

1936.
NEW ZEALAND.

COOK ISLANDS.

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Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

REPORT OF COOK ISLANDS ADMINISTRATION.

DEATH OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V.

THE intense and unswerving loyalty of the people of the Cook Islands and their devotion to the throne of Great Britain is well known, and it was with genuine sorrow that they learned of the death of their beloved Sovereign King George V.

As the sad news spread from Island to Island, even to remote Penrhyn which is 750 miles from Rarotonga, the Polynesian and European inhabitants combined to observe mourning and memorial services as in other parts of the Empire.

The ceremony of reading the Proclamation of the Accession of His Majesty King Edward VIII was carried out in due form in all the Islands of the Group, with the fullest expressions of renewed loyalty and devotion to the Throne.

FINANCE.

For the financial year ended 31st March, 1936, income amounted to £40,556 1s. 3d., and expenditure (including depreciation, £2,195 2s. 8d., and hurricane reparation, £3,519 9s. 8d.) amounted to £40,691 16s. 10d., leaving an excess of expenditure over income of £135 15s. 7d.

Taking into account cash in hand at the beginning of the year (£1,467 3s. 9d.) and bringing all receipts (including £1,475 18s. 2d. from Fixed Deposits Accounts) and all payments into account, the financial year ended with cash in hand amounting to £1,468 11s. 3d.

Subsidies from New Zealand Treasury on account of public health and education for the current year amounted to £11,038; and, in addition, a subsidy of £4,529 10s. 10d. was received on account of hurricane reparation.

The following table shows that the total expenditure on public health and education, two essential services to which the New Zealand Government is committed, was £15,334 13s. 11d., towards which New Zealand granted £11,038. The local Administration found the balance of £4,296 13s. 11d., and also all other expenditure of the Administration of every kind amounting to £27,695 7s. 5d., a total expenditure from local funds of £31,992 1s. 4d.

—	Public Health.		Education.		All other Services.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Payments (including capital expenditure)	6,548	9 2	8,786	4 9	27,695	7 5	*43,030	1 4
Grants received from New Zealand ..	5,000	0 0	6,038	0 0	..		11,038	0 0
Found by Cook Islands Administration	1,548	9 2	2,748	4 9	27,695	7 5	31,992	1 4

* Including capital expenditure.

Detailed statements of income and expenditure, and balance-sheet, are printed on pages 23 and 24, Appendix A.