

Maintenance has been a heavy item this year on account of storm damage and heavy wear-and-tear on floating plant whilst salvaging the s.s. "Lady Roberts." Both launches have been redecked and overhauled, and new engine fitted to one launch. A new engine for the "Tahatu" is due to arrive at an early date. New pumping plant has been obtained to replace worn-out plant. All Harbour Department machinery is now of high-class English manufacture, burning kerosene, and proves very economical in running-costs as well as lessening the risk of fire.

S.s. "Lady Roberts" returned from Suva and resumed her run in September. The port shaft seized and was drawn by the master of the ship at Pago Pago with a cofferdam, and after being refitted has given no further trouble. A new foremast was made and stepped, as the old mast showed considerable dry-rot and was not considered safe.

General.—Auxiliary schooner "Teine Vineula" wrecked at Nukunono; auxiliary ketch "Tokelau" wrecked at Fakaofo; both total loss, but no loss of life. The cutter "Siliafai" was burnt out at Apia, resulting in two deaths. New Zealand Reparation Estates launch "Tuakolo" damaged by fire at sea, one man (Chinese) being drowned.

Overseas Merchant Shipping, Port of Apia, for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

Quarter ended.	—	Steam.			Sailing.			Total.		
		No.	Tons.	Cargo.	No.	Tons.	Cargo.	No.	Tons.	Cargo.
INWARDS.										
June quarter, 1926 ..	British Foreign	16	11,879	2,543	..	..	..	16	11,879	2,543
		3	8,096	739	..	..	..	3	8,096	739
		19	19,975	3,282	..	..	..	19	19,975	3,282
September quarter, 1926	British Foreign	20	19,726	3,319	..	..	..	20	19,726	3,319
		3	5,363	613	1	1,898	659	4	7,261	1,272
		23	25,089	3,932	1	1,898	659	24	26,987	4,591
December quarter, 1926	British Foreign	20	22,947	3,073	..	..	..	20	22,947	3,073
		2	4,704	280	..	..	..	2	4,704	280
		22	27,651	3,353	..	..	..	22	27,651	3,353
March quarter, 1927 ..	British Foreign	12	24,163	1,910	..	..	..	12	24,163	1,910
		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		12	24,163	1,910	..	..	..	12	24,163	1,910
Year ending 31st March, 1927	British Foreign	68	78,715	10,845	..	..	..	68	78,715	10,845
		8	18,163	1,632	1	1,898	659	9	20,061	2,291
		76	96,878	12,477	1	1,898	659	77	98,776	13,136
OUTWARDS.										
June quarter, 1926 ..	British Foreign	14	11,772	1,897	..	..	..	14	11,772	1,897
		3	8,096	1,442	..	..	..	3	8,096	1,442
		17	19,868	3,339	..	..	..	17	19,868	3,339
September quarter, 1926	British Foreign	20	19,714	3,216	..	..	..	20	19,714	3,216
		3	5,363	907	1	1,898	..	4	7,261	907
		23	25,077	4,123	1	1,898	..	24	26,975	4,123
December quarter, 1926	British Foreign	19	19,562	2,230	..	..	..	19	19,562	2,230
		2	4,704	780	..	..	..	2	4,704	780
		21	24,266	3,010	..	..	..	21	24,266	3,010
March quarter, 1927 ..	British Foreign	13	27,548	1,624	..	..	..	13	27,548	1,624
		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		13	27,548	1,624	..	..	..	13	27,548	1,624
Year ending 31st March, 1927	British Foreign	66	78,596	8,967	..	..	..	66	78,596	8,967
		8	18,163	3,129	1	1,898	..	9	20,061	3,129
		74	96,759	12,096	1	1,898	..	75	98,657	12,096

In addition to the above, seven warships, two New Zealand Government steamers, and three yachts entered and cleared the Port of Apia.