

"The work in connection with the land-cleaning competition proved to have been of a highly satisfactory character, resulting in the cleaning-up of approximately 12,760 acres, comparing very favourably with that accomplished by the previous competition, held in 1918. The results, together with my remarks thereon, will shortly be printed in the *Savali*.

"On a general review of the situation derived from my observations on this latest tour I am enabled confidently to reaffirm the assurance tendered in my reports covering the last two years. As month after month elapses it becomes increasingly evident that we have the pest well in hand. The position is, in fact, progressively satisfactory, and must continue thus so long as the principle of clean cultivation is consistently observed. As I have previously reported, there are whole districts now where little traces of the beetle can be seen—notably Aleipata and Fagaloa—while in other districts, where subsequent to the epidemic and the consequent suspension of searching and cleaning-up operations the beetle for a time was again making headway, the temporary set-back has been more than retrieved, and the situation now is more satisfactory than ever. In particular I may specify in support of this statement the Aana district, and also the stretch of road between Lefaga and Saleaula and the last-mentioned place and Saanapu, in regard to the unsatisfactory state of which His Excellency the Administrator drew my attention on the occasion of his last visit there some months ago. The people of two villages were concentrated in cleaning it up, and, as always happens, the beetle yielded to this treatment, and the place now manifests an undoubted improvement. I have no apprehensions regarding the future. The Natives now thoroughly understand what is expected of them, and I do not anticipate any trouble in keeping them up to the mark in the work of beetle-suppression."

BEETLE RETURNS FOR UPOLU.

European.

Beetles, larvæ, and eggs collected on European plantations in Upolu for the year 1st April, 1920 to 31st March, 1921: Beetles, 73,789; larvæ, 658,000; eggs, 45,644.

For the previous year, 1st April, 1919, to 31st March, 1920, the numbers were—Beetles, 53,614; larvæ, 629,064; eggs, 34,548.

Native.

Year April, 1920, to March, 1921: Beetles, 230,172; larvæ, 2,955,329; eggs, 409,591.

Year April, 1919, to March, 1920: Beetles, 263,437; larvæ, 2,422,792; eggs, 298,140.

NATIVE PLANTATIONS.—STATEMENT OF BEETLES, LARVÆ, AND EGGS COLLECTED IN UPOLU DURING THE MONTHS APRIL, 1920, TO MARCH, 1921.

Beetles.

Month.	Aana.	Tuamasaga.	Atua.	Aleipata.	Falealili.	Safata.
April	6,140	14,394	1,300	996	1,848	1,806
May.. ..	9,682	12,272	2,014	1,587	1,568	2,417
June	4,709	9,593	1,915	1,469	1,344	1,936
July.. ..	5,026	10,878	2,619	1,416	1,684	2,134
August	5,670	10,690	1,458	1,634	1,108	2,134
September	3,481	7,393	1,086	995	1,266	1,485
October	3,268	5,616	1,115	1,300	1,144	2,769
November	3,539	7,022	957	1,379	1,314	3,032
December	3,062	6,279	589	1,296	1,004	2,331
January	3,749	7,305	805	1,243	1,668	2,912
February	2,981	6,130	670	749	707	1,965
March	2,394	4,834	693	936	689	2,579
Totals	53,701	102,406	16,221	15,000	15,344	27,500

Total beetles, 230,172.

Larvæ.

Month.	Aana.	Tuamasaga.	Atua.	Aleipata.	Falealili.	Safata.
April	93,043	75,264	29,980	26,448	22,221	30,206
May.. ..	124,312	85,750	26,522	32,955	24,864	36,548
June	74,636	77,034	25,217	33,656	22,549	25,346
July.. ..	65,548	91,045	37,210	28,701	27,667	25,792
August	64,717	88,761	54,410	34,244	18,748	29,100
September	39,646	68,621	18,976	18,260	20,727	23,086
October	48,069	75,798	24,880	33,601	19,636	58,864
November	59,841	74,335	20,594	35,190	22,298	44,453
December	47,168	51,783	14,987	29,799	16,406	44,642
January	60,854	56,473	16,438	33,708	17,873	52,434
February	71,308	30,436	11,190	23,472	12,089	37,094
March	55,995	34,821	11,955	26,370	16,158	42,507
Totals	805,137	810,121	292,359	356,404	241,236	450,072

Total larvæ, 2,955,329.