

Revenue and Expenditure.

The following table gives a comparison between the revenue and the expenditure of the Territory over a period of five years :—

Year.	Revenue, including Subsidy from New Zealand Government.	Expenditure, Ordinary (excluding Loan Account).
	£	£
1924-25	130,914	135,523
1925-26	150,038	145,687
1926-27	133,812	141,710
1927-28	126,038	143,421
1928-29	141,904	130,455*

* The cost of the Samoa Military Police (£27,374) was met by New Zealand.

STATEMENT OF CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31st MARCH, 1929.

Assets.			Liabilities.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in hand and at bank	1,160	2 6	Reserves	26,125	13 9
Advances	4,737	10 6	Deposits	12,341	18 11
Fixed deposits	12,000	0 0	Loans Account, New Zealand		
Stores, &c.	16,578	1 0	Government—		
Buildings, Machinery, &c. (Public Works			Public Works Department	£	
Department)	5,875	0 0	Account	139,000	
Loan, Public Works Account	139,000	0 0	Political Account	26,200	
S.s. "Lady Roberts"	3,350	0 0		165,200	0 0
Public Works Loan Redemption Fund			Currency notes	30,000	0 0
Investment Account	11,848	12 5	Chinese Accounts—Repatriation costs ..	3,015	7 7
Suspense Accounts	1,470	5 6	Surplus and Deficit Account—		
Samoa Treasury Notes Security Account			Balance at 31st March, 1929	1,126	11 8
(New Zealand investments).. .. .	41,790	0 0			
	£237,809	11 11		£237,809	11 11

Note regarding assets.—These accounts do not include the value of land, buildings, and other real property under the control of the Administration belonging to the Mandated Territory; or book debts, departmental stocks (except as shown), furniture, and equipment (house and office), horse transport, &c., paid for out of revenue in previous years.

PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE.

The Profit and Loss Account discloses a profit of £297 5s. 9d., the item for salaries (£901 9s. 2d.) having been reduced by almost £500 compared with the previous year.

Several new estates have come to the Office for administration and have received attention. Some of these and other older ones have been wound up, but in many instances final settlement has been delayed on account of the difficulty experienced in disposing of assets at reasonable prices, and in other cases by the fact that beneficiaries cannot agree as to the division of the properties. All investments are amply secured in accordance with the directions of the Investment Board.

Official Assignee.—One bankruptcy occurred during the period, and every effort is being made to finally wind up this and the estate under administration at the 31st March, 1928. Great difficulty is being experienced in realizing on the properties belonging to these estates, and it is not expected that final accounts will be available for some considerable time. Dividends to creditors have been paid in each case.

STAFF.

Careful attention continues to be given to the question of staffing the various Departments, having regard to the service required of them by the public.

Departments.	European* Staff as at 31st March.			
	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
Administrator's	1	1	1	2
Secretariat	5	5	5	5
Agriculture	5	6	7	..
Customs and Harbour	8	9	8	10
Education	13	13	11	12
Justice	3	3	3	2
Labour	2	2	2	2
Lands and Survey	7	6	5	4
Medical	24	26	22	20
Native Affairs	4	4	3	5
Police and Prisons	7	6	6	6
Postal	4	4	4	5
Public Works	9	11	8	6
Stores	3	..	..	..
Treasury	4	4	4	4
Radio-station	8	7	8	8
Resident Commissioner's Office, Savai'i	5	4	4	3
Grand totals for Administration Departments	112	111	101	94

* Includes half-castes who, by virtue of the positions they fill, are eligible for inclusion in the European Staff Classification List.