



1949. The government's economic policy has laid great stress on the development of a more balanced economy. Wartime shortages hastened the development of secondary industry, and this trend has continued since the war. There is a good heavy industry basis for this development in the growing steel and cement industries. The growth of the Southern Rhodesian economy generally is partly indicated in the trade figures: in 1938 imports and exports were valued at £9.7 millions and £11.9 millions respectively, and at £85.8 millions and £51.8 millions respectively in 1951.

What is now Northern Rhodesia had been included in the terms of the charter granted to the British South Africa Company in 1889. The Company's administration of the territory was more clearly defined by Orders in Council