

X. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

As usual a number of changes have occurred in the staff, and this year in particular there have been changes both in the position of Secretary to the Administration and Secretary for Native Affairs. The loyalty of the staff has been greatly appreciated by the Administrator, who desires to place on record his thanks for the assistance he has received and for the faithful service that has been rendered. The Public Service in Samoa has proved itself capable and efficient, and the work of the Samoan Native officials throughout a difficult period has been excellent.

XI. LEGISLATION.

The following laws and legislative measures were brought into force during the year :—

In New Zealand—

- The Samoa Customs Consolidation Amendment Order, 1930.
- The Samoa Customs Consolidation Amendment Order, 1930 (No. 2).
- The Samoa Dangerous Drugs Order, 1930.
- The Samoa Immigration Order, 1930.
- The Samoa Imprisonment for Debt Limitation Order, 1930.
- The Samoa Reciprocal Administration Order, 1930.
- The Samoa Treasury Regulations, 1930.
- Rules of the High Court of Western Samoa amended (15th September, 1930).
- Rules of the High Court of Western Samoa amended (11th November, 1930).
- The New Zealand Reparation Estates Amendment Order, 1930.
- The New Zealand Reparation Estates Amendment Order (No. 2), 1930.
- The New Zealand Reparation Estates Service Amendment Order, 1930.

In Samoa—

- No. 1/1930.—The Personal-tax Enforcement Ordinance.
- No. 2/1930.—The Overseas Passengers Landing Deposits Repeal Ordinance.
- No. 1/1931.—The Ordinances and Law-revision Ordinance.

XII. GENERAL.

On the eve of his departure from Samoa, the Administrator desires to express his sincere thanks to all those who have assisted him in various ways during his term of office. It would be impossible to mention the names of so many, but in particular the Administrator wishes to record his appreciation of the kindness of the heads and members of the missionary bodies, especially the Roman Catholic, London Missionary Society, and Methodist missions; also of the co-operation and support of the planters and of the professional and business community. He desires to note the courtesy of the Market Hall pictures and Tifaga pictures, controlled respectively by the Hon. S. H. Meredith and Messrs. H. W. Moors and others, in the loan of picture films for *malaga* and other entertainments. Finally, he must specially mention the work and help of so many Samoans, chiefs and others, who have given their loyal support under difficult conditions, and are now living, he believes, under happier conditions. The increasingly harmonious relations of all classes which have prevailed during the last few months are a source of much satisfaction, and will always be a pleasant memory.

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NATIVE AFFAIRS.

There has been an increase in the number of disputes brought for settlement before the Native Department branch of the High Court, particularly in connection with lands and titles. A long sitting of the Land and Titles Commission was held during the year, the proceedings being conducted with willingness and support from all parties. There is also an increasing tendency for Native matters of diverse kinds to be brought before this Department for settlement or advice.

The Fono of Faipules was called together again in November. Its discussions at this meeting were of a general character only.

AGRICULTURE.

Despite low prices, production of copra has been fairly well maintained, and the decrease in earnings from this source has been relieved to some extent by the increasing exportations of bananas. Trade statistics are given in the report of the Customs Department.

Regular returns of rhinoceros-beetles collected are furnished by the Native officials—the numbers are somewhat less than last year. Preparations are now well in hand for an early attack on this pest by entomological methods.