

The increase is chiefly due to copra, 218 tons of which (value, £2,186) being exported, against 41 tons, value £417, in September quarter of last year. Hats show a slight decrease of 25 dozens. Other items are about the same.

A considerable quantity of merchandise, value £1,044, was reshipped, some of it under drawback. This was caused by Messrs. Lever's Pacific Plantations (Limited) relinquishing business in Niue, and some unsuitable stock was also sent away by other firms. On the whole I think we have reason to be satisfied with the result for the quarter, considering the heavy gale experienced at the beginning of the year, the injurious effect of which is usually felt for a long time afterwards in this island. The glut in the New Zealand market will lessen the production of Niue hats for the current quarter, the traders having practically ceased to purchase them for the present.

I have, &c.,

C. F. MAXWELL.

Resident Commissioner, Niue.

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

No. 75.

SIR,—

Niue Island Administration, Niue, 6th October, 1905.

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith a Statement of the Niue Revenue Account for the quarter ended the 30th September, 1905, together with the Niue Island account current at the Bank of New Zealand, Auckland, and a summary of the total funds to the credit of the Administration as at the end of the above period.

You will observe that the total receipts for the quarter amount to £264 14s. 2d., or, including balance brought forward, to £799 8s. 3d., and disbursements to £274 9s. 4d., leaving a cash balance in hand here of £524 18s. 11d.

The approximate credit balance of current account in the Bank of New Zealand at end of period was £236 14s. 11d., and the total funds to credit of this Administration on same date £1,461 13s. 10d., to which I have added the item of duties collected in New Zealand £1,172 18s., making a grand total of £2,634 11s. 10d.

Some unusual payments, as salary, drawbacks, refunds, &c., were made during the period, but, excluding these, the result for the quarter is a little better than for the corresponding quarter of last year.

I have, &c.,

C. F. MAXWELL.

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Enclosures.

NIUE ISLAND REVENUE ACCOUNT for Quarter ended the 30th September, 1905.

Receipts.			Expenditure.		
1905, 1st July—	£	s. d.	By Rent of offices	£	s. d.
To Balance brought forward	534	14 1	Freight	29	18 4
Customs duty	179	14 8	Horse-feed	1	4 0
Fines and fees	26	16 3	Labour	24	17 0
Miscellaneous receipts	9	15 0	Roadwork	78	2 0
Shipping fees	2	5 0	Boat's crew	0	17 0
Emigration fees	14	8 0	Allowance to constables	3	0 0
Sale of forms	0	5 0	Refunds	20	12 0
Trading licenses	29	7 6	Compensation	1	4 0
Reimbursement to Labour Account	0	18 0	Sundries	1	2 4
Bond rents	1	4 9	Library books	4	9 5
			Purchase of liquor under Licensing Act	3	10 1
			Drawbacks	35	17 8
			Labour (Lakepa Road)	1	8 0
			Furniture	3	8 0
			Mutalau Reservoir	8	10 0
			Salary, assistant	31	5 0
			Interpreter	1	0 0
			Alofi Reservoir	14	9 6
			Cash balance on hand at Niue...	524	18 11
	£799	8 3		£799	8 3

1st October, 1905.

C. F. MAXWELL,

Resident Commissioner, Niue.