

The New Zealand Sale of Food and Drugs Act and its regulations apply to Samoa, and in addition there are local regulations concerning the registration and inspection of markets, bakeries, abattoirs, &c.

DRUGS

The manufacture, sale, and distribution, &c., of drugs is controlled by the Samoa Dangerous Drugs Order 1930, and the Samoa Pharmacy Order 1924. The population is not addicted to the use of narcotic drugs, apart from some half-dozen aged Chinese who receive a small weekly allowance of opium from the Government hospital. Details of drug consumption during the year under review are as follows: 5·631 kg. opium; 0·023 kg. of anhydrous morphine; 0·004 kg. pure cocain; 0·041 kg. pure heroin.

All these drugs are issued by the qualified pharmacist in charge of the dispensary at the Government Hospital, Apia, and in conformity with the Samoa Dangerous Drugs Order 1930 and amendments.

The Geneva Opium Convention of 19th February, 1925, and the Limitation Convention of 31st July, 1931, are applicable to the Territory.

MISCELLANEOUS

The following is a list of the important infectious diseases in the out-stations:—

			Malignant Jaundice.	Catarrhal Jaundice.	Enteric.	Tuberculosis.
Savai'i—						
Tuasivi	..	..	4	9	..	6
Satupaitea	..	..	8	10	..	21
Salailua	..	..	2	1	24	2
Sataua	..	..	1	2	..	5
Safotu	..	..	5	7	4	22
Fagamalo	..	..	1	4	1	14
Upolu—						
Lufilufi	..	..	1	6	4	3
Fagaloa Bay	..	..	1	4	3	18
Aleipata	..	..	1	7	5	..
Poutasi	..	..	2	2	5	..
Sa'anapu	..	..	..	4	1	..
Mulifanua	..	..	3	2	4	..
Leulumoeaga	..	..	1	13	17	21
			31	71	68	140

Enteric fever and pulmonary tuberculosis are diagnosed on clinical symptoms only, and it is considered that the diagnosis of these two diseases may not always be correct.

Several out-stations have now received small kerosene refrigerators for the keeping of T.A.B. vaccine, mixed vaccines, A.T.S. serums, and penicillin.

Mental Patients

				Males.	Females
In-patients at commencement of year	..	..	..	3	..
Admission of mental patients during the year	..	..	..	1	2
Discharges of mental patients during the year	..	..	..	2	1
Deaths of mental patients during the year	..	..	..	..	..
Remaining mental patients	..	..	..	2	1