

The total trade of the island over the last ten years is set out in the following table :—

Year.	Imports.					Exports.			Total Trade.
	New Zealand.	United Kingdom.	Australia.	Other.	Total Imports.	New Zealand.	Other.	Total Exports.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1926	14,105	1,790	1,153	515	17,563	17,655	..	17,655	35,218
1927	10,896	2,003	878	229	14,006	14,290	60	14,350	28,356
1928	14,403	2,476	1,027	731	18,637	16,347	4,591	20,938	39,575
1929	14,688	2,866	880	673	19,107	13,449	8,757	22,206	41,313
1930	14,863	1,588	955	1,224	18,630	13,323	2,554	15,877	34,507
1931	8,958	961	678	910	11,507	5,186	2,005	7,191	18,698*
1932	11,568	2,424	360	404	14,756	10,820	3,167	13,987	28,743
1933	10,400	1,442	841	440	13,123	10,225	1,317	11,542	24,665
1934	11,888	658	515	311	13,372	11,342	999	12,341	25,713
1935	13,191	942	780	375	15,288	10,010	2,066	12,076	27,364

* Island recovering from drought and storms.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The Niueans are a peaceful and law-abiding people, in many ways differing widely from Polynesians in other islands. There are no chiefs, and each male owns his own piece of land.

They are a people well worth saving, and every endeavour is being made to preserve the race and to assist them in every way possible, particularly at the present time when they desire to travel the difficult road of civilization. Their shoes are being made to fit as comfortably as possible for their journey.

MEDICAL, AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Medical Staff consists of 1 European Medical Officer; 1 European Matron and European assistant; 4 Native nurses; 1 Native dispenser, who is also interpreter and chauffeur; 2 Native laundry women. There is one hospital, situated at Alofi (the port).

The Medical Officer each week visits all villages in addition to special visits to patients in the outlying areas. No village is farther away from the hospital than ten miles. The health of the people has been good, though an epidemic of typhoid fever proved rather serious.

The following is a summary of the work performed at the hospital: Infectious diseases notified—Pulmonary and other tuberculosis, 19; gonorrhœa, 18; infective yaws, 47; pneumonia, 7; typhoid fever, 90; conjunctivitis, 65; ringworm, 58; filariasis, 62; leprosy, 2; cerebro-spinal meningitis, 1. Hospital and dispensary statistics—Remaining in hospital, 31/12/34, 5; admitted during the year, 156; discharged during the year, 150; died in hospital, 9; remaining in hospital, 31/12/35, 2; average stay in hospital, 21·7 days; dispensary out-patients, 1,230; district out-patients, 3,612; district special visits, 795; special visits, 515; hospital patients' dressings, 601; hospital out-patients' dressings, 3,708. Operations—major, 7; minor, 104. Dental extractions, 170; dental fillings, 4. Injections—Biereol and N.A.B., 310; peptone, 72; gonococcal vaccine, 14; manganese butyrate, 11; tuberculin, 95; T.A.B. prophylactic, 6,436.

Typhoid Fever.—A major outbreak of typhoid fever occurred. There were 90 cases, with a total death-rate of 10 per cent. and a hospital death-rate of 6·33 per cent.

Tuberculosis.—This island compares favourably with other tropical islands. The position is being carefully watched by the Administration, who are endeavouring to educate the people in safeguarding themselves against infection.

Leprosy.—Two further cases of this disease have been notified, both of them being sent to Mokogai.

Dental Work.—Although there is very little dental caries among the people there is a great deal of pyorrhœa amongst the adult population. This is a matter that is receiving the attention of the Administration.

Nursing Staff.—Since the close of the period covered by this report a scheme has been approved under which selected Native girls will be sent to the Apia Hospital to be trained as nurses. Two girls have already been sent to Samoa, and, when qualified, will return to Niue.

EDUCATION.

The two Administration and ten Mission schools are doing excellent work. Education is, of course, a difficult proposition, for, in spite of the excellent common-sense methods employed in the schools, when the pupil returns home much is forgotten. The average roll at the two Administration schools is 287, with the excellent average attendance of 274. There has been an increase of 5·5 per cent. in the average roll strength. The typhoid