

NIUE ISLAND.

REPORT OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FOR YEAR 1907-8.

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NIUE ISLAND.—REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1908.

Receipts and Expenditure.

The total revenue derived from all sources amounted to £1,618 8s. 6d., as against £1,050 2s. 2d. collected in 1906-7, but included in the past year's figures is a sum of £289 8s. 7d., being Customs duties collected in New Zealand on goods afterwards shipped to Niue during the financial year 1905-6, which amount should, in the ordinary course, have been credited to the Niue Island Revenue Account for the year 1906-7. The Customs duties collected in Niue show an improvement of £114 as compared with the figures for the preceding year, while Court fees and fines, trading licenses, and interest on deposits, all show a slight improvement on last year's figures. On the other hand, the total stamp sales in New Zealand and Niue only realised £33 3s. 8d. The wants of stamp-collectors would now appear to have been fully satisfied, and it is not expected that this item of revenue will realise much above £25 per annum in future.

The total expenditure for the year amounted to £1,910 0s. 4d., and may be classified as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Permanent charges	306	17	8
Public works (labour and purchase of material)	831	3	7
Refund to New Zealand Treasury of amount of Customs duties over-credited in year 1905-6	478	4	1
Other charges	293	15	0

The expenditure for the year exceeded the revenue by £291 11s. 10d. As will be seen from the foregoing figures, a larger sum was spent on public works than usual, but much good and useful work has been accomplished, the particulars of which are given elsewhere.

Public Works.

During the financial year the sum of £579 10s. 6d. was expended in labour on public works, and material to the value of £169 2s. 11d. was used.

The following is a detailed list of the works carried out during the year:—

Particulars of Work.	Cost of Work.			Remarks.
	Labour.	Material.	Total Cost.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Construction of Hakupu Reservoir	33 10 0	1 17 8	35 7 8	Part cost charged to last year.
Construction of Liku Reservoir	40 6 0	50 2 8	90 8 8	
Avatele Reservoir: Repairs to, and fitting new and larger pipes	7 17 5	4 6 9	12 4 2	The concrete work was damaged by earthquake.
Lakepa Reservoir: Repairs to, extension of roof, fitting pump, &c.	6 15 7	3 13 0	10 8 7	
Mutalau Reservoir: Extending roof, fitting pump, &c.	4 0 0	3 14 10	7 14 10	
Tuapa Reservoir: Changing pump, &c.	0 13 10	0 1 4	0 15 2	
Hikutavake Reservoir: Repairs to pipes, fitting pump, &c.	2 4 5	1 19 8	4 4 1	
Makefu Reservoir: Construction of	10 12 2	30 5 4	40 17 6	Not completed.
Tamakautoga Reservoir: Construction of	..	1 2 7	1 2 7	Work just commenced.
Alofi-Hakupu Road	21 0 0	0 11 2	21 11 2	Two miles of surface-work completed.
Alofi-Avatele Road	16 13 0	0 7 8	17 0 8	Half mile removing rocks and widening completed.
Alofi-Liku Road	124 5 0	12 17 7	137 2 7	Three miles removing rocks and widening completed.
Avatele-Hakupu Road	136 12 0	14 3 9	150 15 9	Four and half miles removing rocks and widening completed.
Tuapa-Mutalau Road	143 16 0	14 16 7	158 12 7	Five and half miles removing rocks and widening completed.
Residency	18 6 0	10 6 9	28 12 9	Necessary repairs.
New office	7 7 6	9 7 3	16 14 9	Alterations for, and fitting up.
New store-shed	4 16 9	9 8 4	14 5 1	For storing cement and lime.
School-site	0 14 10	..	0 14 10	Preliminary work.
	579 10 6	169 2 11	748 13 5	