

main is completed work will be commenced on the Ngatangiia main, and the supply-pipes will be removed from the creek-bed wherever possible. The repairs to the Avatiu main were completed last June, and this supply is in fair working-order. There are still about 800 ft. of 2 in. piping which will have to be replaced by 3 in. to enable the full bore of 3 in. to be available for the supply. A new strainer is also required.

Government Buildings and Residences.—The Government buildings and residences have been kept in a good state of repair. The interior and veranda portions of the residences of the Chief Medical Officer, Postmaster, Collector of Customs, and Headmaster (Ngatangiia) have been painted.

Administration Grounds.—The Hospital, Ngatipa, and Administration Office grounds, and also the foreshore, have received attention when required.

Aitutaki.—Thirty-two wells, varying in depth from 24 ft. to 52 ft., have been sunk in various places, of which fifteen have been fitted with pumps. Some of the wells were blasted through rock. The least water in any well is 10 ft., and the most 26 ft. The people of the villages of Vaipae and Tautu no longer go to the swamps to get drinking-water. From six of these wells the water has been led to washing-places. All wells are fitted with stone tops down to hard soil, and have good covers over them. Water has been laid on through a 2 in. pipe from the spring to a public washhouse on the section near the beach.

Twelve culverts of various sizes, with arched tops, have been built with cement, sand, and blue metal.

A boat-shed, 40 ft. by 20 ft., has been built for the use of the Administration and the Island Council. A shed has been built, with concrete posts, iron sides, and rau roof, for the Council truck.

Three boats have been built, one for the Administration and two for the Council, to carry rock and gravel for roadwork. The Administration boat is 30 ft. by 6 ft. by 2 ft. 4 in. The Council boats are 31 ft. by 8 ft. by 2 ft. 4 in. (value £120), and 31 ft. 6 in. by 8 ft. by 2 ft. 6 in. (value £175). The money for the Council boats has been saved from island funds. These boats and the motor-truck are doing valuable work for the island in putting the roads in order.

About five miles of roads have had a good coating of metal and coarse sand this year. A cutting has been put through Amuri Hill, 19 ft. deep, and roadway formed each side of the hill. This had to be blasted out.

The wharf has been put in first-class working-order, sides built up with blue metal, and cemented in. Part of the line of the wharf has been straightened and raised 2 ft. 6 in. on one side, and filled in 7 ft. on the other side. All stone used is metal, not coral as before. Double lines have been laid full length of wharf and up to the cargo-shed. 1,075 sleepers for the lines have been used. These are all from 4 in. to 9 in. thick, and cut from trees on the Motus. The timber is ngangie, and is the best lasting wood known here, and very hard. The stone was nearly all carted by volunteer labour, and boated a mile. A punt was built to help carry the stone.

HIGH COURT.

Criminal Jurisdiction.—In Rarotonga the total number of cases of criminal offences, breaches of regulations and of local ordinances, was 1,104 for the year, as follows: Manufacturing intoxicating liquor, 50; consuming intoxicating liquor, 682; drunkenness, 19; theft, 18; cohabiting, 32; adultery, 13; riding bicycle at night without a light, 16; driving buggy at night without a light, 2; driving furiously, 1; exceeding the speed-limit, 1; driving vehicle at night without a light, 1; driving motor-car under the age of seventeen, 1; animal trespassing, 36; tethering an animal upon a public place, 12; cruelty to an animal, 1; failing to register dogs, 72; breach of Fruit Regulations, 48; breach of Noxious Weeds Regulations, 30; breach of Regulations and Offences Ordinance, 5; breach of Water Ordinance, 4; having possession of intoxicating liquor, 1; wilful trespass, 6; wilful damage, 1; contempt of Court, 3; keeping pigs within settlement, 16; using threatening behaviour, 4; assault, 8; obstructing the police, 2; attempting to bribe the police, 1; breaking and entering, 1; intending to defraud, 1; using obscene language, 2; gambling, 7; attempted murder, 1; wilfully causing grievous bodily harm, 1; wilfully causing actual bodily harm, 1; escaping from lawful custody, 4; total, 1,104. These cases were dealt with as follows: Convicted and fined, 899; convicted and discharged, 74; convicted and sentenced to imprisonment, 43; convicted and ordered to come up for sentence if called upon, 4; cases adjourned *sine die*, 12; cases adjourned, 33; cases dismissed, 28; cases withdrawn, 9; ordered to register a dog, 2.

Civil Jurisdiction.—The following civil cases were dealt with at Rarotonga during the year: 17 actions for debt, which involved £154 19s. 9d.; 17 actions for damages, which involved £347 9s.; 13 applications for divorce; 9 actions on judgment summons; 3 actions for possession; 3 applications for probate; 5 affiliation cases; 1 application for charging-order; 1 application to assess and award compensation.

NATIVE LAND COURT.

The Registrar's report shows that during the year the Chief Judge visited the islands of the Lower Group (Mangaia, Aitutaki, Mauke, Atiu, and Mitiaro), when various matters pertaining to Land Court work were dealt with.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following are extracts from the annual report of the Inspector of Police:—

“The strength of the Rarotonga police is as follows: one Inspector (European), two sergeants, and eight Native constables, a total of eleven.