

Imports.

Table III. shows the imports into the Cook Islands from New Zealand and from Tahiti, and amount in all to the sum of £26,861. Of these sums, the amount of £5,096 is deducted from the above, showing certain goods allowed free of duty to be shipped to the Penrhyn and other external lands, as well as orange-cases and other articles allowed free of duties. The imports from New Zealand and from Tahiti are given completely in Table IIIA. of each year's detail in 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897. The following are as summarised;—

				Imports from New Zealand.	Imports from Tahiti.	Total.
				£	£	£
1892	...	...	...	10,998	5,251	16,249
1893	...	...	...	10,200	9,084	19,284
1894	...	...	...	13,152	9,283	22,435
1895	...	...	...	16,861	6,408	23,269
1896	...	...	...	17,157	5,911	23,068
1897	...	...	...	22,455	4,406	26,861
				90,823	40,343	131,166

Free from duty to external islands, &c., during the seven years ... 15,766

£115,400

The Federal Revenue

shall be given in Table IV. of the detailed accounts for the year from the 1st July, 1896, to the 30th June, 1897. The annual totals shall be summarised:—

				£	s.	d.
1896-97	...	...	...	1,230	2	9
1895-96	...	...	...	1,428	17	8
1894-95	...	...	...	1,287	1	4
1893-94	...	...	...	1,246	7	1
1892-93	...	...	...	825	9	4
				£6,017	18	2

The expenditure in opposition to the revenue above used will be as follows for the year 1896 to the 30th June, 1897:—

				£	s.	d.
Adding to 1895-96	...	...	...	1,441	0	8
" 1894-95	...	...	...	1,376	8	9
" 1893-94	...	...	...	860	17	4
" 1892-93	...	...	...	933	19	8
Total	...	...	...	£6,266	6	8

There is not yet any arrival of banking facilities, and the Federal Government have given to all importers for credit of two months on paying British currency to provide for sums to be paid accordingly to the Customs duties thereon.

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British Resident.

To His Excellency the Earl of Ranfurly, K.C.M.G.,
Governor of New Zealand, &c.

Table I.—REPORT of SHIPPING at the PORT of RAROTONGA (Cook Islands) for the Year ending 31st December, 1897, with Comparative Statements for 1894, 1895, 1896.

	Inwards.								Outwards.							
	Sailing.		Steam.		Men-of-war.		Total.		Sailing.		Steam.		Men-of-war.		Total.	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.
H.M.S. "Goldfinch"	..	..	..	..	1	805	1	805	..	..	..	..	1	805	1	805
H.M.S. "Torch"	..	..	..	..	1	805	1	805	..	..	..	..	1	805	1	805
British	23	1,660	23	29,238	..	..	51	30,898	24	1,764	23	29,238	..	..	52	31,002
French	1	55	..	..	..	..	1	55	1	55	..	..	..	..	1	55
Native: Cook Islands	34	1,094	..	..	..	..	34	1,094	35	1,731	..	..	..	..	35	1,731
Totals 1897	58	2,809	28	29,238	2	1,765	88	33,812	60	3,550	28	29,238	2	1,765	90	34,553
" 1896	60	4,607	46	30,538	2	1,610	108	36,755	63	4,941	46	30,538	2	1,610	111	37,089
" 1895	65	4,524	27	17,416	..	..	92	21,940	64	4,410	27	17,416	..	..	91	21,826
" 1894	57	3,510	23	14,628	2	2,161	82	20,299	56	3,432	23	14,628	2	2,161	81	20,221