

Pearl-shell is being gathered at Manihiki, and stored there for shipment immediately there is a payable market.

The prospects for the present year appear bright. The only drawback may be the shipping services.

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The Resident Commissioner.

W. J. STEVENSON,
Collector of Customs and Treasurer.

COOK ISLANDS ADMINISTRATION.

Revenue for the Year ended 31st March, 1917.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st April, 1916	1,684	7	11			
Customs duties, Rarotonga	4,131	1	6			
New Zealand	1,585	8	4			
Traders' licenses	604	2	0			
Stamps	711	17	9			
Fees, Land Titles Court	108	7	3			
Fees and fines, High Court, Rarotonga	578	12	6			
R.M. Court, Aitutaki	47	15	0			
" Mangaia	28	5	0			
" Mauke	8	13	6			
" Atiu	3	19	8			
" Manihiki	59	4	10			
" Penrhyn	10	8	0			
Water rates, Avarua	194	8	0			
" Arorangi	93	18	0			
" Ngatangia	41	0	0			
" Matavera	40	14	6			
" Titikaveka	65	19	0			
" Muri	36	8	3			
Rents	132	10	0			
Shipping fees and forms	13	0	2			
Interest on deposit	40	0	0			
Road rates	38	0	0			
Post-card sales	0	16	4			
Hall licenses	3	5	0			
Fruit Fumigation and Inspection Account	Cr. 932	2	5			
Ammunition Account	Cr. 3	1	4			
Muri Water Account	Cr. 65	1	3			
Liquor Account	Cr. 124	15	1			
Miscellaneous	7	11	0			
				9,710	5	8
Total				£11,394	13	7

Rarotonga, Cook Islands, 11th April, 1917.

Audited and found correct—A. G. CLARKE, Auditor.

W. J. STEVENSON, Treasurer.

Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1917.

Service.	Voted.	Expended.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. Registrar of High and Land Titles Courts	350 0 0	325 0 0
2. Engineer and Surveyor	200 0 0	275 0 0
3. Interpreter and Printer	275 0 0	186 16 1
4. Nurses, Hospital (two)	200 0 0	196 0 0
5. Foreman of Works	196 0 0	175 0 0
6. Draughtsman	175 0 0	150 0 0
7. Island allowance, Collector of Customs	150 0 0	90 0 0
8. Clerk, Land Office	90 0 0	97 11 8
9. " Registrar's Office	90 0 0	90 0 0
10. " Post Office	90 0 0	245 0 0
11. Resident Agent, Mangaia	245 0 0	220 0 0
12. " Atiu	220 0 0	21 12 2
13. " Aitutaki	220 0 0	220 0 0
14. " Mauke	220 0 0	200 0 0
15. " Penrhyn	220 0 0	50 0 0
16. " Rakahanga and Manihiki	200 0 0	122 0 0
17. Native Agent, Mitiaro	50 0 0	39 0 0
18. Native Police, Rarotonga	122 0 0	20 0 0
19. " Aitutaki	39 0 0	
20. " Mauke	20 0 0	