

Subtracting the charges for non-registration of dogs—ninety-nine—the remaining offences number 294, of which 245 were of drunkenness, or relating to bush-beer.

On the civil side the High Court had before it sixty-seven cases as follows :—

	1914-15.	1913-14.
Damages	23	17
Debt	18	14
Divorce	16	23
Detinue	3	2
Injunction	2	3
Possession of chattels	2	..
„ tenement	1	..
Trespass	2	..
Probate	1
	<u>67</u>	<u>60</u>
Number of complaints entered during the year		62
	£	s. d.
Amount sued for	478	8 5
Amount recovered	294	15 10
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The fines imposed amounted to	405	1 0
And the costs (criminal) to	106	3 0
	<u>£511</u>	<u>4 0</u>

The fees and fines collected and paid into the Treasury amounted to—

	1914-15.	1913-14.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Criminal jurisdiction	418 16 11	472 5 5
Civil jurisdiction	20 3 0	40 17 0
	<u>£438 19 11</u>	<u>£513 2 5</u>

Fines to the amount of £165 19s. 3d. are outstanding and being collected by monthly or weekly instalments, or paid in part by labour.

During the year fifty-six offenders were put to labour on the roads or public works for default in payment of fines.

Two offenders were sent to the penal settlement at Manuae Island to serve terms of imprisonment.

The Court office was the medium for the collection of the following sums, which were paid into the Treasury :—

	1914-15.	1913-14.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dog-tax	73 4 0	60 7 6
Road rates	94 1 6	96 7 6
Water rates	447 19 8	294 16 6
Refunds for pipes, &c.	142 12 0	262 17 2
Fines under Wandering Animals Ordinance	22 19 3	14 13 0
License fees—Public halls	6 0 0	..
	<u>£787 1 5</u>	<u>£729 1 8</u>

The increase in water rate paid is largely due to a full rate being payable in connection with the new Titikaveka water-supply, instead of only half-rate paid last year.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

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Registrar of Courts.