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A Note on Transliterations and Currencies

For the most part, I followed the *Iranian Studies* scheme for transliterating Persian words, names etc. I have slightly modified the system for such popular names as Isfahan, Tehran and so on, which have not been changed. All transliterations are mine unless included in a quotation, or otherwise noted.

As for the currency, during the period under study the tuman, qran and shahi were the units of currency in Iran; a tuman equalled to 10 qrans and qran equalled to 20 shahis.¹ Qran was the main unit until it was changed in March 1930 to rial. By the turn of the 20th century the rate of pound sterling in qran was around 51.1 in Tehran while in the eve of the First World War it was about 55.5.² Until early 1920's it remained more or less the same and in 1923 it slightly rose to 56.56 but in 1929 it dropped to 54.76.³ By late 1930's the rate of pound sterling in qran it rose as high as 80.⁴

List of Abbreviations

LMDCIP: Library Museum and Document Center of the Iran Parliament

NLAI: National Library and Archive of Iran

FO: Foreign Office

ILO: International Labour Organization

¹ Charles Issawi, *The Economic History of Iran: 1800-1914*, Chicago, The University of Chicago Press, 1971), 387.

² *Ibid.*, 344-45.

³ R. H. Hadow, *Report on the Trade and Industry of Persia 1923* (London: His Majesty's Stationary Office, 1923) , 4; E. R. Lingeman, *Economic Conditions in Persia March 1930* (London: His Majesty's Stationary Office, 1930), 18.

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