

This estimate will probably not be exceeded, and in such case it will not meet the expenditure by £600. As, however, we have a cash surplus of £3,424, to which may be added the outstanding fees of the Survey and Land Titles Court, £1,043 19s. 3d., and as the suggested public works are of urgent necessity, no exception can fairly be taken to our drawing on the surplus for such works.

Schedule I discloses the receipts and expenditure on the *whare manuhiri*, which has now been leased to Mrs. Kohn at £40 per annum, a rate that will keep the buildings and furniture in repair. Schedule J deals with the sale of liquor under the Licensing Act of 1904, and demonstrates the sobriety of the people of these Islands so far as imported liquors are concerned. Schedules K and L explain all payments made under the contingent votes for general purposes and Land Titles Court.

I have the honour to submit the following return of the rainfall at Avarua, in the Island of Rarotonga, for the past eight years.

Month.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Average.
	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.	In.
January ..	12-07	8-51	20-15	14-09	3-05	8-85	4-80	9-54	10-13
February ..	14-01	6-30	6-00	14-02	8-10	9-19	11-06	8-42	9-64
March ..	6-87	5-96	5-41	13-67	6-15	10-73	6-02	9-42	8-03
April ..	11-02	3-30	11-17	5-33	11-14	10-34	14-86	10-08	9-66
May ..	15-73	3-60	7-77	3-58	6-02	5-21	3-82	6-29	6-50
June ..	5-81	2-47	5-52	3-60	1-15	4-18	1-85	1-74	3-29
July ..	1-55	1-23	1-24	1-84	3-11	5-90	5-81	1-72	2-80
August ..	2-77	7-46	6-96	1-77	0-31	3-37	3-39	4-95	3-87
September ..	9-32	5-57	3-29	0-78	5-19	5-07	1-34	1-61	4-02
October ..	2-33	2-86	1-21	2-85	7-95	4-84	4-25	3-90	3-85
November ..	2-26	3-47	4-30	8-48	10-83	1-42	6-62	2-37	4-89
December ..	7-46	10-81	13-11	2-47	2-38	5-35	0-91	8-89	6-42

W. E. GUDGEON,
Resident Commissioner.

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COOK AND OTHER ISLANDS ADMINISTRATION.

Port of Rarotonga.—Return of Imports for Year ended 31st December, 1906.

Article.	Whence imported.	Value.	Total.
Agricultural produce, not otherwise enumerated ..	New Zealand	£ 159	£
"	United States America ..	2	
Animals, living—Birds	Tahiti	161
"	New Zealand	6
"	"	20	2
"	Tahiti	11	
"	New Zealand	31
Arms, ammunition, and explosives	"	105	26
"	Germany	13	
"	United States America ..	3	
Apparel and slops	New Zealand	1,231	121
"	Niue	4	
"	United Kingdom	19	
"	New South Wales	61	
"	Malden Island	4	
"	Tahiti	281	
Arrowroot	Tahiti	1,600
Bacon and hams	New Zealand	60	23
"	New South Wales	2	
Bags and sacks	New Zealand	510	62
"	Niue	8	
"	Tahiti	1	
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