

States of America. Also a general increase in all provision goods, but not of a sufficient amount to note specially. Decreases are shown in: (1) Machinery, electrical, £5,630—United Kingdom. (2) Hardware, £2,315—United Kingdom, £844; New Zealand, £575 (and general decline from all countries). (3) Benzine and gasoline, £2,187—United States of America. (4) Kerosene, £1,359—United States of America.

Exports.

The exports for the calendar year 1928 amount to £422,175, as compared with £335,978 for the year 1927, an increase of £86,197. Increases are shown in copra and cocoa. Rubber has declined, not in quantity but in value, owing to the heavy fall in the market price of this commodity. Bananas have been exported for the first time during this year, and considerably swell the value of exports.

Copra.—The export of copra for the calendar year 1928 was 15,989 tons, valued at £319,259, as compared with 11,665 tons, valued at £242,672, for the year 1927. It may be noted that there was a carry-over of approximately 1,500 tons from the year 1927, and, as practically all copra on hand at the end of 1928 was shipped, this will partly account for the increase in the quantity of this product exported.

Cocoa.—The cocoa exported during 1928 was 959 tons, valued at £69,507, as compared with 792 tons, value £48,216, for the same period of 1927. The high value in the world's markets has been maintained during the whole year.

Rubber.—This article has slightly increased in quantity exported during the year, but owing to the low market price the value has considerably decreased. The amount exported during 1928 was 167 tons, value £17,268, as compared with 158 tons, value £24,802, for the year 1927.

Bananas.—The export of bananas was inaugurated in May, 1928, on the arrival of the "Maui Pomare," but owing to the spasmodic running of the vessel and the small carrying-capacity the export has not increased as anticipated. It is fully realized that it will require a more frequent and regular service to make a success of this enterprise. The quantity exported to the 31st December, 1928, was 22,761 cases and 108 bunches, valued at £11,219.

Re-exports.—These amount to £2,635 for year 1928, as compared with £18,229 (including £16,164 bullion) for year 1927.

Wharfages.

The amount collected on account of wharfages for the financial year 1928–29 was £1,224 2s. 6d. This amount is an increase on the estimated revenue from this source. The wharf has now proved itself, and is appreciated by all connected with the shipping of this port.

Port and Customs Service Tax.

This duty of 2½ per cent. on all goods imported came into force on the 27th June, 1928, and to the 31st March, 1929, the amount collected under this heading is £6,024 7s. 1d. This tax was not budgeted for in the estimates for the financial year, as it was introduced subsequently.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS AT CUSTOMHOUSE, APIA.

(To nearest pound sterling.)

Year.	Import Duty.	Export Duty.	Shipping Dues.	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.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1928–29 ..	55,714	15,683	2,499	2,076	9,806	2,530	88,308
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

* Lighters purchased outright by Stevedoring Co., Ltd., and rents ceased July, 1924. † Wharfage fees from 22nd August, 1927. ‡ Travel passes since 1st April, 1924, collected by police.

HARBOUR SECTION.

Lights, Buoys, and Beacons.—Lower leading-light shifted to new structure on the reef; new burner fitted in Vaea light, and gas-supplies renewed as required and lamps painted. Mooring-buoys picked up and overhauled, and cables landed and overhauled and new shackles fitted.

Floating Plant.—Coal-lighter, blasting-lighter, and one launch overhauled and remetalled, and engine overhauled. S.s. "Lady Roberts" scrubbed under water, new awnings fitted, and above-water section scrubbed and painted, and belting renewed on starboard side. Boiler is to be completely retubed as soon as weather permits blowing down.