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MANDATED TERRITORY OF WESTERN SAMOA

(SIXTEENTH REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1936).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Leave.

SIR,— Prime Minister's Office, Wellington, N.Z., 27th July, 1936. I have the honour to forward herewith the Sixteenth Annual Report on the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa for the year ended 31st March, 1936. This Report has been prepared by the Administrator of Western Samoa, and adopted by the New Zealand Government as its report for the purposes of Article 6 of the Mandate, and in conformity with Article 22 of the Covenant of the League of Nations. A copy has been forwarded direct to each member of the D

A copy has been forwarded direct to each member of the Permanent Mandates Commission, and 120 additional copies have been despatched to you under separate cover.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant, M. J. SAVAGE,

Prime Minister.

The Secretary-General League of Nations, Geneva.

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Map-Western Samoa, with Inset showing Geographical position of the Territory.

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I.-INTRODUCTORY.

In the preparation of this report due attention has been paid to the various points raised by the Permanent Mandates Commission during the examination in its twenty-eighth session of the report for 1934–35. Information required by members has been indexed, and particulars are shown in the following table :---

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Western Samoa is comprised of two large islands, Upolu and Savai'i, and the islets of Apolima, Manono, Fanuatapu, Namua, Nu'utele, Nu'ulua, and Nu'usafe'e. The geographical boundaries are latitudes 13 degrees and 15 degrees south, and longitudes 171 degrees and 173 degrees west.

Upolu and Savai'i are each forty-seven miles long and separated by Apolima Strait, eight miles wide, in the centre of which is situated Apolima Islet; the remainder of the islets are found within the fringing reef surrounding Upolu.

The islands of the Group, which cover an area of 1,133 square miles, are mountainous in character, rising to elevations of 6,094 ft. in Savai'i and 3,608 ft. in Upolu. As a result the great majority of Natives live in coast villages, there being eleven inland villages only out of a total of 192 in the whole Territory.

The climate is mild and equable, the average temperature during the last ten years being 79.4 degrees, and the average rainfall for the same period 120.75 in. per annum. At the 31st March, 1936, the Native population was 51,094, and the non-Native population 3,639.

II. STATUS OF THE TERRITORY.

The Territory is administered pursuant to a mandate conferred upon His Britannic Majesty, to be exercised on his behalf by the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, and confirmed by the Council of the League of Nations on the 17th December, 1920.

III.—STATUS OF THE POPULATION.

The Natives of Western Samoa are described in documents of travel as "British protected persons, Natives of the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa."

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Council of the League of Nations on the 23rd April, 1923, provision for individual inhabitants of the Territory voluntarily to obtain British naturalization was enacted. These provisions are now contained in the British Nationality and Status of Aliens (in New Zealand) Act, 1928.

Since 1923, certificates of naturalization have been granted to sixteen Native Samoans and to fourteen others.

The Samoan Status Ordinance (No. 1 of 1934), which came into force on 1st April, 1935, became necessary principally because by virtue of the Samoa Act all legitimate descendants of European fathers remain Europeans in law *ad infinitum*, irrespective of the number of generations of admixture with Samoan blood. Thus in successive generations many persons under this heading become practically Samoans in everything save legal status, and the new Ordinance was designed to enable them to obtain the benefits of legal status as Samoans, including their rights in Native lands, should they so desire. The Ordinance was received with nothing but commendation; though promoted by the Administration, it was moved through the Legislative Council at his own request by an elected member who is himself of part Samoan blood. There has been no opposition from pure-blooded Samoans; their rights are protected by the provision in the Ordinance whereby the Secretary of Native Affairs is a party to all proceedings. His duty is to oppose any application which may be contrary to the interests of the Samoan family or village concerned, though in the majority of cases the applicant is welcomed as a useful member.

During the first year of operation of the Ordinance seven applications were granted involving twenty-nine persons (including children), one application was refused, one adjourned sine die, and three more now await hearing.

There is nothing to prohibit a Samoan from acquiring both Samoan and Crown (or European) land, and this has actually occurred in several cases.

IV.—INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

(a) INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

The General International Conventions that have been applied to Western Samoa were described in the report for 1931-32 (page 24). In addition, the International Load Line Convention, signed at London on the 5th July, 1930, which comes into force on the 1st July, 1936, has been applied to Western Samoa.

A list of Bi-lateral Agreements extended to the Territory was published in the minutes of the twenty-second session of the Permanent Mandates Commission (page 72), and a list of additions was given in the report for 1934-35. During the year under review the Extradition Treaty between the United Kingdom and Poland and the Supplementary Extradition Convention between the United Kingdom and Austria were extended to apply in Western Samoa,

(b) ECONOMIC EQUALITY.

Save as to the protection afforded to Native Samoans in the inalienability of Native land and their exemption from personal tax, there are no derogations from the principle of economic equality as regards concessions, land-tenure, or direct or indirect taxation; the question of mining-rights does There is a preference in Customs import duties of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in favour of British goods, not apply. but no restrictions as regards countries of origin of goods imported, export trade, or shipping.

Immigration is governed by the Samoa Immigration Order, 1930, as amended in 1935.

V.-GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The executive government of Western Samoa is vested in His Majesty the King pursuant to a mandate confirmed by the League of Nations. The Administrator is charged with the administration of the Territory, subject to the control of the Minister of External Affairs of New Zealand.

The laws of the Territory are made by Act of the New Zealand Parliament or regulations issued the laws of the Territory are made by Act of the New Zenand Taihamont of regulations instate thereunder, or by Ordinances passed by the local Legislative Council, which now consists of the Administrator, five official members, two unofficial members, elected by the taxable male adult European community, and two nominated Native members. One session of the Council was held European community, and two nominated Native members. during the year.

In November the triennial election of two European members to the Council took place. Four candidates were nominated, and the Honourables A. G. Smyth and I. H. Carruthers (the latter reelected for a second term) secured election. The Administrator records his appreciation of the assistance willingly given on all occasions by the members of the Legislative Council.

The following legislative measures have been brought into force since last report :---

In New Zealand-

The Samoa Companies Order, 1935.

The Samoa Registration of Europeans Regulations Amendment, 1935.

The Samoa Law Practitioners Order, 1935.

The League of Nations Sanctions (Enforcement in Samoa) Order, 1935.

The Samoa Treasury Regulations Amendment Order, 1935.

In Samoa-

No. 1/1935.—The Companies Repeal Ordinance.

No. 2/1935 .- The Land for Water Supply Purposes Ordinance.

Copies of all these measures have been furnished to the Permanent Mandates Commission.

Brigadier-General Sir Herbert E. Hart, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., v.D., retired from the position of Administrator on the 25th July, 1935, after a meritorious service of a little over four years in the Territory. Since that date Mr. A. C. Turnbull, Secretary to the Administration and Deputy Administrator, has been Acting Administrator.

During the year under review government has functioned normally, there having been no unusual occurrence to record.

With increased price and export of copra, trade revived, and the additional spending-power was reflected in increased merchants' turnovers and general Government Revenue. A heavy blow experienced in January caused a setback to crops, particularly bananas, which will take some nine months to fully recover.

A high standard of efficiency and loyalty characterized the services of both the European and Samoan staffs throughout the year.

The co-operation of all Missionary Societies, the Chamber of Commerce, Planters' Association, and various other representative sections of the community is cordially acknowledged. It is the manifestation of such helpfulness that assists administration, brings contentment, and promotes interest in the mutual welfare of the people. The profound expression of respect and loyalty shown by all sections of the Territory on the occasion of the death of His late Majesty King George V was most marked.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Statutory recognition is given to the Faipule, Native representatives who meet in Fono and confer with the Administrator in an advisory capacity. For the purposes of this representation the Territory is divided into thirty-three districts, each district is invited by the Administrator to submit the name of a representative, and the person so selected is then confirmed in the appointment of Faipule for a term of three years, when further nominations are invited. Until recently the Administrator had the benefit, also, of the advice of two Native Chiefs of the highest standing, the Honourables Malietoa, O.B.E., and Mataafa, O.B.E., who were the nominated Native members of the Legislative Council. In this connection it is with regret that the death of the Hon. Mataafa on 29th February, 1936, is announced. All matters concerning the Samoan people are placed before the Fono of Faipule, and no action regarding legislation or procedure affecting the Samoans is taken without its concurrence.

Native administration is effected through representatives of the Native Affairs Department in Apia and Tuasivi, three district officers, and through district and village Native officials, who are paid small salaries by the Administration. The European staff of the Department has recently been augmented by the arrival of a second University graduate who is being trained in Native administration.

The services of the few remaining Pulefa'atoaga (Lands Inspectors) have been dispensed with, and their duties are now carried out by the *Pulenu'u* and village chiefs. The change has resulted in the number of *Pulenu'u* being increased by twelve to 127. The new system appears to be functioning satisfactorily.

The Samoan race is divided like a clan into families, *aiga*, which again are split into groups or branches. At the head of every family is the *matai*, or head of his branch of the family, which may include his younger brothers, dependent relations by marriage, and adopted children. The word "chief" is synonymous with *matai*, although not bearing the same meaning as in Fiji and Tonga. A Samoan "title" is the family name to which a *matai* succeeds upon assuming his *matai* position. This is conferred upon him usually by the immediate members of his family, though the ramifications of those possessing the power of conferment differ in almost every case. Succession is not always hereditary; it is often bestowed as a reward for good service to the preceding holder. The *matai* receives service from the members of his family, whom he controls in patriarchal style, conferring with them in all matters, and in particular he may not deal with the family land without their consent. Every matai is admitted as an elder into the ruling body of the village, which may include from four to perhaps eighty matai, although there are accepted positions of precedence among them.

The Pulenu'u of the village is appointed by vote of the matai and confirmed by the Administration of which he becomes a paid servant; he may be removed from his office at any time by request of the chiefs, and this is done occasionally. The terms "village ruler" and "village headman" have passed out of existence, for experience has shown that the *Pulenu'u* should not supersede but rather cooperate with the ruling body of *matai*; he is Government representative in the village, to make known to the people any Government activities or laws they should know, to notify births, deaths, and appointments of matai, and to provide accommodation for Government officials, European or Native, who may be travelling in his district. He does not rule the village, nor is he the head of it except where his chiefly rank in his own right entitles him to that position.

TRADE.

The trade turnover for 1935 shows a total of £325,055, as compared with £220,901 for the previous calendar year, an increase of over 47 per cent. This satisfactory condition is due mainly to a decided increase in the price of copra. Exports during the year exceeded those of 1934 by 3,500 tons. Banana shipments created a new record, 109,000 cases being exported, while the price to growers remained at 4s. 6d. per case.

FINANCE.

The financial year closed with a surplus for the year of £11,130, detailed particulars being given in the chapter on Public Finance.

PERSONS OF PART SAMOAN BLOOD.

Every endeavour is made by the Administration to safeguard the interests of that comparatively large portion of the community which is of part Samoan blood. Considerable use is made of such persons in the Administration Service, and in private employment, while a special endeavour has been made to throw open for settlement by this class of citizen suitable areas of Crown land, of which there is ample available, and as the value of tropical products improves it may be expected that this avenue of activities will become increasingly popular. Those part Europeans who possess land are assured of a home and food, and in that respect become as independent as the Samoans, while Samoan custom ensures that even those without land are supplied with all the necessities of life by their Samoan relatives. To meet the case of those whose blood is predominantly Samoan, provision has been made in the Samoan Status Ordinance, 1934, for reversion to Samoan status where they so desire, for instance, to resume their rights to Native lands. There is no special problem concerning women of part Samoan blood.

VISITS.

A visit was paid to the Territory on the 4th June, 1935, by His Imperial Japanese Majesty's ships "Asama" and "Yakumo," under the command of Rear-Admiral K. Nakamura. Calls were made at Apia by H.M.S. "Dunedin" in June, and by H.M.S. "Diomede" and

H.M.S. "Leith" in August, while on their annual cruises through the islands of the South Pacific.

POSTAL AND RADIO.

There have been three overseas mails, both inward and outward, each four weeks, providing two connections with New Zealand and one each with Fiji, Australia, and the rest of the world.

A fairly large increase in the volume of mail-matter was recorded during the year. The value of money-orders paid at Apia was $\pounds 6,527$ 8s. 10d., as compared with $\pounds 5,185$ for the previous year. Deposits in the Post Office Savings-bank exceeded withdrawals by $\pounds 9,711$ 2s. 11d., while the amount held on the 31st March, 1936, at the credit of 1,715 depositors was $\pounds 51,738$ 2s. 5d. (including interest $\pounds 1,330$ 1s. 7d.).

A slight increase was shown in radio traffic, 8,041 messages being handled, as compared with 7,535 during 1934–35. Receipts amounted to $\pounds 1,613$, an increase of $\pounds 66$ over those of the previous year.

LANDS AND SURVEY.

Field work and other miscellaneous duties kept the staff of this Department fully occupied during the period covered by this report. Work in connection with the Apia Beautifying Society, in which the Administration takes a keen interest, was also performed under the direction of the Chief Surveyor, and has resulted in a decided improvement in the appearance of the beach front, parks, and reserves.

PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE.

The expenditure of this office for the year was $\pounds 628$ 19s. 2d., and the revenue $\pounds 796$ 6s. 8d., leaving a credit balance of $\pounds 167$ 7s. 6d., as compared with the surplus of $\pounds 334$ 16s. 3d. for the previous linancial year. Funds invested now total $\pounds 9,648$ 19s. 2d., and the office reserve was increased to $\pounds 800$ by the transfer of $\pounds 150$ from the year's surplus. The balance of the surplus, $\pounds 17$ 7s. 6d., was added to the accumulated office profits, which now stand at $\pounds 4,698$ 11s. 1d.

The revenue of the office is derived mainly from interest on the invested portion of the accumulated profits of £4,698 11s. 1d. and from commission. The largest item of expenditure is salaries of staff. The office is self-supporting, and its accounts are separate from those of the Administration; but, as a matter of convenience, all expenditure is made through appropriation of the Samoan Treasury, which is reimbursed at the end of each quarter. Hence the Treasury figures include Public Trust Office expenditure (which is also shown as deduction from the total), but do not show receipts, which are credited direct to the Public Trustee.

The Samoa Public Trust Office was established by the Samoa Public Trust Office Order, 1921, and is separate from the New Zealand Public Trust Office.

Port and Harbour Services.

Pilotage and harbour services, and maintenance of lights, beacons, and plant continued to function very satisfactorily under contract with the Harbourmaster.

The only serious accident to shipping was the capsizing of the motor-boat "Tiafau" on the 17th January, 1936, while proceeding with passengers and mail to Pago Pago, American Samoa. The accident occurred about ten miles from Aleipata, the easternmost point of Upolu, and although there were twenty persons on board not a life was lost; in order to secure help the Captain and three others rowed ashore in a dinghy through heavy seas, and the remainder were picked up by the motor-ship "Hauraki" after having clung to the wreck for almost thirty-six hours. Six bags of mail for southern ports were lost. The accident is the subject of the usual inquiry.

Services.	Europeans.		Persons of Part Samoan Blood.		Native Samoans.		Native Samoan District and Village Officials.							
	1935.	1936.	1935.	1936.	1935.	1936.	1935.	1936.						
Classified departmental staffs-														
Education		4	4	6	6	82	95							
Health		10	11	2	3	53	69							
Native Affairs (including Savai'i)		- 3	4	1	1	11	11	164	163					
Police and Prisons		10	10	2	2	48	49							
Other services		22	24	17	18	21	23		• •					
		49	53	28	30	215	247	164	163					
Casual employees	• •	1	6	15	18	50	21							
Totals	••	50	59	43	48	265	268	164	163					

STAFF.

Particulars are given in the following table, as at 31st March for each year :---

The staff is organized on the basis of having a European official in charge of each Department, with the minimum number of other Europeans with specialist or other essential qualifications required for the work. The remainder of the staff is engaged in Samoa from Native Samoans or persons of part European and Samoan blood, according to the nature of the service.

VI.—PUBLIC FINANCE.

The accounts of the Territory for the year ended 31st March, 1936, show a surplus of receipts over expenditure of £11,130, the accumulated surplus at that date being £22,885, not including investments totalling £8,000 specially set aside for replacement of assets. The total accumulated surplus is therefore £30,885, held as shown below:—

						L
Cash		• •		 	••	18,906
Investments and adv	ances in San	10a		 		629
Investments in New	Zealand		••	 	••	11,350
						£30, 885

Of the investments held in New Zealand, £8,000 has been appropriated for replacement of assets. It is not available for general purposes, but will be utilized to renew bridges, wharves, buildings, &c.

When the estimates were framed early in 1935 it was necessary to exercise caution in providing expenditure for the year, as it was then doubtful whether the price of copra, which had advanced during the last quarter of 1934–35, would be maintained at the higher level. Improved prices obtained throughout the year, however, and in addition production was high, with the effect that increased revenue was collected not only from export duty, but also by reason of greatly improved trade. It was found desirable to extend expenditure in order that necessary work, which had been reduced to a minimum on account of curtailed revenue, could be proceeded with when funds were available, and the approval of the Honourable Minister was obtained to supplementary estimates.

Details of revenue and expenditure for the year, together with corresponding figures for the previous year, are shown in the following statements :---

	Head of I	Revenue.			1934–35.	1935-36.
				-	£	£
I.	Education				823	823
II.	Health	••			7,621	8,715
III.	Justice				794	836
IV.	Lands and Survey				179	260
V.	Native				713	608
VI.	Police and Prisons				2,490	2,916
Π.	Postal and Radio				5,246	7,824
Π.	Public Works				4,519	4,504
	Treasury, Customs,	&c.	•••	• •	56,423	85,381
					£78,808	£111,867

Revenue.

Health Department revenue includes $\pounds 5,424$ for sales of medicinal liquor, an increase of $\pounds 656$ over the previous year. The remainder of the increase of $\pounds 1,094$ in the revenue of the Department is accounted for by a slight improvement in fees collected and an increase of $\pounds 375$ in sales of stores.

In the Postal and Radio Department, interest on savings-bank investments was some £400 higher, deposits having increased during the year. During the year new stamp issues accounted for an increase of approximately £2,000 in revenue from postages.

Improvement in trade brought about greater revenue under almost every item of the heading Treasury, Customs, &c., resulting in an increase of £28,957 over the previous year. Principal increases are set out below (in round figures) :---

							£
Export duty—Copra		·		• •		•••	14,400
Import duty	• •	• •	• •		• •	•••	5,300
Port and Customs service	tax	• •	· •		• •	۰.	1,800
Stamp duties	••				• •		5,300
							£26,800

EXPENDITURE.	
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	Head of Expend	iture.			1934-35.	1935-36.
	_				£	£
I.	Permanent charges on p	ublic d	$_{ m ebt}$	•••	9,800	9,727
II.	Administrator and Gove	rnmen	t House	•••	2,880	2,485
III.	Education	• •	• •	· · ·	4,910	4,877
IV.	Health	••	••	· ·	13,937	17,797
V.	Justice, Labour, and Pu	blie Tr	ust	••	3,071	2,554
VI.	Lands and Survey	••	••	•• 1	1,047	1,095
VII.	Native	• •	••	••	5,385	5,539
III.	Police and Prisons	• •	• •	••	8,784	8,380
IX.	Postal and Radio				4,779	5,395
X.	Public Works	• •	••		9,111	20,222
XI.	Secretariat	• •	•.•		6,581	9,672
III.	Treasury, Customs, &c.	••	• •	••	7,078	13,983
	_				77,363	101,726
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(a) Increase in Section IV, Health, of £3,860 is mainly due to greater expenditure under the following items: Salaries, £1,159; instruments, drugs, and stores, £1,874; maintenance and transport of lepers, £402; rations, £260.

(b) Section IX, Postal and Radio, increased by £616; the principal items under which additional expenditure was made were—Salaries, £114; interest to depositors savings-bank, £250; payment to New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department for services, £56; cost of new stamp-issue, other than printing, £131.

printing, £131.
(c) Total increase under Section X, Public Works, is £11,111, the principal items showing additional expenditure being the following :---

Salaries							£
	••	• •	• •	• •			130
Maintenance of buildings	• •	• •	• •				1,950
Maintenance of roads	• •			• .			356
Maintenance of sea walls							272
Purchase of stores						••	6,160
Workshops running-expense			••	• •	• •	• •	,
Repair of storm damage		••	• •	• •	• •	• •	275
New buildings	•••	• •	• •	• •		• •	2,009
	• •	••	• •	• •	• •		667
New bridges	••	• •		• •			2,545
Plant and motor-vehicles	••						558
Roads (new work)							941
Sea walls (new work)						••	372
Hydro-electric standby plan					• •	• •	
	.0	••	••	••	••	• •	1,204
						-	
T	• • •					1	7,439
Less additional credits-	in-aid	••	• •		••		6,568
						£1	0,871
							- / - • -

(d) Section XI, Secretariat, increase $\pounds 3,091$, is due to payment of some $\pounds 4,000$ on account of landpurchases, offset by the expenditure of some $\pounds 674$ during last year on the visit of the Duke of Gloucester.

(e) An increase of £6,905 in section Treasury and Customs is substantially accounted for by the following expenditures in excess of the previous year :---

1.0						£
Salaries						518
Insurance premiums	• ·			• •		261
Cost of printing stamps	• •	• •	••			1,411
Refunds of taxes and license-fees	• •	• •				171
New water barge	• •		• •			378
New engine for " Pilot " launch	• •	• •				530
Assets replacement reserve	• •	••	• •		••	4,000
Less decrease in expenditure or	n new lau	nch built	in 1934-	35		7,269 448
					-	
					2	E6,821

N.B.—Insurance premiums were formerly collected from Departments, but it is considered that the adjustment does not warrant the work entailed.

Year		Actual Revenue obtained in the Territory.	Actual Expenditure of the Territory.	Deficit or Surplus.	Subsidy from New Zealand.	Final Surplus or Deficit.
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	 		£ 145,687 141,710 143,421 157,829* 150,728* 140,288* 128,936*	$ \begin{array}{c c} \pounds \\ -17,049 \\ -27,898 \\ -37,383 \\ -35,925* \\ -19,312* \\ -9,903* \\ -19,896* \\ -7,754 \end{array} $	£ 21,400 20,000 20,000 47,374* 39,448* 21,000 	$\begin{array}{c} \pounds \\ + 4,351 \\ - 7,898 \\ -17,383 \\ +11,449^* \\ +20,136^* \\ +11,097^* \\ -19,896 \\ + 7,754 \end{array}$
$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	••• ••• ••	$105,920 \\90,613 \\78,808 \\111,867$	98,166 89,955 76,505 100,736	$egin{array}{c} + \ 7,754 \ + \ 658 \ + \ 2,303 \ +11,131 \end{array}$	··· ··· ··	+7,754 + 658 + 2,303 + 11,131

A comparative statement of revenue and expenditure each year from 1925–26 is shown below :—

* Includes expenditure on extra police: £27,374 in 1928–29, £19,448 in 1929–30, £16,561 in 1930–31, and £10,412 in 1931–32.

The following comparative table shows the total cash receipts each year, together with the amounts expended on certain public services :---

Financial Year				Revenu External		Revenue other than from	Amounts spent on				
	Financial Lear				Loans and Advances. Recoverable Grants.		Education	Agri- culture.	Public Health.	Public Works.	
	To			£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
31st March	n, 1931			44,336		149,027	3,176	5,405	15,840	13,796	
1921 - 22		• •		49,229	16,000	119,569	5,237	4,444	22,690	15,418	
1922 - 23				20,777	16,000	115,250	6,846	3,787	25,715	12,549	
1923 - 24			• •	5,658	24,000	109,917	6,556	5,748	23,995	21,191	
1924 - 25		••			19,140	111,774	7,609	3,030	24,425	24,737	
1925 - 26				5,000	21,400	128,638	9,131	3,187	25,761	26,555	
1926 - 27				31,000	20,000	113,812	9,688	3,760	25,911	20,016	
1927 - 28				16,500	20,000	106,038	10,222	4,990	25,597	16,842	
1928 - 29				25,700	20,000	121,904	7,738	4,285	24,367	13,606	
1929 - 30					39,448	131,416	6,955		18,016	17,005	
1930 - 31					21,000	130,385	7,439	• •	18,224	15,726	
1931 - 32	• •			6,000		109,040	6,794		17,824	15,797	
1932 - 33				•••		105,920	5,459		21,819	11,908	
1933 - 34				••		90,613	5,097		17,150	10,632	
1934 - 35						78,808	4,910	• •	13,937	9,111	
1935 - 36						111,867	4,877		17,797	20,222	

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	£	£
Total		204,200
Less amount of loan		
subsequently treated		
as a gift by New Zea-		
land Government (not		
in respect of any		
specific year)	25,000	
Less repayment of tem-		
porary advance	6,000	
Less repayment of prin-		
cipal—		
$192\bar{8}$ – 29	8,000	
1932– 33	26,155	
$1933 - 34 \dots$	-3,000	
1934–35	4,335	
		72,490
Public debt	•••	£131,710
	:	

LOAN ACCOUNT.

No loan-money was raised during the year. Statutory payment to sinking fund of £4,037 15s. 6d. was brought to charge against the Administration in June, 1935, but no amount was utilized for redemption of debt. The balance of sinking fund at 31st March, 1936 was £4,037 17s. 1d.

PERMANENT CHARGES.

With reference to M. Rappard's inquiry, on page 158 of the minutes of the Twenty-eighth Session of the Commission, as to the reason for the increase in the permanent charges, the following explanation is supplied :---

The original authority for making loans to the Samoan Administration by the New Zealand Government provided for the establishment of a sinking fund designed to liquidate the loans within thirty years. At that time it was considered probable that interest on investments would not fall below an average of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the rate on which the life of the loan was based.

- (1) An amount equal to $1\frac{13}{20}$ per centum on £165,200—that is, the sum outstanding at the date of the amending legislation.
- (2) An amount equal to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per centum on such portions of sinking fund utilized for debt redemption.

The first item remains constant throughout the period of the loan, but the second depends upon repayments of principal. The New Zealand Government have reduced interest payable on loans to the Samoan Administration to $4\frac{1}{4}$ per centum, and it will be apparent that on each repayment of principal the Administration save interest at the rate of $4\frac{1}{4}$ per centum but have to pay an additional sinking-fund contribution under (2) above at $4\frac{1}{2}$ per centum, and it is this $\frac{1}{4}$ per centum that accounts for the slight increase in the permanent charges.

As will be seen from the table on page 8 the public debt of the Territory has been reduced by £33,490 since the year 1932, but under the scheme of liquidation outlined above the annual permanent charges remain substantially the same until the loan is completely repaid.

The method adopted is that now used for redemption of the public debt of New Zealand. It will be apparent that, while this method entails with each repayment of principal a small increase in the annual contribution to sinking fund, the life of the loan will be materially shortened, and there will ultimately be a considerable saving on the part of the Administration.

CUSTOMS REVENUE.

The total amount collected on account of duties and taxation during the financial year ended 31st March, 1936, was $\pounds 98,254$, as compared with $\pounds 76,076$ for the financial year 1934-35, an increase of $\pounds 22,178$.

Following are the receipts under the principal headings :---

		1934-35.				1935	-36.	Increase.	Decrease.
					£	£	£	£	£
Import dutitat)	es (inclu	iding port	and	service	26,652	••	33,777	7,125	
Export dutie	s			£					
Ċopra				14,284		21,632		7,348	
Cocoa		••		2,042		1,835			207
Rubber				67		353		286	
Bananas		••		12,697		13,454			-
				······································	29,090	·	37,274	757	
Shipping fees	s				2,863	· •	3,809	946	• •
Wharfage du	es and r	oyalties			1,903	• •	2,567	664	
m		-			9,509		8,986	••	523
Miscellaneou	s, includ	ing medic	inal li	quor	6,059	• •	11,841	5,782	
					76,076		98,254	22,908	730
					,		,	730	
					1				
								£22,178 N	Vet increase
Less refu	unds (see	e below)	••	• •	19,653	• •	12,873		
					56,423		85,381		-
	Net inc	rease afte	r mak	ing refun	ids of exp	ort duty		£28,958	1

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It has now been found possible to include the amounts collected by the Resident Commissioner, Savai'i, and District Officers, in the above totals, hence the apparent discrepancy in the 1934–35 figures as compared with those for that period shown in the previous report.

The amount of £8,626 shown on page 8 of the 1934-35 report against the item "Taxes" also includes licenses and other fees. More details of these items are included below under the heading "Taxation and Licensing."

					1934–35.		1 93 5–36.									
		•		Collections.	Refunds.	Net Duty.	Collections.	Refunds.	Net Duty.							
				£	£	£	£	£	£							
Copra				14,283	9,669	4,614	21,632	2,618	19,014							
Cocoa				2,042	2,042		1,835	1,835								
\mathbf{Rubber}				67	67		353	353								
Bananas	••	••	• •	12,697	7,875	4,822	13,454	8,067	5,387							
Total	refunds	••	•••	£29,089	£19,653	£9,436	£37,274	£12,873	£24,401							

REFUND OF EXPORT DUTIES.

With regard to M. Rappard's inquiry as to the decrease in revenue in 1934-35 through refunds of copra export duty, the following explanation is made :---

From 1st April, 1934, to 28th February, 1935, a refund of £1 per ton on Native and £1 5s. on European copra was made with the object of assisting planters during a period of low prices. Towards the end of that period overseas markets improved to such an extent that it was decided to reimpose the duty on copra, although so late in the financial year that the benefit to the Samoan Treasury was not very apparent. The original copra duty of £1 10s. per ton is set out in the Samoa Customs Consolidation Amendment Order, 1929, and, although this can only be varied by Order in Council, the Minister of External Affairs has power to order refunds to be made when circumstances warrant. Owing to the fact that periods of low prices are of indefinite length, it has been found more convenient to utilize the Minister's authority for such temporary refunds.

Cocoa : Refunds of cocoa export duties are made in the same way as copra duty refunds. The cocoa-market has not yet improved sufficiently to warrant the duty being reimposed.

TAXATION AND LICENSING.

The following amounts under the different headings were collected during the financial year 1935–36, including receipts by the Resident Commissioner, Savai'i, and District Officers :---

					193435.	1935–36.	Increase.	Decrease.
(a) Personal tax	•••		• •		1,009	966	••	43
(b) Lighter	• •				22	44	22	
(c) Boat and launch lic	enses				96	91		5
d) Building-tax		••			2,524	2,596	72	
(e) Store-tax					2,719	2,180	• •	539
f) Copra-house tax	• •				355	••	• •	355
(g) Salary tax					405	363	••	42
(h) Other licenses and the second	taxes	• •			798	1,113*	315	
(i) Water rates	• •	• •	• •	• •	1,581	1,633	52	
					9,509	8,986	461	984
					$\hat{\mathbf{L}}\mathbf{ess}$	•••	• •	461
				, Atom	Net dec	crease	•••	£523

* Includes amusement-tax, petroleum magazine licenses, and sundry minor license fees, not included in 1934-35.

ADMINISTRATION OF WESTERN SAMOA .--- BALANCE-SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1936.

Liabiliti	ies.	£		d.	Asse	ts.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account		186,916	12	4	Land and buildings	••	••	135,951	6	0
Loans : Public Works general purpo Sundry creditors : Ordinary		$131,710 \\ 537$			Roads and bridges Plant and machinery	••	••	$139,000 \\ 33,868$	0	
Sumary creations: Oramary	£ s. d.	004	10		Launches, boats, &c.			1,890	15	0
Samoan currency notes	32,000 0 0				Buoys, beacons, moorings	••	••		0	0
Less unissued notes	2,000 0 0	90,000	0	Δ	Motor and other vehicles	••	••	2,733 807	$\frac{1}{3}$	4 0
Coolie Labour Account		30,000	0	0	Arms and accoutrements	••	••	335		3
Transportation Fund	8,199 1 6				Furniture and fittings			10,110	5	11
Sundry creditors	278				Mechanical office appliances	··· .	• •	499	1	0
Sundry deposits held	$8 \ 15 \ 3$				Medical and technical instruments	and equi	pment	$1,940 \\ 640$	1 19	$\frac{2}{8}$
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts	1,647 4 2				Loose tools	•••			5	
		9,857	8	7	Saddlery and harness	••	••	122		
Post Office Savings-bank : Sundry		21 174 1	0	٣	Live-stock	••	••	$335\\10,712$		$\frac{6}{7}$
depositors Sundry deposits—	••	51,745	0	5	Consumable stores	••	••		4	8
Held by Treasury	1,474 3 7				Investments			,		
In departmental trust accounts	2,160 18 3	0 00×		10	New Zealand Government—	£	s. d.			
Design for demonstration of accests		$3,635 \\ 49,125$			Public Debt Sinking Fund Inscribed stock—	4,037	17 1			
Reserve for depreciation of assets Loans Sinking Fund	··· ··	4,037			Samoan currency notes	32,000	0 0			
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts		3,404	15	8	Assets replacement		0 0			
Reserve for writings-off in suspense		1,277			Ordinary revenue		$\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 0 \\ 16 & 4 \end{array}$			
Balance of Revenue Account	•••	12,748	19	6	Mortgage over freehold in Samoa Post Office Savings-bank, Apia :	996	10 #			
					Deposits	464	$2 \ 10$			
					Carlie Tabarry Assessment			48,208	16	3
					Coolie Labour Account— Investments—					
					New Zealand Government In-					
					scribed Stock	3,150	0 0			
					Fixed deposit, Bank of New Zealand	2,500	0 0			
					Mortgage over freehold	2,000	0 0			
					property in Samoa	789	7 6			
						6 490	7 6			
					Cash in Bank of New Zealand,	0,459	1 0			
							$18 \ 5$			
					Apia	3,294	84			
					Interest on investments accrued but not due	6	14 4			
							<u> </u>	9,857	8	7
					Post Office Savings-bank—	F1 0.20	0 0			
					Investments in New Zealand Cash in Bank of New Zealand,	51,363	0 0			
					Apia	382	8 5			
					-			51,745	8	5
					Sundry debtors-	= e = 0				
					Ordinary	7,672	77			
					cipal	562	13 0			
					-	• ••• •		8,235		7
					Sundry advances Payments in advance	••		$272 \\ 8$	11	0
					Interest on investments accrued			0	•	3
					but not due			205		2
					Writings-off in suspense Cash and bank balances—	••		1,277	9	0
					Cash in hand, Resident Commis-					
					sioner, Savai'i	54	11 1			
					Cash in Reserve Bank of New Zealand	110	13 8			
					Cash in Deposits Account, New	110	10 0			
					Zealand Treasury	14,212	$11 \ 11$			
					Bank of New Zealand, Apia,					
					£5,096 10s. 9d.; less Coolie Labour Account above, £116					
					18s. 5d		12 4			
					Imprest Account, London	506	2 4			
					Deposits held in departmental	2 160	18 3			
					Remittances in transit		10 0			
								22,076	19	7
		8404 001						R404 000	17	11
		£484,996) 17	11				£484,996	17	11
					1					-

VII.--DIRECT TAXES.

	Received						
	1934-35.	193536					
	£	£					
Personal tax of £1 5s. payable by male adult European of eighteen years of age or over	1,009	966					
Graduated salary-tax, from £1 on £200-£300 to £30 over £1,500	405	363					
Building-tax, 1 per cent. per annum of capital value of European buildings	2,524	2,596					

In addition there are the usual motor-vehicle licenses, water rates, and other similar fees.

VIII-INDIRECT TAXES.

The principal revenue of the Territory is derived from Customs duties (see the annual reports on "Trade, Commerce, and Shipping"), store, copra house, and other taxes as set out in the Revenue Ordinance, 1929, and the port and shipping fees defined in the Port Control Ordinance, 1932. The law as to stamp duties was brought up to date in the Stamp Duty Ordinance, 1932.

Imports in 1935 were 71.72 per cent. of the value of exports as compared with 72.4 per cent. in 1934.

IX.—TRADE.

The trade figures for the calendar year 1935 showed an increase of 47.15 per cent. over those of the preceding year. Imports increased by £42,973 and exports by £61,181, largely due to the improved prices obtained for copra in the overseas markets. During 1934 the average price on the London market for Samoan copra was £7 17s. 6d. per ton, but at the end of 1935 it was being quoted at £13 10s. per ton. Shipments amounted to 12,501 tons, exceeding the total for 1934 by 3,553 tons.

Cocoa improved somewhat during 1935, the price per ton on the London market increasing from £32 10s. in January to £45 at the end of the year. Bad weather conditions, however, affected the local crop to such an extent that 576 tons only were exported, as compared with 1,027 tons for 1934.

Banana shipments totalled 109,000 cases (3,893 tons), valued at £38,146, being the largest number yet exported from the Territory in any one year since the inception of the scheme. The price to growers remained at 4s. 6d. per case as in the previous year. Full details of the banana scheme are being supplied to the Commission separately.

After being out of production since 1932, rubber was again exported during 1935, the total shipped being 25 tons, valued at $\pounds1,372$. With the improved prices now being obtained this total should be considerably exceeded during the present calendar year.

Owing to the comparatively low prices being received by cocoa-planters, the export duty on cocoa has not yet been reimposed.

			Imports.							
Calendar Year.		Co	opra.	Co	coa.	Ban	anas.	Total		Total Trade.
		Tons.	Value.	Tons,	Value.	Tons,	Value.	Value,	Total Value.	
			£		£		£	£	£	£
1927		11,665	242,672	792	48,216			335,978	304,369	640,347
1928		15,989	319,259	959	69,507	815	11,219	422,175	326,553	748.728
1929		12,941	205,330	677	46,286	1,916	24,640	293,938	288,849	582,787
1930		12,285	166,221	1,007	61,294	3,424	44,259	284,515	275.355	559,870
1931	• •	11,062	109,220	620	35,284	3,044	39,022	194,447	164,950	359,397
1932	•• 1	10,879	108,698	825	49,712	2,383	20,016	183,028	150,902	333,930
1933	•••	11,526	101,347	899	41,813	2,928	26,999	173,837	150,856	324,693
1934	•• ;	8,948	60,654	1,027	29,498	3,437	35,796	128,117	92,784	220,901
1935		12,501	108,695	576	19,639	3,893	38,146	189,298	135,757	325,055

The following return shows the principal exports, and the total values of the exports, imports, and total trade of the Territory for recent years :—

IMPORTS. The following is a table of the principal countries of origin :----

	19	933.	19	934.	1	935.
Countries.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.
	 £		£		£	
United Kingdom	 30,762	$20 \cdot 4$	14,457	$15 \cdot 6$	22,855	16.84
New Zealand	 51,034	$33 \cdot 8$	33,171	$35 \cdot 7$	51,384	$37 \cdot 85$
Australia	 33,643	$22 \cdot 3$	20,562	$22 \cdot 2$	22,032	$16 \cdot 23$
United States of America	 12,117	8.0	8,949	$9 \cdot 6$	14,151	$10 \cdot 42$
Other countries	 23,300	$15 \cdot 5$	15,645	$16 \cdot 9$	25,335	$18 \cdot 66$
Totals	 150,856	100.0	92,784	100.0	135,757	100.00

The main items imported are as follows: Tobacco, drapery, hardware, iron and steel, benzine and kerosene, butter, preserved fish, tinned meats, rice, sugar, provisions, soap, timber, motor-vehicle parts. Complete details will be found in "Trade, Commerce, and Shipping of the Territory of Western Samoa for the Calendar Year 1935."

EXPORTS.

Copra, cocoa, rubber, and bananas are dealt with in the reports on Trade and Agriculture. Further details relative to trade are given in "Trade, Commerce, and Shipping of the Territory of Western Samoa for the Calendar Year 1935," and in the graphs appended to this report.

	Over :	seas Mer	chant S	Shipping e		Port of Ap	pia.		
				1		Financial	Year ended		
-				31s	t March, 1	935.	31s	t March, I	936.
				British.	Other.	Total.	British.	Other.	Total.
. <u>.</u>					I	1			
Number of vessels				68	28	96	72	40	112
Tonnage, vessels				83,725	i f	119,685	93,026		128,758
Tons cargo, inwards				6,324	1,860	8,184	$8,605\frac{3}{4}$	$ 1,975\frac{3}{4}$	$10,581\frac{1}{2}$

Four British and two Japanese warships and one Polish and two American yachts entered and cleared the port during the year.

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7,134

20,159

 $13,729\frac{3}{4}$ $12,223\frac{3}{4}$ $25,953\frac{1}{2}$

Tons cargo, outwards

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X.—JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION.

The Samoa Act, 1921, prescribes the judiciary for the Territory. The functions of a Chief Judge are now performed by a Magistrate from New Zealand, who makes periodical visits. While he is absent from the Territory minor cases are dealt with by one of the resident Commissioners of the High Court.

The Land and Titles Commission is a special branch of the High Court constituted under the authority of the Native Land and Titles Protection Ordinance, 1934, and previous enactments. It is the only Court having jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate upon all claims or disputes between Samoans relating to Native land, Samoan names or titles, or succession to any property or rights in accordance with Native custom. This Court of special and final jurisdiction is unhampered by any set form of procedure or legal code ; its constitution requires it to give decisions only in conformity with Samoan usages and custom, as to which it is assisted by the presence of eight Native Commissioners in addition to such evidence as may be adduced. During the year the Commission was occupied for thirty-one sitting-days, involving the attendance of 1,260 Natives.

The District Native Magistrates ($Fa^{i}amasino$) were discontinued early in 1929, and experience since then has shown that the central Courts which function at Apia and Tuasivi are sufficient in a territory containing a population of a little over 54,000 and which has no distance greater than sixty miles from one or other of those centres. Preliminary work and inquiries in the outer districts are simplified by the services of the District Officers. The question as to whether the Fa'amasino should be re-established was discussed at the last Fono of Faipule, but no conclusion was reached, the general feeling being that as the present judiciary system is functioning well it would be unwise to disturb it.

In civil disputes as between Samoans, it is the policy of the Native Department to do everything possible towards settlement without recourse to litigation. To this end the influence of individuals, families, and villages is enlisted, oratory being an accepted suasive force in Samoan affairs, and of Out of course for the exercise of this form of assistance no statutory appointments are necessary. some hundreds of Native civil disputes, the majority are settled by reconciliation, and in 1935-36 only twenty-one cases proceeded to the Land and Titles Commission.

In its civil jurisdiction the High Court recorded judgments in 187 cases; 38 cases were struck The total amount sued for amounted to $\pounds 1,005$ 9s. 10d. Two divorces were granted. Partiout. culars of criminal cases are given in the tables on the following pages.

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XI.—POLICE AND PRISONS.

ESTABLISHMENT.

The total European strength (including one clerk) was eleven on 31st March, 1936, the same number as at the end of the previous year. Native uniformed strength remained at thirty-six, exclusive of two Native clerks and eleven messengers under control of the Inspector of Police.

There are four police posts in the outside districts, three being under the control of District Officers, and the fourth, at Tuasivi, Savai'i, under direct control of the Resident Commissioner for Savai'i.

PRISONS.

On the 1st April, 1935, the total number of prisoners was 82. During the year 327 prisoners were admitted and 322 discharged, 87 remaining in custody on 31st March, 1936.

GENERAL.

Statistics for 1935-36 given in the preceding chapter show an increase in crime in the Territory, although it will be observed that the type of case in which this occurs is not very serious. Warrants held for execution on 1st April, 1935, were-For arrest, 3; for commitment, 15; and on 31st March, 1936, the figures were 1 and 5 respectively.

XII.—DEFENCE OF THE TERRITORY.

No military forces or defensive bases are maintained in the Territory.

XIII.-ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Transactions in firearms and ammunition are controlled by the Arms Ordinance, 1921. There is no suggestion of illicit traffic in Samoa, and the subject is of no special significance. Importations during 1935-36 were as follows :-

Arms-

Smooth-bore shotguns, 16.

Rifles $(\cdot 22)$, 3.

Ammunition-

Shot cartridges, 53,000.

Rifle cartridges (.22 calibre), 15,000.

Rifle cartridges (·303 calibre), 5,000.

All these quantities were imported by private firms, with the exception of 5,000 rounds of 303 calibre rifle cartridges, which were imported by the Administration to replenish police supplies and issue to the Apia Rifle Club. The increase in importations by private firms as compared with 1934-35 is explained by the improved economic position of the Territory, which allows the inhabitants to indulge in game-shooting much more than in the past few years.

The following table gives the total of registered firearms in the Territory as at 31st March, 1936 :----

		-		European.	Samoan.	Total.
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Revolvers				7		7
Rifles		• •		32		$\frac{32}{370}$
$\operatorname{Shotguns}$	••	••	••	188	490	678
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XIV.—SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE NATIVES.

The social system of the Samoan people is such that poverty cannot exist. All families (or more correctly "clans") are well endowed with land, and as the soil is very fertile they have little difficulty in growing all food-supplies required. Their wants in the way of clothing are few, and although the lavalava, or kilt, is now of European material, it is for all general purposes the only clothing worn by adult men and children in the ordinary village life, an additional upper garment usually being worn by the women. On formal occasions, more particularly when Europeans are present, the men wear shirts, and in some cases even collars, ties, and jackets. The Samoans are conservative in the matter of housing, in that they have shown no tendency to adopt European sides, resembling a beehive roof of cane thatch raised on posts, but are fitted with heavy blinds of coconut-leaves which when lowered, on the Venetian principle, give full protection from wind and rain. In the matter of housing, as in other directions, the economic aspect has played a part in postponing change, as all materials for a Samoan dwelling are grown by the people on their own land. The Native people are well and suitably housed, and it is in their interests that there be no change.

The production of food-supplies is well attended to, and the cultivation and planting of new areas for future supplies is kept up to date. The village areas are clean and well cared for, the grass being cut frequently and all rubbish burned.

A strong conservatism has retained observance of the best Native customs as to general village life and employment. The men still spend their time in fishing and the cultivation of food-supplies, and the women in the manufacture of Native cloth and mats, arts in which they are expert.

Further remarks on the social condition of the Natives will be found in Chapter V, under the heading "Native Affairs."

XV.-LABOUR.

Engagement by Samoans in regular employment for wages is quite extraneous to the style of living of the bulk of the Native population. Plantation work when availed of, is usually arranged by contract with the heads of the families engaged. The work is not over arduous, being mainly weeding or cutting of copra, and the total number of Samoans so employed at any time would not exceed a few hundred. These conditions apply to the Reparation Estates equally with other plantations, but there is no economic or other compulsion on Native Samoans to accept them.

On the 1st April, 1935, there were 503 Chinese in the Territory. No changes of any kind took place during the twelve months under review, the total at 31st March, 1936, remaining the same. The conduct of the labourers during the year has been satisfactory; and the number of visits to the Commissioner's office was 1,495, as compared with 1,560 for the previous year.

Melanesian labourers in the Territory totalled 94 on the 1st April, 1935, all being in the employ of the New Zealand Reparation Estates. During the year one death occurred, leaving a total of 93 as at 31st March, 1936.

The following replies are made to questions asked by Mr. Weaver of the Permanent Mandates Commission :---

(1) Chinese Coolies who become unemployed are placed in other positions as soon as possible by the Commissioner of Labour, or given permits by him to seek other employers of their own accord. During such unemployment period labourers receive no wages, but if they are workless through no fault of their own their cases come within the scope of the Benevolent Fund, and relief therefrom is given after due investigation.

(2) The wages reduction to 1s. 9d. per diem applies to all indentured labour in the Territory. Those labourers who were in Samoa prior to the arrival of the new transport from Hong Kong in July, 1934, were given the option before its arrival of signing on for a further period at the new rate of wages, or being repatriated to China, their original contract period in all cases having expired. The reduction was mutually agreed upon and legally confirmed in the Ordinances Amendment Ordinance, 1934, dated 6th December of that year. The wages rate fixed is in all cases concurred in by the Hong Kong Government.

In the above connection it may be mentioned that although the minimum wage is 1s. 9d. per diem a fairly large number of coolies earns much higher amounts by contract work or higher wages by reason of experience and greater efficiency; 1s. 9d. per day is merely a set minimum.

XVI.—FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE.

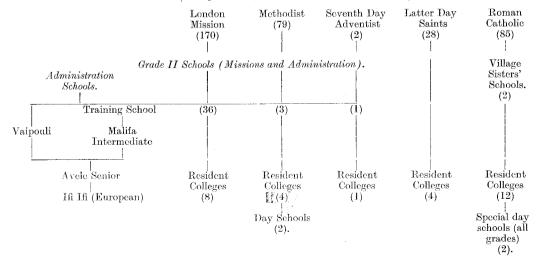
All Samoans profess Christianity. There is complete freedom of conscience, and Article 5 of the Mandate is observed entirely. Mission work in education is referred to in the next succeeding chapter of this report, and in health services in Chapter XIX.

Relations between the Missions and the Administration are entirely harmonious, and there is nothing of particular interest to refer to in this connection. It has not been the practice for periodical reports to be furnished to the Administration by the various Missions, and they have never been required to furnish such.

XVII.—EDUCATION.

The general scheme of progressive education is as follows:---

Grade I Schools (Village, Pastor, or Catechist Schools-Missions).



MISSION SCHOOLS.

Grade 1 Schools (for boys and girls).—These are village schools taught by the village pastor, who is supplied by the mission concerned.

Girls' Schools (Resident).—The girls of these schools are prepared for a higher standard of village life than is the lot of the average village girl. Samoan life is affected by the marriage of these girls with members of their villages. Being mission schools, Christian education is one of the principal subjects.

Boys' Schools (Resident).—Boys here are prepared as pastors or teachers or for artisan work in the missions.

Girls' Schools (Day).—These are found in the more densely populated districts. Religion, music, typewriting, and sewing are important subjects of the curriculum.

Marist Brothers' Boys' School (Day).—This is an old-established school, situated in Apia. It is an undenominational primary school which educates boys to the New Zealand proficiency standard, and also prepares them for a commercial life in the business houses of Apia.

The Grade II Schools (which are partly Administration and partly mission) are dealt with below.

In the following table, relating to purely mission schools, the attendance figures for the more elementary schools are approximate :---

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Table showing Number of European and Native Teachers in respective Schools.

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General.—The majority of teachers in mission schools are Samoan, but a number of Europeans belonging to the various missions are also engaged in the work, especially in resident schools. The school-age varies from three to four years (in pastors' schools) to thirty years (in colleges).

GRADE II SCHOOLS.

These are to be found in the chief villages. The school buildings (Native *fales*) are made available by the respective missions, while the teachers are paid, trained, and supplied by the Administration. All teachers are Samoan, and instruction is given in that language, only a limited amount of English being taught. Samoan teachers are considered more suitable for teaching the vernacular and more capable than Europeans of imparting their knowledge in their own tongue. All these schools are under the direction and close supervision of the Superintendent of Schools; the Samoan teachers are also brought to Apia for an annual refresher course, while Native Inspectors visit them frequently to report progress. There are now 45 of these schools, having total roll numbers at 31st March, 1936, of 4,217. The Samoan teaching staff numbers 95, of whom 46 have passed the New Zealand Proficiency Examination.

Administration Schools.

Avele (Resident).—This school is now functioning under Native teachers, whose work is supervised by the European Superintendent. Boys are taken to the proficiency standard, and a number subsequently find work in the Government Departments.

Malifa and Vaipouli (Resident).—The boys are educated to Standard IV and then proceed to Avele for further training. As at the school just mentioned, Malifa and Vaipouli are under Native teachers, supervision being exercised by the European Superintendent. Agriculture is an important subject in the syllabus of each of the three schools above referred to, and they are self-supporting as far as food-supplies are concerned.

Training-school.—This is a day school for both sexes, and is functioning well under a Native staff. If *i* If School (European).—The roll number has been maintained and good work is being done. Particulars of average attendance and teaching staffs are given in the following table :—

Date.		Ifi Ifi (Boys and Girls).	Malifa Training and Intermediate. (Boys and Girls).	Vaipouli (Boys only).	Avele (Boys only).	Totals.
31st March, 1935		253	695	70	92	1,110
30th June, 1935		258	608	81	98	1,045
30th September, 1935		265	532	70	90	957
31st December, 1935		269	690	70	90	1,119
31st March, 1936	•••	268	861	89	86	1,304
Teachers—European		10	· · ·	• •		10
Samoan			22	3	6	31

In the New Zealand Proficiency Examinations at the end of 1935 the following results were obtained :—

Ň	šchool.			Candidates presented.		Certificates of Competency.
Ifi Ifi				12	11	
Marist Brothers'			• •	12	2	2
Marist Sisters'	• •		•	8	••	3
Avele	• •	• •		14	6	6

The policy of the Administration is to encourage the use of the Samoans in their own government and education, and in no direction has this policy been more successful than in education and in medicine. The Samoan teachers and the Samoan medical practitioners are carefully selected from the most promising of the younger Samoans, and their work is in all respects admirable. It is undoubtedly a fact that the Samoans, in some instances, continue their education to an age much greater than is customarily the case in European countries, but this is not considered necessarily a disadvantage, nor is the position limited to Western Samoa.

No distinction is drawn between Europeans and persons of part Samoan blood in the matter of education. The same syllabus is used for both types of pupils, and they receive instruction together in the same class-rooms.

Replies to questions asked by Mlle. Dannevig are as follows :—

(1) The number of European teachers supervising and inspecting Native teachers is considered to be adequate for the demands made upon them.

(2) Native teachers are trained at Malifa Training School, the period extending from two to four years. Training is carried out by a well-trained Native Headmaster and Native Inspectors, who are all under the direct supervision and control of the European Superintendent of Schools. In addition, the Chief Medical Officer and his Native Medical Practitioners give frequent lectures on health matters, while valuable voluntary service is also rendered by local European experts in agriculture, handwork, music, and nature study.

The Superintendent of Schools makes frequent inspection of all schools, and Native Inspectors, of whom there are four, visit each Administration and Grade II school in the Territory at least three times a year, and surprise visits are also paid at irregular intervals.

(3) The 42 European teachers shown on page 17 of the report for 1934/35 were employed by the various missions and were of full European blood. In addition, under the heading "Administration Schools," will be found statistics of European teachers in the employ of the Administration as distinct from the missions' staffs; the number of such teachers remained at ten for both 1934–35 and 1935–36, five being of part-Samoan blood.

(4) The number of teachers in Grade II schools, shown on page 17 of the previous report, should have been 56 not 156, a typographical error being responsible.

XVIII.--LIQUOR AND DRUGS.

(Information in the form recommended by the Permanent Mandates Commission in the Report of its Twenty-first Session.)

A. There were no changes in legislation or regulations issued during the year.

B. The judicial statistics in Chapter X show nine persons arrested or summoned during 1935–36 for breaches of the laws and regulations relating to liquor. Eight were convicted and one dismissed. Figures for preceding years were—

							mmoned.	Convicted.
1934 - 35	••	• •	• •	• •			6	6
1933 - 34	••	••	••	••			10	10
1932 - 33		••	••	••	••	• •	16	16

C. Imports of spirits and alcoholic beverages during the year 1935-36 :---

	Average Approxi-	Quantity	Quantities i Medical		Countries of Origin.
	mate Percentage of Alcohol by Weight.*	imported, 1935–36.	1934-35.	1935–36.	
Spirituous liquors—		Gallons.	Gallons.	Gallons.	
Whisky	38.5 to 51.0	450	430	$558\frac{2}{3}$	United Kingdom.
Brandy	38.5 to 49.3	20	$31\frac{1}{3}$	$30\frac{1}{2}$	France and Australia.
Gin	40.6	100	$199\frac{1}{3}$	187	United Kingdom and Holland.
Alcoholic beverages-					
Port and sherry	12.0 to 17.8	56	$187\frac{1}{2}$	$103\frac{1}{6}$	Australia, France, Spain, and New Zealand.
Vermouth	5.5 to 10.0	40		$14\frac{2}{3}$	France and Italy.
Stout	5.5	36	$62\frac{5}{12}$	$73\frac{2}{2}\frac{3}{4}$	United Kingdom.
Champagne	7.5 to 10.6	••	$1\frac{5}{6}$		France.

* The approximate percentages of alcohol by weight given above are those accepted by the Customs Department in New Zealand. Analyses have been made of samples of all brands of alc imported, with results showing percentages of alcohol by weight ranging from 1.51 to only 2.39. The ales imported into Western Samoa, therefore, although subject to regulations under the Samoa Act, 1921, do not come within the definition of "intoxicating beverages" as accepted by the Permanent Mandates Commission (minutes of the tenth session, page 182), and have accordingly been omitted from the return.

For sacramental purposes, 164 gallons of wine; rectified spirits of wine for industrial purposes, 55 gallons.

D. Production within the Territory is prohibited by law.

E. Revenue derived from duties on importation, 1935-36 :--

- Mcdicinal liquor (import duty $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. or 25 per cent., and Port and Customs £ s. d. $542\ 14\ 0$
 - service tax 5 per cent.) Industrial liquor (import duty 17¹/₂ per cent. or 25 per cent., and Port and Customs service tax 5 per cent.) Sacramental liquor (free of import duty; Port and Customs service tax 5 per cent.) Nil.

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These duties are the ordinary ad valorem rates applying to all goods not subject to specific rates of duty; there is no authorization for higher specific rates of duty on liquor, for the rate of duty is immaterial, having regard to the fact that all liquor is sold by and for the Administration at prices approximating current retail prices in New Zealand.

F. In view of the position explained in E, there are no other duties, license fees, or taxes. G. There is no Native beverage containing alcohol. The Native drink "kava," if allowed to stand, does not ferment, and after a few hours becomes stale and unpalatable. It is not consumed in Western Samoa in sufficient strength or quantity to have toxic effects.

II. General information with regard to liquor, in addition to the above, was given in the Eighth Report, 1928.

During 1935–36 there were no offences reported under the Samoa Dangerous Drugs Order, 1930.

XIX.—HEALTH.

The staff now consists of three European medical officers, nine Native medical practitioners, and bacteriological and nursing staff, the complete Health service comprising fourteen Europeans, fiftyeight Native Samoans, and two Chinese dressers.

For nine months of the period under review the Acting Chief Medical Officer was absent in New Zealand and Australia undergoing a refresher course, being relieved by a Medical Officer of the New Zealand Health Department who had had the benefit of much experience in public-health measures among the Maoris' of New Zealand. The whole medical organization was subject to review and reorganized on a better footing, which it is hoped will in due course be felt in improved health conditions of the Samoans.

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.

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als :							
						1935.	1934.
	• •			• •	• •	183	148
				• •			542
	• •		• •		• •		328
	• •			••	• •	25	24
						1.508	1,042
						182	171
••	•••	• •		• •	• •	148	138
ione						1.838	1,351
				•••		16,297	15,178
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otal					• •	18,135	16,529
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Most of the Chinese coolies who were admitted to hospital suffered from sores, which, although not very serious, develop into a chronic state if proper rest and treatment is not given. As each coolie pays a small contribution (2s. 2d. per month) for medical treatment and receives no pay from his employer while absent from his work through sickness, the hospital is the best place for him. The question of acclimatization has no bearing on the subject, as Natives themselves are likely to contract the same ailment.

MAIN DISEASES.

Yaws.—Intensive treatment of yaws is still being carried out, and the position is very much improved. On a recent inspection of the children along the south coast of Upolu not a single case of bad secondary yaws could be found.

Jaundice.—During the year several deaths ensued as a result of acute jaundice, most of the cases occurring in one particular village eighteen miles from Apia. The number of cases had considerably lessened at the end of the year.

Enteric.—One hundred and ninety-five cases of enteric were reported during the twelve months, the majority being in the vicinity of Apia and in the district immediately west of the town.

Pulmonary Tuberculosis.—The number of cases reported during the year, 143, exactly equalled those notified in 1934–35, and occurred mainly in and around Apia.

With regard to the apparent increase in the number of cases over those of previous years, it is considered this is due more to increased notifications than to a serious development of the disease. The appointment of additional Native medical practitioners has resulted in more searching investigation of the position, and many cases have been brought to light which would otherwise have been concealed by the Natives themselves. An additional European medical officer was appointed to the staff at the beginning of March, 1936, and during the ensuing year this will enable the Chief Medical Officer to make more frequent health inspections of the whole Territory. The tuberculosis situation is being very carefully watched, and in the course of the next few months it should be possible to ascertain the true position.

Killing and inspection of meat is under the control of the Health authorities. All abattoirs are inspected by a Medical Officer before being licensed. An arrangement has been made for examination by a Medical Officer of all beasts slaughtered before meat is passed for sale and consumption. All licensed butchers have experience of tuberculosis in animals, and use every care in this respect. Cases of surreptitious butchering by unlicensed persons occur from time to time. These, however, are very difficult to detect before distribution of the meat is completed; Government officers are continually on the alert to prevent such infractions of the law, and the penalties are heavy.

Water-supplies are bacteriologically examined at regular intervals. This also applies to milk offered for sale, and, as guinea-pigs are kept at the hospital, testing for tuberculosis is rendered much easier.

Trachoma.—This is met with in a mild but chronic form, and examination of school-children revealed that almost 10 per cent. were affected in some way.

Beri Beri.—Nine cases were notified.

Conjunctivitis.—One hundred and ninety-five cases were reported.

Pneumonia and Broncho-pneumonia .--- Eighty-nine cases were notified.

Venereal Disease.-Four cases of gonorrhea were notified.

Leprosy.-Nine cases were notified, and isolated.

There are at present eight Native mental patients in custody at Vaimea Prison, and one European at Apia Hospital.

NATIVE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

The sudden death of the senior Native medical practitioner, Ielu, on 24th March, 1936, while completing a health inspection of Upolu, leaves a gap in the Health organization which will be hard to fill. One Native medical practitioner finished his studies at the Suva Medical School and returned to duty in Samoa in January, 1936. Two more Native youths were sent to Suva in the same month for training, making four in all at this training-centre.

The Native medical practitioners are doing good work in the outer districts, and each village is visited by them at least once a month. They not only visit the sick, but give health lectures to adult Samoans and school-children and instruct them in general sanitary principles. As a result the sanitation of the villages and the health of the Natives has improved.

Women's Committees.

During the year Samoan women's committees were formed in 111 villages, and others are in process of formation. Through these committees drugs are issued by the Administration to the villages at a little over cost price, and the system appears to be satisfactory. Child welfare is, of course, the main work of the committees, and in this they receive full co-operation from the European Health Officers and Native medical practitioners, who give them special lectures on the subject at frequent intervals. Even in the short period since the inception of the scheme there has been a marked improvement in the health of the children, and the work is being extended as rapidly as possible.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths (Samoans) at Different Ages.

		1	Nun	nber of Dea	ths.	Percentage of Total Deaths.			
			1933.	1934.	1935.	1933.	1934.	1935.	
Under I week		•••	18	32	27	3.70	$7 \cdot 24$	5.75	
From 1 week to 1 month			24	17	17	$4 \cdot 94$	3.85	3.63	
From 1 month to 3 months			31	17	17	6.38	3.85	3.63	
From 3 months to 6 months			41	20	20	8.44	$4 \cdot 53$	$4 \cdot 26$	
From 6 months to 12 months			55	65	86	$11 \cdot 32$	14.70	18.34	
From 1 year to 2 years			33	42	35	6.79	9.50	7.46	
From 2 years to 3 years			19	12	26	$3 \cdot 91$	$2 \cdot 72$	5.55	
From 3 years to 4 years			16	11	15	$3 \cdot 29$	$2 \cdot 48$	3.20	
From 4 years to 5 years			12	5	7	$2 \cdot 47$	$1 \cdot 13$	$1 \cdot 49$	
From 5 years to 10 years			16	14	22	$3 \cdot 29$	$3 \cdot 17$	$4 \cdot 69$	
Over 10 years	••		221	207	197	$45 \cdot 47$	$46 \cdot 83$	$42 \cdot 00$	
Totals			486	442	469	100.00	100.00	100.00	

The infant-mortality rates, per 1,000 registered births, have been as follow :---

Year.		Year.		Year.			Year.		
1924	 153	1927	 101	1930		61	1933		$114 \cdot 0$
1925	 186	1928	 58	1931		111	1934		$104 \cdot 8$
1926	 106	1929	 70	1932	• •	121	1935	• •	$97 \cdot 0$

It will be observed that the rate is gradually lowering, and, although still high, it is estimated that the preventive measures being adopted by the Administration will result in a further decrease during the current year. The work done by the Native medical practitioners and the women's committees, referred to above, is beginning to show results.

PARTICIPATION BY MISSIONS IN MEDICAL WORK.

All missions purchase stocks of drugs and dressings at the Apia Hospital Dispensary from time to time, and use them in their schools.

LABORATORY.

Specimens examined number 1,936; X-ray examinations, 105.

Meteorological.

(Readings taken at Apia Observatory, Mulinu'u Point, at Sea-level.)

Mo	onth.		Pressure.	Temperature.	Rainfall.	Humidity.	Sunshine.	Wind.
			т	°F.	In.	Per Cent. (9 a.m.)	Hours.	Miles per Hour.
-	935.		In. 29 • 740	78.8	40.88	79	82.3	$7 \cdot 9$
January	••	••	$29 \cdot 740$ 29 · 771	80.1	$4 \cdot 24$	82	221.0	$7\cdot 1$
February March	••	••	29.771 29.786	79.8	22.56	81	$\cdot 166 \cdot 8$	$7\cdot 1$
March	••	••	$29 \cdot 100$ $29 \cdot 812$	79.5	4.02	82	$229 \cdot 9$	$7\cdot 4$
April	•• *	••	29.812 29.855	79.0	$4.02 \\ 4.84$	81	$223 \cdot 3$ $221 \cdot 0$	6.5
May	••	••	$29.855 \\ 29.873$	78.7	2.71	81	$\frac{221}{246 \cdot 6}$	9.5
June	••	•••				81	250.9	$7 \cdot 9$
July	••	•••	$29 \cdot 843$	79.1	3.05		$230 \cdot 3$ $227 \cdot 3$	$8\cdot 2$
August	••	• •	29.888	$78 \cdot 2$	8.73	80		
September	••	••	$29 \cdot 858$	79.5	$7 \cdot 00$	82	$245 \cdot 3$	$7 \cdot 9$
October	••	•••	$29 \cdot 851$	80.7	$3 \cdot 61$	83	$259 \cdot 3$	8.8
November		••	$29 \cdot 802$	79.8	$15 \cdot 45$	82	$170 \cdot 9$	$5 \cdot 4$
December			$29 \cdot 757$	79.2	$16 \cdot 40$	81	160.6	$7 \cdot 7$
Total		••			$133 \cdot 49$	•••	$2,481 \cdot 9$	
Mean			$29 \cdot 820$	79.4	• •	81	• •	$7 \cdot 6$

Notes on Storms, 1935-36.

April, 1935.—A shallow depression south-east of Fiji moving eastwards was associated with squally north-west winds and rain in Samoa at the end of April.

December, 1935 .--- A tropical cyclone occurred near Vila on the 11th.

January, 1936.—A cyclone to the north of Samoa moved southwards and was associated with strong westerly winds in Apia on the 16th. Another cyclone occurred near Vila on the 28th and moved away towards the south-south-east.

February, 1936.—Early in February a depression occurred to the north-west of Samoa and moved towards Tonga.

XX.-LAND TENURE.

Under the Samoa Act, 1921, all land is legally-

- (a) Crown land, vested in the Crown free from Native title or any estate in fee-simple, of which there are (including New Zealand Reparation Estates) 103,630 acres; or
- (b) European land, being land held from the Crown for an estate in fee-simple, of which there are 40,000 acres; or
- (c) Native land, being land vested in the Crown but held by Samoans by Native title, and not by grant from the Crown, of which there are 581,370 acres.
 - "Native title" means title to land in accordance with the customs and usages of the Samoan race.

Titles to Crown land, European land, and European interests in Native land (leases) are registered by the Administration. Titles to Native land, when in dispute, are adjudicated upon by the Land and Titles Commission, referred to in Chapter X of this report, and determined in accordance with the customs and usages of the Samoan race.

Usurious contracts with Natives are unenforceable at law, and Native land is incapable of being taken in execution for the payments of the debts of a Samoan on his decease or insolvency.

Generally, alienation of Native land is prohibited, save an alienation or disposition in favour of the Crown. Provision has been made for sale of Native land in the Apia town area, and His Majesty may grant a lease of Native land for a period not exceeding forty years, but in each instance the grant is made only if the Administration is satisfied that the transaction is in accordance with the desires and in the interests of the Native owners and in conformity with the public interests.

Although large areas in the interior of each of the two main islands are incapable of cultivation, there is more than ample Native land available for all requirements of the indigenous population.

XXI.—FORESTS AND AGRICULTURE.

Forests.

The mountainous interior, comprising by far the greater portion of the area of both principal islands, is completely covered with virgin native forest. The Territory has been visited on occasion by representatives of milling interests, who have formed the opinion that the indigenous forest has insufficient millable trees to the acre to be profitable, whilst afforestation with exotic species is rather discouraged by the steep and ravine-cleft nature of the country.

On European plantations teak is planted in a small way, but quite successfully, for general utility.

AGRICULTURE.

The circumstances of the Territory do not warrant the maintenance of a separate Administration Department of Agriculture, but there is inspection of all produce exported.

Copra is the staple product of the Territory: it is produced approximately 75 per cent. by Natives, and the output of the New Zealand Reparation Estates accounts for roughly two-thirds of the balance. Exports for the three years 1933–35 averaged 10,992 tons. There is considerable fluctuation in local stocks held between shipments, and for this reason records are kept of Native production as distinct from export, as indicated in the following :---

L 2				Exported.	Native Production.
Year.				Tons.	Tons.
1933	 		 	 11,526	8,271
1934	 		 • •	 8,948	7,907
1935	 	• •	 • •	 12,501	10,500

Cocoa is produced in Western Samoa principally by Europeans, and is of very high quality, being a standardized hybrid of *Criollo* and *Forastero*, but with the *Criollo* predominating. Samoan cocoa has been classified by the Imperial Economic Conference on Cocoa as being amongst the world's finest in point of quality, and is used mainly for blending.

Export during the three years 1933-35 averaged 834 tons per annum, the decrease from the figures shown in last year's report being due to the comparatively small quantity, 576 tons, exported in 1935.

Bananas continue to be of considerable assistance to the Territory, and a record number of 109,000 cases was shipped during the calendar year 1935. Further information regarding this product will be found in the report on Trade, Chapter IX.

Rubber (Hevea Braziliensis) is planted to some extent, and export of a good-quality smoked sheet reached 167 tons in 1928. Owing to low prices production ceased entirely in 1933, and no rubber was shipped in that or the succeeding year. In 1935, however, production was recommenced, and a total of 25 tons was shipped from the Territory.

XXII.-MINES.

There are no mines or any known mineral deposits of value in the Territory.

XXIII.—POPULATION.

Statistics for the period 1st January, 1935, to 31st March, 1936, are given in the following tab e :--

Designation.	As at 1st January, 1935.		Births.		Deaths.		Arrivals.		Departures.		As at 31st March, 1936.		Grand Totals.
Europeans Persons of European	м. 335 1,231	F. 257 1,165	м. 2 44	F. 1 28	м. 7 4	г. 2 4	м. 181 87	г. 122 105	м. 178 80	ғ. 115 125	м. 333 1,278	ғ. 263 1,169	$596\\2,447$
and Samoan descent Native Samoans Chinese labourers Melanesian labourers		24,246 1	1,126 	998 	347 $\cdot \cdot 2$	271 	$\begin{array}{c} 475 \\ 1 \\ \cdots \end{array}$	353 1 \cdots	415 1 	$326 \\ 1 \\ \cdots$	$26,094 \\ 503 \\ 92$	25,000 1	51,094 503 93
Totals	<u> </u>	25,669	1,172 2,		360 6	277 37	L	581 325	L	567 241	28,300 54,7	26,433 733	54,733

Figures showing alteration in population since April, 1921, the date of the first census taken by the New Zealand Administration, are given hereunder :-

	As at 17th April, 1921.	As at 31st March, 1936.	Total Increase or Decrease.
Europeans and persons of part Samoan blood Native Samoans Chinese labourers Melanesian labourers	2,066 33,336 1,290 465	3,043 51,094 503 93	+ 977 +17,758 787 372
	37,157	54,733	+17,576

XXIV.--PUBLIC WORKS.

Great activity was displayed in this Department during the year. Extensive repairs were effected and additions made to a number of official buildings, while new buildings included a pavilion at Apia Park, a meeting-house at Mulinu'u, radio-station at Aleipata, and a residence at Tuasivi, Savai'i. Over 154 chains of road was sealed with bitumen, and a length of 140 chains formed and metalled.

Considerable maintenance work and repairs were carried out on the main roads. Three bridges were crected to replace those washed out during the heavy floods of January, 1935,

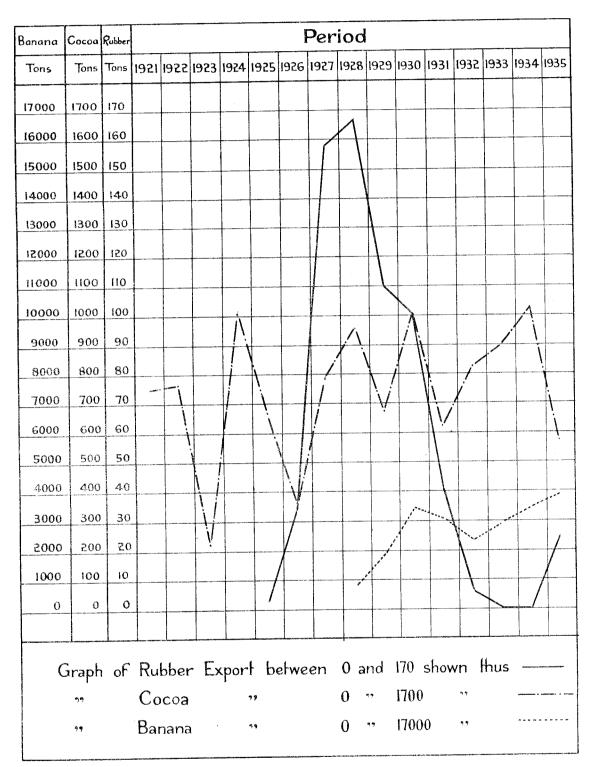
and a fourth is in process of reconstruction. Nine other bridges were repaired.

Heavy seas in January, 1936, caused great damage to both coast roads and sea walls, and a total of 18 chains of sea wall required to be renewed. An additional 260 ft. of sea wall was erected at Apia. The hydro-electric branch functioned satisfactorily throughout the year, and a new stand-by and auxiliary plant is being installed.

Other works carried out included maintenance of parks and reserves, wharves, and water-supplies.

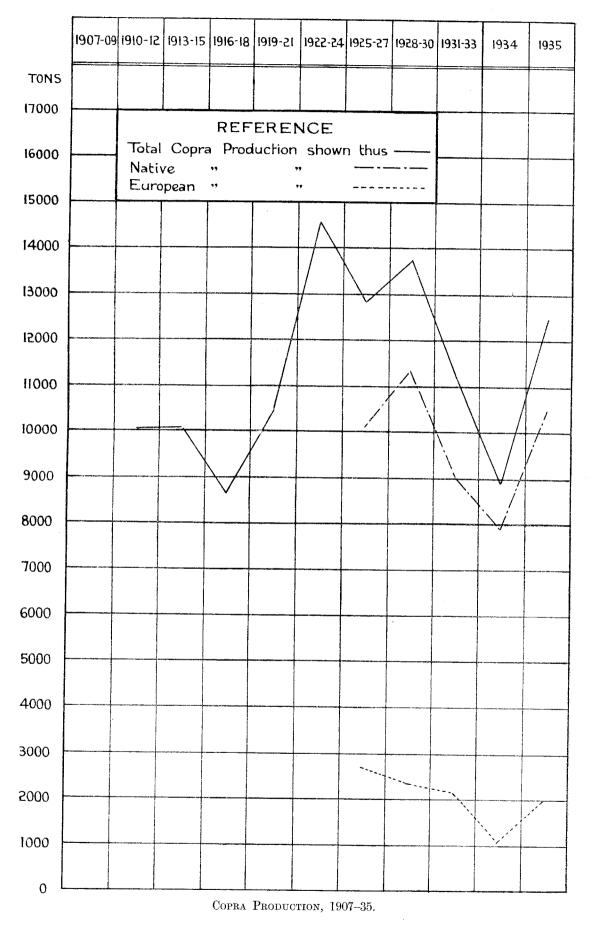
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DETAILS OF QUANTITIES OF EXPORTS, 1921-35.

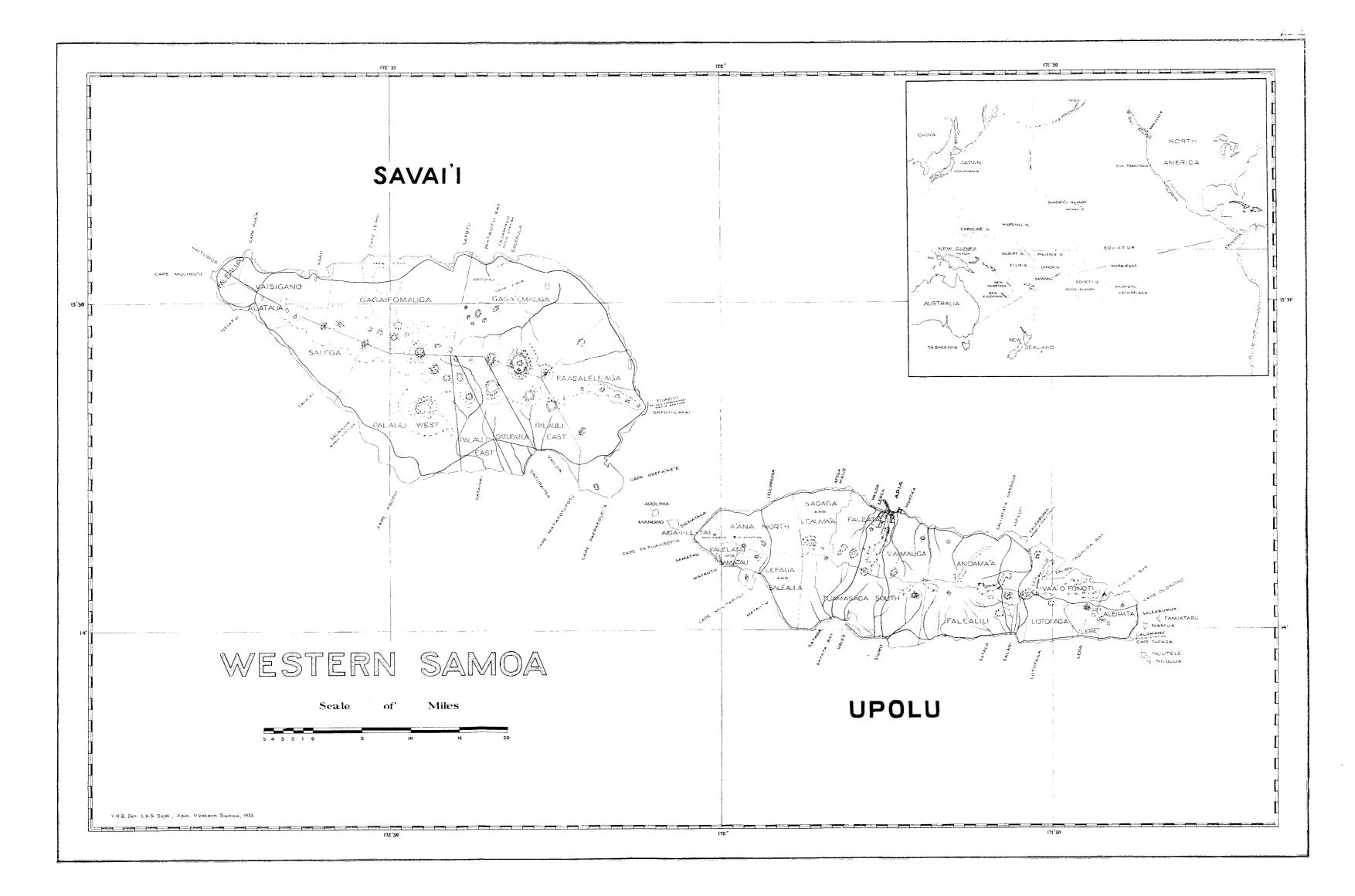




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