

PUBLIC TRUST OFFICE.

The expenditure of this Office for the year was £545 17s. 11d. and the revenue £880 14s. 2d., leaving a credit balance of £334 16s. 3d., as compared with a surplus of £40 for the previous financial year. Funds invested total £10,004, and there is an Office reserve of £650. As it is self-supporting, the accounts of the Office are separate from those of the Administration, except that as a matter of convenience all expenditure is made through the Samoan Treasury, which is reimbursed at the end of each quarter. Hence the Treasury figures include Public Trust Office expenditure (which is also shown as a deduction from the total) but do not show receipts, which are credited direct to the Public Trustee.

PORT AND HARBOUR SERVICES.

Pilotage and harbour services, and maintenance of lights, beacons, and plant continued to function very satisfactorily under contract with the Harbourmaster. There was no serious accident to shipping during the year, and the only new work worthy of mention was the construction of a new pilot launch by a local builder.

STAFF.

Particulars are given in the following table, as at 31st March for each year :—

Services.	Europeans.		Persons of Part Samoan Blood.		Native Samoans.		Native Samoan District and Village Officials.	
	1934.	1935.	1934.	1935.	1934.	1935.	1934.	1935.
Classified departmental staffs—								
Education	4	4	5	6	82	82	..	..
Health	10	10	2	2	52	53	..	..
Native Affairs (including Savai'i) ..	3	3	1	1	11	11	169	164
Police and Prisons	13	10	1	2	49	48	..	..
Other services	22	22	16	17	19	21	..	..
	52	49	25	28	213	215	169	164
Casual employees	..	1	11	15	21	50	..	..
New Zealand Reparation Estates staff	16	19	9	22	3	7	..	..
Totals	68	69	45	65	237	272	169	164

The staff is organized on the basis of having a European official in charge of each Department, with the minimum number of other Europeans with specialist or other necessary qualifications required for the work. The remainder of the staff is engaged in Samoa from Native Samoans or persons of part European and Samoan blood, according to the nature of the service. The officers in charge of Departments are seldom changed; those in charge of the Education, Health, Native, Public Works, Postal and Radio, Lands and Survey, and Police Departments (those most in contact with the Samoans) have an average Samoan service of fourteen and a half years each, their respective services being sixteen years, eleven years, twelve years, fifteen years, twenty years, twelve years, and fifteen years.

VI. PUBLIC FINANCE.

The accounts of the Territory for the year ended 31st March, 1935, show a surplus of receipts over expenditure amounting to £2,303, the accumulated surplus as at that date being £11,755, not including investments specially set aside for replacement of assets. A further sum of £3,350 (included in the £11,755 above) has been invested and may be regarded as added to reserve, the position now being that the total accumulated surplus amounts to £15,755, held as shown below :—

	£
Cash	7,428
Investments and advances in Samoa ..	977
Investments in New Zealand	7,350
	<u>£15,755</u>

It should be noted that £4,000 of the investments as above has been appropriated for replacement of assets and is not available for general Administration expenditure.

At the beginning of the year it appeared that a deficit on the year's activities was inevitable, but a later recovery in trade, particularly in the last quarter, was an important factor contributing