

Medical Officer, the medical work was carried on by the Resident Nurse. The Assistant Medical Officer was at Aitutaki for approximately two months on his second visit, during which time he performed forty major operations.

Schools have been visited and all children inspected once a month.

Cases attended—

(a) Out-patients and dressings	11,901
(b) Children examinations	4,240
(c) Injections	160
(d) Anæsthetics	77
(e) Operations	102
(f) Dental examinations	308
(g) Maternity cases	87
(h) Births	89

The child-welfare and Junior Red Cross organizations are progressing well.

Public Works.—Roads have been kept in fair order. Public buildings have been kept in good order and condition and have been painted throughout.

Education.—The school roll at 31st March was 451. The average attendance exceeded 95 per cent. over the year. Two open air class-rooms were rethatched.

Planting of Lands.—The people have steadily planted during the year and have ample Native foodstuffs. Over half a million plants of arrowroot, kumeras, taro, yams, bananas, coconuts, breadfruit, oranges, and pineapples were planted.

General.—Mr. A. A. Luckham, C.B.E., Resident Agent, left in December, 1938, and he was succeeded by Mr. A. V. P. Ford, solicitor, of Rotorua, New Zealand.

MANGAIA.

Trade and Shipping.—There were four calls by m.v. "Matua" and seven by schooners during the year.

Exports.—The main exports for the year were 21,000 cases of oranges, 1,000 boxes of tomatoes, and 202 cases of bananas. Only 25 tons of copra were produced.

High Court.—Criminal cases numbering 854 and 4 civil cases were heard. There were no cases of a serious nature.

Medical and Public Health.—The general health of the people has been good—9,122 cases were treated at the dispensary and, in addition, there were 117 injections for yaws.

Public Works.—Additions and improvements to the Makatea (main island) roads were made during the year. All buildings have been kept in good repair.

Education.—The general attendance of pupils has been good. Teachers' classes have been held regularly.

Planting of Lands.—The planting of foodstuffs has been carried on steadily during the year. Native food is plentiful.

General.—Owing to the large quantity of oranges exported, the past year for Mangaia has been a fairly prosperous one.

The Resident Agent, Mr. McGruther, and his wife, who was the Resident Nurse, resigned in December, and Mr. H. H. Hickling was appointed the new Resident Agent in February. Pending the arrival of the latter the Island Council managed the affairs of the Island.

ATIU.

Trade and Shipping.—There were four calls of m.v. "Matua" at Atiu and nine schooner calls.

A total of 21,196 cases of oranges was exported for the year. Owing to the low price offering for copra, none has been made.

High Court.—There was a total of 549 criminal cases, none being of a serious nature. No sittings of the Native Land Court were held.

Medical and Public Health.—The general health of the people for the past year has been good. The Island was visited by a Native Medical Practitioner in April-June, and a Native District Nurse, trained in Rarotonga, was appointed to the Island in June, 1938. There have been two visits by the Assistant Medical Officer.

The island experienced an outbreak of measles (rubella) in August and September.

The child-welfare movement has been organized and is progressing satisfactorily.