

1938.
NEW ZEALAND.

NIUE ISLAND ADMINISTRATION.

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

REPORT ON THE NIUE ISLAND ADMINISTRATION, 1937-38.

FINANCE.

THIS is in a very satisfactory state, there being a larger amount in reserve than ever before in the history of Niue Island.

Once again no subsidy has been asked for by this Administration, and, as a result of the large sum received from the sale of Coronation stamps, no assistance should be required from New Zealand funds for some years to come.

The revenue for the year amounted to £35,443, and the expenditure £22,311, showing a gross surplus of receipts over payments of £13,132, this surplus being entirely due to the sale of Coronation stamps referred to above. Of the surplus shown, £10,000 were invested, leaving a net surplus for the year of £3,132.

TRADE.

Imports for the calendar year 1937 totalled £29,309, and exports £23,321, a total trade value of £52,630, which is the highest recorded figure since 1919.

Bananas.—There has been a decrease in shipments, mainly owing to neglect in making new plantations. This is rapidly being remedied.

Strict inspections have reduced the quantities which could have been shipped, the Administration being insistent that a high quality be maintained.

Kumeras.—One hundred and twenty-three tons have been shipped this year. This is a record, the previous largest annual total being ninety-four tons.

Hats and Baskets.—Hats exported have decreased, but baskets have increased.

Miscellaneous.—Citrus fruits, grandillas, and pawpaws have been shipped in small quantities.

The following table shows the quantities and values of the principal exports for the last ten years :—

Year.	Copra.		Bananas.		Baskets.		Hats.		Fungus.		Kumeras.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	£	Cases.	£	Dozens.	£	Dozens.	£	lb.	£	Tons.	£
1928 ..	621	11,445	14,010	6,254	3,182	3,182	121	75	20,680	525
1929 ..	735	11,652	17,434	7,683	2,948	1,879	574	386	6,606	222
1930 ..	335	3,382	21,456	9,787	1,012	660	1,214	810	5,694	183
1931 ..	204	2,269	8,703	3,590	801	480	271	185	3,789	151	15	278
1932 ..	366	3,815	22,828	8,384	682	270	775	467	13,104	315	31	348
1933 ..	190	1,760	24,596	8,542	670	320	1,222	729	384	5	4	41
1934 ..	125	961	28,393	10,006	308	130	920	492	5,137	81	13	273
1935 ..	316	2,031	22,714	8,620	162	78	1,769	756	7,593	77	40	360
1936 ..	662	7,077	35,701	13,744	93	80	880	384	3,583	35	94	1,464
1937 ..	728	10,825	26,709	10,283	167	92	694	254	261	4	123	1,451