

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Laws are made by Act of the New Zealand Parliament, or regulations issued thereunder, or by Ordinance passed by the local Island Council. This body meets periodically under the presidency of the Resident Commissioner. It consists of thirteen members appointed by the Governor-General and representing all villages on the island.

The only Ordinance passed during the year was the Niue Aid to Revenue Ordinance 1945. This Ordinance amends and consolidates the Aid to Revenue Ordinance previously in force.

VISIT

His Excellency the Governor-General, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Cyril Newall, G.C.B., O.M., G.C.M.G., C.B.E., A.M., paid an official visit to Niue on 31st July, 1945. His Excellency was accompanied by Lady Newall and staff.

POSTAL AND RADIO

A summary of transactions in these branches is as follows:—

	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.
Money-orders issued	£6,518	£8,766	£5,799	£1,932	£7,177
Money-orders paid	£545	£681	£1,675	£2,082	£3,781
Post Office Savings-bank deposits ..	£3,150	£4,044	£3,969	£3,097	£8,709
Post Office Savings-bank withdrawals	£297	£196	£263	£696	£1,359
Number of radio messages handled ..	861	1,048	1,515	1,755	2,001

Other Savings-bank details are not available, as the accounts are kept in the Auckland Chief Post-office and are not segregated. The apparent large increase in net deposits may give a false impression. Withdrawals shown above are those made in Niue. As Niue is only a branch office, however, withdrawals can also be made in Auckland.

Technical assistance in the running and maintenance of radio equipment is given by the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department. Acting on that Department's recommendation, a new Diesel alternator was installed at the radio station during the year.

PUBLIC FINANCE

Exclusive of subsidy from the New Zealand Treasury, income for the year was £14,590. Expenditure totalled £25,123. Subsidy received was £7,755, leaving a net deficit of £2,778. Depreciation and other writings-off totalling £1,424 are included in the expenditure.

A comparative statement of revenue and expenditure for the last five years is as follows:—

Year.	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Deficit.	Subsidy.	Final Surplus or Deficit.
	£	£	£	£	£
1941-42	6,465	17,201	10,736	10,000	— 736
1942-43	11,252	16,397	5,145	10,000	+ 4,855
1943-44	10,342	18,187	7,845	10,000	+ 2,155
1944-45	12,096	18,900	6,804	10,000	+ 3,196
1945-46	14,590	25,123	10,533	7,755	— 2,778

The main items of revenue for the year were stamp sales, £7,747; Customs import duties, £1,485; and income-tax, £1,400. The large amount of revenue received from stamp sales is mainly due to the philatelic demand for island stamps.