

REPORT.

THE following report has been compiled from information and data furnished by the Permanent Heads of the several Departments concerned with the administration of the Territory.

MANDATE.

The full text of the Mandate has been published in Western Samoa in the English and Samoan languages.

LEGISLATION.

IN NEW ZEALAND.

The temporary provision made in 1920 by Orders in Council for the establishment of a Civil Constitution in the Mandated Territory in anticipation of the arrival of the Mandate was superseded by the Samoa Act, which was passed during the last session of the New Zealand Parliament. This legislation re-enacts, with some slight amendments, the provisions of the Samoa Constitution Order, 1920. In addition, the following Supplementary Orders have been passed :—

The Samoa Customs Amendment Order, 1922. (16th January, 1922.)

The Samoa Companies Order, 1922. (1st May, 1922.)

The Samoa Treasury Amendment Order, 1922. (10th April, 1922.)

Copies of the Act and of the Supplementary Orders have been forwarded to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations.

IN SAMOA.

During the year ended 31st March, 1922, the Legislative Council sat on thirteen occasions, and passed the following Ordinances :—

- No. 3, 1921 : The Fees and Costs of the High Court Ordinance.
- No. 4, 1921 : The Land for Quarantine Purposes Ordinance.
- No. 5, 1921 : The Vacant Titles Ordinance.
- No. 6, 1921 : The Census Ordinance.
- No. 7, 1921 : The Beetle Ordinance.
- No. 8, 1921 : The Hours for Shops Ordinance.
- No. 9, 1921 : The Beetle Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.
- No. 10, 1921 : The Time-expired Chinese Labour Ordinance.
- No. 11, 1921 : The Chinese Contract Labour Control Ordinance.
- No. 12, 1921 : The Samoan Marriages Ordinance.
- No. 13, 1921 : The Boat Traffic Ordinance.
- No. 14, 1921 : The Taxation, Licensing, and Revenue Ordinance.
- No. 15, 1921 : The Coroners Ordinance.
- No. 16, 1921 : The Surveyors Ordinance.
- No. 17, 1921 : The Land for Educational Purposes Ordinance.
- No. 18, 1921 : The Land for Water-supply Purposes Ordinance.
- No. 19, 1921 : The Samoa Health Ordinance.
- No. 20, 1921 : The Building Alignment Ordinance.
- No. 21, 1921 : The Building Alignment Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.
- No. 22, 1921 : The Births and Deaths Registration Amendment Ordinance.
- No. 23, 1921 : The Road Traffic Ordinance.
- No. 24, 1921 : The Arms Ordinance.
- No. 25, 1921 : The Permits Ordinance.

Copies of these Ordinances have been forwarded to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Board of Health was constituted for the effective administration of the Samoa Health Order, 1921, and held its first meeting on the 14th June, 1921. The Board met during the year on eleven occasions.

As was to be expected, during its initial stages the Board was occupied chiefly in the preparing of legislation and the formulating of machinery for the proper functioning of the Board and of the divisions of the Medical Department. The following regulations were passed by it: Regulations covering registration of births and deaths of Samoans; regulations for the purpose of preventing or checking the spread of infectious diseases; regulations for the sale of intoxicating liquor for medicinal purposes.

Other regulations have been drafted, and are under the consideration of the Board; and the Samoa Health Ordinance, 1921, passed by the Legislative Council as No. 19 of 1921, was promoted by the Board.

DIVISION OF CLINICAL MEDICINE AND HOSPITALS.

Samoa Nurses.—A marked improvement is noticeable in the stamp of Samoan girl applying for engagement as probationer at the Hospital, and the head of the principal Samoan Girls' School advises that the girls are asking to be specially taught with a view to becoming probationer nurses.