

Titles to Crown land, European land, and European interests in Native land (leases) are registered by the Administration. The Native Land and Titles Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes affecting Native land.

XVIII. AGRICULTURE

Agricultural services consist of—

(a) Inspection of all produce for export in order to maintain good marketable standards, and of land near the Port of Apia, principally to check the breeding of the rhinoceros beetle (*Oryctes nasicornis*), pest of the coconut-trees, which was introduced during the period of German administration. These services are under European supervision.

(b) Fourteen Samoan Plantation Inspectors, who are elected as part of the system of Samoan elective officials, and whose duty it is to encourage care of Samoan cultivations and new plantings.

There has not been any evidence that the scoliid wasp, *Scolia ruficornis*, which was mentioned in last year's report as having been introduced to combat the rhinoceros beetle, has become established.

XIX.—POPULATION

Statistics for the year ending 31st March, 1947, are given in the following table:—

Designation.	As at 31st March, 1946.		Births.		Deaths.		Arrivals.		Departures.		As at 31st March, 1947.		Grand Totals.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Europeans	217	149	3	1	1	1	225	131	231	121	213	159	372
Part-Europeans	2,712	2,333	55	43	8	3	268	298	329	335	2,698	2,336	5,034
Native Samoans	32,310	30,933	1,536	1,363	356	282	1,286	1,011	1,203	903	33,573	32,122	65,695
Chinese Labourers	294	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	290	..	290
Other Chinese	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3	6
Melansians	74	1	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	62	1	63
Totals	35,611	33,419	1,594	1,407	381	186	1,779	1,440	1,764	1,359	36,839	34,621	71,460
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Alterations in population since April, 1921, the date of the first census taken by the New Zealand Administration, are shown hereunder:—

Designation.				As at 17th April, 1921	As at 31st March, 1947.	Total Increase or Decrease.
Europeans and persons of part-Samoan blood				2,066	5,406	+ 3,340
Native Samoans				33,336	65,695	+32,359
Chinese labourers				1,290	290	- 1,000
Melanesian labourers				465	63	- 402
Other Chinese*				..	6	+ 6
Totals				37,157	71,460	+34,303

* Not shown separately in 1921 census.