 Reg. tons Net.
Europe:	•			!	Asia				
Belgium	6	3.7	6	4.1	Africa				l — i
Danzig	2	0.4	5	1.3	U. S. A	4	12.8	5	15.5
Denmark	6	3.0	4	1.8	Other States of	_	ļ ļ	_	3.5
Esthonia	14	3.6	9	2.3	America		;	1	· —
France		_	6	3.9	Australia			_	. —
Germany	50	26.0	38	20.9			100		100
Great Britain	14	11.3	21	16.0	Total	4	12.8	6	19.0
Holland	9	5.8	-6	3.8	Grand Total	147	81.4	132	83.1
Latvia	_		1	1.1			GER TRAI		
Norway	.1	2.0		<u> </u>		PASSEN	ULK IKAI	110.	
Russia		l — !		· —	. !	Arr	ived	L	eft
Sweden	41	12.8	30	8.9	Month		Ofhom		Of whom
Spain						Total	Of whom Foreigners	Total	Foreigners
Other countries			_	_	T 70 4000		i i		
Total Europe		68.6	126	64.1	JanDec. 1922 Jan. 1923	28 318 1 210	12 785 722	$29729 \\ 1321$	11 491

¹⁾ Vessels with cargo and in ballast together.

27. — STATE RAILWAYS.

Month		of Goods ported 1000 Tons	Trans-	Go	kilometr ods-truc Mill. Km	ks		notives i Number	n use	Goods	trucks i Number	n use	End of Month
	1913	1922¹)	1923	1913	1922	1923	1920	1922	1923	1920	1922	1923	10000
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Soct. Nov. Dec.	380.5 441.2 412.5 405.0 426.5 443.8 470.3 430.5 437.2 443.5 340.4 302.1	417.7* 509.1* 599.4* 538.4* 582.1* 573.5* 625.5* 600.5* 601.6* 585.6* 528.0*	587.6	28.3 29.7 30.6 32.4 31.1 30.9 34.2 33.7 32.3 28.9 28.5	34.8 36.1 41.5 43.1 45.5 43.2 47.6 49.4 48.2 48.5 45.1 40.4	43.8	445 457 454 446 458 476 473 466 468 472 474	452 458 454 459 460 488 487 494 496 489 485 468	466	12 601 12 642 12 734 12 601 12 622 12 720 12 808 12 896 13 030 13 137 13 233	15 811 15 549 15 582 15 600 15 650		Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

¹⁾ Goods transported on credit not included, as details of these are only available at the end of the year.

28. — STATE RAILWAYS' REVENUE, REGULAR EXPENDITURE AND TRAFFIC PROFITS.

:: Month	(less	Revenue Re-imbursem Mill, Fmk	ients)	Regu	lar Expendi Mill Fmk	ture	T	Month		
l'	1913	19221,	1923	1913	1922	1923	1913	1922	1923	
January February March	4.3 4.2 4.9	36.6* 35.1* 46.3*	48.5*		34.0* 33.4* 32.8*	32.6*	•	2.6* 1.7* 13.5*	15.9*	January February March
April May	4,6 5.2	49.0* 48.6*		:	32.4* 33.2*		•	16.6* 15.4*		April May
June July August	5.9 5.7 5.5	52.1* 49.5* 50.7*		•	39.2* 34.9* 33.8*	11 11		12.9* 14.6* 16.9*		June July August
September October	5.3 4.7	50.1* 47.3*		:	36.5* 33.5*	:	:	13.6* 13.8*		Septembe October
November December	4.0 4.3	45.3* 48.2*	li	:	34.8* 56.9*			10.5* - 8.7*		Novembe December
Total	58.6	558.8*	,	40.3	435.4*		18.3	123.4*		Total

According to Finnish State Railways' 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 quite considerably. The difference between the results based on preliminary data and the final figures is adjusted in the figures for December,

*) Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

29. —	NUMBER	ΛF	IINFMPI	UALD
43. —	IAKIIAKINI W	.,,	AJINBANKE N.	

!		1921		1922			1923				
End of Month	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Monthly Move- ment	End of Month
January February March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	2 207 2 569 2 006 1 142 849 606 610 735 708 919 1 590 1 605	1 166 1 269 921 881 520 331 423 623 661 774 762 522	3 373 3 838 2 927 2 023 1 369 937 1 033 1 358 1 369 1 693 2 352 2 127	2 607 2 613 2 089 1 487 609 514 346 332 394 562 786 836	978 874 772 773 463 285 281 420 397 560 634 458	3 585 3 487 2 861 2 260 1 072 799 627 752 791 1 122 1 420 1 294	1 552 1 451	701 541	2 253 1 992	+ 959 - 261	January February March April May June July Aug Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

This table, prepared from the weekly reports of the Labour Exchange Department of the Board for Social Affairs, shows the number of unemployed registered in the books of the communal labour exchanges in the majority of towns and a very little part of the rural centres of population at the close of the week nearest to the month's end. As agricultural labourers and skilled industrial workers proper register, up to the present, only in a minority of cases at the communal labour exchanges, the table does not give a complete review of the number of unemployed, but is to be regarded more as symptomatic.

30. — INDEX NUMBER OF COST OF LIVING. 1)

Month	Foodstuffs	Clothing	Rent	Fuel	Tobacco	Newspapers	Taxes	Total Cost of Living	Monthly Movement	Month
1914										1914
JanJune	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	: —	JanJune
1921						!		İ		1921
January	1 205.0	1 089.1	406.7	1 399.1	1 393.6	817.5	2 093.4	1 136.1	. •	January
February	1 137.6	1 059.3	414.4	1 277.7	1 387.5	817.5	2093.4	1 085.9	— 50.2	February
March	1 169.1	1 030.9	417.7	1 252.4	1 361.5	817.5	2 093.4	1 100.6	+ 14.7	March
April	1 144.6	1 021.6	419.3	1 277.2	1 322.3	817.5	2 093.4	1 085.2	<u> </u>	April
May	1 157.3	1 017.1	419.3	1 255.0	1 311.4	817.5	2 093.4	1 091.3	+ 6.1	May
June	1 187.8	1 031.8	534.6	1 269.6	1 315.6	817.5	2 093.4	1 128.2	+ 36.9	June
July	1 322.6	1 038.2	552. 5	1 264.8	1 313.9	817.5	2 093.4	1 214.4	+ 86.2	July
August	1 368.9	1 058.6	575.3	1 261.8	1 313.0	817.5	2 093.4	1 248.6	+ 34.2	August
September	1 404.4	1 090.2	595.5	1 250.4	1 316.2	817.5	2 093.4	1 277.1	+ 28.9	September
October	1 400.5	1 106.0	602.3	1 293.5	1 311.4	817.5	2 093.4	1 279.4	+ 1.9	October
November December	1 323.7	1 104.0	602.5	1 288.6	1 298.8	817.5 817.5	2,093.4 2,093.4	1 231.3	48.1	November December
	1 230.0	1 106.7	602.5	1 248.7	1 293.4	014.5	2 055.4	1 171.8	59.5	
1922						<u> </u>				1922
January	1 151.4	1096.2	602.5	1 249.8	1 292.1	1 079.4	2 093.4	1 124.4	47.4	January
February	1 144.5	1 097.6	602.5	1 240.6	1288.2	1 079.4	2 093.4	1 119.9	— 45	February
March	1 123.8	1 098.1	602.5	1 231.0	1 287.3	1 079.4	2 093.4	1 106.7	. — 13.2	March
April	1 126.5	1 102.2	602.5	1 235.1	1 285.3	1 079.4	2 093.4	1 109.1	+ 2.4	April
Мау	1 131.5	1 098.2	602.5	1 237.6	1 262.5	1 079.4	2 093.4	1 111.4	+ 2.3	May
June	1 130.6	1 098.9	753.9	1 261.4	1 268.9	1 079.4	2 093.4	1 132.3	+20.9	June
July	1 144.2 1 165.3	1 097.6	766.5	1 262.6 1 261.1	1 290.5	1 079.4 1 079.4	2 093.4 2 093.4	1 142.4 1 159.2	+10.1	July
August	1 166.3	1 094.3 1 089.0	798.1 809.6	1 238.0	1 286.6 1 276.7	1 079.4	2 093.4	1 159.2	$+16.8 \\ +0.3$	August September
September October	1 156.5	1 089.0	786.9	1 301.7	1 276.7	1 079.4	2 526.3	1 176.0	$\begin{array}{c} + 0.3 \\ + 18.0 \end{array}$	October
November	1 140.0	1 094.2	795.1	1 329.6	1 282.1	1 079.4	2 526.3 2 526.3	1 167.9	-8.1	November
December	1 121.7	1 092.9	795.1	1 340.4	1 283.4	1 079.4	2 526.3	1 156.7	$-0.1 \\ -11.2$	December
1923	1 141.1	1 000.0	100.1	1010.1	1 200.4	1010.4	2 020.0	1 100.1	 	1923
January	1 107.9	1 090.2	804.0	1 345.1	1 290.5	1 079.4	2 526.3	1 149.7	— 8.0 ·	January
	1 103.1	1 083.4	804.2	1 400.5	1 294.0	1 079.4	2 526.3	1 148.5	-1.2	February

¹⁾ From the beginning of 1921 onwards a new official index has been drawn up differing from that published in the Bulletin for 1922 in that the whole first half of 1914 forms the basis (= 100) for the same, and that the rise in taxation is also included.

The index is calculated by the Statistical Department of the Board for Social Affairs and is based on monthly reports from 21 different centres; it shows the rise in the cost of living for a workingman's family of normal size, the income of which amounted during the years 1908-1909 to 1600-2000 Fmk., presupposing that the average monthly consumption within the same remained unaltered. The index for total cost of living is the average based on weight of the different indices.

CERTAIN PARTICULARS ABOUT FINLAND.

1. FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Finland was a Grand Duchy connected with Russia, with an autonomy of its own, from 1809 until December 6th. 1917, when it became an independent Republic. The Diet together with the President possess the legislative power of the country. The highest executive power is held by the President chosen for a period of 6 years. The Diet, composed of 200 members, is elected by universal suffrage.

The proportions of the different parties in the Diet are at present as follows:

Swedish people's party (Swedish speaking po-	Number	Per cent.
Right (Swedish speaking po- pulation)	25 35 60	12.5 17.5 30
Centre Agrarian party Progressive party	45 15 60	22.5 7.5 30
Left Social-Democrats	53 27 80	26.5 13.5 40

2. LAND.

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 $+15^{\circ}$ and $+13^{\circ}$ to $+14^{\circ}$ C. resp. The average temperature in Helsingfors is $+4.6^{\circ}$ (in Christiania $+5.5^{\circ}$, in London $+9.9^{\circ}$, in Montreal $+5.5^{\circ}$, in Chicago $+9.1^{\circ}$, in Vladivostock $+4.4^{\circ}$, in Moscow $+3.6^{\circ}$). The ground is covered with snow in the South during about 100 days, in Central Finland during 150 to 180 days, in Lappland about 210 days.

THE AREA (the new province of Petsamo included) is 387, 565 square kilometres (=149, 640 square miles, Great Britain's area is 89,047 sq. m. and Italy's area 110,632 sq. m.). Of the total area 343,279 sq. km. (88.6%) consist of land, while 44,286 sq. km. (11.4%) are lakes. On an average 10.8% of the land in the south of Finland is cultivated, 0.8% in the North, 6.1% of the whole land.

3. POPULATION.

NUMBER OF INHABITANTS (1921): 3.4 millions, of which 0.2 million emigrants, [in Sweden (1921) 6.0, in Switzerland (1920) 3.9, in Denmark (1921) 3.3 and in Norway (1920) 2.5 millions].

DENSITY OF POPULATION (1920): In South-Finland 17.2, in North-Finland 2.3 and in the whole country an average of 10.1 inhabitants to the square kilometre.

LANGUAGE (1920): Finnish speaking 89%, Swedish speaking 11%.

RELIGION (1920): Luthera 98 %, Greek-Orthodox 2 %.

DISTRIBUTION (1921): 83.9 % of the population inhabits the country, 16.1 % the towns. The greatest towns are (1921): Helsinki (Helsingfors), the capital, 200,208 inhabitants, Turku (Åbo) 58,694, Tampere (Tammerfors) 48,475, Viipuri (Viborg) 30,748.

EDUCATION (1920): Amongst persons over 15 years of age only 0.8% are illiterate (in France there were in 1911 12.2% illiterate persons over 15 years old, in Italy 39.2%; see Annuaire international de Statistique).

INCREASE OF POPULATION (1921): Births 24.5 $\%_{00}$, deaths 14.0 $\%_{00}$ (in France in 1919 15.0 $\%_{00}$, and in England in 1920 12.4 $\%_{00}$), natural increase 10.3 $\%_{00}$.

4. INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS CONDITIONS.

PROPORTIONS OF OCCUPATIONS OF THE POPULATION (1920): agriculture 65.1 %, industry and manual labour 14.8 %, commerce 3.4 %, other occupations 17.7 %, AGRICULTURE (1920): Cultivated land 2.0 million hectars, divided as follows: less than 5 hectars 15.5 %, 5—50 ha. 67.2 %, 50—100 ha. 9.8 %, over 100 ha. 8.0 %. The above mentioned surface of cultivated land was divided between the different kinds of crops as follows: 45.8 % hay, 19.6 % oats, 11.2 % rye, 5.8 % barley, 3.5 % potatoes, 14.1 % other. The number of dairies in 1919 amounted to 431.

INDUSTRY (1921): Number of industrial concerns 3,141, hands 120,317, gross receipts of industry (1921) 6.533.8 million marks.

LENGTH OF BAILWAYS (1923): 4,458 km., of which 4,162 km. State railways and 296 km. private.

COMMERCIAL FLEET (1921): Sailing ships 683 (102,111 reg. tons net.) steamships 781 (92,032 r. t.), motor boats 124 (18,649 r. t.) lighters 3,229 (274,505 r. t.). Total 4,817 (486,797 r. t.).

FINANCES: Since 1860 the currency unit is the Finnmark (= 100 pennies) = 1 French franc. The redemption in gold of bank notes was cancelled on April 15th, 1915.

THE CENTRAL BANK. 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 (Viborg), Mikkeli (S:t Michel), Tampere (Tammerfors), Hämeenlinna (Tavastehus), Jyväskylä and Kotka.

THE JOINT STOCK BANKS (1923): Number 20, possess 396 branch offices, where all kinds of banking business is transacted. Including all banks, there is one banking establishment per 7,900 inhabitants.

THE FUNDING OF FINLAND'S DEBT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INTEREST 3 1/2 0/0; TERM OF PAYMENT 62 YEARS.

The Finnish State Debt to the Government of the United States, or, to put in more precisely, to the United States Grain Corporation, orginated in 1919 and 1920 principally through the purchase of foodstuffs from Government supplies in the United States. After several early payments the debt amounted to 8.3 million dollars. According to the original terms of the loan, interest was payable at the rate of 5 % and the whole debt was repayable by 30 June 1921. This term of payment was, however, subsequently prolonged. As in the case of debts of other countries to the United States of America, payment of the interest on Finland's debt was not exacted, but the amount due was added to the capital. By this means the total debt grew to a little over 9 million dollars.

With regard to the funding of this debt an preliminary agreement was come to in the middle of March between the World War Foreign Debt Commission and the Government of Finland. Thanks to the goodwill exhibited by the United States during the negotiations, favourable terms were arranged, i. e. with insignificant alterations the same as were granted recently to England. The most import-

ant points in the terms of the loan may be recapitulated.

The rate of interest on the unpaid amount up to 15 December 1922 is reduced from 5 % to 4 1/4 %. The portion of the loan in excess of 9 million dollars is payable at once by the Finnish Government, while the rest is to be funded as a long-term loan. The rate of interest during the first ten years, reckoned from 15 December 1922, is to be 3 % and thereafter, until the debt is repaid, $3^{1/2}$ %. Interest is payable halfyearly. The debt is to be amortised within 62 years in accordance with an agreed scheme of amortisation, but the debtor is entitled to repay a larger portion of the debt than is provided for in the scheme of amortisation. Should Finland so wish, only half the interest need be paid during the first five years, the other half being added to the capital. The debt may also be amortised by means of United States obligations issued after 16 April 1917 and coupons on them at the par of exchange.

The above agreement is to be laid before the United States Congress and the Finnish Diet for approval.

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THE FOREIGN TRADE OF FINLAND DURING 1922.

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FROM A PASSIVE BALANCE OF TRADE TO AN ACTIVE BALANCE.

In consequence of its political position, Finland was not in a position, prior to 1918, to pursue an independent economic policy and its business world was, therefore, ill equipped to meet the trials of the years of war and crisis. Thus, when more normal foreign commercial relations could be resumed in 1919, there was a regular famine of commodities which quickly drove imports up, while exporters were not able at the same time to find the necessary markets for their products. The disproportion which arose at first between imports and exports clearly felt in the country's balance of payment - has, however changed during recent years to a constant improvement in the balance of trade. a development which reached its culminating point, so far, during 1922.

Whereas in 1919 exports only equalled 35 % of imports and the latter exceeded exports by 1,630 million marks or 24.3 million pounds according to the exchange current at the time, in 1920 the surplus of imports only amounted to 700 million marks or 6.6 million pounds and the proportion of exports to imports constituted 81 %, while in 1921 the surplus of imports was 196 million marks or 1.0 million pounds and exports were 95 % of the imports. In 1922, on the other hand, the trade balance swung round to an active one for the first time during all the 67 years for which official Finnish statistics are available. Imports reached a total of 3,953 million marks or 19.2 million pounds, exports totalled 4,461 million marks or 21.6 million pounds, so that the latter exceeded imports by 12.9 %, representing 508 million marks or 2.4 million pounds.

If an explanation is sought for this development of the foreign trade of Finland during the last few years, it will be found that one cause lies in the fact that, since Finland shook off its political dependence on Russia, it has had cause and opportunity to adopt a more independent trade policy than before, which has already begun to bear fruit, among other things, in a better system of production in accord with the country's own consuming requirements, a fact which implied a corresponding reduction of imports. Notwithstanding this increased absorption of production for the needs of the country itself, exports could still be well maintained, among other reasons thanks to the almost uninterrupted peace in the labour world which has reigned in Finland since the days of the war of Independence and which has made it possible to utilise to the full the extended production during recent years of the country's most important export industries, viz., timber and paper. At the same time exports have been assisted materially by the continuous undervaluation of the Finnish mark abroad of late years, for this undervaluation has made possible the export of a great many goods foreign trade in which could not otherwise have been thought of. For these reasons and owing to increased production in the various branches of export industry the delivery abroad of a number of commodities has increased considerably, in some cases even above the level of peace time.

THE VOLUME OF TRADE.

The quantities exported of some of the principal export goods in 1913, 1921 and 1922, are as follows:

					1913	1921	1922
Unsawn tim	ber,	cub	. met.		3 163	8 34	2 140
Sawn timber, cub. met					4219	3 004	3 960
Mechanical	pulp,	mi	ll. kg.)	dry	44.9	50.4	51.5
Chemical pr			- ,		75.5	122.8	183.9
Cardboard,	mill.	kg.			53,8	12.5	24.7
Paper,	»	»			145.6	128.2	192.1
Butter,	»	*			12.6	6.5	8.3
Cheese,	*	*			1.2	2.1	2.7
Fresh meat	*	»			2.0	3.8	3.2
Bobbins,	»	*			11.3	4.0	5.7
Plywood,	»	*			•	10.2	20.1
Tar,	*	*			2.7	3.8	2.3

As regards volume, exports, as a whole, did not, it is true, reach the extent of, for instance, the exports for 1913, but in estimating this fact it should not be overlooked that Finland's production of goods and acquisition of goods in general, as already mentioned, has altered appreciably in character during recent years, inasmuch as the country absorbs, as stated, a comparatively greater proportion of its own production than before, owing to which fact imports could also be reduced. This is proved by the following figures for the volume of trade in 1920-1922 in proportion to the volume of trade for 1913, i. e. imports and exports for 1920-1922 calculated according to the prices ruling in 1913 and expressed in percentage of the total value for 1913. The proportions were as follows:

VOLUME OF FOREIGN TRADE FOR 1920—1922 IN PERCENTAGE OF TRADE FOR 1913.

Year.	Imports.	Exports.
1913	100.0	100.0
1920	52.8	68.6
1921	54.5	69.0
1922	74.4	93.4

Although exports have thus not yet attained the same volume as, for instance, in 1913, their proportion to imports is undoubtedly more favourable now than it was then.

THE INFLUENCE OF PRICE FLUCTUA-TIONS ON THE BALANCE OF TRADE.

Economically foreign trade proved favourable in 1922, inasmuch as the general fall in prices affected Finland's imports to a greater degree than its exports. Import prices in Finnish marks cif Finland fell considerably in general, partly in consequence of falling purchasing prices and low freights, partly owing to relatively falling exchanges for foreign currency in some of the most important countries for Finland's imports, above all in Germany, but also, for instance, in the United States. On the other hand, export prices in Finnish marks fob Finland generally did not drop to nearly the same extent, thus the average price index worked out as follows:

PRICE INDEX FOR IMPORT AND EXPORT GOODS.

Year.	Import price.	Export price.
191 3	100	100
1920	1,387	1,053
1921	1,329	1,213
1922	1,072	1,180

While import prices had thus fallen on an average 19 %, the average fall in export prices was barely 3 %.

DETAILS OF IMPORTS.

With regard to the composition of imports a certain shifting may be noted during 1922 in favour of a comparatively larger import of goods intended for purposes of production. While the import of goods for consumption decreased from 2,259 million marks in 1921 to 2,251 million marks in 1922, the import of goods for production rose from 1,327 million marks to 1,702 millions, or from 37.0 % to 43.1 % of the total imports. This development corresponds to the partial alteration in Finland's production in recent years already referred to. The way in which imports are constituted is shown in greater detail in the following table:

COMPOSITION OF IMPORTS. - VALUE.

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Group of imports.	1911– Avera Mill. Fm	age.	1921. Mill, Fmk		19 22. Mill. Fmk.	
Foodstuffs	187	40	1 577	44	1 449	37
Raw materials.	151	32	835	23	1 271	32
Machinery, etc.	. 44	9	492	14	43 1	11
Other manufac-						
tured products	88	19	682	19	802	20
Total	470	100	3 586	100	3 953	100

If the influence exercised on the value of goods by the fluctuations in the value of the Finnish mark during the last few years is left out of account and only the volume of imports is considered, it will be found that, while imports for 1922 for purposes of production attained nearly 90 % of the corresponding imports for 1913, the imports of goods for consumption did not even reach 75 % of the figures for 1913.

CONSTITUTION OF IMPORTS. - VOLUME IN %.

Group of imports. Av	11—13. zerage.	1914—19. Average.	1920.	1921.	1922.
Foodstuffs	100	61	36	54	67
Raw materials	100	69	61	49	81
Machinery etc	100	68	138	111	120
Other manufac-			•		
tured products	100	67	89	74	92

Although the imports of machinery in 1922 were in volume rather larger than during the last year of peace, the other groups show reduced figures and the biggest of them, viz., food-stuffs, a reduction of over 30 % as compared with 1911—13.

For the principal groups of goods the following table gives the import value, the proportion of the group to the total imports, and its extent during the last two years in proportion to 1913.

IMPORT FIGURES FOR THE PRINCIPAL GROUPS OF GOODS.

	Value in Mill. Fmk.		% of imp	total orts.	responding imports in 1913.	
Cereals and their	1921.	1922.	1921.	1922.		1922
products	715	703	20	18	39	56
Colonial produce	684	552	19	14	93	104
Spinning mate-						
rials	250	331	7	8	86	104
Textiles	397	531	11	13	106	142
Metals and me-						
tal goods	310	404	9	10	39	68
Machinery	277	204	8	5	_	
Oils etc	1.60	178	5	4	55	83

Although several of these groups of goods present a smaller import value in 1922 than in 1921, this does not mean that the actual imports of these goods have decreased. On the contrary it will be seen from the last two columns in the table that the extent of imports of all the groups of goods given above increased perceptibly during 1922. The reduction in

the import value is thus merely a result of a fall in prices. Special attention is claimed by the group "Cereals and their products". Cereals were for many years Finland's most important article of import, and from 1900 to 1915 their value reached 20—25 % of the total imports. It is therefore of unusual importance for the balance of trade that imports of cereals during recent years could be kept considerably below the last decades of peace time. In 1922 their volume represented only 56 % of the corresponding imports for 1913.

DETAILS OF EXPORTS.

Exports from Finland are to a great extent uniform in character. They consist principally of woodgoods and products of the paper industry, and partly also of agricultural produce, viz., butter, cheese, meat etc. The other industries of the country which, taken as a whole, are of far greater importance, as regards the value of their products and the numbers employed in them, than the two branches of industry just mentioned, work for the greater part to provide the needs of the home market, and only exceptionally for export. Their importance in this connection is therefore small. The way in which exports were constituted is seen in the following two tables:

EXPORTS DIVIDED ACCORDING TO THEIR USE.

						•
Group of goods.		—13. age.	192	1.	19	22.
	Mill.Fm	k. 0′0	Mill. Fr	ık. %	Mill.Fm	ık. %
Foodstuffs	52	15	469	14	472	11
Raw materials.	232	66	2,068	62	2,994	68
Finished pro-						
ducts	68	19	805	24	964	21
Total exports	352	100	3.338	100	4.430	100

EXPORTS DIVIDED ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIES.

Industry.	1911- Aver		1921	L. • 0/	1 92 2 Mill. Fmk	. 0/
Timber industry	7	a. /o	MIII. FIIIK	/0	BLIII. FIIIE	. /0
& exploitation						
of forests \dots	191	54	1,539	46	2,304	52
Paper industry		19	1.128	34	1,430	32
Agriculture etc.	. 66	19	547	16	551	12
Metal industry	8	2	29	1	19	0
Other industries.	. 22	6	92	3	118	4
Other trades	. 0	0	7	0	8	0

The timber industry and the production of woodgoods in 1922 thus represented ca. 84 % of all Finland's exports and alone covered very nearly the whole of the country's imports, if it be taken into account that exports are calculated fob in the Finnish statistics, and imports cif. The significance of these two branches of industry for exports appears to be in a constant state of development, especially the paper industry, which now exports far more than before the world-war. With regard to the most important classes of goods - butter, woodgoods, and the products of the paper industry — the export value, the proportional share of the particular class of goods in the total exports, and its extent during the last two years in comparison to 1913, may be seen from the following table:

EXPORTS OF THE PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF GOODS.

· .		alue . Fmk.	% of total exports.		°/o of cor- responding exports in 1913.	
	1921.	1922.	1121.	1922.	1921.	1922.
Butter	295	314	9	7	52	66
$Woodgoods \ \dots .$	1,529	2,293	45	50	65	89
Paper products	1,128	1,430	33	32	100	140

THE TRADE OF FINLAND WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

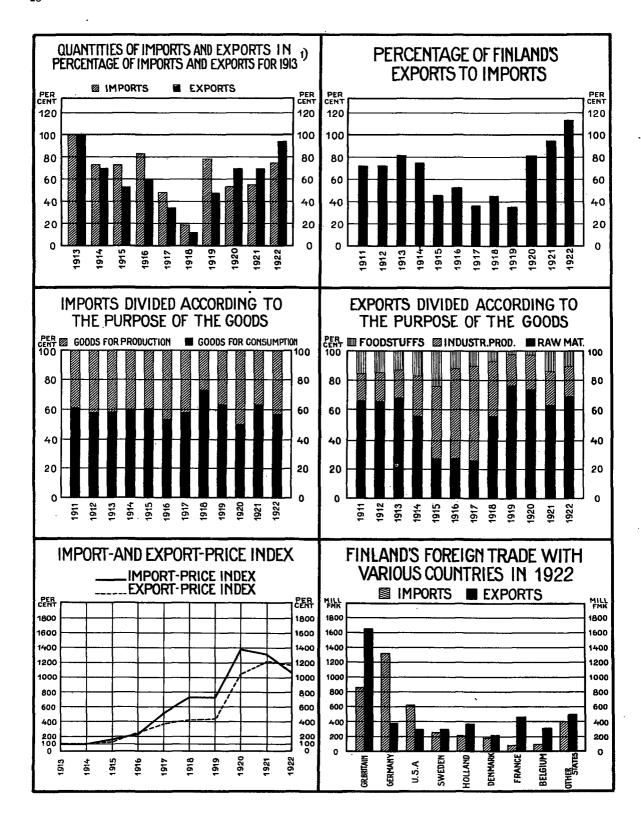
After losing the Russian market which represented ca. 30 % of the imports, as well as of the exports of Finland during the last years of peace, the country soon found new markets in the west, above all in England, though also

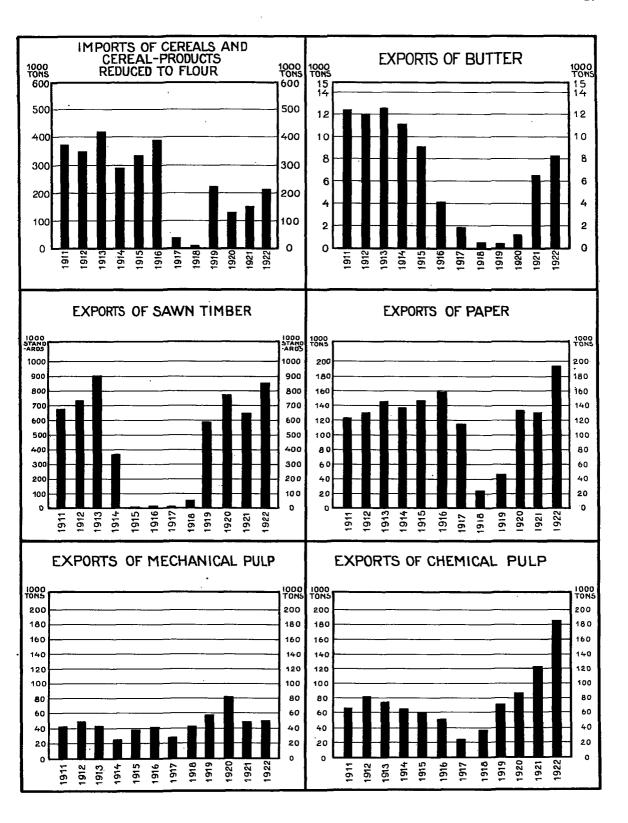
in the United States and other countries over-As in the immediately preceding years, Great Britain and Ireland continued in 1922 to occupy the first place, as regards the volume of goods exchanged, among those countries with which Finland traded. Of the total volume of Finland's trade Great Britain's share amounts to about 30 %. Exports in particular show a great increase, amounting to ca. 37 % of Finland's total exports and may be calculated, as regards volume, as about twice the size of the exports to Great Britain and Ireland during the last years of peace. The imports amounted to ca. 22 % of Finland's total imports and they, too, have doubled approximately in volume in the last ten years. Of Finland's total volume of trade Germany's share in 1922 came to about 20 % of which imports amounted to 33 % and exports to 9 %. In quantity Germany's share both as regards imports and exports was about on the same level as before the world-war. Among other countries the share of the United States in Finland's foreign trade for 1922 amounted to 11 % and consisted principally of imports of cereals and exports of pulp; Holland was represented by 7 %, principally in imports of grain and colonial produce and exports of timber; Sweden 6%, imports of metals and machinery and exports of animal food; France 6 %, insignificant imports, but greatly increased exports, since the conclusion of a trade agreement, of timber and paper products; Belgium 5 %, imports of metal goods and exports of timber.

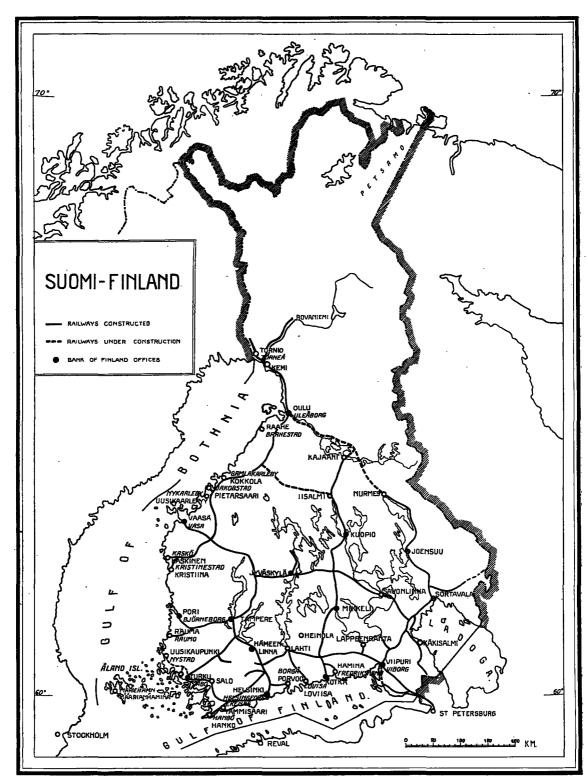
FINLAND'S PRINCIPAL EXPORT GOODS IN 1922.

ti	Juantity housands	Value	•	Quantity Mill.kg.	Value Mill.Fmk.		Quantity Mill.kg. Mi	Value ll.Fmk.
	of sub.met. I	In Emb	Animal foodstuffs		453.7	To:		
		2,292.7	of which:		1	Germany		2,9
Timber & woodgoods	•	2,292.1	Butter	8.3	314.1	Esthonia		2.6
of which:			Cheese	2.7	57.9	Sweden \dots	-	2.5
Boards, unplaned.		707.2	Meat	3.1	28.7		Head.	
Battens, »	1,351	657.5	Pork		18.0	: I I amount a silve	Hour.	• •
Planks, »	507	297.5	Fresh fish	1.1	14.0	Livestock	•	9.0
Mining poles &		1	Cream	0.6	6.1	of which:	1 400	0
pitprops	1,113	132.8		0.0	5.8	Cattle	1,428	3.7
Spars	296 -	75.9	Eggs	0.2	0.0	Pigs	2,826	3. 3
Pulpwood	410	48.5	Great Britain &			Horses	229	1.5
Boxboards	63	44.4			239.1	To:		
Firewood	582	39.2	Ireland	•	129.3	Sweden	•	8.8
Staves	135	35.2	Sweden	•	34.1		Mill. kg.	
Sticks	202	26.0	Denmark	•		Machiness & emperatu		Q _
Sleepers	76	20.5	Germany	•	20.3	Machinery&apparatu	s .	8.5
Plank- & board-						of which:	0.4	·9 .
ends	116	17.9	Hides, skins & articles		- 0 -	Separators	0.1	3.9
CHUB	110	21.0	made from same	•	76.9	To:		0 -
	Mill, kg.		of which:		1	Esthonia	.•	2.9
Bobbins	5.7	59.6	Raw calfskin	0.9	22.7	Sweden	•	1.2
Plywood	20.1	51.9	Squirrel & hareskin	ı 0.02	17.6		_	_
To:			Reindeerskin	0.01		Hayseed	0.3	6 .9
		1	Boots	0.02	7.1	To:		_
Great Britain &		963.2	To:	0.0.		Esthonia	0.15	3, 1
Ireland	•		Germany		24.7	Denmark	0.07	2.0
Holland	•	325.6	United States	•	19.6			
France	•	322.6	Sweden	•	16.5	Glass & glassware		6.9
Belgium		225.5	Russia	:	11.7	To:		
Germany	•	131.1	Tursta	•	11.7	Sweden	0.2	2.8
Denmark	•	114.7	Watshaa	2.1	29.2	Esthonia	0.3	1.9
Egypt		63.8	Matches	24.1	29.2	Great Britain &		
Sweden		54.6	To:			Ireland	0.02	1.7
Russia		32.0	Great Britain &			110101101111111111111111111111111111111	0.00	
	•		Ireland	•	20.o	Woodtar	2.3	6.7
Paper & pulp, etc	_	1,430.3	United States		7.5	To:		v. ,
of which:	•	,-,	-			Germany	0.9	2.4
	130.1	468, 8	Cereals & their pro-		İ	Holland	0.5	1.3
Newsprint		330.8	duets		13 .0	110Hanu	0.0	1,0
Sulphite) chemical		1 . 2		•	20.0	Sweetstuffs	0.2	5.2
Sulphate/pulp	58.91)		of which:	6.0	9.2	To:	0.2	0.4
Mechanical pulp	51.5 ¹)		Oats To:	0.0	5.2	Great Britain &		
Cardboard	24.7	71.4			0.			3.1
Writing paper	11.4	67.8	Sweden	•	6.6	Ireland		1.8
Wrapping paper.		on .	Russia	•	2.8	Sweden	0.06	1.0
except brown	14.4	67.0				Dad subsudahannian	4 =	3.7
Wrapping paper.,			Textiles		13 .0	Red whortleberries	1.7	5.7
brown	16.2	58.0	of which:			To:	0 -	4 _
_ Cigarette paper	0.5	17.1	Cotton goods	0.1	9.6	Germany	0.8	1.7
To:			Others		_		Δ.	٠.
Great Britain &			To:	0.0		Chlorate of potassium	0.4	2.3
Ireland		402.8	Esthonia		9.5	To:	•	
United States	•	260.7			2.0	United States	0.2	1.5
Germany		186.1	Sweden		4.0		_	
France		128.4			40.	Cigarettes	0 .02	1.2
Russia		74.1	Metals & metal goods		10.9	To:		
Belgium		73.0	of which;			Sweden	0.01	0.9
Denmark		56.4	Axes & choppers	0.2	2.0			
Sweden	•	42.8	Roofing iron			Gelatine & gelatine)	
Argentine	•	40.7						1.2
	•				1	•		

1) Dry weight.







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