

XXII.—MINES.

There are no mines or any known mineral deposits of value in the Territory.

XXIII.—POPULATION.

Statistics for the period 1st January, 1935, to 31st March, 1936, are given in the following table:—

Designation.	As at 1st January, 1935.		Births.		Deaths.		Arrivals.		Departures.		As at 31st March, 1936.		Grand Totals.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Europeans ..	335	257	2	1	7	2	181	122	178	115	333	263	596
Persons of European and Samoan descent	1,231	1,165	44	28	4	4	87	105	80	125	1,278	1,169	2,447
Native Samoans ..	25,255	24,246	1,126	998	347	271	475	353	415	326	26,094	25,000	51,094
Chinese labourers ..	503	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	503	..	503
Melanesian labourers	94	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	92	1	93
	27,418	25,669	1,172	1,027	360	277	744	581	674	567	28,300	26,433	54,733
Totals ..	53,087		2,199		637		1,325		1,241		54,733		

Figures showing alteration in population since April, 1921, the date of the first census taken by the New Zealand Administration, are given hereunder:—

	As at 17th April, 1921.	As at 31st March, 1936.	Total Increase or Decrease.
Europeans and persons of part Samoan blood	2,066	3,043	+ 977
Native Samoans	33,336	51,094	+17,758
Chinese labourers	1,290	503	— 787
Melanesian labourers	465	93	— 372
	37,157	54,733	+17,576

XXIV.—PUBLIC WORKS.

Great activity was displayed in this Department during the year. Extensive repairs were effected and additions made to a number of official buildings, while new buildings included a pavilion at Apia Park, a meeting-house at Mulinu'u, radio-station at Aleipata, and a residence at Tuasivi, Savai'i.

Over 154 chains of road was sealed with bitumen, and a length of 140 chains formed and metalled. Considerable maintenance work and repairs were carried out on the main roads.

Three bridges were erected to replace those washed out during the heavy floods of January, 1935, and a fourth is in process of reconstruction. Nine other bridges were repaired.

Heavy seas in January, 1936, caused great damage to both coast roads and sea walls, and a total of 18 chains of sea wall required to be renewed. An additional 260 ft. of sea wall was erected at Apia.

The hydro-electric branch functioned satisfactorily throughout the year, and a new stand-by and auxiliary plant is being installed.

Other works carried out included maintenance of parks and reserves, wharves, and water-supplies.