

No. 184.

SIR,—

Niue Island Administration, Niue, 3rd April, 1906.

I have the honour to enclose to you herewith a Return of Imports into Niue for the Quarter ended the 31st March ultimo, together with a summary of imports for the year ending the same date, showing amount of duty collected thereon.

You will gather from this return that the value of imports for the last quarter totalled £1,178, of which goods to the value of £1,086 were imported from New Zealand proper, the duty collected thereon amounting to £127 10s. 10d. Comparing these results with the return for the same period of last year, there is a falling-off of £24 in the imports, and £16 11s. 10d. in Customs duty collected. This latter deficiency is attributable to the fact that the bulk of the imports for the period came from New Zealand, chiefly duty-paid. In the circumstances which have prevailed during the past year, of which you are aware, it is not surprising that imports should have fallen off to some extent.

I have, &c.,

C. F. MAXWELL,

Resident Commissioner.

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

Enclosures.

SUMMARY OF CUSTOMS RETURN FOR NIUE FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1906.

	Imports.		Duty received.
	Country.	Value.	
1905—		£	£ s. d.
June quarter ..	New Zealand	1,242	
	Cook Islands	21	
	New South Wales	98	
	Malden Island	166	
	Tonga	2	
		1,529	165 19 2
September quarter ..	New Zealand	1,730	
	England	248	
	Samoa	437	
	New South Wales	172	
	Tonga	80	
	Tasmania	1	
		2,668	237 8 7
December quarter ..	Samoa	154	
	New Zealand	97	
	New South Wales	48	
		299	165 10 6
1906—			
March quarter ..	New Zealand	1,086	
	Tonga	63	
	Germany	29	
		1,178	127 10 10
Grand totals ..		5,674	696 9 1

New Zealand	4,155
New South Wales	318
Samoa	591
England	248
Malden Island	166
Tonga	145
Cook Islands	21
Tasmania	1
Germany	29
	5,674

C. F. MAXWELL,

Resident Commissioner, Niue.