

*Crop Prospects.*—For the coming season the prospects in Rarotonga and in the Group Islands are for an exceedingly heavy orange crop. Owing to gales, however, on 1st January and 4th March, the banana crop suffered considerably, and shipments for the next season will be greatly reduced.

## LEGISLATION.

The following legislation was passed in respect of the Group :—

- The Dependency Emergency Regulations (No. 2) 1939, Amendment No. 2.
- The Dependency Emergency Regulations (No. 2) 1939, Amendment No. 3.
- The Dependency Emergency Regulations (No. 2) 1939, Amendment No. 4.
- The Cook Islands Fruit Control Regulations 1937, Amendment No. 1.
- The Dependency Medical Appointments Emergency Regulations 1940.
- The Cook Islands Patriotic Purposes Regulations 1940.
- The Cook Islands Pearl Shell Fisheries Regulations Amendment 1941.

## MEDICAL.

*General Health.*—General health was satisfactory, though influenza, fortunately mild in type, affected Rarotonga for six months of the year.

*Visits.*—Visits were paid by the Chief Medical Officer and the Assistant Medical Officer to most of the islands in the Group throughout the year.

*Public Health.*—House-to-house inspection has been carried out at regular intervals by the Chief Medical Officer and the District Nurse, who also made a thorough inspection of schools. The general hygiene of the whole population was good.

*Child Welfare Association.*—This body, comprised of fifteen committees, has continued its voluntary activities with commendable regularity and efficiency throughout the year.

*Dental Department.*—This was under the control of a European Dental Officer who returned to duties in New Zealand during the year, leaving a female Native assistant and a male cadet to carry on the work of dental care in Rarotonga. The European Dental Officer visited the Lower Group in April and treated some 666 cases, and the Native assistant made a further visit later in the year.

*X-ray Department.*—The X-ray plant continues to function well. During the year many exposures were taken, mainly for diagnostic purposes.

*Extensions.*—A morgue was erected by the Administration in March.

*Hospital :—*

In-patients	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	282
Out-patients	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,829
Treatment—																	
(a) Injections—																	
(1) Anti-tetanic serum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
(2) Bicecol	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
(3) Colloidal calcium	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
(4) Gonococcal vaccine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
(5) Novarsenobinzol	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	274
(6) Staphylococcal vaccine	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
(7) Prontosil	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
(b) Anaesthetics—																	
(1) General	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
(2) Local	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80
(c) Operations—																	
(1) Major	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
(2) Minor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	231
(d) Confinements	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52
(e) Artificial pneumothorax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
(f) X-ray	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77
(g) Miscarriages and abortions (conducted)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
(h) Visits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	904

## VITAL STATISTICS.

	Estimated Population, 31st March, 1940.			Births for Year ended 31st March, 1941.		Deaths for Year ended 31st March, 1941.		Arrivals and Departures for Year ended 31st March, 1941.				Estimated Population, 31st March, 1941.			Marriages for Year ended 31st March, 1941.
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Arrivals.		Departures.		M.	F.	Total.	
								M.	F.	M.	F.				
Rarotonga	2,932	2,595	5,527	110	111	42	38	69	46	53	41	3,016	2,673	5,689	36
Aitutaki	1,009	940	1,949	48	34	14	11	..	..	..	..	1,043	963	2,006	20
Mangaia	845	774	1,619	34	46	21	16	..	..	..	..	858	804	1,662	11
Atiu	621	545	1,166	25	25	18	12	..	..	..	..	628	558	1,186	9
Mauke	394	339	733	18	19	4	6	..	..	..	..	408	352	760	13
Mitiaro	163	136	299	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	163	136	299	..
Penrhyn	262	249	511	10	8	2	3	..	..	..	..	270	254	524	4
Manihiki	267	281	548	10	9	5	6	..	..	..	..	272	284	556	11
Rakahanga	165	162	327	6	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	170	159	329	1
Pukapuka	350	336	686	14	13	3	8	..	..	..	..	361	341	702	6
Totals	7,008	6,357	13,365	275	266	110	104	69	46	53	41	7,189	6,524	13,713	111

\* No returns received.