

Exports.

The exports for 1926 show a decrease of £58,605, the figures being £320,783, as compared with £379,388 for the calendar year 1925. However, as previously stated, a large quantity of produce, amounting to £34,000, was carried over to 1927 owing to shortage of shipping.

Copra.—The export of copra for the calendar year 1926 was 12,249 tons, valued at £275,086, as compared with 14,519 tons, valued at £331,274, for the year 1925.

Cocoa.—The cocoa export was 356 tons, valued at £20,151, in comparison with 664 tons, valued at £39,626, for the previous year. The storm of January, 1926 is accountable for a great deal of this shortage, as cocoa is now coming in, the quantity for the March, 1927, quarter being 223 tons.

Rubber.—The export of rubber for the calendar year amounted to 33½ tons, valued at £6,702, as compared with 3 tons, valued at £1,165, for 1925. The production is steadily increasing each month, and March quarter shows 20 tons 7 cwt. as being exported. Prospects for 1927 are very bright.

The weight and values of copra, cocoa, and rubber for the financial year 1926–27 are:—

	Copra.		Cocoa.		Rubber.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	£	Tons.	£	Tons. cwt.	£
June quarter, 1926 ..	3,047	67,610	66	3,799	0 2	375
September quarter, 1926	3,892	81,956	106½	6,004	10 6	1,729
December quarter, 1926	2,610	56,719	147½	8,140	16 14	2,776
March quarter, 1927 ..	1,325	27,488	223	13,016	20 7	3,493
	10,874	233,773	543	30,959	49 7	8,373

The totals for the financial year ended 31st March, 1926, were—Copra, 14,068 tons, valued at £328,715; cocoa, 653 tons, valued at £38,859; rubber, 7½ tons, valued at £2,987. The total exports for March quarter, 1927, were valued at £44,828.

Re-exports.

These amount to £18,260, as compared with £6,844 for the year 1925. Included in this, however, is bullion to the amount of £15,800.

SHIPPING.

The number of vessels arriving from overseas at the Port of Apia for the calendar year 1926 was eighty-four, with a registered tonnage of 93,441, as compared with eighty-eight vessels, with a registered tonnage of 88,137, for the year 1925. Outward vessels show eighty-three, with a registered tonnage of 90,045, as compared with eighty-seven, with registered tonnage of 88,115, for the previous year. Inward cargo shows an increase of 353 tons, and outward cargo a decrease of 2,727 tons, in comparison with the same period of 1925. The figures are: Inwards 14,696, outwards 13,290, for 1926; and inwards 14,343, outwards 16,017, for 1925. The shipping figures for March quarter, 1927, are: Inwards, twelve vessels, 24,163 tons register, 1,910 tons cargo; outwards, thirteen vessels, 27,548 tons register, 1,624 tons cargo.

New Wharf.—The wharf now in course of construction should be finished in May, and should prove a great benefit to all concerned.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS AT CUSTOMHOUSE, APIA.

(To nearest pound sterling.)

Year.	Import Duty.	Export Duty.	Shipping Fees.	Stevedoring and Lease of Sheds and Lighters*, Launch-hire, and Towage.	Taxes, Native-travel Passes,† and Water Rates.	Other Receipts, including Sale of Medicinal Liquor.	Total Net Receipts.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1926–27 ..	42,991	12,421	2,379	682	9,421	2,611	70,505
1925–26 ..	51,076	15,445	2,439	700	9,509	2,294	81,463
1924–25 ..	43,015	15,008	2,268	796	8,909	3,610	73,606
1923–24 ..	41,948	11,685	2,195	1,029	9,495	2,098	68,450
1922–23 ..	45,673	16,272	1,962	889	10,125	1,017	75,938
1921–22 ..	56,824	14,395	1,779	1,209	9,540	653	84,400
1920–21 ..	79,567	9,563	1,383	4,661‡	9,524	3,053	107,751

HARBOUR SECTION.

Shipping.—Returns of inward and outward shipping for the Port of Apia during the year will be found appended.

Lights.—The new beacon on the East Reef was washed away on New Year's Day, 1926, but was rebuilt, the lamp being overhauled in New Zealand and re-exhibited in June, 1926. New lighthouse built on Fanuatapu Island, at east end of Upolu, and fitted with Aga lamp, exhibited from December, 1926. Other lights attended when necessary, and towers repainted. All buildings and maintenance done by harbour staff.

* Lighters purchased outright by Stevedoring Company, Ltd., and rents ceased July, 1924. † Travelling-passes since the 1st of April, 1924, collected by police. ‡ Includes lightering-charges when Administration did stevedoring.