

Eggs.

Month.	Aana.	Tuamasaga.	Atua.	Aleipata.	Falealili.	Safata.
April	10,918	9,560	3,376	1,429	3,163	2,159
May.. ..	12,155	18,113	3,443	1,983	3,067	4,101
June	6,754	14,987	3,055	1,737	3,127	2,218
July.. ..	14,116	15,671	3,641	2,069	4,081	2,311
August	11,663	20,601	3,218	3,031	4,784	3,386
September	6,180	15,987	2,335	1,638	3,439	2,500
October	7,481	12,166	3,027	1,731	4,298	4,467
November	7,387	16,596	2,307	2,730	4,799	4,647
December	5,435	12,432	1,573	2,908	1,300	2,917
January	6,960	14,391	3,868	2,711	4,032	6,525
February	5,302	8,978	1,866	1,528	1,869	4,078
March	5,249	8,173	1,843	2,541	1,883	3,597
Totals	99,600	167,655	33,552	26,036	39,842	42,906

Total eggs, 409,591.

CUSTOMS AND MARINE (INCLUDING HARBOURMASTER'S DEPARTMENT).

The revenue collected by this Department at Apia, the only port of entry in Western Samoa, during the financial year ended 31st March, 1921, amounted to £104,632 14s. 10d., made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Customs import duties	78,322	4	3
Customs export duties	9,563	8	0
Shipping fees	1,027	14	3
Lighterage and stevedoring sundries	8,290	13	10
Transshipment, storage, and bond fees	368	14	5
Taxes	4,372	2	6
Native travelling-passes	77	12	0
Other receipts	2,610	5	7
Total receipts	£104,632	14	10

The following revenue was collected during the preceding five years: 1915-16, £42,402 0s. 11d.; 1916-17, £41,057 9s. 5d.; 1917-18, £60,196 11s. 9d.; 1918-19, £49,153 3s. 9d.; 1919-20, £58,791 19s. 11d.

It will thus be seen that the year under review has been a record one so far as receipts are concerned. This was contributed to by the very high prices realized for island produce in the earlier part of the year, and the heavy importations of goods at inflated prices.

The following figures show the value of imports and exports for the year ending 31st March last and the previous five years:—

	Imports.	Exports.	Total Trade.
	£	£	£
1915	267,091	262,389	529,480
1916	180,340	235,415	415,755
1917	301,173	320,444	621,617
1918	309,396	306,640	616,036
1919	291,368	532,500	823,868
1920	561,153	386,587	947,740

In reporting on the work of his Department for the year under review the Collector of Customs says:—

“The Harbourmaster is responsible for the launches, lighters, beacons, buoys, coastal shipping, examinations of masters and engineers, and kindred technical matters, and no doubt will report upon same in due course. Accounts in connection with his work are issued and collected in the Customs long-room.

“*Taxation.*—The Customs Department collects all taxes. Steps are being taken to make use of the newly appointed Resident Commissioners to obviate the need for Customs officers touring the islands to collect taxes.

“*Lighterage.*—This was taken over from the Harbourmaster on the 1st July, 1920, but was found to be an onerous undertaking owing to labour troubles, claims for damage to goods, and the difficulty of efficient supervision. A satisfactory arrangement dating from the 1st March, 1921, was effected with a local syndicate to take over the lighterage and to lease the import and export sheds, bond, and seven lighters.

“*Staff.*—As a result, considerable reduction in staff has been possible, and the present organization of Collector, Examining Officer, First Clerk, Clerk, Taxation Clerk, and messenger is quite adequate for the work.

“*Smuggling.*—Several ingenious attempts at introducing opium have been frustrated, but the nearness of Fiji, where opium is sold freely, makes detection a difficult matter. Steps are at present being taken, in conjunction with the Police Department, to effect a more complete patrol of the