

MONEY, WEIGHTS, AND MEASURES

MONEY

Iceland is in the Scandinavian Monetary Union. The monetary unit is called *króna* (pl. *krónur*), and divided into 100 *aurar* (singul. *eyrir*). The relation between *krónur* and English and American monetary units is as follows (par exchange): £ 1 = 18.16 *krónur*; 1 dollar = 3.73 *krónur*.

Exchange rates. The Great War occasioned differences in the exchange of Scandinavian currencies. The Icelandic *króna* followed the fluctuations of the Danish Krone up to the beginning of 1920, but from the latter half of that year to the middle of June 1922 it was quoted (though not officially) independently of the Danish Krone and at a lower rate. About the middle of June 1922, when foreign currencies began to be officially quoted in Reykjavík, a pound sterling was equivalent to 26.50 *krónur*, a United States dollar, to 6.03 kr., while some three years later, in October 1925, their respective values had come down to 22.15 kr. and 4.58 kr. And as the pound has remained at this level to the present day, the gold value of the *króna* has uniformly been about 82 per cent. of its face value during the last four years.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

The international *metric system* of *weights* and *measures* was introduced in Iceland by law of 1907, and made *compulsory* from the 1st of January 1912.