

MITIARO.

The Resident Agent Tou is also the local Magistrate, and does his work in a most satisfactory manner.

I have not, however, caused a new election to be held under Native management, as I wish Mr. Savage to conduct the election in a proper manner, in order to teach these people how such things should be done.

PENRHYN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS.

In my report No. 70 I have reported the steps taken as to elections, but I have not yet given effect to clause 5 of the Act of 1904. In the case of Captain Nagle I had intended to do so, but when he warned me that he would leave at the end of the year I decided to make no change for the present. With reference to Mr. Williams, I think he is entitled to be considered a European, and should be Magistrate for both his islands.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister administering the Islands, Wellington.

No. 11.

SIR,—

Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 20th June, 1905.

In reply to your letter No. 134, of the 10th June, I have the honour to report that a few regulations will be necessary to define the procedure when assessing the compensation due to any person having an interest in land taken under subsection (8) of section 3 of "The Cook and other Islands Government Act, 1904." A draft of such regulations will shortly be forwarded to you. No. 7.

At present there is nothing before the Compensation Court that will be likely to demand any compensation except the site of the Visitors' Bungalow, and that will be settled before we take the matter in hand in the Court.

I have, &c.,

W. E. GUDGEON,

Resident Commissioner.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister administering the Islands, Wellington.

No. 12.

SIR,—

Customs, Alofi, Niue, 1st July, 1905.

I have the honour to present to you a Return of Exports from Niue for the quarter ending the 30th June, 1905.

The total value of Niue produce exported amounts to £2,876, of which £1,893 went to New Zealand proper.

Comparing the results with those for the corresponding quarter of last year, I find an increase in the value of produce exported amounting to £429. This is chiefly due to larger quantities of copra and hats, 300 dozen more of the latter being exported this quarter.

On the whole I consider the results satisfactory, as showing a steady increase in the exports.

My forecast for the next quarter is that there will be much more copra and fungus, but fewer hats for export.

I have, &c.,

C. F. MAXWELL,

Resident Commissioner, Niue.

The Hon. C. H. Mills, Minister in Charge Cook and other Islands, Wellington.

No. 13.

SIR,—

Niue, 1st July, 1905.

I have the honour to submit to you a statement of Niue Revenue Account for the quarter ended the 30th June ultimo, together with the Niue Island Current Account with the Bank of New Zealand, and a summary of the total funds to the credit of this Administration as on the 30th June, 1905.

Comparing the results with those for the corresponding quarter of last year, I find that the gross receipts are nearly the same—i.e., £219 10s. 4d. in 1904, and £236 7s. 6d. in 1905. The disbursements, however, are considerably larger this quarter, chiefly due to an expenditure of £102 3s. 8d. on road-work during the period, and refunds of expenses, travelling-allowances, &c. Over £40 has also been expended on reservoir-construction.

The item "Labour" includes wages of surfacemen on the roads. Such work cannot conveniently be measured, and the cost per chain computed, as will be done with the item, Roadwork £102 3s. 8d.

I have remitted a cheque for £89-odd to the credit of Niue Island Account, Bank of New Zealand.

This cheque was sent here to pay wages of returned Niue labourers from Malden Island.