

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, Towage, and Wharfage†.	Taxes, Native-travel Passes,† and Water Rates.	Other Receipts, including Sale of Medicinal Liquor.	Total Net Receipts.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1927-28 ..	46,855	17,142	2,121	1,059	9,511	1,892	78,580
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

* Lighters purchased outright by Stevedoring Co., Ltd., and rents ceased, July, 1924.
 from 22nd August, 1927.

† Travelling passes since 1st April, 1924, collected by police.

† Wharfage fees

HARBOUR SECTION.

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

Lights, Buoys, and Beacons.—Gas-supplies have been renewed on all lights; towers painted; new piping put in at Fanuatapu, where corrosion seems very heavy; beacons cleared of undergrowth, and woodwork renewed where necessary, and painted. Nos. 2 and 3 buoys landed, fenders resheathed, and buoys painted with three coats composition. Cables were hove in and six badly-worn links cut out and new shackles fitted.

Passages.—No work has been done on passages, and a number of pins will have to be replaced. Blasting-work has been carried out in the area around the new wharf and a large quantity of coral removed. Men have been fully employed around harbour, and it has not been possible to do outside work.

Maintenance.—Both launches have been hauled out, resheathed and coppered, engines examined and checked. Blasting-lighter, coal-lighter, hauled out and overhauled. Old pumping plant replaced with new unit. Drilling plant overhauled and in good condition.

"Lady Roberts."—Bottom has been scrubbed under water twice, but vessel will need to be slipped this year. She is in fair condition for her age.

OVERSEAS MERCHANT SHIPPING, PORT OF APIA, FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1928.

				Inwards.			Outwards.		
				Num- ber of Vessels.	Tons.	Cargo.	Num- ber of Vessels.	Tons.	Cargo.
June quarter, 1927 ..	British	Foreign		14	24,302	4,708	13	21,668	4,192
				1	3,722	10	1	3,722	1,935
				15	28,024	4,718	14	25,390	6,127
				14	12,615	2,221	17	15,350	1,921
September quarter, 1927 ..	British	Foreign		1	3,737	5	1	3,737	1,077
				15	16,352	2,226	18	19,087	2,998
December quarter, 1927 ..	British	Foreign		15	15,997	3,494	13	15,896	1,508
				1	3,496	6	1	3,496	868
				16	19,493	3,500	14	19,392	2,376
				14	18,774	2,408	13	18,722	2,020
March quarter, 1928 ..	British	Foreign		1	4,038	..	1	4,038	1,912
				15	22,812	2,408	14	22,760	3,932
Year ended 31st March, 1928 ..	British	Foreign		57	71,688	12,831	56	71,636	9,641
				4	14,993	21	4	14,993	5,792
				61	86,681	12,852	60	86,629	15,433

In addition to the above, eleven warships, three New Zealand Government steamers, and three yachts entered and cleared the Port of Apia (no sailing-ships).