Unfortunately, the 1955 census figures for the whole county are not available. However, on Appendix Page 4-A will be found tabulations covering the individual cities, and from this it will be seen that the great bulk of the wholesale trade of the county is conducted from Oakland.

4. Agriculture.

While not an outstanding agricultural county, its crops are of economic importance and are estimated to yield approximately twenty-five million dollars per year; 286,000 acres are under cultivation in the county, and upward of ten thousand of its inhabitants are located upon its 5,026 farms. Cut flowers are the principal crop, and it is estimated that six million dollars of this product is shipped to New York and other eastern cities each year.

5. Financial Institutions.

There are but four independent banking institutions operating in the East Bay Area, the greater part of the banking and financing of the community being done either directly with San Francisco banks or through branches of those institutions. To a lesser extent, this same condition applies to the other financial institutions. It can be seen, therefore, that in the absence of definite figures showing a breakdown of the capital and deposits of these outside institutions (which it is not feasible to obtain), any figures presented covering only the local institutions would not be an accurate reflection of the financial stability of the community, and any comparisons reflected would be misleading. A review of Forms 1 and 1-A, which will be found in the Appendix and which are discussed in detail under Section III of this report, supply a much more comprehensive picture of the financial institutions operating in the East Bay than figures covering only the purely local financial institutions could possibly do.

With this explanatory statement, however, it can be stated that the total resources of the four local banking institutions as of December 31, 1936 amounted to $58,293,900, the total resources of the six State-chartered building and loan associations as of the same date were $10,857,700, and the total resources of the four Federal savings and loan associations were $2,482,700.

6. Transportation.

Oakland is the railroad center of the San Francisco Bay Region. The