

In March, 1947, there was an outbreak of broncho-pneumonia, of which there were 335 cases with eight deaths, in a period of just over three weeks. By isolation of villages as they became infected the epidemic was kept under control, and concluded on 30th March.

Routine inspection of villages for public-health purposes was carried out by the police in conjunction with the Chief Medical Officer. During the past few years there has been, as a result of the frequent inspections, a noticeable improvement in general village cleanliness and hygiene.

There has been considerable expenditure during the year on new medical equipment, and as a result the hospital is now fairly well equipped to deal with the requirements of the Island.

EDUCATION

The Administration maintains three schools, which are under the control of a European Education Officer. Some 46 Niuean teachers and assistants are employed.

In addition, the London Missionary Society maintains schools in the villages in which there are no Administration schools. A subsidy of £500 per annum is paid to the Society.

Roll numbers of Administration and Mission schools at 31st December, 1946, and the previous four years were as follows:—

—	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Administration schools ..	740	778	686	679	667
London Missionary Society schools	370	388	427	506	521
Totals	1,110	1,166	1,113	1,185	1,118

The proposal to replace the Mission schools with four new Administration schools is being proceeded with, and the first two of these schools are expected to be erected during 1947.

Two Niuean boys who were being educated in New Zealand at the expense of the Administration have now proceeded to the Central Medical School in Suva, for training as Native medical practitioners. Under the general scheme for scholarships for the Island Territories two Niuean boys proceeded to New Zealand early in 1947.

JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION

The Resident Commissioner of Niue is also Judge of the High Court and Judge of the Native Land Court. Another officer is Commissioner of the Native Land Court. Following is a summary of proceedings for the years 1942–46:—

High Court

—	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Criminal convictions ..	593	539	566	629	400
Civil judgments	6	1	3	Nil	1
Divorces granted	9	12	7	8	14

Offences for which convictions were recorded during the year were mainly of a minor nature. There were two convictions on charges of causing grievous bodily harm. No sittings of the Native Land Court were held during the year.