

MEMORANDUM.

Cook and other Islands Administration, Wellington, 20th June, 1910.

THE annual reports of the Resident Commissioner at Rarotonga and Niue are attached hereto, together with a selection from the correspondence between the Government of New Zealand and those officers.

The Islands continue to make material progress, and the results of the year's operations, as disclosed by the reports of the Resident Commissioners, must be regarded as very satisfactory.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

In the Cook Islands for the year ended 31st March, 1910, the revenue amounted to £7,655, an increase of £509 over the preceding year. The expenditure for the same period was £8,230, an increase of £2,512, due to the amount of public works carried out during the year, including the erection of a new hospital and other works. The cash surplus at the end of the year was £4,437.

The revenue in the Island of Niue amounted to £1,683 2s., a decrease of £126 6s. 11d. The expenditure was £1,260 0s. 4d., a decrease of £423. The credit balance at the close of the year was £1,629 9s. 8d., an increase of £423 1s. 8d.

TRADE, ETC.

In the Cook Islands the increase in both exports and imports has been very substantial. The value of the exports was £73,653, as against £60,652 for 1909, an increase of £13,001. Imports amounted in value to £67,737, an increase of £12,716 over last year.

In Niue, the value of the exports amounted to £12,203, an increase of £5,096 over the year 1908. Imports £10,047, as against £6,458 for 1909, an increase of £3,589.

There have been no complaints in regard to the steamer service with Rarotonga during the year.

The schooner service with Niue has been well maintained, and has given satisfaction to the residents of Niue.

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE, ETC.

A new hospital which was very much needed has been erected at Rarotonga, at a cost of £1,368.

Negotiations in regard to providing a medical officer at Niue are proceeding, and I anticipate that satisfactory arrangements will be made shortly.

EDUCATION.

In the Cook Islands the position remains as before.

The school at Niue has now been opened, and interesting particulars relating to it will be found in the Resident Commissioner's report.

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