

POST AND TELEGRAPH.

Work performed for other Departments.—Early in December this Department undertook the collection of accounts due to the various Departments of the Administration. The amount collected for the four months amounted to £3,853 14s. 5d. This involved a lot of extra work, as the accounts collected were for small amounts.

Stamps.—A new issue of stamps has been on sale since early in the year. The new stamps are of the following denominations: $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., and 1s.

Savings-bank.—The Savings-bank Branch shows a steady increase of business. During the year 195 accounts were opened and 105 closed, leaving a total of 301 accounts, an increase of 90. Deposits amounted to £34,887 5s. 2d., and withdrawals to £28,253 12s. 1d. The total amount (including interest) at credit of depositors is £29,448 8s. 3d., of which sum £26,256 4s. 7d. is invested in New Zealand, leaving a working balance of £3,192 7s. 8d. in hand on the 31st March, 1922.

Private Boxes.—The additional boxes erected last year have been let with the exception of three, and it will be necessary to add further boxes in the near future. The rents received amounted to £93 8s. 11d., as against £76 16s. 2d. collected the previous year.

Telephones.—The fees amounted to £1,193 10s. 9d., a small increase on last year's totals. The exchange board at present in use is very unsatisfactory, and it is hoped that a new one will be provided in the near future.

Post Office.—Records of articles delivered are made only twice in the year, but it is estimated from a general average that the number of articles delivered in Samoa during the year was as follows: Letters and letter-cards, 96,556; other articles, 65,931: total 162,487. Registered letters delivered numbered 2,288, and parcels 3,080. Letters and other articles posted showed a substantial increase on the previous year's totals: letters numbered 68,759; other articles, 17,838: total 86,597. Registered articles posted totalled 3,407, and parcels 1,425.

Money-orders.—1,745 orders, for a total sum of £14,572 14s. 9d., were issued, the commission amounting to £120 4s. 7d. The paid orders numbered 178 and amounted to £919 18s. 7d.

Postal Notes.—Sales in this branch amounted to £859 16s. 5d., and notes to the value of £40 14s. were paid. British postal orders amounting to £154 13s. 3d. were sold, and the payments amounted to £43 1s.

RADIO-STATION.

The working of the wireless station has been well maintained during the year 1st April, 1921, to 31st March, 1922, the working being interfered with only on rare occasions when atmospheric conditions have been so severe as to make it impossible to work through them.

The station has continued to give service as a relaying station to Tahiti, Rarotonga, Nukualofa, Tutuila, with Awanui, New Zealand.

The plant, with the exception of the Leyden jar condensers, replacements for which are being given attention to, is in good order, and, beyond the usual maintenance work, has required no extraordinary attention.

It has been gratifying to find that the bulk of the work can now be handled quite satisfactorily on the low-power transmitting-set, thus doing away with the heavy battery charging which was necessary when the high-power plant had to be used daily. This has been mainly secured by arranging our schedules with other stations so that they are spread over the whole day, and traffic does not therefore bank up, but is disposed of evenly, and no strain is placed on the low-power plant. As a direct result of this it has been possible to dispense with the second engineer's position, the work now being quite efficiently carried on by one engineer.

Schedules of traffic, and revenue derived from same, covering the year, are attached.

TRAFFIC HANDLED BY APIA-RADIO, 1ST APRIL, 1921, TO 31ST MARCH, 1922.

Month.	Forwarded.		Received.		Transmits.	
	Messages.	Words.	Messages.	Words.	Messages.	Words.
1921—April	298	3,578	288	3,689	683	8,186
May	330	4,354	372	4,424	740	8,332
June	339	4,274	294	3,963	674	7,524
July	343	4,086	331	4,028	736	8,344
August	376	4,286	261	4,038	789	8,863
September	334	3,717	352	3,833	733	7,426
October	313	3,741	362	3,729	749	9,128
November	327	3,762	329	3,772	762	8,328
December	356	3,795	330	3,367	728	8,230
1922—January	287	3,119	261	2,664	595	7,538
February	232	2,536	279	2,932	652	6,770
March	235	2,369	256	2,713	703	7,810
Totals	3,770	43,617	3,715	43,152	8,544	96,479

Amount earned by Apia, £4,116 12s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.