

REPORT OF COOK ISLANDS ADMINISTRATION.

FINANCE.

The financial year commenced with a credit balance of £143 16s. 5d. Revenue for the year amounted to £18,997 13s. 6d., and the expenditure totalled £17,488 7s. 6d. The details are shown in the Revenue and Expenditure Account set out hereunder, from which it will be seen that our credit balance at the 31st March, 1928, was £1,653 2s. 5d.

It should be noted that our Customs revenue of £11,986 contains an item of £2,176 3s. 6d. credited for duties collected in New Zealand on goods afterwards reshipped to the Cook Islands, but which really should have been a credit for the previous year.

Our financial position is still not satisfactory, as it will be seen from the particulars of balance that we owe £5,956 17s. 7d. to New Zealand Government on Advances Account, whereas the amount due to the Administration totals £3,550 1s. 8d. This leaves a difference of £2,406 15s. 11d., to meet which we have only a cash credit of £1,847 5s. 7d., the remaining credits being stocks on hand. Had it not been for an advance of £2,000 made by the Government during the year in aid of the Administration Treasury we would not have been able to meet our obligations towards the end of the financial year.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1928.

<i>Revenue.</i>			<i>Expenditure.</i>		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance as at 31st March, 1927	143	16 5	Aitutaki—Salaries	616	5 0
Ammunition	22	15 3	Aitutaki Wharf	310	18 10
Benzine	15	0 4	Atiu—Salaries	198	17 5
Copra export duty	1,742	1 0	Audit fees	344	0 11
Customs duties	11,986	0 0	Agricultural classes	25	0 0
Cinema licenses	15	0 0	Atiu cargo-shed	26	14 1
Cartage shocks	55	15 5	Contingencies	698	0 1
Diving licenses	53	0 0	Courts	902	4 8
Dog-tax	150	0 0	Dental Department	183	3 8
Education, Northern Group	122	8 0	Education	792	17 1
Fruit-inspection fees	478	4 1	Experimental farm	337	2 4
Film-censorship fees	11	6 7	Freezer	144	1 0
High Court fees and fines	1,001	14 8	Furniture	31	14 8
Hall licenses	5	0 0	Government buildings	633	0 2
Liquor	209	19 1	Hospital and Medical Department	2,740	7 1
Marriage fees	37	2 0	House—Assistant Medical Officer	429	16 0
Motor fees	131	10 0	Lepers	71	11 11
Native Land Court fees	48	12 9	Lunatics	136	1 2
Passport fees	20	19 0	Mail subsidy	40	0 0
Post-office box rents	5	14 0	Mangaia—Salaries	162	13 4
Rents	268	10 0	Manihiki and Rakahanga—Salaries	271	5 0
Road rates	91	6 6	Mauke—Salaries	346	0 0
Shipping fees	3	7 0	Mitiaro—Salaries	83	0 0
Stamp sales	1,266	3 4	Penrhyn—Salaries	323	0 0
Stock, Public Works Department	14	6 8	Police	1,121	8 3
Trading licenses	669	5 0	Post-office	531	13 3
Water rates	446	4 0	Printing	72	0 0
Wireless	126	7 10	Prisoners	129	11 11
			Public works	771	0 9
			Pukapuka—Salaries	220	18 1
			Resident Commissioner's Office	1,294	4 7
			Roads, bridges, culverts, and foreshore	1,368	5 6
			Subsidy, destruction flying-foxes and rats	152	18 3
			Superannuation	235	5 6
			Telephones	68	1 2
			Treasury and Customs	901	12 1
			Trucks	300	10 9
			Water expenses	436	3 5
			Whare Manuhiri	36	19 7
			Total expenditure	17,488	7 6
			Balance (particulars below)	1,653	2 5
	£19,141	9 11		£19,141	9 11

<i>PARTICULARS OF BALANCE.</i>			£	s.	d.
Cash in hand	..	..	679	2	9
Cash in bank	..	..	1,064	16	11
Cash in hands of Resident Agents—					
Aitutaki	..	..	11	6	1
Atiu	..	..	5	8	6
Mangaia	..	..	60	0	0
Mauke	..	..	14	16	10
Pukapuka	..	..	11	14	6
				103	5 11
Stocks on hand	..	..	2,212	12	9
				4,059	18 4
			£	s.	d.
Amounts due by C.I.A. to N.Z. Government	..	..	5,956	17	7
Less amounts due to C.I.A.	..	..	3,550	1	8
				2,406	15 11
Balance as above	..	..	£1,653	2	5