REPORT OF THE NIUE ISLAND ADMINISTRATION.

Official Visits.

His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Charles Fergusson, Lady Alice Fergusson, and party, in continuation of their islands tour visited Niue on the 13th and 14th May. They were most cordially welcomed and hospitably entertained by all sections of the island community.

The Secretary of the Cook Islands Department, Wellington, paid an official visit to Niue on the 10th and 11th December. Such visits are invaluable to both the Department and this Administration, in that it provides the opportunity of discussing fully the various matters of importance on the spot. It is hoped that similar visits in future will be made at regular intervals.

Finance.

The year commenced with a credit balance of £2,903 7s. 3d. Revenue for the year amounted to £4,690 6s. 10d., the main items being New Zealand Government grant of £750; Customs duties, £1,519 19s. 3d.; copra export duty, £699 18s. 10d.; aid to revenue, £463 10s.; and stamp sales, £362 6s. 10d. Expenditure amounted to £5,718 4s. 4d., leaving a credit balance at the 31st March, 1927, of £1,875 9s. 9d. The estimated revenue for the coming year is £4,455, and the expenditure £5,380.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1927.

Revenue.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 1st April, 1926	2,903	7	3
Aid to revenue	2,463	10	0
Bond storage	17	11	10
Copra export duty	699	18	10
Customs duty	1,519	19	3
Dog-tax	60	12	6
Education subsidy, London Missionary Society	500	0	0
High Court	80	11	3
Licenses	173	15	0
Liquor	40	18	8
Medical service subsidy	250	0	0
Native Land Court	3	12	0
Registration fees	14	18	0
Stamp duties	362	6	10
Fruit-inspection fees	2	12	8
Wharf—New Zealand Government grant	500	0	0
	£7,593	141	

Expenditure.	£	s.	d.
Ammunition	19	14	2
Benzine	55	3	0
Education—			
Government schools	239	16	2
London Missionary Society schools	500	0	0
Foreman, Public Works	304	5	0
Furniture, Government residences	69	13	11
Fruit-cases	173	15	3
Government buildings	27	8	9
Interpreters	140	10	6
Jetty	107	18	11
Lepers	10	0	0
Library	6	12	6
Medical service	870	9	10
Miscellaneous services	270	15	5
Niue Island Council	60	0	0
Police	384	9	10
Prisoners	207	12	0
Printing and stationery	92	4	8
Public works	392	14	11
Rent, officers' quarters	33	0	0
Reservoirs	23	6	9
Roads	36	8	4
Superannuation	37	15	0
Transport	165	4	9
Wharf	1,219	11	7
Wireless	269	13	1
Balance—			
Cash in hand	438	11	11
Bank of New Zealand	1,436	17	10
	£7,593	14	1

Estimate of Expenditure for Year 1927–28.

Service.	Amount, £
Ammunition	50
Education—	
Government schools	250
London Missionary School subsidy	500
Foreman, Public Works	275
Furniture, Government residences	100
Fruit-cases	100
Government Buildings	300
Interpreters	145
Jetty	100
Lepers	100
Medical services	1,000
Miscellaneous services	200
Niue Island Council	75
Police	400
Prisoners	200
Printing and stationery	100
Rent, officers' quarters	35
Reservoirs	100
Roads	500
Superannuation	50
Transport	100
Wireless	300
Wharf	400
	£5,380