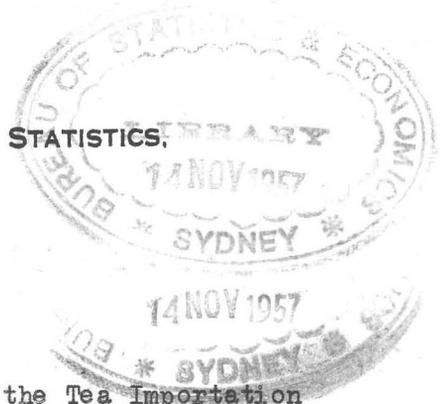


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TEA STATISTICS, 1956-57

Prior to the cessation of operations by the Tea Importation Board in 1955, I had calculated tea consumption in Australia on the basis of sales of tea as reported by the Board. After the Board ceased to function it was necessary to make a direct statistical collection from the main distributors of tea, in order to obtain the necessary data.

Shown below are the results of the collection for the year ended 30th June, 1957. Returns were received from all but a very few small traders, an estimate of whose sales is included in the figures.

STOCKS, IMPORTS, SALES AND EXPORTS OF TEA:

AUSTRALIA, Year ended 30th June, 1957

(⁰000 lbs.)

1. Stocks held by importing merchants at 1st July, 1956	6,481
2. Imports cleared during year	61,516
3. Sales during year for consumption in Australia ..	58,751
4. Exports during year	912
5. Stocks held by importing merchants at 30th June, 1957	8,334

The amount of tea sold by merchants for consumption in Australia increased from 54,958,000 lbs. in 1955-56 to 58,750,000 lbs in 1956-57 - an increase of 7%. On a per capita basis, these amounts represent 5.9 lbs. per head of population in 1955-56 and 6.2 lbs in 1956-57.

The above figures do not take account of changes in stocks held by retailers or householders.

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