

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, ETC.—*continued.*

Offences.	1925.	1926.			Increase.	Decrease.
	Offences reported.	Offences reported.	Number arrested or summoned.	Number convicted.	Number dismissed or withdrawn.	
Miscellaneous—						
Breach of Labour Ordinance	1	..	..	.. ..	.. ..	..
Breach of Boat Traffic Ordinance	..	1	1	1 ..	.. ..	1
Breach of Permits Ordinance	..	1	1	1 ..	.. ..	1
Breach of Dog Ordinance	3	1	1	1 ..	.. ..	2
Breach of Samoa Offenders Ordinance ..	2	1	1	1 ..	.. ..	1
Breach of Immigration Ordinance	3	..	..	.. ..	.. ..	3
Breach of Harbour Regulations	1	3	3	2 ..	1 ..	2
Breach of Road Traffic Ordinance	8	8	8	6 ..	2 ..	..
Breach of Bulls and Stallions Ordinance ..	2	1	1	1 ..	.. ..	1
Traders unlawfully giving credit	1	..	..	.. ..	.. ..	1
Traders failing to account for goods	2	..	..	.. ..	.. ..	2
Breach of Shops Ordinance	1	..	..	.. ..	.. ..	1
Removing sand and gravel	..	3	3	3 ..	.. ..	3
Unlawful use of explosives	..	1	1	1 ..	.. ..	1
Obstructing public place	..	5	5	5 ..	.. ..	5
Wilfully wounding animals	..	1	1	1 ..	.. ..	1
Totals	481	510	489	400 17	70 2	189 160

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

SAVINGS-BANK.

The number of new accounts opened during the year indicates the continued confidence of the people in the Post Office Savings-bank. The number of new accounts opened was 579, whilst 187 were closed, leaving a net increase of 392 during the year, as compared with 385 for the previous year. At the close of the year there were 1,384 live accounts, of which 799 were in the names of Samoans. Deposits for the year amounted to £35,231, whilst withdrawals totalled £37,440. The amount of interest credited to depositors at the end of March was £1,678, making the total amount at credit of depositors £45,833.

MONEY-ORDERS.

The money-order business shows a substantial increase, being some £6,386 more than the previous year. The number of orders issued was 2,275, representing a total value of £30,253.

POSTAL NOTES AND BRITISH POSTAL ORDERS.

Under this system the forwarding of small amounts within the British Empire continues to be largely availed of. The amount issued was £945, and the amount paid £85, as compared with £820 and £129 respectively for the previous year.

STAMPS.

The stamp sales amounted to £2,405, being an increase of £491 over the previous years' figures.

POST OFFICE.

Mail-matter delivered and posted in Samoa during the year, estimated from a general average, was as follows:—

Delivered—

Letters	112,305
Other articles	72,113
	184,418
Registered letters	2,617
Parcels	4,560

Posted—

Letters	100,915
Other articles	14,697
	115,612
Registered letters	3,660
Parcels	676

Customs duty amounting to £1,152 was collected on parcels.

Private Boxes.—During the year the number of private-box holders increased to 116, the revenue derived therefrom amounting to £130.

Telephones.—The revenue derived from telephones amounted to £1,239, as compared with £1,166 for the previous year.

Work performed for other Departments.—Amounts collected on behalf of the New Zealand Government Departments were as follows: Superannuation, £2,980; Government Insurance, £144; National Provident Fund, £58; miscellaneous, £106; whilst amounts paid were—Pensions, £480; miscellaneous, £17.