RAINFALL. (In Inches.) Avarua, Rarotonga.

| Month. | | 1899. | 1900. | 1901. | 1902. | 1903. | 1904. | 1905. | 1906. | 1907. | 1908. | 1909. | Average for Eleven Years. |
|------------|-----|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|--------|----------|---------------------------------|
| • | • | 12-07 | 8.51 | 20-15 | 14-09 | 3.05 | 8-85 | 4-80 | 9-54 | 7.38 | 4.77 | 9-14 | 9-30 |
| January | • • | | 6.30 | 6.00 | 14.02 | 8-10 | 9-19 | 11.06 | 8.42 | 13.26 | 15.43 | 12-13 | 10.72 |
| February | | 14-01 | | | | 6-15 | 10.73 | 6.02 | 9.42 | 16.28 | 22.26 | 11.78 | 10.41 |
| March | | 6-87 | 5.96 | 5.41 | 13.67 | | | | 10.08 | [8·67 | 5.70 | 7.98 | 9.05 |
| April | | 11.02 | 3.30 | 11.17 | 5.33 | 11-14 | 10.34 | 14.86 | | | | 10.94 | 7.55 |
| May | | 15.73 | 3.60 | 7.77 | 3.58 | 6.02 | 5.21 | 3.82 | 6.29 | 10.93 | 9-10 | | |
| June | | 5.81 | 2.47 | 5.52 | 3.60 | 1.15 | 4.18 | 1.85 | 1.74 | 3.64 | 6.79 | 10.17 | 4.27 |
| Lanks. | | 1.55 | 1.23 | 1.24 | 1.84 | 3.11 | 5.90 | 5.81 | 1.72 | $3 \cdot 27$ | 4.71 | 4.24 | 3.15 |
| | | 2.77 | 7.46 | 6.96 | 1.77 | 0.31 | 3.37 | 3.39 | 4.95 | 3.48 | 6.86 | 9.72 | 4.64 |
| August | • • | 9.32 | 5.57 | 3.29 | 0.78 | 5.19 | 5.07 | 1.34 | 1.61 | 3.69 | 6.45 | 5.42 | 4.34 |
| September | • • | | | | | 7.95 | 4.84 | 4.25 | 3.90 | 0.94 | 7.28 | 2.34 | 3.76 |
| October | | 2.33 | 3.47 | 1.21 | 2.85 | | | 6.62 | 2.37 | 4.49 | 15.52 | 4.02 | 5.74 |
| November - | | $2 \cdot 26$ | 2.86 | 4.30 | 8.48 | 10.83 | 1.42 | | | | | | 7.15 |
| December | | 7.46 | 10.81 | 13.11 | 2.47 | 2.38 | 5.35 | 0.91 | 8-89 | 9-97 | 11.77 | 5·54 | 7.10 |
| Total | | 91-20 | 61.54 | 86-13 | 72.48 | 65.38 | 74-45 | 64.73 | 68-93 | 86.00 | 116-64 | 93-42 | 80.08 |

| $Titika veka,\ Rarotonga.$ | | | | Aitutaki. | | | | Oneroa, Mangaia. | | | | Atnu. | |
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| | 1907. | 1908. | 1909. | | 1907. | 1908. | 1909. | | 1907. | 1908. | 1 9 09. | | 1909. |
| January February March April May June July August September October November December | 4·10 3·75 4·79 0·74 3·81 4·97 | 8·17 6·10 4·48 8·41 6·37 17·19 | 16·13 9·82 11·85 11·40 10·27 6·95 15·15 8·35 2·23 5·29 | January February March April May June July August September November December | 2·41 3·30 1·63 3·43 | 8·81 11·81 7·91 9·98 5·80 2·15 2·46 5·36 | 12-77 7-94 9-66 3-53 4-43 6-46 5-34 10-75 1-04 2-95 | January February March April May June July August September November December | 3.09 | $\begin{array}{c} 18.87 \\ 7.80 \\ 6.48 \\ 3.13 \\ 4.23 \\ 5.36 \\ 2.20 \\ 9.60 \\ 2.98 \\ 9.08 \end{array}$ | 7·35 13·61 7·57 5·89 7·48 8·96 1·66 3·97 4·15 2·50 | June July | |
| Total | | 116-20 | | Total | 23-19 | 89-65 | | Total | 3.09 | 82.92 | 81-31 | Total | 4.62 |

^{*} Not yet received.

No. 2.

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 19th May, 1910. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th April last, covering your report for the year ended 31st March, 1910.

I am pleased to learn that the finances and trade returns are in a satisfactory position. I propose to deal with the various matters referred to in your report at a future date.

I have, &c.,

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

J. CARROLL.

VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR TO COOK ISLANDS.

No. 3.

Rarotonga, 30th June, 1909.

I have the honour to report that His Excellency the Governor of New Zealand arrived at Rarotonga on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, and on the evening of that day proceeded on to Mangaia, landing on the last-named island at 9.30 a.m. on the 24th Atiu was visited on the 25th, and Aitutaki on the 26th. At each of these islands His Excel-

lency was well received, and I have reason to believe was quite satisfied with his visit.

The official landing at Rarotonga was on the morning of the 28th, when the people of the island met His Excellency at the residence of Makea Ariki. The day was not fine, but the people were pleased to meet the representative of His Majesty the King, and gave him a hearty welcome.

A few unimportant questions, involving the mana of certain sections of the people, were submitted to His Excellency for his decision, and were dealt with diplomatically by him. Probably His Excellency will mention these matters to you, though they are of small moment

I have, &c., W. E. Gudgeon,

Resident Commissioner,

The Hon. James Carroll, Minister in Charge, Cook Islands Administration.