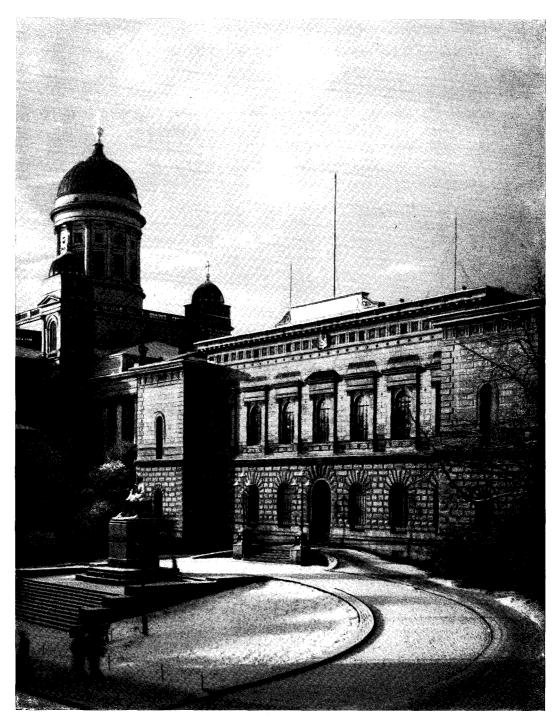
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On December 12th, 1936, one hundred and twenty-five years will have passed since the Bank of Finland was founded. This period has been rich in experience and after various reforms the Bank of Finland has gradually developed into a real central bank.

During the war of 1808-1809 that led to Finland's separation from Sweden and her incorporation with the Russian Empire as an autonomous state, the only bank in Finland, the discount bank in Turku (Åbo), which was a kind of branch of the Bank of the Estates of Sweden, was closed. As there was great need of a banking establishment for creating order in the monetary conditions and dealing with the exchange of the different coinage and notes in circulation, the Bank of Finland was founded in 1811 mainly on the same principles on which the central bank in Sweden had been built up. The business of the new bank was confined at first to the duties referred to, the lending business being insignificant and the note issue greatly restricted.

In 1840 the Bank of Finland entered upon a new phase. In connection with a reform of the currency founded on the rouble the Bank was reorganised as a bank of issue in the modern sense, also developing its foreign business and participating in the issue of State loans. A further step in the development of the Bank of Finland was taken in 1860, when Finland obtained her own currency and the Bank was granted the right of issuing its own notes in Finnish marks as well as silver and copper coin.

A few years later, when constitutional activity began in Finland and the Diet began to function, the Bank of Finland that had up to that time mainly occupied the position of the bank of the Finnish Government, was transferred in 1867 to the Estates. Since then the Bank has "carried on its business under the guarantee and supervision of the Diet".

Up to 1861 the Bank of Finland was the only actual banking establishment in the country, but since that year a network of Joint Stock banks, Savings banks and other banking institutions has spread over the country. By this means the importance of the Bank of Finland in the money market was reduced. At the same time the course of development resulted in the business of the Bank of Finland acquiring those forms to an ever growing extent that are characteristic of an actual central bank. The great fall in the value of silver at first created considerable difficulty in the Bank of Finland maintaining the value of the currency. In 1877, therefore, the gold standard was introduced in Finland. From that year to the Great War Finnish currency was thoroughly stable and assisted in the economic progress of the country and the development of its foreign relations.

During the war the coercive policy of the Russian authorities caused the Finnish mark, following the Russian rouble, to fall in value, and even after 1917, when Finland declared her independence, inflation continued in the abnormal conditions of that time. The Bank of Finland lost all its own funds and was only able, thanks to the support of the State, to improve its position by degrees and thus gain the possibility of controlling the currency position.

In December, 1925, six months after England had returned to the gold standard, the situation in Finland was considered ripe for a similar step. The Finnish currency was then devaluated to the level to which it had depreciated in the course of the previous inflation.

The calmer period that followed was, however, not of long duration. In the autumn of 1931 Finland was already forced by external circumstances to follow the example of England and several other countries and suspend the gold standard. After some fluctuations during the time immediately after the suspension of gold the Bank of Finland succeeded in giving the Finnish currency a stable value in relation to sterling, and since January, 1933, the relation between these currencies has remained unchanged.

The favourable economic progress of the last few years, during which Finland has redeemed the greater part of her foreign indebtedness, has provided an opportunity for the Bank of Finland to consolidate its position in a high degree.

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The Bank of Finland is not a large central bank according to international standards, but, except when circumstances have proved insuperable even in the case of large central banks in wealthy countries, it has successfully performed its task of "maintaining stability and security in the monetary system of Finland, and assisting and facilitating the circulation of money in the country". As is usually the case with central banks the home credits of the Bank of Finland are not of such a size, in comparison with those of the other banks in the country, as to enable it to control the Finnish money market. However, by means of its bank rate policy, its ability to assist the Joint Stock banks and trade in general by increasing its credits in times of crisis, its efforts to develop the market for bonds and, above all, by means of its connections abroad and its reserve of foreign currency, the surest guarantee of Finland's foreign payment position, the Bank of Finland has achieved a strong position and become indispensable in maintaining normal monetary conditions in this country and stable financial relations with foreign countries.

Since they were destroyed by the storms of inflation, the funds of the Bank of Finland have again risen to approximately 1,400 million marks and are increased regularly, seeing that, according to the regulations, half the annual profit is transferred to the Reserve Fund. The gold reserve and foreign balances of the Bank have grown very much owing to the favourable balance of payments during the last few years. Recent developments have tended in general to increase Finland's economic productive powers and to improve her foreign payment position, thereby augmenting the ability of the Bank of Finland to perform its task successfully. As far as it depends on the activities of a central bank, the Bank of Finland has now greater possibilities than before of encouraging continued progress towards stable economic conditions in this country.



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	1935 Mill. Fmk		1936 Mill. Fmk				
	<sup>15</sup> /10	<sup>23</sup> /10	<sup>81</sup> /10	<sup>7</sup> /11	<sup>15</sup> /11		
ASSETS.							
I. Gold reserve	464.5	603.4	603.4	603.4	603.3		
Foreign Correspondents	1 253.2	1 247.8	1 254.6	1 270.2	1 277.9		
II. Foreign Bills	78.9	77.2	79.4	79.4	78.9		
Foreign Bank Notes and Coupons	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.0		
Inland Bills	688.3	774.2	771.1	767.0	754.		
III. Gold abroad <sup>1</sup> )		111.4	111.4	111.4	111.		
Loans on Security	51.6	54.7	55.7	61.3	61.		
Advances on Cash Credit	66.1	63.3	66.3	51.9	59.		
Bonds in Foreign Currency	233.9	124.8	124.8	126.5	92.		
» » Finnish »	209.9	348.8	348.6	346.3	362.		
Bank Premises and Furniture	12.0	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.		
Sundry Assets	301.9	373.7	377.2	380.9	399.		
Total	3 361.0	3 792.5	3 805.5	3 811.5	3 813.		
LIABILITIES.	1						
Notes in circulation	1 277.3	1 497.3	1 560.8	1 535.0	1 520.		
Other Liabilities payable on demand: Bank-Post-Bills		44.4		0-	10		
Bank-Post-Bills	8.2	11.1	20.6	9.7	13.		
Balance of Current Accounts due to the Treasury	171.5 464.7	137.9	169.2 605.3	213.5 622.4	319.		
» » » » » » » Others	464.7	723.4 28.3	605.3 29.2	622.4 34.0	526. 30.		
Foreign Correspondents	20.0	4.5	29.2	54.0 5.8	12.		
Sundry Accounts	1 000.0	1 000.0	1 000.0	1 000.0	1000.		
Reserve Fund	262.1	312.3	312.3	312.3	312		
Bank Premises and Furniture	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12		
Earnings less Expenses	68.2	65.7	66.4	66.8	67.		
Undisposed Profits	55.0				-		
Total	3 361.0	3 792.5	3 805.5	3 811.5	3813.		

# 2. - NOTE ISSUE OF THE BANK OF FINLAND.

	1935		19	36	
	<sup>15</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	<sup>23</sup> /10	<sup>81</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	<sup>7</sup> /11	<sup>15</sup> /11
RIGHT TO ISSUE NOTES:			•		
Gold Reserve and Foreign Correspondents	1 717.7 1 200.0	1 851.2 1 200.0	1 858.0 1 200.0	1 873.6 1 200.0	1881.2 1200.0
. Total	2 917.7	3 051.2	3 058.0	3 073.6	3081.2
USED AMOUNT OF ISSUE:					
Notes in circulation Other Liabilities payable on demand Undrawn Amount of Advances on Cash Credit	1 277.3 686.4 75.8	1 497.3 905.2 76.0	1 560.8 854.0 73.1	1 535.0 885.4 86.1	1520.1 901.6 83.6
Total NOTE RESERVE:	2 039.5	2 478.5	2 487.9	2 506.5	2505.3
Immediately available Dependent on increased supplementary Cover	446.1 432.1	225.2 347.5	221.5 348.6	21 <b>4.6</b> 352.5	210.1 365.8
Total	878.2	572.7	570.1	567.1	575.9
Grand total	2917.7	3 051.2	3 058.0	3 073.6	3081.2

Bank Rate since December 3, 1934, 4  $^{0}\!|_{0}$ .

(Former Rate 4 1/2 0/0 ).

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8	BANK	<b>OF</b>	FINLAND.	NOTE	CIRCULATION	AND	FOREIGN	CORRESPONDENTS.
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End of		NU	te Circulai Mill. Fmk			Foreign Correspondents <sup>1</sup> ) Mill. Fmk					
Month	1933	1934	1935	1936	Monthly Movement	1933	1934	1935	1936	Monthly Movement	of Month
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept.	[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 1 125.2 1 102.6	1 165.7 1 285.8 1 321.8 1 308.8 1 243.8 1 234.3 1 200.1 1 224.1 1 261.2 1 244.9	$1 268.1 \\1 371.5 \\1 441.5 \\1 431.4 \\1 369.5 \\1 327.6 \\1 309.7 \\1 317.2 \\1 336.0 \\1 301.6 \\$	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \ 341.5 \\ 1 \ 444.7 \\ 1 \ 520.3 \\ 1 \ 546.1 \\ 1 \ 500.9 \\ 1 \ 465.0 \\ 1 \ 465.0 \\ 1 \ 460.1 \\ 1 \ 502.8 \\ 1 \ 551.4 \\ 1 \ 560.8 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} - 39.2 \\ +103.2 \\ + 75.6 \\ + 25.8 \\ - 45.2 \\ - 35.9 \\ - 4.9 \\ + 42.7 \\ + 48.6 \\ + 9.4 \end{array}$	[502.2] 687.6 771.9 772.9 771.6 756.1 762.2 782.2 782.2 885.0 862.0 921.5 922.2	1 000.8 1 044.4 1 054.3 1 031.3 984.9 933.9 969.4 1 073.4 1 121.7 1 190.3 1 283.0	1 329.8 1 267.7 1 317.2 1 385.9 1 415.9 1 333.7 1 352.8 1 242.2 1 259.4 1 280.7 1 239.9 1 239.9	1 286.9 1 263.3 1 328.3 1 354.5 1 247.9 1 114.4 1 150.0 1 147.4 1 118.1 1 254.6	$\begin{array}{r} + 20.0 \\ - 23.6 \\ + 65.0 \\ + 26.2 \\ - 106.6 \\ - 133.5 \\ + 35.6 \\ - 29.3 \\ + 136.5 \end{array}$	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct.

<sup>1</sup>) Credit balances with foreign correspondents. Including a Credit abroad amounting to: August, 1932 -- October, 1933, 191.0 mill. Fmk; and November, 1933, 95.5 mill. Fmk, disappearing in December, 1933.

4. — BANK OF FINLAND.	ORDINARY (	COVER, NOTE	<b>RESERVE AND</b>	HOME LOANS.
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End	Pe	Ordin	ary Cov of Liab		_	Note Reserve Mill. Fmk				End			
Month	1934	1935	1936	Monthly Movement	1934	1935	1936	Monthly Movement	1934	1935	1936	Monthly Movement	Month
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	$\begin{array}{c} [77.03] \\ 78.22 \\ 78.65 \\ 80.09 \\ 74.43 \\ 72.39 \\ 74.12 \\ 74.13 \\ 76.79 \\ 83.56 \\ 89.26 \\ 92.65 \\ 96.27 \end{array}$	95.59 91.54 86.55 86.99 87.57 83.16 82.14 87.93 85.83 85.83 85.92 83.69	74.09 72.93 74.68	$\begin{array}{r} +1.74 \\ -2.03 \\ -0.87 \\ -1.46 \\ -5.27 \\ -0.73 \\ -1.16 \\ +1.75 \end{array}$	[819.3] 831.5 829.0 857.7 734.8 701.2 761.3 749.0 778.0 915.8 1017.9 1072.5 1136.1		791.1 840.8 769.7 738.6 724.6 602.5 580.2 595.3 561.0 570.1	$\begin{array}{r} - 69.9 \\ + 49.7 \\ - 71.1 \\ - 31.1 \\ - 14.0 \\ - 122.1 \\ - 22.3 \\ + 15.1 \\ - 34.3 \\ + 9.1 \end{array}$	[715.6] 707.9 795.7 844.4 914.7 919.9 909.8 855.5 850.2 807.1 797.3 743.2 672.4	704.0 764.0 860.6 905.4 889.9 850.4 783.3 777.3 748.1 806.1 808.5 781.9	842.9 906.3 1 002.3 1 021.3 1 016.9 1 004.7 953.9 933.2 963.3 937.5	-12.2 -50.8 -20.7 +30.1	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

<sup>1</sup>) Revised figures. - <sup>2</sup>) Inland Bills, Loans on Security and Advances on Cash Credit.

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

End	B		nted Bill, Fmk	g <sup>1</sup> )	11	due to t	-	Accounts Isury	11	ccounts due Treasury	End of		
Month	1933	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	Monthly Movement	1934	1935	1936	Monthly Movement	Month
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[301.1] 238.8 147.2 95.5 61.8 44.1 31.9 23.1 13.2 5.6 				$\begin{bmatrix} [55.3] \\ 118.5 \\ 143.1 \\ 52.2 \\ 94.7 \\ 55.3 \\ 72.4 \\ 103.5 \\ 86.8 \\ 92.5 \\ 87.2 \\ 162.3 \end{bmatrix}$	168.1 146.6 99.8 186.9 134.8 80.1 81.8 91.4 91.8 217.3 69.9 161.7	297.2 236.3 172.2 35.2 14.5 104.3 90.3 28.9 169.2	$\begin{array}{r} +135.5 \\ -60.9 \\ -64.1 \\ -137.0 \\ -20.7 \\ -14.5 \\ +104.3 \\ -14.0 \\ -61.4 \\ +140.3 \end{array}$	[327.1] 306.4 225.3 316.0 374.9 377.3 290.8 361.5 340.6 226.9 265.1 309.3 181.1	165.4 123.2 215.6 245.8 371.0 431.3 486.6 445.3 396.0 378.8 473.2 401.7	387.4 307.2 419.6 600.3 583.4 620.0 602.4 559.7 623.7 605.3	$\begin{array}{c} - & 14.3 \\ - & 80.2 \\ + 112.4 \\ + 180.7 \\ - & 16.9 \\ + & 36.6 \\ - & 17.6 \\ - & 42.7 \\ + & 64.0 \\ - & 18.4 \end{array}$	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

<sup>1</sup>) Included in home loans, see table 4. Re-discounted Bills 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	average	Monthly average								
	Parity	1934	1935		1935			1936				
	<u> </u>	1001	1000	August	September	October	August	September	October			
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New York	23:45	45:10	46: 35	45: 72	46: 06	46: 30	45: 31	45:19	46: 47			
London	193: 23	227:	227:	227: —	227:	227:	227:	227:	227:			
Stockholm	1 064: 07	1 171:	1 171:	1 171:	1 171:	1 171:	1 171:	1 171: —	1 171:			
Berlin	945: 84	1 775: 94	1 866: 86		1 854: 44	1 864:	1820:62	1 812:5 <b>2</b>	1 866: 33			
Paris	155:56		305:67		303:61	305: 15	298: 35	296: 95	218:06			
Brussels	1) 397: 50		858: 15		776:76		762: 92	762:04	781:30			
Amsterdam	1596:	3 039: 78	3 138: 48		3 111: 16	3 136: 78	3 072: 85	3 011: 13	2 497: 19			
Basle	766: 13		1 506: 39		1 497:16	1 506: 74	1 474: 88	1 432: 46	1 067: 56			
Oslo	1 064: 07	1 141: 70	1 141:		1 141:	1 141:	1 141: —	1 141:	1 141:			
Copenhagen	1 064: 07	1014:70	1014:		1014:	1014:	1 014: —	1014:	1014:			
Prague	117:64	192: 27	193: 95		191:36	192:96	188:58	187: 92	170:64			
Rome	208:98	386: 89	384:04		376: 52			358: 54	264:59			
Tallinn	1 064:07	1 250:	1 251: 13		1 250:	1 253: 70	1 255:	1 255: —	1 255:			
Riga	766:13		1 498: 83		1 494: 40	1 503: 15	1 472: 88	1 469: 55	920:			
Madrid	766: 13		635: 05		629: 88	634: 30		*) 615:	615:			
Warsaw	445:42	850: 92	876: 41			873: 85	854:96	852:88	876: 67			
Montreal	39:70	45: 57	46: 12	45:65	45:75	45:68	45: 29	<b>45: 15</b>	46: 47			

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

<sup>1</sup>) Since April 1st, 1936. - <sup>2</sup>) Since September 11th, 1936, Only a nominal rate is quoted.

7. — HOME DEPOSITS IN THE JOINT STOCK BANKS.

End of Month	Curr	ent Accou Mill. Fmk	nts <sup>1</sup> )		Deposits Mill. Fmk			Total Mill, Fmk		Mon Move	thly ment	End of Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1935	1936	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[1 765.8] 1 803.2 1 727.1 1 754.8 1 723.2 1 709.1 1 870.0 1 787.2 1 859.9 1 803.1 1 804.0 1 891.6 1 878.5	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 273.5 \\ 1 & 244.2 \\ 1 & 212.5 \\ 1 & 255.4 \\ 1 & 290.5 \\ 1 & 337.8 \\ 1 & 316.9 \\ 1 & 319.4 \\ 1 & 339.8 \\ 1 & 334.5 \\ 1 & 339.5 \\ 1 & 302.3 \\ 1 & 339.0 \\ \end{bmatrix}$	1 255.9 1 217.2 1 159.1 1 270.2 1 285.4 1 387.9 1 381.6 1 388.3 1 450.7 1 519.3	5 778.3 5 822.5 5 912.1 5 956.5 5 950.1 6 058.0 6 070.6 6 057.8 6 038.6	$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 635.0 \\ 5 & 659.6 \\ 5 & 689.3 \\ 5 & 768.6 \\ 5 & 772.0 \\ 5 & 862.2 \\ 5 & 863.1 \\ 5 & 817.2 \\ 5 & 817.2 \\ 5 & 790.4 \\ 5 & 761.4 \\ 5 & 750.1 \\ 5 & 809.6 \end{bmatrix}$	5 837.2 5 863.6 5 942.1 5 954.8 5 937.8 6 051.6 6 056.3 6 041.3 6 041.3 6 040.4 6 060.2	7 581.5 7 549.6 7 666.9 7 679.7 7 659.2 7 928.0 7 857.8 7 917.7 7 841.7	$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 908.5 \\ 6 & 903.8 \\ 6 & 901.8 \\ 7 & 024.0 \\ 7 & 062.5 \\ 7 & 086.1 \\ 7 & 179.1 \\ 7 & 182.5 \\ 7 & 156.5 \\ 7 & 124.9 \\ 7 & 100.9 \\ 7 & 052.4 \\ 7 & 148.6 \end{bmatrix}$	7 093.1 7 080.8 7 101.2 7 225.0 7 223.2 7 439.5 7 439.4 7 429.6 7 501.1 7 579.5	$\begin{array}{r} +122.2 \\ + 38.5 \\ + 23.6 \\ + 93.0 \\ + 3.4 \\ - 26.0 \\ - 31.6 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} + 20.4 \\ + 123.8 \\ - 1.8 \\ + 216.3 \\ - 1.1 \\ - 8.8 \\ + 71.5 \\ + 78.4 \end{array}$	Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept.

Tables 7---9 according to Finnish Official Statistics VII, D, Bank Statistics. Mortgage banks are not included. <sup>1</sup>) Including for 1984 cheque accounts and home correspondents; for 1985 and 1986 only cheque accounts.

8. — HOME LOANS GRANTED BY THE JOINT STOCK BANKS.	8	HOME	LOANS	GRANTED	BY	THE	JOINT	STOCK	BANKS.
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End of Month	1	nland Bill Mill. Fmk	8		and Overd Mill. Fmk	rafts ¹)		Total Mill. Fmk			thly ment	End of Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1935	1936	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[1 355.3] 1 332.0 1 345.1 1 370.4 1 398.6 1 412.3 1 379.5 1 304.9 1 254.6 1 240.3 1 272.4 1 262.8 1 251.9	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 249.6 \\ 1 & 293.0 \\ 1 & 327.4 \\ 1 & 369.8 \\ 1 & 413.0 \\ 1 & 410.1 \\ 1 & 421.8 \\ 1 & 396.8 \\ 1 & 348.3 \\ 1 & 329.7 \\ 1 & 366.2 \\ 1 & 385.6 \\ 1 & 391.3 \\ \end{bmatrix}$	1 400.8 1 403.4 1 360.2 1 384.3 1 480.0 1 446.2 1 379.6 1 241.4 1 262.9 1 280.5	6 351.3 6 341.7 6 287.1 6 339.1 6 339.3 6 386.6 6 317.8 6 281.8	$\begin{bmatrix} 6 & 006.7 \\ 0 & 033.7 \\ 6 & 020.3 \\ 6 & 042.2 \\ 6 & 049.4 \\ 6 & 049.8 \\ 6 & 072.1 \\ 6 & 050.0 \\ 6 & 053.3 \\ 6 & 070.2 \\ 6 & 048.9 \\ 6 & 002.3 \\ 5 & 882.8 \end{bmatrix}$	5 887.2 5 980.5 5 974.2 6 007.6 6 059.1 6 028.4 5 965.9 5 951.3 5 952.9 5 965.2	7 683.3 7 686.8 7 657.5 7 737.7 7 751.6 7 766.1 7 622.7 7 536.4 7 615.6	$\begin{bmatrix} 7 256.3 \\ 7 326.7 \\ 7 347.7 \\ 7 412.0 \\ 7 462.4 \\ 7 459.9 \\ 7 493.9 \\ 7 493.9 \\ 7 446.8 \\ 7 401.6 \\ 7 399.9 \\ 7 415.1 \\ 7 387.9 \\ 7 274.1 \\ \end{bmatrix}$	7 288.0 7 383.9 7 334.4 7 391.9 7 539.1 7 474.6 7 345.5 7 192.7 7 215.8 7 245.7	+ 21.0 + 64.3 + 50.4 - 2.5 + 34.0	-49.5 + 57.5 +147.2 - 64.5 -129.1 -152.8	Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept.

<sup>1</sup>) Including for 1934 home loans, cheque accounts and home correspondents; for 1935 and 1936 home loans and cheque accounts-The figures in brackets [] indicate the position at the end of the previous year.

End of Month		Claims <sup>1</sup> ) Mill. Fmk			lebtednes Mill. Fmk			ms (+) s btedness ( Mill. Fmk	and Net		Movement Claims	End of Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1935	1936	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[327.4] 392.7 332.3 276.7 233.3 263.4 324.9 314.6 466.7 459.5 379.8 441.7 619.0	676.9 644.0 459.4 420.8 411.4 405.3 452.8 445.2 461.2 366.2 303.0 372.3	493.9 471.1 518.2 471.8 351.2 440.1 532.9 609.9 703.6 608.6	[184.1] 175.4 169.6 169.5 200.0 231.0 230.5 255.3 255.3 251.0 272.1 216.0 247.3	225.9 230.9 230.7 208.0 219.5 237.8 254.8 254.8 254.8 254.3 253.9 248.2 190.4	202.3 178.3 190.3 195.2 207.4 230.3 192.4 192.4 202.5 214.8	[+143.3] +217.3 +162.7 +107.2 +33.3 +32.4 +94.4 +59.3 +210.4 +208.5 +107.7 +225.7 +371.7	+451.0 +413.1 +228.7 +212.8 +191.9 +167.5 +198.0 +188.6 +206.9 +112.3 +54.8 +181.9	+327.9 +276.6	$\begin{array}{c c} - & 37.9 \\ - & 184.4 \\ - & 15.9 \\ - & 20.9 \\ - & 24.4 \\ + & 30.5 \\ - & 9.4 \\ + & 18.3 \end{array}$	+ 35.1  - 51.3  - 132.8  + 66.0  + 130.7  + 92.0  + 68.6  - 107.3	Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept.

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

<sup>1</sup>) Credit balances with foreign correspondents and foreign bills. -- <sup>3</sup>) Due to foreign correspondents.

10	· POSITION	$\mathbf{0F}$	THE BA	NKS TO	FOREIGN	COUNTRIES. <sup>1</sup> )	l
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1935 1936Net Claims Monthly Mill. Fmk Month End of Amount Amount Move-Number Number Month Mill. Fmk Mill. Fmk ment 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1931 135 527 1 988.6 144 487 2 287.9 Jan. [798.7] 113 103 1 756.9 123 891 1 934.5 Febr. 811.8 1 564.5 1 881.7 1 637.3 +132.4Jan. 630.0 804.4 1 980.3 125 397 1 858.7 130 122 March Febr. 769.1 741.7 927.2 1 514.0 1783.21 623.5 - 13.8 127 742 1 817.1 1 979.6 135 154 843.5 941.2 1 487.5 1 6 4 4 . 4 1724.1+100.6April 789.3 March Mav - 28.5 134 357 1 906.3 141 720 2078.2 1 386.1 1 695.6 753.5 742.9 925.4  $1\,668.2$ April 127 786 1 893.7 140 195 2177.7 898.0 1 336.4 1 684.1 -234.6 June 787.5 692.9 1 461.0 May - 57.6 134 691 2090.8 144 833 2 371.0 July 1 403.4 June 805.7 574.8 905.9 1 341.7 1 573.6 122 482 2 149.0 1 939.9  $127\,531$ 867.6 1554.5+151.1Aug. 601.9 994.9 1 340.9 1 619.5 July 2 435.8 Sept. 125 995 1 933.4 142 484 Aug. 843.5 489.3 1070.0 1 570.4 1 497.5 1 652.6 + 98.1 2 294.8  $156\,424$  $164\,124$ 2 671.5 466.7 1 008.9 + 18.7Oct. 610.1 1 601.0 1 526.0 1 671.3 Sept. 148 341 2006.1 Nov. + 27.3 Oct. 581.2 431.3 1 108.7 1 479.0 1 443.8 1 698.6 141 860 2 157.8 412.6 1 270.2 1 669.8 1 342.9 Dec. 497.2 Nov. 540.9 1 465.5 Total Dec. 590.41 805.8 1 504.9 1 593 705 23 644.1

<sup>1</sup>) 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. <sup>9</sup>) Indicates the clearing operations participated in by the Joint Stock banks at the Head Office and six (up to the end of Sep-tember, 1985, five) Branch Offices of the Bank of Finland.

#### 12. — DEPOSITS IN THE SAVINGS BANKS.

End of Month	n	the town Mill. Fmk		In	the coun Mill. Fmk			Total Mill. Fmk		1	nthly ement	End of Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1935	1936	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[2 319.9] 2 344.8 2 360.6 2 385.7 2 396.4 2 399.5 2 399.5 2 399.7 2 413.5 2 419.2 2 419.8 2 419.8 2 419.8 2 419.8 2 419.8 2 419.8 2 419.8 2 419.4 2 514.6	2 555.5 2 575.9 2 615.1 2 624.0 2 632.7 2 632.7 2 646.8 2 655.3 2 655.3 2 659.3 2 659.3 2 670.7 2 761.8	2 793.9* 2 820.5* 2 859.5* 2 901.5* 2 916.9* 2 942.0* 2 956.8* 2 980.0* 3 009.8*	2 100.0 2 119.0 2 130.8 2 140.0 2 134.5 2 139.0 2 140.8 2 143.3	2 254.3 2 269.5 2 297.1 2 316.2 2 334.7 2 339.3 2 344.2 2 345.5 2 336.0 2 325.0 2 325.0 2 331.2 2 426.3	2 440.9* 2 460.1* 2 485.6* 2 500.7* 2 520.7* 2 532.0* 2 534.4* 2 545.7* 2 558.8* 2 576.6*	4 460.6 4 504.7 4 527.2 4 539.5 4 534.2 4 552.5 4 560.0 4 563.1 4 565.9 4 590.7	4 809.8 4 845.4 4 912.2 4 940.2 4 967.4 4 972.0 4 991.0 5 000.8 4 991.0 5 000.8 4 994.0 9 84.3 5 001.9 2)5 188.1	5234.8* 5280.6* 5345.1* 5390.5* 5422.2* 5448.9* 5448.9* 5448.9* 5452.5* 5458.8* 5538.8* 5586.4*	$\begin{array}{r} + 55.2 \\ + 35.6 \\ + 66.8 \\ + 28.0 \\ + 27.2 \\ + 4.6 \\ + 19.0 \\ + 9.8 \\ - 6.8 \\ - 9.7 \\ + 17.6 \\ + 186.2 \end{array}$	+45.8* +64.5* +45.4* +31.7* +26.7* +27.5* +26.1* +36.3* +47.6*	Febr. March April May June July

Deposits in the Savings Banks, including long-term deposits and current accounts, according to figures supplied by the Central Statistical Office. \*) Increased by 198.9 mill. Fmk interest for 1934. — \*) Increased by 203.8 mill. Fmk interest for 1935. The figures in brackets [] indicate the position at the end of the previous year. \*) Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

11. — CLEARING.<sup>2</sup>)

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

End of Month		osits in Savings J Mill. J	Bank 1)	ice	Моп Моve	- 1	De	Credit Se	Co-operat ocieties ²) Fmk			ithly ment	End of Month
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1935	1936	1933	1934	1935	1936	1935	1936	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	[298.9] 302.3 306.9 312.2 313.5 313.7 315.5 314.7 314.8 313.8 313.6 313.6 313.6 313.7		358.0 361.3 365.1 364.3 363.1 362.7 364.5 365.4 365.4 365.4 364.5 364.5 364.5	378.3* 380.9* 383.8* 384.1* 382.5* 384.6* 384.6* 386.4* 387.9*	$ \begin{array}{r} + 3.8 \\ - 0.8 \\ - 1.2 \\ - 0.4 \\ + 1.8 \\ + 0.9 \\ - 0.9 \\ - 0.3 \\ + 12.1 \end{array} $	+2.0* +2.6* +2.9* +0.3* -1.6* +2.1* +1.8* +1.5*	444.0 443.8 441.8 444.4 443.8 443.0 445.2 442.3 447.3 452.8	459.1 465.6 482.4 493.3 503.0 504.1 506.2 504.8 507.2 511.8 521.8	529.6 539.0 554.7 565.9 572.7 585.1 592.6 595.7 597.3 596.7 603.4 615.7	621.2 635.1 655.9 667.9 674.9 693.8 703.1 713.9 725.0	$\begin{array}{r} + & 7.8 \\ + & 9.4 \\ + & 15.7 \\ + & 11.2 \\ + & 6.8 \\ + & 12.4 \\ + & 7.5 \\ + & 3.1 \\ + & 1.6 \\ - & 0.6 \\ + & 6.7 \\ + & 12.3 \end{array}$	+13.9 +20.8 +12.0 + 7.0 +18.9 + 9.3 +10.8 +11.1	March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

<sup>1</sup>) According to Finnish Official Statistics VII, D, Bank Statistics. — <sup>3</sup>) Figures supplied by the Central Bank for Co-operative Agricultural Credit Societies. — <sup>3</sup>) Increased by 14.3 mill. Fmk interest for 1933. — <sup>4</sup>) Increased by 13.4 mill. Fmk interest for 1934. — <sup>5</sup>) Increased by 13.8 mill. Fmk interest for 1935.

# 14. — DEPOSITS IN CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

#### 15. — INSURANCES IN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES.

End of Month		its on Sa Accounts Mill. Fmi			nthly ement
	1934	1935	1936	1935	1936
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	$\begin{bmatrix} 388.4 \\ 395.2 \\ 402.6 \\ 411.4 \\ 413.6 \\ 412.3 \\ 418.7 \\ 419.5 \\ 418.4 \\ 417.9 \\ 417.5 \\ 418.2 \\ 420.8 \end{bmatrix}$	427.9 436.7 447.0 450.9 449.8 455.9 455.2 455.2 453.5 452.0 447.8 446.9 450.4	456.0 464.3 475.0 478.6 476.7 484.2 484.5 485.8 487.2 490.7	+7.1+8.8+10.3+3.9-1.1+6.1-0.7-1.5-4.2-0.9+3.5	$\begin{array}{r} + 5.6 \\ + 8.3 \\ + 10.7 \\ + 3.6 \\ - 1.9 \\ + 7.5 \\ + 0.3 \\ + 1.3 \\ + 1.4 \\ + 3.5 \end{array}$

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

Ì			New risk	s accepted			1
	1	934	19	35	1	936	End of
	Number	Amount Mill. Fmk	Number	Amount Mill. Fmk	Number	Amount Mill. Fmk	Month
	4 635 6 408 7 626 7 490 6 689 7 781 5 894 6 458 7 565 9 046 10 406	61.6 81.4 96.2 94.2 90.8 103.3 73.1 84.2 99.3 112.6 128.7	6 827 8 479 11 395 9 540 9 812 9 112 6 569 7 663 8 624 11 194 13 240	85.1 106.6 143.2 124.8 127.2 122.6 83.3 101.1 115.5 145.5 166.0	5 075* 7 212* 8 702* 7 665* 7 685* 7 455* 6 070* 7 168* 8 839* 9 792*	64.0* 85.7* 104.7* 98.0* 94.4* 74.9* 89.8* 114.1* 122.0*	Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.
	15 104	213.2	31 280	392.2			Dec.
	95 102 69 592	1 238.6 896.7	133 735 89 215	1 713.1	75 663*	942.6*	Total JanOct.

According to information supplied by the Finnish Life Assurance Companies.

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

Year and		panies Inded		ase of pital		panies idated	-	anies with ed capital		ction ()	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
1933 1934 1935	688 624 600	105.7 129.6 92.9	117 166 203	114.6 156.5 242.5		164.0 145.7 49.9	19 22 24	86.6 201.9 23.3	+432 +471 +464	-30.3 -61.5 +262.2	1933 1934 1935
1935 Jan.—March April—June July—Sept. Oct.—Dec.	155 143 123 179	18.5 21.5 30.5 22.4	61 60 25 57	28.2 110.5 63.4 40.4		18.2 17.9 7.4 6.4	10 6 3 5	12.4 5.4 1.5 4.0	+119 + 91 + 100 + 154	+ 16.1 + 108.7 + 85.0 + 52.4	1935 Jan.—March April—June July—Sept. Oct.—Dec.
1936 Jan.—March April—June July—Sept. Oct.—Dec.	205 159 145	161.3 20.8 25.3	58 49 40	120.3 50.3 114.4	31 34 23	22.0 19.6 9.1	6 6 3	12.0 7.0 5.6	+174 + 125 + 122	$^{+247.6}_{+44.5}_{+125.0}$	1936 Jan.—March April—June July—Sept. Oct.—Dec.

Figures supplied by the Central Statistical Office. \* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

		over of		Ban	kruptei	es ²)			Pro	tested ]	Bills *)				
Month		xchang Mill. Fn		]	Number			Nur	aber				ount .Fmk		Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1933	1934	1935	1936	1933	1934	1935	1936	
January	40.6	30.1	21.2	83	83	56	994	401	251	313	4.2	3.1	1.0	1.1	January
February	27.7	28.0	39.8	96	54	54	799	350	182	320	4.4	1.8	0.7	0.6	February
March	19.5	25.8	33.4	89	57	50	1014	395	216	240	5.7	1.5	1.0	1.0	March
April	33.7	19.2	39.1	76	63	52	865	352	283	241	5.5	1.5	6.8	0.9	April
Mav	21.7	17.4	28.2	72	69	55	880	405	282	245	4.2	1.4	5.2	1.1	May
June	14.1	12.2	25.8	77	60	42	832	384	226	242	3.3	1.3	3.1	1.1	June
July	14.8	16.8	47.2	44	47	39	627	363	224	261	2.1	1.4	1.1	0.9	July
August	27.5	13.6	24.2	49	51	37	620	325	198	257	2.6	2.0	0.5	0.8	August
September	15.1	17.7	38.3	71	46	56	536	263	197	262	3.1	1.4	0.7	1,1	September
October	25.0	17.3	45.8	56	66		568	305	213	281	2.4	1.6	1.0	1.1	October
November	25.6	18.5		47	71		473	228	230		2.8	1.0	1.3		November
December	41.7	18.0		44	57		527	242	258		3.5	0.8	1.1		December
	307.0	234.6		804	724		8 735	4013	2 760		43.8	18.8	23.5		Total
JanOct.	239.7	198.1	343.0				7 735	3 543	2 272	2 662	37.5	17.0	21.1	9.7	JanOct.

17. - STOCK EXCHANGE. BANKBUPTCIES. PROTESTED BILLS.

<sup>1</sup>) According to data supplied by the Stock Exchange Committee. — <sup>3</sup>) Preliminary figures compiled by the Central Statistical Office from the reports sent in by the various Courts including all bankruptcy petitions, of which only about half will lead in due course to actual bankruptcy. — <sup>3</sup>) Preliminary figures published in the \*Report of Bills Protested in Finland\*.

			Shares					Bonds			
Month	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	Month
January February March April May June July August September October November December	105 102 103 98 96 94 95 98 101 98 98 98 98 97	97 95 100 103 105 106 109 115 113 113 123	127 124 126 130 131 131 132 138 138 138 137 141 142	142 143 140 143 143 143 143 146 147 143 143 142 144	147 150 156 160 161 162 169 175 179 179	85 92 95 97 96 98 99 99 99 99 99 98 97	98 99 101 102 104 107 110 110 111 111 111 113 115	118 120 122 122 122 118 119 121 121 121 121 124 124	125 125 125 125 125 125 125 125 125 125	125 125 125 126 126 127 128 128 128 128	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Whole year	99	107	133	143		96	107	121	125	1	Whole year

18. - STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX.

•Unitas• index; 1926 = 100.

19. — PUBLIC DEBT.

End of		•	Accor		e Official ( ll. Fmk <sup>1</sup> )	Book-kee	ping				viss Fres. *) gold Fres)	End of
Year and Month	I	unded Del	bt	Sho	ort-term Cr	edit	Tot	al Public	Debt	Total	Yearly and	Year and Month
	Foreign	Internal	Total	Foreign	Internal	Total	Foreign Internal Tota		Total	Public Debt	Monthly Movement	
1933 1934 1935	2 384.0 2 282.6 1 852.0	716.0 990.7 1 180.8	3 100.0 3 273.3 3 032.8	59.0	48.8 49.5 76.7	108.5	2 742.9 2 341.6 1 908.5	764.8 1 040.2 1 257.5	3 507.7 3 381.8 3 166.0		-115.4 - 35.6 - 25.0	1933 1934 1935
1935 Oct.	1 857.0	1 180.3	3 037.3	56.5	179.9	236.4	1 913.5	1 360.2	3 273.7	274.9	- 2.1	1935 Oct.
1936 Aug. Sept. Oct.	1 612.1 1 251.0 1 232.8	1 706.1 1 736.3 1 821.6	3 318.2 2 987.3 3 054.4	56.5 56.5 56.5	71.6 72.2 73.2	128.7	1 668.6 1 307.5 1 289.3	1 808.5	3 446.3 3 116.0 3 184.1	261.6	- 25.8	Aug. Sept. Oct.

<sup>1</sup>) According to data supplied by the Treasury. Internal loans are given at their nominal value and foreign loans in Finnish currency according to the rates ruling on the dates of the issue of the loans. — <sup>3</sup>) Calculated as follows: the outstanding amounts of both internal and foreign loans have been converted into Swiss Frances at the monthly average rates of exchange of the respective currencies. From September, 1986, the amounts have been converted into Swiss Frances of former gold value.

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#### 20. — STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

			Curi	ent rev	enue¹) de	rived fr	om		Princi-	E	xpenditu	re	
Month	Total revenue	Income and Property taxes	Excise on spirits, wines, etc.	Stamp duty	Interest and Divi- dends	State Rail- ways <sup>2</sup> )	Posts and Tele- graphs <sup>a</sup> )	State Forests <sup>2</sup> )	pal capital reve- nue	Total	Current	Capital	Month
			······································	N	fill. Fmk						Mill. Fm	ık	<u> </u>
1935 JanSept.	2 290.8	56.2	83.5	130.8	177.7	103.0	27.3	59.1	129.6	2 197.4	1 842.9	354.5	1935 JanSept.
1936 JanSept.	2 835.2	59.5	79.4	148.3	217.5	134.2	37.8	58.2	404.7	2 678.3	2 030.4	647.9	1936 JanSept.
1936 Budget	3 841.5	590.0	133.0	171.0	239.8	113.4	42.6	81.5	504.4	3 838.2	2 720.1	1 1 18.1	1936 Budget

Preliminary figures compiled by the Treasury from the monthly accounts. <sup>1</sup>) The current revenue derived from Customs duty, and other State receipts collected by the Customs are specified in table 21 below. — <sup>3</sup>) The figures given refer to not revenue.

21. — STATE RECEIPTS COLLECTED BY THE CUSTOMS.

		Customs	duty on		Excise on					
Month	Total Receipts	Imported goods incl. storage charges	Exported goods	Tobacco	Matches	Sweets	Fines	Light Dues	Resti- tutions	Month
	h			1000 F	mk	_			1000 Fmk	
1935 September October JanOct.	169 774 185 680 1 579 388	142 683 158 608 1 339 189	188 66 1 288	17 919 17 372 159 045	1 158 1 279 11 972	1 373 1 425 13 922	67 29 929	2 846 2 728 24 580	847 903 36 115	1935 September October JanOct.
1936 September October JanOct.	154 839* 147 716* 1 642 430*	120 592*	117* 89* 598*	18 891* 19 475* 171 791*	1 117* 1 391* 12 428*	1 62 <b>8*</b> 1 4 <b>72*</b> 15 554*	305* 56* 1 064*	3 311* 2 908* 26 891*	1 040* 994* 22 676*	1936 September October JanOct.
1936 Budget		1 420 000	1 000	185 000	15 500	16 500		28 500		1936 Budget

Tables 21-29 according to Finnish Official Statistics I, A, Foreign Trade of Finland, Monthly Reports.

Month	• -	Imports . I. F. Valu Mill. Fmk	le)	II)	Exports . O. B. Val Mill. Fmk			s of Impor r Exports ( Mill. Fmk		Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	_
January February March April May June July August September October November December	289.2 270.9 316.7 369.9 496.3 444.0 418.4 408.7 425.8 490.8 448.1 397.6	344.4 292.9 383.1 403.1 506.8 472.7 487.1 457.3 468.0 557.1 526.5 445.4	461.2* 370.9* 394.9* 469.4* 564.2* 559.9* 566.5* 527.5* 600.9* 616.6*	279.9 320.0 440.7 760.9 761.0 747.8 620.2 626.2 549.6 553.5	362.4 290.4 320.5 347.6 441.4 712.5 723.3 601.3 621.8 576.6 630.3	437.0* 360.5* 399.8* 573.7* 703.7* 820.7* 761.5* 712.4* 794.3*	$\begin{array}{rrrrr} + & 11.2 \\ - & 36.8 \\ - & 49.9 \\ - & 55.6 \\ + & 316.9 \\ + & 342.6 \\ + & 339.1 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{rrrrr} + & 18.0 \\ - & 2.5 \\ - & 62.6 \\ - & 55.5 \\ - & 65.4 \\ + & 139.7 \\ + & 225.4 \\ + & 266.0 \\ + & 133.3 \\ + & 64.7 \\ + & 50.1 \\ + & 184.9 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} - 10.4^{*} \\ + 4.9^{*} \\ - 70.9^{*} \\ + 9.5^{*} \\ + 143.8^{*} \\ + 254.2^{*} \\ + 234.0^{*} \\ + 111.5^{*} \\ + 177.7^{*} \end{array}$	July August September
Total JanOct.	4 776.4 3 930.7	5 344.4 4 372.5	5 132.0*	6 226.0 5 122.9	6 240.5 5 033.6	5 962.1*	+1449.6 +1 192.2	+896.1 + 661.1	+ 830.1*	Total JanOct.

#### 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.

of group	Groups of Goods			(C. I.	ports F. Value . Fmk	)				(F. O. )	ports B. Value) . Fmk		
No. 0		Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Janu	ary—Oc	tober	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Janu	ary—Oct	ober
		1936	1936	1935	1936	1935	1934	1936	1936	1935	1936	1935	1934
3	Live animals Food obtained from animals Cereals and their products Fodder and seed Fruit, vegetables, live plants, etc	0.6 4.2 24.0 15.9 10.8	0.6 2.0 26.2 14.0 11.1	0.4 3.6 41.2 10.5 7.1	4.2 18.7 393.7 165.1 97.9	2.5 18.9 264.3 114.2 86.5	0.5 30.0 265.6 128.8 74.8	0.7 46.3 0.1 0.4 2.9	0.7 43.1 0.2 0.3 4.9	0.7 43.3 0.5 2.0	3.1 438.5 1.0 3.3 11.0	353.7 1.8 10.8	6.2 319.1 2.4 16.9 8.0
6 7	Colonial produce and spices Preserves, in hermetically	34.6	34.7	38.3	393.5	342.3	335.9	0.9	0.8	1.0	3.2	. 3.0	3.5
9 10 11 12 13	Spinning materials Yarns and ropes Cloth Various textile products Timber and wooden articles	0.3 4.7 37.4 17.5 27.9 13.0 6.3	0.3 3.4 28.6 15.1 32.1 16.0 7.4	0.2 5.0 37.2 14.6 21.1 11.2 6.0	2.7 41.5 295.6 132.7 242.8 117.0 63.3	2.2 39.8 261.0 112.4 214.1 98.4 76.9	2.0 39.4 256.0 110.4 191.4 84.9 148.0	0.1 0.0 5.5 5.0 0.6 399.9	0.1 0.0 7.3 6.8 1.0 366.3	0.1 0.0 3.7 1.9 0.5 260.5	0.5 0.1 4.1 53.7 39.2 7.0 2 605.6	0.0 5.0 29.3 20.1	1.2 0.1 2.8 16.7 18.2 2.3 2 550.2
]	Bark, cane, branches or twigs, and articles made from same Pulp, cardboard and paper, and articles made from	1.9 8.1	1.7 2.5	2 <b>.9</b> 2.3	22.3 24.6	22.2 23.1	18.4	5.2 263.8	1.2 241.0	5.7	9.4	10.2 2024.6	9.8
16	same Hair, bristles, feathers toge- ther with bones, horn and other carvable goods not specifically mentioned and articles made from same	2.8	2.3	2.3 2.4	24.0	23.1	17.0		0.5	200.2 0.2	3.7	2 024.6 2.5	2.3
17	Hides and skins, leather- goods, furs, etc.	15.1	10.9	18.6	128.0	145.3	120.9	0,6 10.5	6.0	7.8	100.5		
19 20	Metals and metal goods Machinery and apparatus Means of transport Musical instruments, instru-	99.2 70.1 17.5	114.5 72.4 18.4	87.2 64.9 9.2	861.8 476.4 258.4	690.2 466.7 160.8	543.9 282.5 141.6	18.1 2.4 0.0	7.0 1.1 0.1	7.3 1.7 0.0	86.5 25.6 2.4	63.9	
	ments, clocks and watches Minerals and articles made	5.1	5.2	4.2	41.7	34.2	24.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2
23	from same Asphalt, tar, resins, rubber	75.4 14.0	70.9 15.2	47.1 13.6	407.3 122.5	299.4 116.3	296.5	12.2 7.0	9.7	13.3	91.7	83.2	74.2
24	and products of same Oils, fats and waxes, and products of same	35.9	35.4	36.2	303.1	263.2	114.9 218.8	1.1	3.0 0.8	1.9 0.5	23.1 7.1	16.2 3.2	22.8 1.0
25	Ethers, alcohols not speci- fically described, volatile oils, cosmetics, etc	1.7	1.1	1.6	11.5	10.4	8.8	0.4	0.2	0.4	3.1	2.5	
	Colours and dyes Explosives, fire-arms and materials, fuses and fire-	6.2	7.6 0.7	7.9	67.7 7.4	67.6 7.2	69.7 6.3	0.4 0.0 3.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	2.0 0.1
	works Chemical elements and com- binations thereof and drugs	0.9 31.2	32.0	0.4 27.0	198.7	181.4	178.5	0.3	4.4 0.5	1.3 0.3	28.0 6.3		9.2 5.2
	Fertilizers Literature and works of art, educational materials, office fittings, etc	26.9 6.2	5.9 6.0	23.1 5.4	89.2 46.6	98.9 43.4	92.7 34.3	0.0 1.9	0.0 0.6	— 0.8	0.1 10.0		0.1 2.4
31	Articles not specified else- where	6.2	6.7	6.7	72.5	87.3	75.3	0.7	0.8	0.8	ļ	· ·	2. <del>4</del> 5.0
1	Re-exports		600.9				3 930.7		708.7 3.7		5 923.5	4 992.9	5 087.3
		616.6	600.9	557.1	5 132.0	4 372.5	3 930.7					40.7 5 033.6	35.6 5 122.9

\* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

Month		Rye Tons			Wheat Tons		Wheat	en Flour ar of Wheat Tons		Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	
January	6 020.5	145.8	5 918.9*	2 435.0	1 627.7	6 621.7*	4 570.0	4 400.3	3 934.2*	January
February	3 106.7	312.8	6 885.8*	4 133.8	1 810.9	3 955.6*	3 594.0	2 859.8	2 094.6*	February
March	5045.4	390.0	8 700.6*	4010.2	2 553.7	6 392.6*	3 575.6	3 006.2	1 999.1*	March
April	4 868.0	673.4	10 060.7*	3 232.1	4 395.5	7 674.4*	4 198.8	3 137.5	2 516.2*	
May	6 570.7	1 489.4	13 330.9*	5 415.5	9 186.7	6 200.3*	5 200.7	3 607.3	3 0 2 1.1*	Mav
June	7 557.4	6 954.5	9 260.6*	4 316.4	8 0 2 9.0	8 719.2*	5 552.1	3 344.3	2 987.3*	June
July	3 4 2 5.4	6 923.9	4 369.4*	5 789.6	6 794.6	8 985.6*	4 475.2	3 462.5	3 437.7*	
August	1 355.6	2 664.8	974.8*	5140.2	4 623.6	8772.5*	3 906.0	3 177.3	2 489.4*	
September	771.9	402.0	744.5*	4 260.5	6727.3	5 483.1*		2 554.5		Septembe
October	927.8	4 209.4	2 707.7*		6 242.6	4 000.6*		2 973.1	1 176.8*	
November	267.4	2 396.1		5 816.9	5 764.7		3 180.8	1 571.1		Novembe
December	168.3	49.1		6 534.1	1 490.0		1 651.8	895.6		December
Total	40 085.1	26 611.2		55 643.5	59 246.3		46 072.1	34 989.5	1	Total
JanOct.	39 649.4	24 166.0	62 953.9*		51 991.6	66 805.6*	41 239.5	32 522.8	25 205.8*	

24. - IMPORTS OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ARTICLES.

Month	Rice	and Grain ( Tons	of Rice		Bran Tons		I	Raw Hides Tons		Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	<u> </u>
January February	1 273.1 697.0	969.3 764.7	1 006.0* 710.1*	6 605.9	3 888.1 4 321.8	6 948.9* 6 742.4*	446.8 427.3	968.6 656.6		February
March April May	702.5 841.2 2 334.8	1 008.3 466.1 2 669.6	811.0* 758.9* 1 372.1*	12 781.0 6 817.4	4 013.0 45.4 377.7	7 849.8* 8 458.3* 5 391.7*	432.4 760.2 637.8	857.3 922.5 707.2	528.8* 400.9* 501.8*	April May
June July August	1 699.6 954.5 1 405.6	1 918.6 482.1 444.2	1 067.4* 2 206.4* 1 084.3*	1 079.8 613.6	1 078.0 1 961.5 3 133.8	3 623.2* 2 202.6* 2 815.0*	610.2 792.0 827.9	1 138.7 811.7 491.7	423.8* 646.5* 475.5*	July August
September October November	1 163.1 1 312.4 1 030.1	1 175.9 2 706.5 1 176.3	1 439.2* 1 886.7*	530.6 1 493.4 2 159.2	2 830.2 3 378.7 4 173.9	1 986.2* 2 627.6*	940.4 826.8 1 014.5	636.0 827.6 974.1	625.1*	September October November
December	840.8	453.2		3 061.4	213.5 29 415.6		716.1	1 092.6	· · · ·	December
Total JanOct.			12 342.1*			48 645.7*		8 017.9		JanOct.

Month		Coffee Tons		Refi	Sugar ned and Unr Tons	efined	R	aw Tobac Tons	60	Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	
January February	$\frac{1}{1} \frac{950.2}{395.0}$	1807.5 1372.3	3 255.3* 1 584.2*	6 457.9 4 290.4	6 553.0 3 560.5	9 536.4* 6 409.8*	255.5 241.9	246.0 220.3	248.5*	January February
March April May	1 528.1 1 160.8 1 223.8	1 567.9 1 552.4 1 751.2	1 611.0* 1 548.0* 1 639.0*	4 589.3 6 874.0 7 140.0	5 972.5 7 222.0 7 732.5	7 318.0* 8 205.8* 9 896.2*	212.7 243.8 238.8	207.6 225.1 238.1	271.6* 242.7* 257.2*	April
June July	1 518.8 1 424.3	1 470.9 1 563.7	1 880.7* 1 676.6*	8 036.4 10 795.7	7 969.3 10 137.2	10 782.9* 17 065.4*	327.8 188.6	260.6 168.2	288.3* 214.6*	June July
August September October	1 475.2 1 384.7 1 478.7	1 474.4 1 584.7 1 853.1	2 164.6* 1 863.1* 2 014.2*		9 183.8 7 750.6 7 899.2	13 197.9* 5 304.3* 3 458.1*	275.7 260.8 271.8	273.5 273.1 280.7	297.7* 291.7 <b>*</b> 289.9*	August September October
November December	1 449.1 1 008.3	995.1 256.1		4 828.2 4 291.7	3 938.4 1 332.0		254.9 383.2	252.2 235.7		November December
Total JanOct.		17 249.3 15 998.1	19 236.7*	75 395.0 66 275.1	79 251.0 73 980.6	91 174.8*	3 155.5 2 517.4	2 881.1 2 393.2		Total JanOct.

\* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

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

Month		Pig Iron Tons		Hot roll	ed and She Tons	et Iron	Ce	al and Cok Tons	e	Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	 
January February March April May June July	$\begin{array}{r} 403.6\\ 225.1\\ 108.9\\ 1648.3\\ 6316.5\\ 1415.7\\ 2076.4\end{array}$	1156.2844.41131.13938.13326.54266.67138.2	2 598.5* 531.6* 158.7* 1 090.9* 2 854.3* 3 133.5* 4 146.3*	2 706.6 3 609.8 3 235.6 11 197.4 10 974.2 9 031.1	10 980.8 10 917.0	7 755.9* 3 411.9* 2 834.2* 4 675.7* 10 231.2* 10 501.7* 11 515.9*	27 191.3 9 149.0 22 804.7 132 256.5 179 553.0 159 319.3	23 850.9 10 467.0 22 693.9 46 843.6 106 967.6 132 121.0 149 823.7	23 717.6* 7 534.0* 85 262.4* 158 050.0* 165 136.4* 205 988.3*	April May June July
August September October November December	5 667.7 11 188.0	4 038.2 3 534.1 4 351.4 5 084.7 2 584.3	4 030.4* 3 298.1* 5 665.3*	7 328.5 12 114.0 7 764.9 9 996.8	8 587.7 10 922.2 8 351.3 7 704.3	11 954.6* 11 987.4* 15 447.6*	187 846.2 178 241.1 140 313.6 73 391 4	132 621.5 139 064.1 168 919.2 197 480.5 90 790.6	270 879.3*	September
Total JanOct.	52 075.5 29 595.2	41 393.8 33 724.8	27 507.6*	89576.4 71 814.7			1 298 405.8 1 084 700.8		1 425 042.6*	Total JanOct.

Month		Raw Cotton Tons	L		Weel Tons			Petrol Tons		Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	l
January February March April May June July August September October November December	1 244.4 828.2 738.0 791.7 1 303.1 787.5 613.0 1 155.2 846.7 1 042.1 2 147.5 1 969.6	1 463.7 512.9 643.6 921.6 874.9 467.0 907.8 735.8 859.1 1 340.9 1 395.8 2 396.1	1 257.9* 1 059.7* 815.3* 593.3* 626.6* 715.6* 876.8* 683.4* 873.4* 1 240.6*	209.9 187.5 312.4 186.9 272.4 168.7 188.9 161.5 179.3 261.1 227.7 134.1	179.9 207.2 231.9 197.3 207.4 199.4 203.0 223.8 218.2 256.3 179.8 116.3	190.5* 275.9* 232.5* 236.4* 211.8* 216.4* 202.7* 233.9* 330.8*	4 066.2 4 353.3 7 701.5 7 018.1 8 201.9 5 807.6	5 087.6 4 392.1 4 770.1 5 760.0 6 804.9 7 469.3 9 390.1 7 778.8 6 914.6 7 654.7 6 137.8 4 449.7	4 930.1* 4 992.7* 4 985.5* 7 629.7* 10 595.6* 9 346.0* 8 390.4*	April May June
Total JanOct.	13 467.0 9 349.9	12 519.2 8 727.3	8 742.6*	2 490.4 2 128.6	2 420.5 2 124.4	2 377.7*	68 468.6 57 443.3	76 609.7 66 022.2	73 949.3*	Total JanOct.

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

Month		Meat All kinds Tons			Butter Tons			Cheese Tons		Month
ÌÌ	1934	1935 .	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	
January February March April May June July August September October Nov ember December	225.3 325.1 241.6 196.4 299.8 303.5 239.6 195.2 209.1 301.0 371.0 318.8	428.2 453.0 335.7 283.1 321.9 336.3 397.8 313.3 373.7 557.7 756.8 1 154.6	687.4* 702.4* 771.9* 312.0* 257.1* 269.0* 174.5* 314.5* 489.9*	1 121.4 601.5 723.1 1 093.3 1 253.8 1 207.0 1 228.7 784.3 800.2 820.8 632.3 831.9	856.9 857.8 993.1 1 103.2 767.3 839.6 893.5 811.1 787.9 823.8 847.1 661.6	942.6* 1 115.4* 1 244.6* 1 207.0* 1 117.3* 1 263.9* 1 440.7* 1 038.3* 1 114.2* 1 186.8*	167.1 324.8 293.9 413.3 239.9 410.2 411.6 367.6 383.4 439.2	332.9 360.2 353.3 345.4 290.7 349.6 192.6 454.3 330.0 523.4 401.6 314.2	381.6* 519.8* 390.7* 418.5* 342.9* 398.7* 453.2* 454.4* 493.4*	May June
Total JanOct.		5 712.1 3 800.7	4 433.9*	11 098.3 9 634.1	10 242.9 8 734.2	11 670.8*	3 866.5 3 043.9	4 248.2 3 532.4	4 100.2*	Total JanOct.

\* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

Month		Raw Hides Tons		-	isawn Timi kinds exl. 1000 m <sup>s</sup>			awn Timbe All kinds 000 standar		Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	<u> </u>
January February March April May June July August September October November December	341.0 448.7 275.1 379.0 250.7 311.7 88.3 164.3 232.2 295.0 348.8 352.0	362.6 254.9 344.3 213.9 313.0 319.3 221.5 263.7 268.4 393.3 499.5 321.9	355.2* 405.4* 378.0* 360.6* 482.7* 352.9* 274.3* 332.6* 302.1* 537.6*	16.7 320.4 530.7 732.8 753.9 525.8	$\begin{array}{c} 54.4\\ 34.9\\ 22.4\\ 54.4\\ 319.8\\ 468.7\\ 700.4\\ 684.2\\ 513.6\\ 328.1\\ 153.0\\ 77.7\end{array}$	64.5* 22.5* 29.8* 46.1* 300.5* 489.9* 650.7* 663.9* 535.9* -323.1*	13.0 7.3 7.2 19.2 52.9 190.5 187.4 172.3 124.1 126.4 104.8 81.8	23.8 10.7 8.4 23.9 57.7 141.3 177.7 166.8 109.6 108.6 107.9 105.1	15.6* 12.1* 26.4* 60.7* 164.3* 191.7* 153.3* 136.0* 156.7*	May June
Total JanOct.	3 486.8 2 786.0	3 776.3 2 954.9	3 781.4*	3 486.5	3 411.6 3 180.9	3 126.9*	1 086.9	1 041.5 828.5		Total JanOct.

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

1 standard sawn timber = 4.672 m<sup>3</sup>.

Month		Plywood Tons			Matches Tons			Bobbins Tons		Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	 
January February	8 224.6 9 052.9	9 916.7 9 642.3	12 161.2* 10 205.4*	104.5 114.7	204.0 147.1	184.4* 162.3*	377.5 574.4	456.9 329.1	637.7*	January
March	10 000.6	10 704.8	12 395.9*	98.9	114.7	151.0*	429.7	677.2	481.5*	
April May	9 153.9 8 922.5	9 977.3 9 802.1	11 892.4* 13 555.5*	96.8 90.9	115.7 110.3	117.1* 161.2*	513.2 507.7	620.8 502.3	591.6* 550.5*	April Mav
June July	10 229.5 8 460.4	10 949.1 8 386.5	10 393.1* 11 051.2*	102.2 106.0	155.3 186.2	128.3* 142.2*	651.9 602.8	416.7 480.0	461.4* 457.9*	June
August	9 238.1	10 440.6	11 732.1*	92.1	140.3	142.5 <b>*</b> 226.2 <b>*</b>	509.5	534.7	518.8*	August
September October	10 080.0 8 446.7	12 744.5	11 770.3* 14 046.8*	117.5 154.7	138.5 193.6	220.2+ 282.8*	437.4 397.2	540.1 480.0		September October
November December	11 692.1 11 843.4	12 675.2 11 214.8		153.3 167.6	200.7 184.9		356.9 536.5	591.1 422.0		November December
Total JanOct.	115 344.7 91 809.2		119 203.9*	1 399.2 1 078.3	1 891.3 1 505.7	1 698.0*	5 894.7 5 001.3	6 050.9 5 037.8	5074.6*	Total JanOct.

Month	Mec	hanical Pr Tons	ւlp 1)	Sul	phite Cellul Tons	lose	Sul	phate Cellu Tons	llose	Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	<u> </u>
January	13 920.6	23 172.7	22 891.0*	42 586.4	45 152.5	54 462.4*	17 378.6	18 488.9	28 318.5*	January
February	12 175.1	14 836.4	24 129.3*	46 185.9	39 237.2	48 438.7*	13 667.4	15 433.9	23 260.1*	February
March	10 789.1	19148.3	23 482.4*	44 653.7	43 624.9	55 870.2*	17 247.2	15 360.3	25 532.7*	March
April	17 535.8	22 211.7	21 758.4*	47 679.3	47 484.4	54 628.4*	13 916.5	20 519.6	23 706.7*	April
May	19 125.2	21 291.8	30 359.7*	47 866.8	50 517.8	72 010.3*	19860.4	15 606.2	28 766.2*	Mav
June	30 575.7	22 428.2	20 856.2*	55 018.3	55 549.3	57 038.3*	15066.7	15 833.8	24 216.8*	
July	20 634.1	19 169.1	22 822.9*	46 555.8	56 037.5	64 694.3*	15 725.6	24 027.6	31 275.0*	
August	22 399.9	23 961.4				71 758.5*		19027.3	24 032.6*	
September		28014.9	21 261.8*	49 378.7		64 031.1*		18 558.1	21 561.3*	
October	23 434.0	33 997.8	26 132.9*		82 718.2		19 585.2	18 786.7	31 005.8*	
November		24 188.5		58 100.4	63 340.7		17 664.1	21 115.4		November
December		37 415.1		50 769.8			23 386.7			December
	248 953.5			597 244.5			204 868.5			Total
Ton Oat	100 057 0	000 000 -	09/ 920 - *	100 977 n	559 559 0	215 270 1*	129 017 #	101 6/0 4	0.01 075 7*	Tam Oat

Jan.-Oct. | 188 957.8 228 232.3 234 362.6\* 488 374.3 552 553.2 615 672.1\* 163 817.7 181 642.4 261 675.7\* Jan.-Oct.

<sup>1</sup>) Dry weight. \* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

Month		Cardboar Tons	d		Paper All Kinds Tons		(Included	Newsprint i in previous Tons	column)	Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	
January February March April May June July August September October	4 923.1 4 641.9 4 652.4 5 203.5 5 539.4 5 719.8 5 347.3 5 262.4 5 033.3 5 006.9 5 597.1	$\begin{array}{c} 5\ 278.3\\ 4\ 998.0\\ 5\ 375.1\\ 4\ 718.3\\ 5\ 450.5\\ 5\ 129.1\\ 5\ 152.2\\ 5\ 270.4\\ 5\ 282.5\\ 5\ 940.9\\ 6\ 614.8\end{array}$	5 502.9* 6 093.5* 6 178.1* 5 575.8* 6 935.4*	28 558.6 28 441.8 30 953.6	31 623.0 25 217.5 30 965.7 32 231.9 29 306.5 29 783.0 28 403.8 32 488.5 31 152.9 37 170.2 36 370.7	36 404.8* 31 355.2* 37 736.4* 38 556.0* 35 323.7* 37 152.1* 38 523.1* 40 568.5* 38 436.5*	22 724.4 21 910.9 21 273.2 20 092.8 22 894.2 19 140.3 24 351.8 21 092.3	23 613.9 18 960.3 21 982.7 24 402.1 21 911.3 22 408.2 20 842.9 24 719.6 23 527.3 28 261.0 27 446.8	23 941.3* 28 986.7* 26 592.5* 29 632.9* 26 599.3* 27 656.5* 28 222.5* 30 707.6* 28 794.9*	April May June July August September October
November December	5 597.1 7 415.8	6 936.6		31 203.1	<u>30 370.7</u> <u>31 421.4</u>		21 000.4 22 374.6	27 440.8 22 383.0		November December
	64 342.9			355 831.5	376 135.1	900 905 0*	260 429.1	280 459.1	000 051 -*	Total

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

Jan.-Oct. 51 330.0 52 595.3 58 011.3\* 294 557.2 308 343.0 368 895.0\* 216 448.1 230 629.3 278 951.7\* Jan.-Oct.

#### 26. - FOREIGN TRADE WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

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		(C.	Imports I. F. Valu	e)		1	(F.	Exports O. B. Valu	le)	
Country	Jan	uary—Octo	ber	Whole	Year	Jan	uary—Octo	ber	Whole	Year
	19	36	1935	1935	1934	19	36	1935	1935	1934
Europe:	Mill. Fmk	%	%	%	%	Mill. Fmk	_%	%	%	%
Belgium	244.2	4.8	4.3	4.2	4.4	302.2	5.1	5.5	5.7	4.5
Denmark	227.6	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.4	198.3	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.6
Estonia	69.4	1.4	1.9	1.8	0.7	32.2	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
France	119.9	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.5	253.6	4.2	4.6	4.5	5.0
Germany Great Britain	961.6	18.8	20.0	20.4	20.7	599.2	10.0	9.7	9.6	10.1
Great Britain	1 246.9	24.3	25.0	24.1	22.8	2 906.6	48.7	46.6	46.7	46.8
Holland	195.2	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.9	159.1	2.7	2.9	2.9	4.7
Italy	12.2	0.2	1.2	1.0	0.8	46.9	0.8	1.7	1.7	1.4
Latvia	47.2	0.9	0.2	0.3	0.2	9.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Norway	97.8	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.7	69.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.7
Poland (and Danzig)	142.0	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.8	7.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Russia	98.0	1.9	2.6	3.0	5.2	34.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	1.6
Sweden	612.1	11.9	11.4	11.3	10.4	313.7	5.3	4.9	4.9	2.6
Switzerland	58.3	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.4	16.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Spain	25.2	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.6	13.1	0.2	0.8	0.9	0.9
Other European countries	197.8	3.9	3.1	3.1	2.7	121.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.4
Total Europe	4 355.4	84.9	85.8	86.0	84.2	5 082.6	85.2	85.1	85.2	84.5
Asia	64.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	103.2	1.7	1.5	1.6	2.2
Africa	6.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	116.6	2.0	2.2	2.2	3.3
United States Other States of North	389.8	7.6	7.3	7.6	8.6	546.6	9.2	9.3	9.1	6.9
America	62.5	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.2	4.8	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
South America	246.9	4.8	4.5	4.1	4.6	91,5	1.5	1.5	i.5	2.5
Australia	6.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	16.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Grand Total	5 132.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	5 962.1	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 <sup>1</sup> )		Group 1	indices1)			Details <sup>1</sup> )			
Month	All kinds	Foodstuffs	Raw ma- terials	Machinery	Industrial products	Cereals and their prod.	Sugar	Agricultur- al require- ments	Total <sup>a</sup> )	Year and Month
1913	100	100	. 100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1926
1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1934 1935	955 913 750 634 720 684 684 651	1 005 928 700 552 703 652 597 604	983 910 763 649 710 675 650 658	826 877 867 795 897 972 955 894	839 894 839 750 783 747 642 636	1 110 982 752 586 709 646 585 686	740 603 452 375 475 440 389 339	1 084 994 834 745 848 778 721 740	99 95 82 70 79 75 73 76	1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935
1936 January JanFebr. JanMarch JanMay JanJune JanJune JanJuly JanAug. JanSept. JanOct. JanNov. JanDec.	654 677 681 693 693 691 693 694 699	560 565 574 575 574 566 563 567 576	734 767 771 767 767 780 781 781 782 780	834 769 787 812 843 812 850 868 788 788 794	$574 \\ 601 \\ 624 \\ 639 \\ 645 \\ 628 \\ 635 \\ 642 \\ 644 \\ 644$	672 666 656 652 652 656 656 659 664 673	347 345 346 347 348 348 348 348 348 348 348 348 348	738 757 773 777 783 786 791 782 770 768	71 74 75 77 76 76 76 75 78 82	1936 January February March April May June July August September October November December

#### 27. - VALUE INDICES OF IMPORTS.

#### 28. - VALUE INDICES OF EXPORTS.

Year and	Total <sup>1</sup> )				Details <sup>1</sup> )					Year and
Month	All kinds	Butter	Checse	Sawn Timber	Unsawn Timber	Mechanic- al pulp	Chemical pulp	Paper	Total*)	Month
1913	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1926
1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1933 1934 1935	1 092 1 060 993 806 795 789 854 805	1 231 1 163 934 820 804 657 532 684	1 008 914 796 742 751 728 698 774	1 114 1 071 1 031 801 798 865 1 017 861	$1 401 \\ 1 472 \\ 1 449 \\ 1 228 \\ 1 033 \\ 994 \\ 1 105 \\ 1 177 \\ $	1 104 1 155 1 180 997 979 906 951 825	$     \begin{array}{r}       1 \ 050 \\       1 \ 064 \\       1 \ 016 \\       801 \\       909 \\       794 \\       830 \\       830 \\       830     \end{array} $	853 796 760 691 678 609 553 544	99 96 90 75 73 71 76 73	1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1938 1938 1934 1935
1936 January JanFebr. JanMarch JanApril JanJune JanJuly JanJuly JanOct. JanOct. JanOct. JanDec.	768 767 762 769 783 795 805 811 816	752 749 733 700 676 667 670 674 677 680	851 849 840 835 826 819 812 812 812 811 805	835 853 862 878 880 882 892 902 911 926	1 108 1 120 1 165 1 150 1 173 1 201 1 160 1 177 1 174 1 176	802 809 814 811 819 821 834 843 843 849 854	834 833 840 829 829 829 829 829 829 829 828 831 830	529 528 530 531 532 533 533 534 535 536	70 70 71 72 76 77 78 78 78 78	1936 January February March April May June July August September October November December

<sup>1</sup>) Base 1913 = 100; the 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 during the corresponding period of the basic year the values of imports and exports are calculated in percentage of the figures thus obtained. — \*) Base 1926 = 100; the indices are calculated by \*Unitas\* according to the same main principles as above.

#### 29. - VOLUME INDEX OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Month		Imp	orts				Month		
	1933	1934	1935	1936	1933	1934	1935	1936	
January February March April May June July August September October November	85 84 88 94 94 102 104 97 94 102	129 130 123 115 122 117 127 118 105 110 109 97	145 136 141 118 117 119 139 123 113 128 128 124 110	197 173 148 136 132 143 161 139 142 131	127 193 192 156 130 145 120 118 111 108 115 144	206 234 212 182 165 166 116 128 110 111 120 168	251 233 229 200 165 143 119 133 117 123 137 195	307 295 286 229 221 164 137 139 132 144	January February March April May June July August September October November
December Total JanOct.	90 93 92	115 111	126 125	136	131 127	142 138	150 151	165	December Total JanOct.

•Unitas• index based on seasonally adjusted monthly figures for 1926 = 100.

## 30. - TOTAL SALES OF SOME WHOLESALE FIRMS.

Month				Total Mill.	sales Fmk				Month
	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	
January February March April May June July Angust September October November December	239.1 257.3 277.0 335.8 302.7 271.4 291.5 299.9 299.3 299.3 229.0 214.5	206.2 214.9 264.9 298.6 277.7 234.9 243.2 257.1 250.7 247.8 247.2 185.2	152.9 151.2 205.3 227.4 220.7 203.0 202.6 200.4 204.4 265.9 236.7 193.3	143.8 141.0 183.4 220.6 219.2 210.3 227.3 241.0 227.4 218.5 213.7 180.7	176.0 176.8 222.6 239.9 249.7 230.1 234.1 246.1 241.2 231.3 221.1 199.7	220.1 212.4 258.8 267.7 258.7 258.4 241.0 272.7 253.0 254.3 234.8 212.4	235.1 230.7 282.2 290.0 297.6 265.7 283.0 301.4 309.8 340.7 285.5 222.4	265.0 259.4 302.5 321.6 328.9 292.1 307.3 334.4 338.0 351.8	January February March April May June July August September October November December
Total JanOct.	3 310.8 2 867.3	2 928.4 2 496.0	2 463.8 2 033.8	2 426.9 2 032.5	2 668.6 2 247.8	2 944.3 2 497.1	3 344.1 2 836.2	3 101.0	Total JanOct.

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

#### 81. - VOLUME INDEX OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION.

		Hom	e indus	stries	,		Expor	ting in	dustrie	<b>B</b>			[ota]	l l	ļ	
Month	1932	1933	1934')	1935	1936	1932	1933	1934')	1935	1936	1932	1933	1934')	1935	1936	Month
January February March April May June July August September October November December	95 95 85 97 96 97 98 100 105 99 102 102	99 107 113 112 118 120 107 114 115 112 111 105	121 126 129 132 133 143 129 137 131 136 131 122	148* 143* 143* 144* 144* 139* 154* 150* 149* 161* 157* 141*	155* 148* 145* 145* 148* 142* 165* 158* 170*	108 98 114 104 102 102 101	110 114 117 116 123 114 126 130 129 121 121 121 126	$145 \\ 148 \\ 143 \\ 153 \\ 152 \\ 148 \\ 152 \\ 160 \\ 164 \\ 152 \\ 154 \\ 149 \\ 149 \\ 149 \\ 149 \\ 140 $	153* 152* 151* 153* 155* 129* 140* 139* 139* 148* 155* 168*	171* 174* 170* 166* 170* 151* 167* 161* 169*	101 91 105 100 99 100	$\begin{array}{c} 104\\ 110\\ 115\\ 114\\ 120\\ 117\\ 116\\ 121\\ 121\\ 116\\ 115\\ 115\\ \end{array}$	132 136 135 141 145 139 147 146 143 141 133	150* 147* 147* 148* 149* 135* 148* 145* 145* 155* 156* 153*	156* 155* 158* 146* 166*	February March April May June July August
Whole year	97	112	132	149*		106	121	151	151*	-	100	115	140	150*		Whole year

\*Unitas\* index based on seasonally adjusted monthly figures for 1926 = 100.
\*) Revised figures.
\* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

#### 32. — FOREIGN SHIPPING.

			, A	rrivals					S	ilings			
Month	Wit	h Cargo	În	Ballast	1	[otal	Wit	th Cargo	In	Ballast		Cotal	Month
	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	Ves- sels	Reg. tons Net	
1936													1936
Jan.	209	168 390	95	84 633	304	253 023	296	267784	24	16 135	320	283 919	Jan.
Febr.	161	123 850	67	76 159	228	200 009	211	200 710	5		216		
March	162	136 416	62	75014	224	211 430	211	199 849	2		213		
April	259	201 092	93	91 703	352	292 795	288	231 025	62	25 944	350		
May	482		309	223274	791	502 671	659	424 221	107	55 767	766		Mav
June	605				1 1 2 9	735 444	955		108		1063		
July	641	494 292		325 890	1 1 1 8	820 182	1 0 1 0	781 584	121	60 558			
Aug.	589			338 255	1 056	821 634	949	770 991	91	35 795	1 040		
Sept.	513			306 642	923	657 179	831	613 295	121	61 609	952		Sent.
Oct.	469	316 865		249 243	790	566 108	718	563 884	94		812	608 847	
Nov.												000011	Nov.
Dec.								•					Dec.
JanOct.	4 090	2 932 563	2 825	2 127 912	<sup>1</sup> )6 915	5 060 475	6 128	4 697 575	735	353 426	•)6 863	5051001	
1935	8								ļ	1			1935
JanOct.	3 519	2 28 <b>0 380</b>	2 <b>906</b>	2 280 828	6 425	4 561 208	5644	4 228 738	831	318 252	6475	4 546 990	JanOct.

1) Of which 2987 Finnish vessels and 3928 foreign vessels. 2) • • 2997 • • • 3866 • \* Tables 32 and 33 according to figures supplied by the Statistical Office of the Shipping Board.

## 33. - PASSENGER TRAFFIC BETWEEN FINLAND AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

		Pass	engers arriv	ved			Pa	ussengers le	ft		
Month	1934	19	)35	19	936	1934	19	935	1	936	Month
	Total	Total	Of whom Foreigners	Ţotal	Of whom Foreigners	Total	Total	Of whom Foreigners	Total	Of whom Foreigners	
Jan.	1 692	1 822	1 164	2 062	1 288	1 719	1 827	1 087	2 237	1 304	Jan.
Febr.	1 518	1 703	1006	2 149	1 281	1 665	1 727	1 002	2 275		Febr.
March	1 968	1 918	1 153	2194	1 308	1 971	2 0 8 2	1 215	2 302		March
April	2076	2 377	1 343	3 275	1719	2 134	2 638	1 144	3 650	1573	Anril
May	4 909	4 405	2 153	7 153	4 836	5 197	3 865	1 654	6 946	3142	May
June	11 204	14854	9768	19 235	12 876	8 904	12793	7 068	15 506	9 839	
July	16144	21 605	17 989	25 626	20 374	13 401	17 536	14 563	23 731	18 090	July
Aug.	13 046	16 426	12 346	19873	14 036	14 909	18927	15 198	21 274	17 273	
Sept.	3 896	5 503	3 332	6 172	4 031	4 701	5542	3 651	7 003	4 734	Sept.
Oct.	2 303	3 463	2 109	3 342	1 995	2 420	3 693	2 395	3 366	2 040	Oct.
Nov.	1 899	2 398	1 394		ŀ H	1 856	2525	1 471		۱ I	Nov.
Dec.	2 240	2 475	1 337			2014	2205	1 437			Dec.
Total	62 895	78 949	55 094			60 891	75 360	51 885			Total
JanOct.	58 756	74 076	52 363	92 081	63 744	57 021	70 630	48 977	88 290	60 763	JanOct

34. - STATE BAILWAYS.

Month		of Goods ported 1 000 Tons		Axle-kilometres of Goods-trucks Mill, Km			(less R	Reveuu e-imburs Mill. Fm	ementa)		r Expen Will. Fm		Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	1 070.7 1 158.9 1 126.6 9 82.5 1 153.0 1 210.7 1 145.2 1 082.0 949.1 919.4 902.8 853.0	$\begin{array}{c} 980.5^{*}\\ 1035.3^{*}\\ 1022.1^{*}\\ 915.5^{*}\\ 1101.9^{*}\\ 1029.3^{*}\\ 1135.6^{*}\\ 1025.5^{*}\\ 941.1^{*}\\ 969.0^{*}\\ 976.7^{*}\\ 841.0^{*} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1\ 002.8^*\\ 1\ 135.3^*\\ 1\ 113.1^*\\ 1\ 051.5^*\\ 1\ 156.5^*\\ 1\ 218.3^*\\ 1\ 253.3^*\\ 1\ 133.8^*\\ 1\ 108.6^*\\ \end{array}$	56.9 63.9 55.5 55.9 62.2 61.0	55.1 57.1 61.3 53.3 60.0 57.7 63.7 59.7 57.6 54.1 52.6 54.0	54.9 66.4 73.7 59.7 61.0 61.5 65.1 62.5 59.8	65.4 63.4 72.0 66.1 68.5 78.7 76.6 72.5 66.1 66.1 62.1 72.0	66.2 63.3 71.3 69.8 70.8 74.2 81.5 75.7 68.2 70.4 66.8 74.3	68.4* 73.0* 79.7* 76.1* 75.5* 79.8* 86.1* 80.4* 76.8*	$\begin{array}{r} 48.4\\ 51.7\\ 56.7\\ 52.0\\ 61.5\\ 65.7\\ 54.2\\ 55.7\\ 60.1\\ 51.1\\ 52.2\\ 64.5\end{array}$	$51.1 \\ 56.6 \\ 60.3 \\ 55.2 \\ 66.5 \\ 69.3 \\ 58.1 \\ 57.1 \\ 63.7 \\ 57.4 \\ 56.7 \\ 67.3 \\ $	59.8* 65.0* 56.8* 69.8* 70.7* 59.4* 60.5*	
Total JanSept.	12 553.9 9 878.7	11 973.5* 9 186.8*	10 173.2*	671.0 523.4	686.2 525.5	564.6	829.5 629.3	853.0 641.0	695.8*	673.8 506.0	719.3 537.9	561.7*	Total JanSept.

According to Monthly Statistics of the Finnish State Rallways. \* Preliminary figures subject to minor alterations.

35. - COST OF LIVING INDEX.

Month				Details				Total	Monthly	
Monta	Foodstuffs	Clothing	Rent	Fuel	Tobacco	Newspapers	Taxes	All kinds	Movement	Month
1914 JanJune 1932 1933 1934 1935	100 897 894 876 911	100 979 967 958 958	$100 \\ 1 305 \\ 1 182 \\ 1 103 \\ 1 094$	100 878 886 902 927	100 1 439 1 334 1 333 1 333	100 1 175 1 175 1 175 1 175 1 175	100 1 979 1 913 1 997 1 846	100 1 025 1 001 983 997		1914 JanJune 1932 1933 1934 1935
1934 October November December	903 942 922	958 958 958	1 083 1 083 1 083	906 905 897	1 333 1 333 1 333	1 175 1 175 1 175 1 175	2 010 2 010 1 854	998 1022 1001	$^{+\ 11}_{+\ 24}_{-\ 21}$	1934 October November December
1935 January February March April May June July August September October November December	908 894 885 886 876 888 909 935 930 947 943 936	958 957 957 957 956 956 956 956 958 959 960 961	$\begin{array}{c} 1083\\ 1083\\ 1083\\ 1083\\ 1083\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ 1101\\ \end{array}$	901 910 922 928 926 916 913 915 925 939 950 976	$1 \ 333 \\ 1 \ $	$\begin{array}{c}1\ 175\\1\ $	18541854185418541854185418541854	993 984 979 980 974 983 996 1012 1010 1021 1020 1012	$ \begin{array}{r} -8\\ -9\\ +1\\ +9\\ +13\\ +18\\ +12\\ +11\\ -8\end{array} $	1935 January February March April May June July August September October November December
1936 January February March April May June July August September October	904 908 905 891 882 884 892 910 906 910	962 962 965 962 962 962 962 962 963 963	1 101 1 101 1 101 1 101 1 101 1 101 1 101 1 101 1 140 1 140	991 1 035 1 077 1 084 1 082 1 069 1 061 1 069 1 094 1 132	$1 \ 333 \\ 1 \ 333 \\ 1 \ 333 \\ 1 \ 333 \\ 1 \ 333 \\ 1 \ 364 \\ 1 \ 380 \\ 1 \ 382 \\ 1 \ $	$1 175 \\ 1 17$	$1753 \\ $	992 997 989 983 984 988 1000 1004 1008	$ \begin{array}{r} -20 \\ +5 \\ -8 \\ -8 \\ -6 \\ +1 \\ +4 \\ +4 \\ +4 \\ +4 \\ \end{array} $	1936 January February March April May June July August September October

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.

<b>36.</b> — WHOLESALE PRICE INDI
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[ · ]			Index	for g	roods	in the	Finn	ish w	holesa	le trac	le		To	tal in	dex	To	al ind	lex	
Month		stal inc	-	agr	ducts icultu	e	hon	oducts 1e indu	ıstry	-	orted g		-	for orted g			for rted g		Month
	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	1934	1935	1936	
Jan. Febr. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	90 90 89 89 89 90 90 90 90	90 90 90 90 90 90 90 91 92 91 91	90 91 90 90 90 91 91 92 93	72 72 75 73 72 71 72 73 74 74 76 76	75 76 75 75 75 75 75 78 77 79 78 77	79 81 78 76 78 79 79 78 81	94 93 93 93 93 93 93 94 93 93 93 93 93	93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 93 94 94	93 93 93 93 94 94 95 95 96	93 93 92 92 91 91 93 93 93 93 93	94 93 93 93 93 93 92 93 94 94 94	93 92 93 93 92 91 92 92 93 93 94	85 86 83 85 85 85 87 87 87 87 87	88 88 86 86 86 84 85 87 87 87 88	87 87 86 86 87 89 89 91	81 82 82 82 81 81 81 79 77 77 77	77 76 74 73 72 72 72 73 74 75 77	79 80 82 85 88 92 93	Aug. Sept.
Whole year	90	90		73	76		93	93		93	93		86	86		80	74		Whole year

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	7			Total	10	which	
Quarter	Metal	Glass, Stone, etc.	Chemicals	Foodstuffs and luxuries	Leather	Textile	Paper	Timber	All Indus- tries	Home Indus- tries	Exporting Indus- tries	Quarter
1935 JanMch. AplJune July-Sept. OctDec.	117.3 138.4 120.6 128.3	135.7 114.6 84.2 100.4	127.7 110.9 98.3 99.6	89.5 95.4 97.3 93.0	105.3 108.5 111.9 118.3	117.3 129.4 132.3 105.9	86.2 74.3 84.2 90.0	90.0 98.9 91.5 72.0	103.2 110.7 103.9 91.4	116.2 123.3 120.9 105.6	97.0 93.1	1935 JanMch. AplJune July-Sept. OctDec.
1936 JanMch. AplJune July-Sept. OctDec.	119.8 140.8 119.9 133.2	141.5 128.9 91.9 118.5	132.9 103.0 94.1 103.3	89.0 98.6 99.7 95.6	115.9 95.7 93.0 105.9	116.6 122.4 125.9 106.4	90.2 76.0 85.7 89.5	89.9 97.0 91.1 73.8	104.7 109.4 103.0 93.5	117.5 121.0 118.4 108.9	96.9 93.7	1936 JanMch. AplJune July-Sept. OctDec.

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	OF	UNEMPLOYED.	

End of	Registered at the Municipal Labour Exchanges <sup>1</sup> )				Registered at the Unemployment Boards*)				End of		
Month	1932	1933	1934 }	1935	1936	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	Month
January	20 944	23 178	20 109	12 479	10 117	87 857	76 862	43 172	22 026	10 019	January
February	18 856	20 731	17 510	11 280	8 257	89 874	69 386	42 913	22 590		February
March	17 699	19 083	14 026	9 780	6 687		64 300	39 723	22 193		March
April	16 885	17 732	9 942	. 8 369	5 836		53 386	32 178	18076	13 323	
May	13 189	13082	5 996	5 804	2 795		42 402	23 695	12 698	8 1 8 2	
June	12 709	11 479	5 946	3 948	1 877		27 384	15979	6 205	2409	June
July	13 278	13 437	5 691	3 1 2 2	2 1 2 9	23 189	19 660	10 988	3 732	1 647	July
August	16 966	15 269	6 064	4 003	2431	28 645	22 646	11 041	4 684	996	August
September	18 563	17 134	6 834	4 755	3 086	54 807	31 306	12420	5 786	1 702	September
October	19 908	17752	7 629	6 446	4 594	67 819	42 151	15712	9 739	3 097	October
November	21 690	19729	9 708	8 538		81 0 22	45362	18598	14 841		November
December	20 289	17062	10 680	7 427		82 626	41 026	19 208	17 778		December

Figures provided by the Research Office of the Ministry for Social Affairs, comprising <sup>1</sup>) regular statistics from the Municipal Labour Exchanges in the majority of towns and urban districts only; <sup>4</sup>) temporarily compiled statistics covering the whole country.

		Initiated		Continued from previous month		previous T o 1		Total		
Month	number	affec	ting	number	affec	ting	number	affec	ting	Month
	numper	employers	hands	humber	employers	hands	Humber	employers	hands	
1935 October November December				3 1 1	22 4 4	151 4 4	3 1 2	22 4 5	151 4 34	1935 October November December
1936 January February March April May June July August September October	2 1 9 2 4 4 - 3	8 2 61 46 57 35 42			1 39 10 6 5 4		22 99 76 24			May

#### **39.** — CESSATION OF WORK.

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

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### CERTAIN PARTICULARS ABOUT FINLAND.

#### 1. FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Finland formed a part of the kingdom of Sweden from 1154 to 1809; from 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 March 1st, 1931, to March 1st, 1937.

The Diet, composed of 200 members, is elected by universal suffrage. The proportions of the different parties in the Diet elected in 1936 are as follows:

1	Number
Social-Democratic party	83
Agrarian party	53
Swedish party	21
Unionist party	20
Patriotic National Movement's party	14
Progressive party	7
Small farmers' party	1
People's party	1

#### 2. LAND.

THE AREA is 388,217 square kilometres = 149,900 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 11.8% of the land in the south of Finland is cultivated, 1.1% in the North, 6.6% of the whole land. Of the land area 25.8 mill. ha (62.5 mill. acres) or 73.6% are covered by forests.

THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE in the coldest month is in S. W. Finland  $-5^{\circ}$  to  $-6^{\circ}$  C., in Lappland  $-15^{\circ}$  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 (1934): 3.8 millions (of whom 0.2 million emigrants). Sweden (1933) 6.2, Switzerland (1932) 4.<sup>1</sup>, Denmark (1932) 3.6 and Norway (1933) 2.9 millions.

DENSITY OF POPULATION (1934): In South-Finland 18.5, in North-Finland 2.6 and in the whole country an average of 10.8 inhabitants to the square kilometre.

DISTRIBUTION (1984): 79.6 % of the population inhabit the country, 20.4 % the towns and urban districts. The largest towns are (1984): Helsinki (Helsingfors), the capital, 272,427 inhabitants, Viipuri (Wiborg) 72,154, Turku (Åbo) 69,466, Tampere (Tammerfors) 59,184.

OCCUPATION (1930): agriculture 59.6 %, industry and manual labour 16.8 %, commerce 4.3 %, transport 3.8 %, other occupations 15.5 %.

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

RELIGION (1934): Lutheran 96.1 %, Greek-Orthodox 1.8 % others 2.1 %.

**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 (1934): Births 18.1  $^{9}/_{00}$ , deaths 12.4  $^{9}/_{00}$  (in France in 1933 15.8  $^{9}/_{00}$ , and in England in 1933 12.8  $^{9}/_{00}$ ), natural increase 5.7  $^{9}/_{00}$ .

#### 4. TRADE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

FOREST RESOURCES. The growing stock of the forest is 1,620 million m<sup>2</sup> (57,214 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 60.7 %, spruce by 28.1 %, the conifers thus constituting 88.8 % or 1,383 million trees; leaftrees, mostly birch, 11.2 % or 174 million trees. The annual increment is 44.4 million m<sup>3</sup> (1,568 million cub.ft.). The annual fellings according to earlier calculations are 40 million m<sup>3</sup> (1,413 million cub.ft.). In North Finland the increment si much larger than the fellings, but in South Finland excess felling occurs locally.

AGRICULTURE (1934): Cultivated land 2.2 million hectars, divided as follows: area under cultivation 0.3—10 hectars 33.4 %. 10—50 hs 52.1 %, 50—100 ha 8.4 %, over 100 ha 6.1 %. Cultivtated land is divided between the different kinds of crops as follows: 49.7 % hay, 19.2 % oats, 10.0 % rye, 5.3 % barley, 3.4 % potatoes 12.4 % other. The number of dairies in 1934 amounted to 594.

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

INDUSTRY (1934): Number of industrial concerns 3,747, hands 161,682, gross value of products of industry 13,120 million marks.

LENGHT OF RAILWAYS (1936): 5,757 km, of which 5,501 km State railways and 256 km private. The gauge is 1.524 m.

COMMERCIAL FLEET (1936): Steamships 533 (244,933 reg. tons net), motor vessels 158 (16,788 reg. tons net), sailing ships 163 (46,887 reg. tons net). Total 854 (308,608 reg. tons net).

#### 5. FINANCE AND BANKING.

CURBENCY. Since 1860 Finland has its own monetary system. From 1877 up to the Great War 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 smarkkas = 100 penniä). According to the monetary law of December 21st, 1925, a gold coin of 100 marks' value shall contain  $3^{16}/_{10}$  grams of fine gold. Since October 12th, 1931, the redemption of bank notes in gold is, however, suspended.

STATE FINANCES. According to the balance sheet for 1935 the State revenue was 4,559.3 million marks of which 3,482.3 million marks were current revenue, and State expenditure 4,533.4 million marks, of which 2,872.7 million marks were current expenditure. The principal sources of revenue were as follows: State property and undertakings (net) 802.3, direct taxes 575.8, indirect taxes 1,880.0, stamp duty 173.9, charges 96.1, interest and dividends 235.4 and capital revenue 1,077.1. The value of State property in 1922 is estimated at 11,150.6 million marks. For Public Debt see table 19 in this issue.

MUNICIPAL FINANCES. According to the Bugdet for 1935 expenditure amounted to 1,343,3 million marks. Income from taxation was calculated at 483.0 million marks, taxed income at 5,501.4 million marks. The municipal income tax (non progressive) averaged 8.8 % 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 (St. Michel), Tampere (Tammerfors), Hämeenlinna (Tavastehus), Jyväskylä and Kotka.

THE JOINT STOCK BANKS (1986): Number 9, possess 471 offices, where all kinds of banking business is transacted. Including, all banks, there is one banking establishment per 7,200 inhabitants.

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

OTHER BANKS (1935): Mortgage banks 6, Savings banks 482, Co-operative Credit Societies 1,299 and a Central Bank for the latter.

# ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN FINLAND SINCE 1931 SOME ASPECTS OF ITS MAIN FEATURES

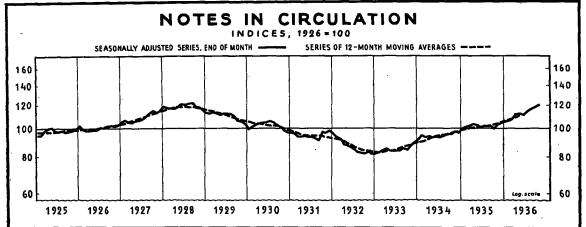
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A SURVEY OF THE PRESENT POSITION.

The economic position in Finland at the present day shows a multitude of signs, patent to everyone, of optimism and prosperity. It is, therefore, probably not denied by anyone that a recovery has been made from the wave of depression that reached its lowest depth in 1931/32, but the actual fact may be worth substantiating by a few examples. The national income of the country, at 18,000 million marks in 1935, once more attained approximately the same value as in 1929, though in 1931 it had been as low as 13-14,000 millions. Underlying this increase in income there is not only a much enlarged turnover — industrial output, e.g., recorded a growth of over 50 per cent both in volume and value from 1931 to 1935 - and a consequent disappearance of unemployment, but also better profits. According to calculations of profit for the financial year 1934/35, the yield from agriculture was estimated at 6 per cent as compared with only  $3 \frac{1}{2}$  per cent during the depth of the depression in 1931, and the combined balance sheets of about 20 of the principal industrial concerns in the country indicate an increase of at least 100 per cent in profits during that time. If, in addition, we take into account the extensions and new ventures embarked upon during the last few years in our woodworking and metal industries and note that building operations have also got under way again in the larger towns, it should be as clear as need be that Finnish manufacturers can at present regard the market conditions with such optimism and rely on such calculations of cost that the productive mechanism can again be kept working at its full capacity. The steady growth of the productive capacity of the paper and pulp industries, for instance, is evidence of the fact that investment business is in reality considerably in excess of the actual requirements of reinvestment. It is, nevertheless, perplexing to judge of the extent which economic revival in Finland has already attained, for the distinguishing features that have hitherto been considered wellnigh inevitable in the case of marked economic expansion, are still absent from the trend both of prices and of the money market.

In order to understand the present position it is not sufficient, however, only to possess a knowledge of phenomena and the connection of causes during former periods of prosperity. It is also important to establish, to what extent the present cyclical development is based on an entirely new state of affairs, and it is in this respect in particular that the surmounting of the confidence crisis of 1931 and the course pursued by economic policy in Finland since then provide much that is significant. It should, therefore, be of general interest to survey the appended graphs of several cyclical curves that throw light on some typical aspects of the course of circulation, production, prices and commerce in Finland from the boom in the 1920's up to 1936. To them we have added an analysis dealing principally with Finland's path to recovery.

CHART I



#### SOME STRUCTURAL FEATURES IN THE RECENT CYCLICAL DEVELOPMENT.

It is quite usual for trade to be in the midst of a fresh revival after the dearly-bought experiences of the crisis and depression before the fact penetrates to the public consciousness, just as it is intelligible at the same time that the upward trend should, when the tendencies towards prosperity have definitely established themselves, at first frequently stand out in sharper relief against the former period of depression. It is, therefore, worth while, perhaps, to recall, if only in passing, the upward trend that has characterised our long-term economic development since the beginning of industrialisation and especially since Finland gained her independence. This phenomenon is connected partly with the relative growth of the ablebodied age classes among the population and the transition from natural to money economy accelerated owing to industrialisation and rationalisation, and partly with such obvious causes as the whole work of social reconstruction in this country and closer contact with the great trading nations, and finally with certain structural changes throughout the world that have clearly reacted on Finland's commercial and economic position. This refers chiefly to the mechanisation and intensification of agriculture and to the movement in favour of the consumption of pulp that has occurred in the utilisation of softwood.

While the increased sale of paper and pulp has specially marked the economic revival of the last few years, a subject we will return to later, the technical development in agriculture was one of the driving forces in the previous boom. This period of prosperity that began after the post-war stabilisation of the value of the mark, was subsequently characterised by a boom in the building trade that was typical of Finnish conditions. Concomitantly with external factors the building boom gave rise to financial difficulties in Finland already in 1928, although business conditions in the producing trades only grew appreciably worse in the autumn of 1929, when the world crisis set in (see charts I and  $\mathbf{II}$ ). The crisis in the building trade left such deep traces that, e.g., the tendency of rents displayed a distinct "lag" in comparison with the general trend of prices and enterprise was at a standstill. In the process of economic recovery in the early 1930's the gradual resumption of building operations only gained symptomatic importance. It does not, therefore, call for special attention in the present survey.

As in previous periods of prosperity, the demand for capital for investment in Finland during the business cycle of the 1920's could not be satisfied solely by means of local capital. Of the total of slightly over 8,000 million marks to which the net foreign indebtedness of the country amounted at the end of the period, approximately a quarter had been borrowed between 1926 and 1929. However, this very method of financing the boom in the 1920's conceals the complexity of causes that subsequently, during the confidence crisis of 1931, made the actual course of the gold standard crisis in Finland apparently so full of contradictions.

#### THE GOLD STANDARD CRISIS IN 1931.

At the beginning of 1931 the foreign indebtedness, on the one hand, consisted to the extent of more than one-third (37 per cent) of short-term credits which exceeded the corresponding foreign balances very appreciably (by fully 60 per cent), while on the other hand a little more than half of the funded debt and probably about half of the short-term credits had been contracted in dollars. It was therefore clear that, when credits began to be called in owing to the international confidence crisis, the liquidity of the country should be strained. However, on account of the desire of the young republic to maintain its credit, it was considered an indispensable condition in Finland that liabilities contracted towards other countries should be met under any circumstances. The debts were paid, and as the relation between exports and imports is, on the whole, the deciding factor in Finland's balance of payments, this outward flow of capital at a time of fully developed depression could not fail to have far-reaching consequences. Above all, of course, the growing demand for foreign exchange created by the desire to reap a quick profit from the fall in the exchange value of sterling and crowns, as soon as Great Britain and Scandinavia abandoned the gold standard, exerted severe pressure on the Bank of Finland also to suspend the redemption of its notes in gold.

So long as it could be assumed that the foreign exchange crisis in Europe would be of *short duration*, there was, nevertheless, good reason to protect the gold parity of 1925 not only for legal, but also for economic considerations:- the depreciation of the Finnish mark in relation to the dollar and other currencies that were bound to gold would, owing to the circumstances just referred to, automatically have resulted in a corresponding increase of considerably over half of the country's foreign indebtedness. This would have led to grave consequences for the State finances in particular. Besides, the question of speculation, if the currency were released from gold, might be expected to be a very different matter in Finland than, for instance, in England or Sweden, the Finnish currency having been heavily depreciated only 10 years before.

From a technical point of view, too. it was at first possible for the Bank of Finland to embark upon an orthodox policy, seeing that the cyclical development in this country had already produced restrictions of output in 1930/31 and in some quarters adjustments of costs that, on the one hand, reduced the purchasing power of the country by means of unemployment and falling wages, and on the other increased its competitive power, so that imports were curtailed appreciably and more than exports. The international movements of prices and higher duties in Finland contributed towards this development of our foreign trade which made the balance of trade move in our favour already in 1930 (see chart IV). Thanks to the payments for exports and to the foreign conversion loans negotiated in 1930, the foreign exchange position had improved in Finland, and at the beginning of September, 1931, the Bank of Finland and the Joint Stock banks together possessed net foreign balances amounting to 843.5 million Finnish marks. Under the pressure to which the reserve of foreign currency was exposed, notwithstanding, either owing to annuities maturing during the autumn and foreign credits being withdrawn or to payments for imports having to be made in cash and to still more speculative demand, the Bank of Finland resorted to such restrictive measures No. 11

CHART II PRODUCTION INDICES FINNISH STOCK EXCHANGE: PRICES OF ALL SHARES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, 1926-100 ALL INDUSTRIES : INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN FINLAND, 1926-100: HOME INDUSTRIES EXPORTING INDUSTRIES : PHYSICAL VOLUME OF PRODUCTION IN U.K., 1924 =100 ..... ----180 180 USTRIES 140 140 IND 100 100 80 80 160 160 130 130 100 100 XPORTING USTRIE 160 160 130 130 100 100 70 70 120 UK. PRODUCTION 120 ..... .... 100 100 80 80 Log. scale 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936

of monetary policy as raising the bank rate and rationing credits and foreign exchange. The fact that the position was in this way converted into an acute crisis must, of course, be regarded as a consequence of the rapid liquidation of foreign claims of various kinds, which took place when the Bank of Finland's balances in foreign exchange were reduced during the first three weeks after the depreciation of sterling by 500 million marks.

As it became more and more evident that an early solution of the international currency problems was not to be expected, the economic factors that exercised a *long-term* influence were bound to gain in force. The importance of foreign trade for Finnish business conditions has already been mentioned. It is greater in this country than in most others, because productive enterprise in Finland is highly dependent on the possibility of selling beyond the country's frontiers on account of the comparatively slight differentiation in manufacture and the limited number of consumers; thus, exports represent as much as a full third of the total value of the national output. At the same time Great Britain has occupied an important place among Finland's foreign markets ever since the timber trade was in its infancy, and since the perturbations of the Great War it has been an unchallenged first.

During 1918—1930 Finland's trade with Great Britain and Ireland averaged 27 per cent of her total foreign trade annually and the British Isles took no less than 38 per cent of the Finnish exports. A close study of the trade statistics <sup>1</sup>) of both countries gives an idea not only of the extent of trade, but also of the competition to be encountered in the British market. During the period 1925— 1930 the main exports of Finnish articles to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>) The data concerning foreign trade in the following pages are compiled from the respective Annuals of Finnish Official Statistics, I A, Helsinki; The Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Countries, compiled in the Statistical Office of the Customs and Excise Department, London, and Statistiska Tabeller utgivna av Svenska Trävaruexportföreningen, Stockholm.

Great Britain and Ireland consisted of the following goods:---

Class of goods	Annual average, percentage of total exports of the respective class
	%
Sawn timber	42
Mechanical pulp	
Chemical pulp	
Newsprint	
Butter	
All classes	46

During the corresponding period the average annual imports of the respective classes of goods into the United Kingdom from the principal countries of export are given in the following table:—

	Perce	entage of Mecha-	total impor	rts of Printing&
	Sawn timber	nical pulp	Chemical pulp	newsprint paper
	%	%	%	%
Finland	25	8	23	16
Sweden	<b>21</b>	27	46	9
Norway	5	53	16	14
Canada	5	11	⅓	28
Soviet-Russia Other countries	$\left. \begin{array}{c} 22\\ 22 \end{array} \right\}$	1	14 <del>%</del>	33
				Butter %
Finland				3

Finland	3
Sweden	3
Denmark	33
New Zealand	21
Australia	13
Other countries	27

The cyclical development in Finland is therefore very susceptible to any influence from Britain particularly in those branches of manufacture that work for export. Besides, an even larger part of the total exports is sold in sterling than the quantities shipped to Britain. For a later year (1932), when the policy embarked upon subsequently had already affected the development to some extent, calculations were made showing that about 76-78 per cent of the total output of the woodworking industries were contracted for in pounds sterling. Although these figures are not quite applicable to the period we are dealing with, they nevertheless indicate the preponderating importance of sterling for the sale of products of the woodworking industries.

When Scandinavian crowns also depreciated a week later than sterling and competition was consequently rendered more difficult, the conviction gained ground that the Bank of Finland would not be able in the long run to maintain a discount for sterling, and general mistrust was aroused regarding the future value of the Finnish mark.

Three weeks after the Bank of England had abandoned the gold standard the movements of capital described above had gained such impetus that the Bank of Finland no longer considered its resources sufficient for maintaining the Finnish mark at the gold parity prescribed by law. The immediate consequences of the suspension of the gold standard (on October 12th, 1931) and of the fall in the exchange value of the Finnish currency showed that the apprehensions concerning financial difficulties in connection with the redemption of foreign debt and speculation in some forms of increases in value, were not unfounded. The inflation curve, limited in extent, it is true, yet quite clear, that the course of prices and output as well as of the note circulation described in Finland during the last quarter of 1931 (see charts III, II and I), was in some respects directly evoked by a rush for commodities and material values of a pronouncedly speculative kind and only indirectly by the raising of the rates of foreign exchange. The Bank of Finland, however, endeavoured to restore confidence by announcing the programme of its monetary policy which expressly opposed the tendencies towards inflation and by its credit policy. The money market, however, grew strained by this means to such a degree that the crisis became still more acute. At the cost of a severe depreciation of the foreign value of the currency the crisis was overcome by the beginning of 1932. Assisted by the seasonal development, the Finnish money market relaxed so considerably during the first quarter or 1932 that it was possible to lower the bank rate to a more normal level  $(6^{1}/_{2} \text{ per cent})$  and to reduce the rates of foreign exchange gradually.

#### THE MAIN FEATURES IN THE SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENT.

It has been necessary to dwell at such length on the gold standard crisis in Finland in order to throw light on the economic factors that finally led to the actual cyclical change. The following main components in the course of economic events have been stressed above, viz., the foreign indebtedness, the value of the Finnish mark, and last but not least, the influence of the cyclical development in Great Britain.

#### The Foreign indebtedness.

The part played by foreign debts, especially by short-term credits, in the foreign exchange crisis showed, how seriously Finland's position as a debtor in the international capital market fettered the monetary policy or, in other words, curtailed the scope of credits in this country. It was, therefore, in the nature of things that the Bank of Finland, which has aptly been described by its present Governor as "practically this country's only liquidity reserve for foreign payments" 1), should have taken steps to increase its reserves of foreign holdings as soon as an opportunity occurred again. At the same time it is intelligible that the liberation of foreign capital invested in Finland that was at first insisted on from abroad, should afterwards tend to continue voluntarily. The total net foreign indebtedness of the country was reduced in 1931 by 1,300 million marks and during the following year by an amount equal to about half that sum. For the sake of making the figures comparable the differences in rates of exchange have been eliminated in the calculations, though the agio losses actually encumbered the debt service still further. During the next three years (1933-1935) the transfer of capital from Finland to other countries is estimated at an amount equal to about 4,000 million Finnish marks, the greater part of which was employed in redeeming loans and about 1,000 millions being disposed of in the form of accumulating reserves abroad.

The net expenditure of the country solely in interest paid abroad during 1932, i.e., prior to the devaluation of the dollar, increased by approximately 34 per cent in comparison with the previous year. The Finnish State, about three-quarters of the total indebtedness of which consisted of indebtedness in dollars, and a number of urban and rural communities suffered in particular from the increased cost of the foreign debt service. Scarcely any temporary relief in the form of foreign credits could be obtained at that time, while the state of the money market at home precluded all hope of securing the necessary loans in Finland; e.g., more than two-thirds of the 7 per cent bond loan of 100 million marks that the Treasury offered in 1932 on favourable terms in order to obtain funds for relieving unemployment, could not be disposed of during that year. Consequently, in the case of the Government as well as of the communities the strict economy recommended in regard to the State finances, already before the confidence crisis had set in, by a special finance Commission in 1931, proved an imperative necessity. The way in which the policy in regard to unemployment was influenced thereby has been examined by Professor Montgomery in his investigation on unemployment policy and cyclical development in Sweden and Finland. He points out the restrictive nature of the policy towards unemployment in Finland, but observes at the same time: "In the final resort, of course, the central bank might have afforded some credit facilities, but in this connection it should be taken into consideration that the state of the foreign exchange market appeared very uncertain after the foreign exchange crisis in the autumn of 1931. A more liberal policy in regard to unemployment might. possibly, have upset the precarious equilibrium of the foreign exchange market that was now successfully maintained and might, possibly.

<sup>)</sup> Risto Ryti: Kultakannasta sekä keskuspankin tehtävistä. Kansantaloudellinen Aikakauskirja, III vol., III (XXVII) annual series, Helsinki 1931, p. 255.

have actually necessitated a rigorous control of foreign exchange and a partial moratorium for foreign payments."<sup>1</sup>) It seems probable that any attempt at State intervention at that time with a view to improving the cyclical position by means of an effective increase of the purchasing power within the country, would very soon have brought the country face to face with the same alternative.

The State intervention that Finnish agriculture, hard hit as it was by the depression, experienced by gradual stages, had at first rather a preventive and supporting than an encouraging effect. It has been argued, among others by Professor Ohlin, that the recent economic depression in the world was prolonged and intensified by the circumstance that a process of industrial contraction and an agricultural crisis coincided in time, albeit originating from totally different causes.<sup>2</sup>) In Finland farmers were faced by symptoms of depression from both quarters, for in this country the supply of money in the rural districts is connected in a high degree with earnings in forestry that are dependent on the degree of employment in the woodworking industries. The earnings in lumber-work decreased during the felling seasons of 1931 and 1932 to only 510 and 830 million marks as compared with about 1.700 millions on an average in 1925-1930. Simultaneously the course of prices for agricultural produce were very unfavourable to the producers. It is, therefore, intelligible that it was extremely difficult to meet the cost of interest and redemption of the debts that farmers had incurred during the previous boom and that had been invested in such a way that the yield only improved slowly. At the same time, as we have seen, the state of the credit market developed under the pressure of circumstances in such a manner that, e.g., the effective rate of interest on bonds remained above 8 per cent and the rate on bank loans No. 11 a couple of points, in some cases as much as 4 points higher. The conflict born of these circumstances gave rise to the demands that the payment of debts should be made easier by means of inflation, i.e., by reducing the purchasing power of the Finnish mark in relation to commodities and services, and that rates of interest should be controlled by means of legislation. These demands were urged, inter alia, by the Agrarian party both at a meeting of its Grand Council immediately after the

# The value of the Finnish mark.

abandonment of the gold standard (on October

14th, 1931) and in a still more definite form

at a party conference on June 22nd, 1932.

The mentality, provoked by the crisis, that expressed itself in these and similar resolutions, was made capital of in political circles and brought up the demands for inflation even in the Finnish Diet. This disturbing element in the money and foreign exchange market did not loose its grip until the change of Government at the end of 1932 and it hampered the efforts of the Bank of Finland "to do everything to ensure that the currency of the country should maintain its value", as the Bank had stated in announcing its programme at the time the gold standard was suspended. After the rise in the value of the mark during the first quarter of 1932 prices in Finland also adjusted themselves Later in the spring the special downwards. stimulus that the anticipated imposition of duties in England had exerted above all on our exports of paper and chemical pulp, died away and in the course of the summer, when the demand for foreign exchange increased, as it usually does at that season, it became apparent that the new rates of exchange were very un-The fact that the publication, under steady. such circumstances, of the resolution passed at the conference of the Agrarian party in June (see above), was able to evoke a further deprecia-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>) Arthur Montgomery: Arbetslöshetspolitik och Konjunkturutveckling i Sverige och Finland, Ekonomisk Tidskrift, part 2, year XXXVIII, Uppsala and Stockholm 1936, pp. 28 and 29. <sup>2</sup>) See Bertil Ohlin: Now or never. Svenska Handelsbankens Index, No. 77, vol. VII, Stockholm 1932,

p. 128.

tion of the Finnish currency, should, however, be viewed in connection with the temporary setback to which the economic revival in England was exposed at about the same time owing to the accelerated fall in prices in the gold currency countries.

The fall in prices throughout the world that had begun in 1929, could be estimated at about 30 per cent, when two years later the international movements of prices were severed from the inherent connection that had been imposed on them by a fixed relation of the currency to gold. The rise in the value of gold was not interrupted thereby, on the contrary deflation went on in the gold standard countries, enhanced by the increasing competition that followed the depreciation of sterling. When expressed in depreciated currency, prices for goods bought and sold in international trade naturally tended to rise. But there was no automatic adjustment between prices in gold and prices in depreciated currency, as the function of the free price system in the world was replaced more and more by the administrative measures of the various restrictive systems of commercial policy. With regard to the course of national price levels it appeared that in the existing state of depression an increased demand as a rule seemed as important to entrepreneurs as a rise in price. The growing demand enabled producers to make better use of the productive capacity of their capital equipments and thus also to make better profits even without raising prices. In other words, the effect of the fixed costs tended to repress the spreading tendencies of the higher prices of imported goods in countries with a depreciated currency. In the first instance, therefore, their rise had an effect preventing a further fall in prices and resembling tariff protection.

This state of things is confirmed, if we analyse the course of prices in Finland since the depreciation of the currency. In chart III on page 31 we have endeavoured to trace the transition of price fluctuations from the earlier stages of trade to the later ones. The curves in section D show that the general course of prices for goods in Finland's foreign trade was dominated, broadly speaking, by the variations in the currency on the one hand and by the trend of sterling prices on the other. The fluctuations in the price of imported goods (c.i.f.) and exported goods (f.o.b.) are given separately in section C which thus also illustrates the barter terms of trade. In the following stage represented by wholesale trade (section B) prices on the whole already reacted less to the rise in price in import trade, notwithstanding the higher rates of customs duty. Finally, in the stage of consumption, illustrated in section A by the cost of living index as regards the earlier years of the period and by the Bank of Finland's consumption price index as regards its later stage, the rise in prices had only a slight effect. As shown in the graph, it was counteracted by the course of rarely changing prices. The same development is visible in the series of price indices of the principal classes of goods and services and their respective changes that are given in the table at the top of the following column.

This table shows that the rise of 38 per cent in the c.i.f. prices of imported goods that was recorded from the third quarter of 1931 to the first quarter of 1932, combined with higher rates of duty, caused a rise of 27 per cent in the price of imported goods in wholesale trade, but for Finnish agricultural produce and for products of Finnish home industry prices did not rise more than by 13 and 8 per cent respectively. For this reason imported goods were crowded out to a considerable extent and were replaced by Finnish products, which also contributed towards the fact that the rise affected the cost of living even less. From the beginning of 1932 the Bank of Finland's index is available for measuring the Finnish consumption price level (see also No. 10, 1936, of this Bulletin). As the representative nature of this index can be considered fairly satisfactory, we reproduce it on the next page.

OFFICIAL SERIES OF PRICE INDICES 1926 = 100

Year and quarter	Imported goods	Imported goods		Home industry products	Cost o	f living
quarter	(c. i. f.)	in w	holesale t	rađe	Total index	Food index
1931 III IV	66 83	77 90	69 72	88 90	86 87	77 80
1932 I II III IV	91 81 89 90	98 90 93 95	78 72 72 73	95 93 93 93	88 86 86 86	82 79 81 82
1933 I II III IV	86 85 86 84	94 92 93 92	73 73 75 73	92 91 93 94	85 84 85 85	80 79 83 82
1931 1932 1933 1934 1935	73 88 85 86 86	82 94 93 93 93	72 74 74 73 76	91 94 92 93 93	88 87 85 83 84	78 81 81 79 82
Propor	tionate inc	rease (+) pe	or decrea er year	ase (—) p	er quarte	er and
1931	%	%	%	%	%	%
IV	+ 26	+17	+ 4	+ 2	+ 2	+ 4
1932 I II III IV	+10 11 +10 + 1	+ 9 - 8 + 2	+ 8 - 8 + 1	+ 6 - 2 	2 2 	+3 - 4 + 3 + 1
1933 I II III IV	-4 -1 +1 -2	-1 -2 +1 -1	   3   3	1 1 + 1 + 1	-1 -1 +1 +1	-2 -1 +5 -1
1932 1933 1934 1935	$ +21 \\ -3 \\ -1 \\ -$	+15 1 	+3 1 +4	$+3 \\ -2 \\ +1 \\ -$	$     \begin{array}{r}       -1 \\       -2 \\       -2 \\       +1 \\       +1     \end{array} $	+4 -2 +4

The consumption price index did not rise more than about 5 per cent at the beginning of 1932, and, principally owing to the tendency of rents (cp. page 23), it was restored to about the same level as before the depreciation of the currency already in 1933. Since then the price level has kept fairly stable with a slight upward tendency from the autumn of 1934.

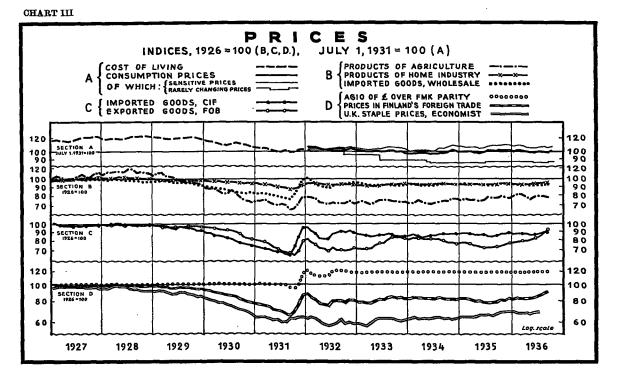
Thus the industries working for the home market did not benefit by any active increase in the prices of their products, but they were able gradually to make up for the increased cost of raw materials by the protection gained

THE BANK OF	' FINLAND'S	CONSUMPTION	PRICE INDEX
	JULY 1,	1931 = 100	

Year and quarter	Total index	Sensitive price index	Rarely changing prices
quarter	Corrected	Not corrected	
1932			··
I	105.4	106.9	101.7
п	103.3	103.9	101.8
III	103.3	103.8	101.8
IV	101.6	104.0	96.2
1933	ļ		ļ
Ι	101.4	103.6	96.2
II	101.3	104.1	94.7
III	100.1	105.5	88.6
IV	98.1	102.5	88.5
1932	103.3	104.7	100.3
1933	100.2	104.0	91.9
1934	98.1	103.3	87.0
1935	100.3	107.0	86.3

against foreign competition. Thanks to the stabilisation of prices within the country, real wages developed rather more favourably than money-wages. This was, of course, of importance for the adjustment of costs that was necessary especially in 1932 in order to render certain branches of the exporting industries in particular once more vigorous.

The possibility of gauging the fluctuations of the sterling exchange was of no less importance for the business world. After the depreciation of the Finnish mark at the end of June, 1932, already referred to, the sterling rate was again lowered in the latter half of the year, partly owing to the drop in the value of sterling itself in relation to the dollar, so that in November the new rate for the Finnish mark in relation to the pound sterling was 15 per cent lower than the former parity of exchange. At this time already the Bank of Finland practically accomplished a stabilisation of the sterling exchange (see chart III, section D). Formally the sterling rate has been "pegged" at Fmk. 227:- since March 3rd, 1933, but since the autumn of 1932 the Bank of Finland has of set purpose adhered to the principle of restricting the currency fluctuations on the foreign exchange market in Finland to the No. 11



alterations in the mutual relation between sterling and other currencies. By this means a considerable element of risk was removed both for exporters in concluding contracts for future delivery of goods and for importers, who could now protect themselves against losses on the exchange by taking up acceptance credits in sterling. When the policy adopted in regard to foreign exchange was given authoritative support in the declaration of the new Government's policy on December 7th, 1932, the feeling of uncertainty concerning the value of the Finnish mark was overcome in still wider circles.

#### The international cyclical influence.

The "pegging" of the sterling rate implied that Finland's adherence to the so-called sterling bloc became still closer than before and thus facilitated the extension of the favourable cyclical tendencies from Britain to Finland. The general development of prices and production in England after the suspension of

the gold standard was based on new principles not only in regard to monetary, but also to financial and tariff policy. Side by side with the influences from this it was, on account of the importance of the timber market for Finnish exports, especially the building activity started there as well by private enterprise as in connection with housing schemes supported by Government funds that exercised an immediate influence on the trade cycle in Finland. It is also no coincidence that, if we express building activity in the United Kingdom and the quantity of sawn timber exported from Finland in 1932 as 100, the two series of indices obtained for the years immediately before and after 1932 exhibit the following good correspondence:---

	Building activity in the United Kingdom <sup>1</sup> ) Index	Quantity of sawn timber exported from Finland Index
1930		123
1931		107
1932		100
1933	129	133
1934		148

<sup>1</sup>) Calculated on the basis of the index for Building Activity (1924=100) published by the Economist, London.

The timber trade can be quoted as an example of the intimate manner in which our woodworking industries in general were affected by the improvement in the British trade cycle. The same is seen in the fact that the curve showing the physical volume of production in the United Kingdom appears in a very high degree to guide the course of manufacture in the Finnish exporting industries (see the respective curves in chart II).

At the same time foreign trade policy was directed towards closer relations with Britain and in this spirit the trade agreement between the United Kingdom and Finland supplementing the commercial treaty of 1923, was concluded in September, 1933. By this means those incentives were strengthened that tended to exclude the influence of fluctuations of prices in the countries outside the sterling group and to foster the extension of trade within it. As a consequence they caused a certain readjustment of Finnish imports. After averaging only 14 per cent annually during the period 1925-1930 and falling even lower (121/2 per cent) in 1931, Finnish imports from Great Britain and Ireland increased during the next few years as follows:---

	Proportion of total imports
Year	%
1932	 18
1933	 
1934	 23
1935	 24

The increase in Finnish imports of coal and coke from Great Britain proved of great importance in this respect, for imports of such "treaty goods" grew from 49 and 43 per cent respectively of their total imports in 1930 to 76 and 72 per cent in 1935.

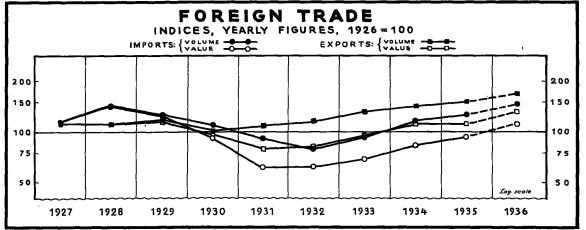
With regard to the disposal of Finnish products a simultaneous advance can be recorded for our principal woodworking products in the British market. The share of the quantities of sawn timber, woodpulp and paper exported from Finland in the total imports of such goods into the United Kingdom was increased during the period as follows (see also the corresponding table on page 26):---

Year	Sawn timber %	Mechanical pulp %	Chemical pulp %	Printing and newsprint paper %
1930	22	13	25	15
1931	23	18	40	18
1932	25	24	50	23
1 <del>9</del> 33	28	25	51	21
1934	26	28	44	<b>20</b>
1935	•	36	45	19

No conclusions should be drawn, however, on the basis of these figures without recalling both the generally rising trend of sales of paper and pulp already referred to and some accidental events that helped to encourage activity in the Finnish woodworking industries. In 1932 disputes regarding collective agreements occurred in the Swedish pulp industry that affected the market in a way favourable to Finland, while in regard to the timber trade the breaking off of trade relations between Great Britain and Soviet Russia in 1933 was made better use of by Finland and Canada than, for instance, by Apart from these fortuitous circum-Sweden. stances, the goodwill for Finnish products in England created by the closer trade relations, and the price policy adopted by exporters, stand out as the main causes of Finland being able to maintain a competitive position in her most important sales market.

It goes without saying that cyclical influences from other countries also made themselves felt. In view of their varying nature in each case the closer contact with the other countries belonging to the sterling bloc may only be exemplified by stating that the share of the sterling bloc in Finland's total foreign trade, which amounted to 41 per cent in 1930, had risen to 56 per cent in 1935. The importance of sterling as the main currency in contracting sales of Finnish products abroad also increased. About 60 per cent of the total exports of Finnish butter were sold in sterling currency and in 1935 the sales of the main classes of woodworking products in relation to their total output were contracted for in the following manner:---

CHART 1V



Class of goods	Sales in sterling, percentage of total output %
Sawn timber	98
Plywood	85
Spools	70
Cardboard & mechanical pulp	82
Chemical pulp	63
Paper	
Weighted average	80

The international cyclical influence was, therefore, principally dominated by the development in the sterling area. However, factors such as, e.g., the depressing consequences of the German policy of isolation experienced by our trade with that country were, of course, also perceptible.

In this connection the international influence that made itself felt chiefly from the point of view of the capital market must, of course, also be taken into account. This has already been done in dealing with Finland's foreign indebtedness (see page 27). With reference to that passage it should be evident, why the devaluation of the dollar in the United States in March, 1933, which reduced the value of Finland's dollar debts expressed in Finnish marks by about 30 per cent, brought about a relaxation of the Finnish money market that ensured the stability of the exchange achieved in relation to sterling. For the Finnish cellulose industry, among whose buyers the United States are second to Great Britain, the devaluation of the dollar caused appreciable losses in exchange in 1933. On the whole, however, the economic recovery that subsequently became apparent in the United States in spite of setbacks and vicissitudes, extended its influence to Finland, too.

#### THE TURNING POINT.

When did the turning point under the influence of these different incentives occur in Finland after the depression? After the increase in economic enterprise that was evident immediately after the suspension of the gold standard during the last quarter of 1931 and that was retarded again during the next quarter, all the cyclical curves did not continue their downward course in the same way as before. On the Finnish Stock Exchange and in our exporting industries, e.g., it must be considered that the trough of the depression was passed by that time, while the course of prices within the country had been saved from the direct effects of the rise in the value of gold (see charts  $\Pi$  and  $\Pi I$ ). In other respects, however, and above all in the labour market, the trade cycle still showed obvious traces of the slump. In the late winter of 1932 unemployment spread to an appreciable extent, as conditions in Finland go, and according to the available statistics it was in that year that wages fell to their lowest level during the depression.

However, when the rise in prices in England in the late summer of 1932 and the increase in output there had gained symptomatic significance in Finland and as the stable rate in relation to sterling had been achieved in the autumn (see charts II and III), the business outlook improved in this country. Although there had been signs of revived enterprise even earlier, it would seem, therefore, that the fourth quarter of 1932 is the time to which the change in the trade cycle can suitably be ascribed. By the spring of 1933, in view of the easing of the burden of debt due to the devaluation of the dollar, the rise in price that occurred particularly in regard to our principal articles of export and the greater demand for timber, economic recovery was ensured in Finland.

In the case of Finnish farmers the position relaxed owing to a satisfactory harvest in 1932, and in 1933 they were again able to enjoy normal earnings for their timber and lumber work. But it was not until 1934, when the harvest proved exceptionally good and corn prices rose, that the position of agriculture improved to any marked extent. This is indicated, for instance, by the circumstance that the sale of agricultural machinery in Finland did not really get under way until 1934, to judge by the following figures:—

#### FINNISH MANUFACTURE AND IMPORTS OF AGRI-CULTURAL MACHINERY AND TOOLS

	Total value	Of which		Index
Year		Finnish	Imported	1926-100
	Mill. mks.	%	%	
1926	45.7	68	32	100
1927	81.7	66	34	179
1928	88.6	67	33	194
1929	83.3	63	37	182
1930	36.0	76	24	79
1931	13.2	85	15	29
1932	11.3	86	14	25
1933	17.2	84	16	38
1934	38.0	83	17	83

The recovery in agriculture in 1934 was helped on appreciably by conditions in the timber market, as the income from this trade increased during that year to close on 2,000 million marks (cp. page 28). Finally, it had by then been possible to combine the measures of State assistance to agriculture into a more or less uniform system.

#### THE PROCESS OF RECOVERY.

It is obvious that the process of economic recovery in Finland materialised in such a manner that changes in the business conditions occurred in regard to expectations, costs and investments.

#### Expectations.

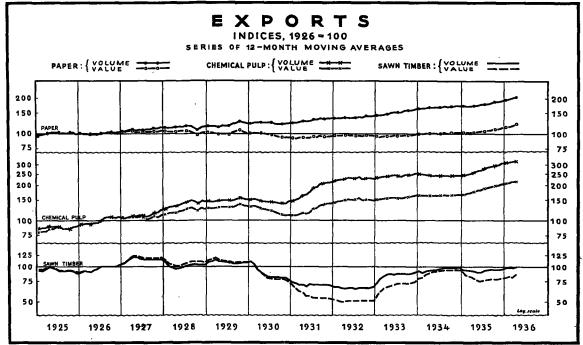
When it became evident that the consumption price level in Finland remained comparatively stable, even when the currency was released from gold, and the Bank of Finland was successful in maintaining the stable exchange for sterling, the element of risk represented by the uncertainty regarding the value of the Finnish mark was gradually eliminated. After the change of ministry at the end of 1932 the Government expressly gave its support to the policy adopted by the Bank of Finland, and the conviction was confirmed in business circles that State intervention, as far as it was possible, would not interfere with private enterprise and private initiative. As, in addition, a number of firms got rid of their foreign indebtedness during that year, conditions were created for evoking a certain amount of lasting optimism in the exporting industries thanks to the increasing quantity of orders, and in the branches working for the home market thanks to the reduced foreign competition.

#### Costs.

In the home market, as we have seen, the depreciation of the currency brought about a change in prices that benefited the products of the home market industries from a competitive point of view. In foreign markets competitive ability was also increased as regards Finnish articles of export, as the fall of the currency was not accompanied by a proportionate rise in

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CHART V



price in Finnish marks. Owing to the quantitative increase in sales secured in this way. the productive capacity of the existing industrial equipment could be utilised again to a This was, of course, of great higher degree. importance especially for our exporting industries which are organised for big-scale production. The rationalisation that had taken place in several branches of that industry during the earlier period of the slump (cp. the figures for 1930 in the table on page 36) now facilitated a rapid gain in the market. Out of the spirit of progress characteristic of Finnish men of business, who in bad times did not hesitate to take advantage of the latest developments of technical efficiency at the cost of considerable sacrifices, the country as a whole thus derived appreciable benefit.

While prices for manufactured articles remained comparatively low, costs of production were, however, influenced in the opposite direction by the rise in the price of imported raw materials and in capital charges caused by the depreciation of the currency. In the latter respect the devaluation of the dollar removed appreciable losses on exchange. Owing to the easier state of the money market, the Bank of Finland was able to lower the bank rate from  $6^{1/2}$  to  $4^{1/2}$  per cent in 1933 and subsequently to 4 per cent, whereas, e.g., the effective rate of interest on Finnish State bonds dropped to 6 per cent during 1933, and below  $5^{1/2}$  per cent in 1935. This fall in the rates of interest improved conditions of costs.

As long as these components in the costs of production remained comparatively high, they exerted a pressure on wages, so that moneywages, especially in some branches of trade, were lowered appreciably in 1932 and 1933. The trend of the consumption price level during this time, as described on page 30, made such a development possible and justifies the conclusion that real wages developed in a rather more favourable manner. Nevertheless, the purchasing power of the country was not increased in this way, and in the case of commercial and industrial enterprise working for the home market the position did not improve by this means. In the exporting industries, on the other hand, there were greater possibilities of pursuing a flexible price policy. In examining the price policy adopted by Finnish exporters it is rather open to deliberation, which factor: the depreciation of the currency, the rationalisation or the level of wages, was of prime importance in competition abroad. All things considered, the question in itself seems to be of minor importance, for on the whole prices for Finnish articles of export were dominated by the general course of prices for such goods in countries belonging to the sterling bloc (see chart III. section D), and in regard to the actual recovery the improvement in the foreign demand played the decisive part.

#### Investment.

We are now at the point mentioned in the introduction, that paper and pulp have enjoyed a growing demand throughout the world. At the same time there were unutilised supplies of coniferous timber in Finland at the beginning of the 1930's. Consequently the increase in foreign demand caused not only an increase in efficiency, but also an extension of the productive capacity in the Finnish woodworking industries.

Financial difficulties during the depression prevented the stocks of finished articles scarcely ever becoming too heavy in Finland. For instance, in the cellulose industry the ratio of stocks at the end of each year in proportion to the total available quantity of output during the year developed as follows:--

Year	Percentage of stocks to total available quantity %	Year	Percentage of stocks to total available quantity %
1926	4.0	1931	11.4
1927	7.0	1932	5.3
1928	3.0	1933	2.6
1929	5.0	1 <del>9</del> 34	5.2
<b>193</b> 0	18.5	1935	4.0

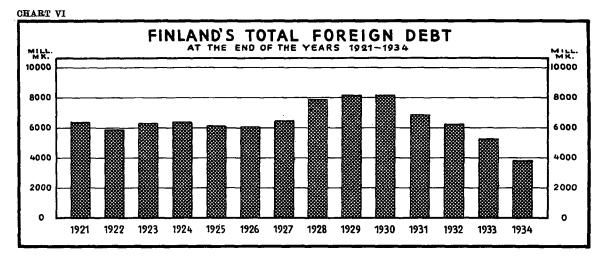
In the case of the cellulose mills. therefore, the position was already more or less normal in this respect by the end of 1932. The growth of the demand consequently resulted practically at once in releasing stocks of raw materials purchased earlier, so that both forestry and lumber work in its turn soon felt the cyclical improvement.

The extension of output that was effected by degrees caused, among other things, an increase in the mechanical capacity of the Finnish cellulose industry of 43 units of production per hundred from 1931 to 1935. Owing to this industrial expansion investment activity in Finland again got under way. The rapid increase that the purchase of machinery alone, apart from various kinds of motors, etc., recorded in the woodworking industries in 1933 and 1934, is seen in the following table:—

FINNISH MANUFACTURE AND IMPORTS OF WOODWORKING MACHINERY

Уеаг	Total value		Index 1926 = 100	
	Mill.	mks.		
1926	81	.6	100	
1927		3.9	97	
1928	58	3.1	71	
1929	85.9		105	
1930	95.3		117	
1931	35.8		44	
1932	41.7		51	
1933	96.9		119	
1934	110.5		135	
ļ			ulose and Paper Mills which Ind	
	Value	Finnish	Imported	1926 - 100
	Mill. mks.	%	%	
1926	54.9	2 <del>9</del>	71	100
1007	44.8	24	76	82
1927	<b>TT.</b> 0			
1928	20.8	43	57	38
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1928 1929 1930 1931	20.8 56.5 76.8 23.8	43 45 30 65	57 55 70 35	38 103 140 43
1928 1929 1930 1931 1932	20.8 56.5 76.8 23.8 27.8	43 45 30 65 30	57 55 70 35 70	38 103 140 43 51
1928 1929 1930 1931	20.8 56.5 76.8 23.8	43 45 30 65	57 55 70 35	38 103 140 43

Owing to the more specialised manufacture that is necessary in some of these branches, the tendency towards greater self-sufficiency in the country was not so marked in this sphere as in the case of agricultural machinery (see table on page 34). As against foreign competition, however, the Finnish metal industry enjoyed the advantage of the foreign exchange position No. 11



as well as of a deliberate purchasing policy. At the same time the increase in employment in Finland improved the selling possibilities of the industries that manufactured goods for consumption; according to the "Unitas" index the volume of their output in 1934 again attained the 1928 level. In this way the cyclical improvement also spread by degrees to the home market industries in Finland.

#### CONCLUSION.

Within the narrow limits of the present survey we have attempted to trace the main lines along which economic recovery in Finland has proceeded since the Great Depression. Much has, of course, had merely to be indicated or entirely omitted, yet it should be quite clear that the earliest signs of lasting revival were felt in the exporting industries and should be ascribed to international cyclical factors. However, in Finland thanks to the economic structure of the country a larger income for the majority of the population. consisting of farmers, is attained most easily as a rule by means of increased earnings from forestry and lumber work and is therefore the outcome of improved conditions in the main branch of the export trade, viz., the woodworking industries. Besides, an investigation into profits that the Governor

of the Bank of Finland dealt with in an earlier issue of this Bulletin (see No. 9 of the present volume), indicates that, at any rate in the typical cases selected, the average profits in the exporting industries were as low as about 3 per cent in 1931, while the corresponding proportion was about twice as high in the home market industries, and agriculture was estimated to yield  $3^{1/2}$  per cent. As the exporting industries and agriculture, according to these calculations, were hit hardest by the depression, it seems obvious that the change in the trade cycle was promoted by a development that directly benefited the former and thus indirectly helped the latter of these branches of trade.

In addition to new investments being initiated, the increased income of the exporting industries finally made the outflow of capital possible that took place from Finland during the whole period of recovery. The way in which the impetus to this movement of capital arose, has already been described. The fact that it continued subsequently at such a rate that the estimated net foreign indebtedness of the country was reduced from 1931 to 1935 by nearly 60 per cent (see chart VI), was, no doubt, due to the psychological fact that the dearly-bought experience of the crisis and the depression made the State, the communities and the business men more anxious than before to consolidate their financial position. In agriculture such restraint was actually exercised, as our remarks on page 34 show, that even reinvestment did not begin until 1934, there being no question therefore of incurring any fresh indebtedness for the purpose of new investment. In 1933 already the short-term foreign credits of the country that still remained outstanding were fully covered by corresponding balances, and since then the funded foreign debt has been greatly reduced at the same time as some foreign reserves have been built up. Finland's foreign payment position has thus been radically changed. Simultaneously rates of interest have been lowered by a judicious policy of conversion and the cost for the foreign debt service has consequently fallen off considerably. Finland's balance of payments should therefore be safe from such serious upsets as in 1931. In this respect, above all, the trade cycle in Finland is based at present on new conditions, providing the country's own monetary and economic policy with growing power to promote steady progress in this country.

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