

REPORT OF THE NIUE ISLAND ADMINISTRATION.

FINANCE.

The financial year commenced with a credit balance of £1,494 15s. 5d. Revenue for the year amounted to £6,916 16s. 11d., the main items being — Aid to revenue, £456; Customs duties, £1,709 1s. 9d.; copra export duty, £791 13s.; fruit-cases, £1,020 11s. 3d.; and stamp sales, £965 10s. 2d. Expenditure amounted to £5,406 4s. 6d., leaving a credit balance at the 31st March, 1929, of £3,005 17s. 10d. There are several accounts outstanding, which will reduce the balance to approximately £1,700. The position may be considered satisfactory. The principal drop in revenue was in Customs duties, which was chiefly due to traders here being overstocked from the previous year. The estimated revenue for the coming year is £4,830, and the expenditure £5,450. Details of revenue and expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1929, are set out in the schedules attached hereto.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year ended 31st March, 1929.

Revenue.			Expenditure.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward, 1st April, 1928	1,494	15 5	Benzine Account, <i>debit</i>	..	144 13 2
Aid to revenue	456	0 0	Dog-tax Account, <i>debit</i>	..	10 12 6
Ammunition Account	98	11 8	Education—		
Benzine Account, <i>credit</i>	301	19 3	Government schools	181	17 5
Bond storage	1	2 6	London Missionary Society subsidy, <i>debit</i>	250	0 0
Copra export duty	791	13 0	Fruit-case Account, <i>debit</i>	240	15 4
Customs duties	1,709	1 9	Fruit Export Account, <i>debit</i>	100	8 3
Dog-tax	43	15 0	Fruit-inspection fees, <i>debit</i>	24	1 11
Education—London Missionary Society			Interpreters	169	0 6
subsidy, <i>credit</i>	500	0 0	Jetty, boats, and Bond sheds	322	13 10
Fruit-case Account, <i>credit</i>	1,020	11 3	Landing and Shipping Account, <i>debit</i>	3	17 6
Fruit Export Account, <i>credit</i>	168	4 2	Leper Account	47	16 0
Fruit-inspection fees, <i>credit</i>	16	10 3	Liquor Account, <i>debit</i>	31	18 4
High Court—Fees and fines	92	13 6	Medical Service Account, <i>debit</i>	1,330	17 6
Jetty Account, <i>credit</i>	11	7 7	Miscellaneous Services Account	184	19 6
Landing and Shipping Account, <i>credit</i>	276	7 9	Niue Island Council	80	9 6
Licenses	162	10 0	Office equipment, fittings, repairs, build-		
Liquor Account, <i>credit</i>	25	19 0	ings, &c.	327	18 9
Miscellaneous Service Account, <i>credit</i>	94	11 10	Police	418	0 5
Native Land Court—Fees and fines	3	0 0	Printing and stationery	64	4 7
Public Works—Stock and material, <i>credit</i>	101	13 11	Prisoners	156	8 10
Residency—Buildings, furniture, &c.	1	12 6	Public Works—		
Registration and permit fees	20	14 0	Foreman	252	16 7
Stamp sales	965	10 2	Buildings and repairs	33	14 7
Superannuation Account, <i>credit</i>	26	5 0	Stock and material, <i>debit</i>	46	19 6
Transport Account, <i>credit</i>	27	2 10	Tools	7	13 2
			Rent, officers' quarters	33	0 0
			Reservoirs, village	7	4 1
			Residency, repairs, buildings, &c.	5	12 7
			Roads	155	12 6
			Superannuation Account, <i>debit</i>	17	17 5
			Transport Account, <i>debit</i>	499	0 9
			Wireless Account, <i>debit</i>	201	7 10
			Ammunition Account, <i>debit</i>	54	11 8
				5,406	4 6
			Balance, 31st March, 1929—		
			Cash in hand	2,812	17 11
			Bank of New Zealand	192	9 11
				3,005	17 10
				£8,411	12 4

SHIPPING.

Twenty vessels visited Niue during the year. It was found necessary to withhold pratique on one occasion. The N.Z.G.S. "Hinemoa" made three trips, and on the 24th May the "Maui Pomare" took up her running, making six trips from New Zealand to Apia via Niue. The s.s. "Hauraki" called twice; the s.s. "Waihemo," "Voco," "Petricola," and Mission ship "John Williams" once each, which made it possible to despatch additional mails. It is not, of course, possible to despatch Niue cargo by these vessels. The H.M.S. "Laburnum" paid her annual visit on the 12th August, staying only the one day.