

COOK ISLANDS ADMINISTRATION.

Return showing Value of Exports for the Year ended 31st December, 1920.

Article.	Where exported.	Quantity.	Value.	Total.
Bananas	New Zealand	25,944 cases	£ 12,859	£ 12,859
Oranges	New Zealand	109,480 „	36,490	36,490
Tomatoes	New Zealand	20,235 „	11,127	11,127
Pines	New Zealand	928 „	360	360
Coconuts	New Zealand	3,109 sacks	1,554	2,599
	United States of America	2,178 „	1,045	
		5,287 sacks		
Lemons	New Zealand	941 cases	225	225
Mandarins	New Zealand	321 „	141	141
Kumaras and taro	New Zealand	1,903 „	740	740
Coffee	New Zealand	3½ tons	448	448
Shell	United Kingdom	30 „	2,400	2,400
Copra	New Zealand	52 tons	1,300	27,308
	United States of America	901 „	24,238	
	Tahiti	49 „	1,770	
Total		1,002 tons	..	94,697

SUMMARY.

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New Zealand	65,244
United Kingdom	2,400
United States of America	25,283
Tahiti	1,770
	<u>£94,697</u>

GUY N. MORRIS,
Collector of Customs.

NIUE ISLAND.

REPORT OF RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

SIR,—

Alofi, Niue, 1st April, 1921.

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report on the work of the Niue Administration for the year ended 31st March, 1921.

FINANCE.

The total revenue for the period just closed amounted to £6,938 9s. 2d. It must be noted, though, that one item of revenue comprises £2,000, being the donation so kindly given for hospital purposes to the Administration by the Red Cross Society of New Zealand, and the subsidy added by the Government of that Dominion. The item “Refund of advance made to Samoan Administration” is simply a cross-entry, and arises from the fact that, on the occasion of the engagement of labour here last April, the Niue Administration paid, on behalf of the Samoan Government, the amount named as an instalment of wages to the labourers concerned.

The increased expenditure, which is a record in that direction, is mainly due to the heavy outlay in connection with the hospital scheme. Had regular communication with New Zealand been maintained it would have been considerably greater. There are two new items of expenditure, one of which—namely, “Advance to Samoan Administration”—has been explained in the preceding paragraph. Regarding the other item, that entitled “Firearms and Ammunition Account,” it was decided during the year, owing to the ravages of *kale*, wild pigs, &c., to import a quantity of ammunition and firearms for sale to those Natives wishing to get rid of these pests. The amount named has been expended, but the goods have not yet come to hand, hence the fact that no mention has been made of anything in this direction in the statement of revenue. The expenditure on the medical side was increased very greatly during the year. This is accounted for by one or two facts. The salary of Nurse Copland is paid by this Administration and debited to the Medical Account, although she was engaged in and sent from New Zealand for work on this island. It cannot be too strongly urged that the salaries of all white officers sent from the mainland for service on this island should be paid by the New Zealand Government. During the year it was found necessary to purchase a new set of instruments and appliances for the medical work.