

taxes not coming in. The organization of Native administration in outside districts has also been out of action, and in many districts the District Council could not assemble owing to the anti-Government party. Village Committees and Women's Welfare Committees have also been checked, with sad results as to sanitation and the health of the inhabitants. The Department's activities in developing the system of Native self-government, so successfully begun, are now largely at a standstill.

The Native Parliament—Fono of Faipule—assembled twice during the year according to custom.

NUMBER OF SAMOAN OFFICIALS IN THE SERVICE AS ON 31ST MARCH, 1928 (NATIVE DEPARTMENT).

(Last year's figures are given in parenthesis.)

Rank.	Upolu.	Savai'i.	Total.
Fautua (Native advisers)	1	..	1 (2)
Faipule (members of Fono of Faipule) ..	19	12	31 (31)
Pulefaatoaga (Plantation Inspectors) ..	9	3	12 (16)
Faamasino (District Judges)	18	9	27 (28)
Pulenu'u (Village Rulers)	84	39	123 (150)
Failautusi (clerks)	18	11	29 (30)
Leoleo (village policemen)	30	16	46 (53)
Teuala (roadmen)	5	..	5 (0)
Totals	184	90	274 (310)

CASES DEALT WITH BY THE NATIVE COURT FROM 1ST APRIL, 1927, TO 31ST MARCH, 1928.

	Total Number of Cases.	Finally disposed of.	Referred to Land and Titles Commission.	Adjourned.
<i>(a) UPOLU.</i>				
Land cases	2	1	1	..
Enforcement of judgments	56	45	..	11
Unpaid poll taxes	6	6	..	..
Unpaid medical levies	152	152	..	..
Unpaid dog-taxes	58	58	..	..
Breach of Beetle Ordinance	53	53	..	..
Breach of Burial Regulations	1	1	..	..
Civil claims	9	9	..	..
Miscellaneous	3	3	..	..
Totals	340	328	1	11
<i>(b) SAVAI'I.</i>				
Land cases	12	2	..	10
Title dispute	13	5	..	8
Trespass (wilful)	2	..	..	2
Assault	1	1	..	..
Totals	28	8	..	20

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

In the special Medical Report on the Territory, which has been published as a separate document, will be found recorded in detail the work and activities of the Health Department during the year, but the following particulars will give an outline of what was accomplished.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

The benefit of the intensive campaigns against hookworm and yaws, commenced in the year 1925, is now being felt, and is reflected in the health of the community.

During the past year, apart from a small outbreak of dysentery on the east coast of Savai'i, the health of the inhabitants of the Territory has been exceptional. Such being the case, this should be a record year in regard to natural increase of population, with a diminished death-rate and a corresponding increased birth-rate. Actual figures, however, do not show such results, there being a decided diminution in the natural increase of population as compared with last year. This can probably only be accounted for by a deliberate failure to register births and deaths. It is evident that the Native movement, the Mau, which has been organized to oppose Government officials and all