

The volume of money-order, savings-bank, and radio business has been well maintained, as will be seen from the following statistics:—

	1945-46.	1946-47.
Value of money-orders issued	£3,646	£4,820
Value of money-orders paid	£7,510	£4,798
Post Office Savings-bank withdrawals	£95,001	£107,620
Post Office Savings-bank deposits	£103,748	£97,165
Number of depositors as at 31st March	4,382	4,725
Amount held to their credit	£265,534	£260,780
Number of Samoan depositors	3,311	3,670
Amount held to their credit	£32,096	£29,395
Number of radio messages	13,141	15,935
Net receipts therefrom	£3,565	£3,627

The excess of Post Office Savings-bank withdrawals over deposits is accounted for to some extent by depositors' purchases of new motor-vehicles, which have recently become available.

STAFF

Hereunder is given a table showing staff employed as at the end of March for the past two years:—

Services.	Europeans.		Persons of part Samoan Blood.		Native Samoans.		Elective Samoan District and Village Officials.	
	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.	1946.	1947.
Classified departmental staffs—								
Education	11	15	17	26	218	238	..	..
Health	18	16	3	4	187	192	..	..
Native Affairs	4	3	1	4	16	16	262	296
Police and Prisons	7	4	2	6	57	58	..	..
Other services	31	30	35	52	34	35	..	..
	71	68	58	92	512	539	262	296
Casual employees	3	1	43	55	247	338	..	..
Totals	74	69	101	147	759	877	262	296

VI. PUBLIC FINANCE

The revenue and expenditure figures under departmental headings are shown below in comparison with the previous year:—

REVENUE

Head of Revenue.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£	£
Education	626*	655
Health	14,327	14,934
Justice	1,523	1,876
Lands and Survey	445	552
Native	808	706
Police and Prisons	3,756	4,948
Postal and Radio	22,327	35,769
Public Works	10,205	10,471
Treasury, Customs, &c.	230,275	264,927
	284,292	334,838

* The figure published in last year's report included "Overseas Scholarships, £3,107," now shown under "Subsidies from New Zealand."