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COOK AND OTHER ISLANDS ADMINISTRATION.

Details of Item 18, Contingent Expenditure, 1906-7.

	£	s.	d.
Iron rails, Makea Bridge, Avarua	40	18	0
Chronometer-repairs	2	10	0
Customs Tidewaiter, wages	11	12	0
Boatman for Health Officer	2	19	0
Printing-office, labour and material	35	7	1
Stationery	34	11	11
Furniture	8	6	9
Government Buildings, painting and repairs	22	5	3
Travelling-expenses	10	10	0
Ngatipa repairs and labour	9	5	3
Fencing Government grounds	25	19	4
Typewriting	4	4	0
Typewriter-repairs	5	10	0
Blasting reef, Mauke, labour	10	16	0
Printing-office, additions	6	1	3
Repairs, Government Buildings, Mangaia	20	19	2
Benevolent assistance—J. Snow	3	3	0
„ T. Short	10	0	0
Thermometer-screen	1	12	0
Rents	16	0	0
Cost of collecting Customs duties paid in New Zealand	17	14	2
Harbour moorings	0	12	0
Repairs, Government Buildings, Aitutaki	3	2	0
Purchase of tools, and repairs to same	2	18	11
Bank charges	0	3	0
Freight on explosives	0	10	0
„ poison to Penrhyn	0	2	0

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Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 12th April, 1907.

W. J. STEVENSON, Treasurer.

Cook Islands Administration,

SIR,—

Government Schooner Department, Rarotonga, 3rd April, 1907.

I have the honour to forward you herewith statement of the accounts in connection with the working of the schooner "Countess of Ranfurly" for the year ending the 31st March, 1907, duly certified to by the Government Auditor.

It will be observed that the working of the schooner for the past year has resulted in a loss of £463 2s. 11d., as compared with a loss of £187 8s. 5d. for the previous year. The expenses of the past year are £68 less than the previous year, but the earnings of the past year show a diminution of £344 as compared with the previous year. The chief diminution has been in the matter of freights, which show a falling-off of about £300.

The following is a comparative statement of the earnings and expenses for the past two years:—

Expenses—	1906-7.			1905-6.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Benzine	132	18	5	146	6	0
Wages	921	10	8	850	8	1
Outfit and repairs	404	5	3	446	19	8
Provisions	368	5	3	383	13	6
Miscellaneous	105	1	2	125	12	5
Office expenses	71	8	9	108	13	11
Claims	7	5	1	17	3	0
	£2,010 14 7			£2,078 16 7		
Earnings—						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Passenger-fares	250	14	6	308	8	6
Special charters	568	0	0	573	0	0
Freights	712	3	0	1,006	4	11
Commission	16	14	2	3	14	9
	£1,547 11 8			£1,891 8 2		
Loss	£463 2 11			£187 8 5		

During the year the schooner has made the following trips, aggregating about 16,500 miles: Rarotonga to Auckland, 2; Auckland to Rarotonga, 2; Rarotonga to Niue, 3; Niue to Auckland, 2; Auckland to Niue, 1; Rarotonga to Northern Islands and Malden Island, 2; Northern Islands and Malden Island to Rarotonga, 2; round Cook Group, 6.