

IV. PUBLIC FINANCE

A comparative statement of revenue and expenditure since 1941-42 is shown hereunder:—

				Revenue.	Expenditure.	Deficit.	Subsidy from New Zealand.	Final Surplus or Deficit.
				£	£	£	£	£
1941-42	..	..	..	25,395	46,951	21,556	24,000	+ 2,444
1942-43	..	..	..	29,748	47,857	19,109	19,000	+ 891
1943-44	..	..	..	40,818	59,798	18,980	27,000	+ 8,020
1944-45	..	..	..	40,228	67,770	27,542	27,000	— 542
1945-46	..	..	..	48,133	86,123	37,990	43,669	+ 5,679

In addition to the subsidies shown, direct grants from New Zealand provided £48,992 in 1944-45 for an airfield at Rarotonga, and £20,275 in the two years, 1944-46, for a tuberculosis sanatorium; a further £3,100 to complete the cost of the latter is to be provided in 1946-47.

The following table gives details of revenue for each financial year for the past twenty years, together with expenditure on education, public health, and public works:—

Year.	Subsidies and Grants from New Zealand	Local Revenue.	Expenditure.	Amount spent on		
				Education.	Health.	Public Works.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1925-26	11,589	22,768	33,416	8,163	7,119	7,384
1926-27	17,466	18,104	35,303	9,252	8,504	7,028
1927-28	16,544	18,998	34,488	8,793	7,995	4,310
1928-29	17,857	20,313	37,994	9,631	8,724	3,814
1929-30	16,919	19,107	34,739	8,613	7,331	4,368
1930-31	17,483	22,888	37,852	9,499	4,658	4,905
1931-32	17,464	25,430	40,582	7,730	5,534	5,217
1932-33	13,850	27,458	40,896	7,891	8,482	2,724
1933-34	11,013	25,518	38,744	8,800	8,155	2,742
1934-35	11,343	26,468	41,430	8,115	8,965	2,163
1935-36	15,568	24,989	40,692	8,786	6,548	2,093
1936-37	13,816	30,268	42,713	9,318	9,179	3,307
1937-38	11,000	45,599*	47,207	9,046	8,326	3,827
1938-39	22,112	27,967	58,016	9,306	12,380	5,995
1939-40	24,000	24,943	53,204	8,993	10,069	4,937
1940-41	24,000	26,889	48,345	9,332	10,940	3,709
1941-42	24,000	25,395	46,951	9,513	10,795	4,975
1942-43	19,000	29,748	47,857	8,989	10,421	2,967
1943-44	27,000	40,818	59,798	9,846	10,116	5,504
1944-45†	80,201	40,228	67,770	10,707	16,202	10,153
1945-46‡	43,669	48,142	86,123	14,800	16,615	8,711

* Sale of new stamp issue accounted for increase of £16,705 over 1936-37 stamp sales.
 † £27,603 general services subsidy, £3,606 part cost of tuberculosis sanatorium, £48,992 airport at Rarotonga: total, £80,201.
 ‡ £27,000 general services subsidy, £16,669 part cost tuberculosis sanatorium.

V. TRADE

The figures for this year show decreases in the values of both exports and imports. Although orange shipments increased, the demand for Native handicrafts (principally "hula" skirts and shell necklets) fell off to approximately one-quarter of the value of the exports of this nature during the preceding year. Tomato shipments were approximately the same as in 1944, but the prices realized showed a substantial decrease, largely due to the fruit arriving in New Zealand later in the year. The total value of