

MANGAIA

—	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Shipping calls during year ..	6	4	6	10	13
Cases of oranges exported ..	5,551	19,917	3,707	22,630	11,018
High Court cases dealt with ..	649	371	572	667	517

The general health of the population has been good ; influenza was epidemic during the middle of the year. The Child Welfare Association is now firmly established, and the present attendance at the clinic is 204.

Administration and school buildings have been maintained in good order and condition. Roads have been kept in repair, but the arrival of plant and equipment from New Zealand is awaited so that major improvements on the roads may be commenced.

It was thought that the storm in January, 1946, had caused little damage in Mangaia, but the reduced number of cases of oranges exported is evidence that damage was greater than was at first anticipated. During the year 1,220 boxes of tomatoes and 708 cases of pineapples were exported, while over 30,000 new pineapple-plants have been set out.

NORTHERN GROUP ISLANDS

PENRHYN

—	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Shipping calls during year ..	3	4	3	3	6
High Court cases dealt with ..	160	137	58	101	142

The general health of the people has been good.

Administration buildings and roads have been kept in good repair, and a considerable number of improvements and additions have been made during the year.

The United States Army unit evacuated from Penrhyn in September, 1946, and the people are rapidly returning to their normal mode of living. The production of copra has recommenced, and the islands are being cleaned up systematically. Forty-three tons of copra have been shipped, and 35 tons were awaiting shipment at the end of the year. Shipments of mother-of-pearl shell for the year amount to 37 tons, and there were approximately 20 tons awaiting shipment at the close of the year.

MANIHIKI

—	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Shipping calls during year ..	9	5	4	4	13
Tons of copra exported ..	78½	184	144½	143½	93
High Court cases dealt with ..	85	132	48	49	133

The general health of the people has been good ; influenza was epidemic during September and October. The Native medical practitioner has carried out weekly inspections of the villages and has encouraged the people to keep their houses and their surroundings clean.

In addition to the copra shipped during the year, some 55 tons were awaiting shipment at the close of the year. During the year 63 tons of mother-of-pearl shell were also exported. A few hats have been exported, but other articles of Native handicrafts are not being made. The high wages being paid to divers and the high price for pearl-shell have made the production of Native handicrafts unattractive to the people.