

The total trade of the island for 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.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
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	13,523	2,551	15,877	34,507
1931	8,958	961	678	910	11,507	5,486	2,005	7,191	18,698*
1932	11,538	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	912	780	375	15,288	10,010	2,066	12,076	27,364
1936	22,280	609	649	1,124	24,662	15,915	7,077	22,992	47,654
1937	26,142	840	855	1,472	29,309	12,469	10,852	23,321	52,630

* Island recovering from drought and storms.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

The hard-working Niueans are a contented people, in spite of the difficulties experienced in growing their food-supplies.

The Administration considers its first duty is the care of the Native population, and the maintenance of law and order, bringing about desirable changes gradually. In its efforts it is ably supported by the London Missionary Society.

MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH.

There have been no epidemics during the year. The medical services have functioned in a very satisfactory manner.

The following is a summary of the work performed at the hospital:—

Statistical.

(1) Infectious diseases—			Operations—	
(a) Tuberculosis	32		Major	12
(b) Gonorrhœa	127		Minor	248
(c) Yaws	326		Dental extractions	261
(d) Pneumonia	9		Injectations—	
(e) Conjunctivitis	124		N.A.B.	734
(f) Ringworm	97		Gonococcal vaccine	620
(g) Filariasis	117		Peptone	144
(h) Varicella	19		Old tuberculin	66
			Manganese (colossal)	254
			Number of confinements attended	67
2) Hospital and dispensary statistics—			(3) Summary of Operations—	
Remainig in hospital, 31st			Abscesses opened	180
December, 1936	8		Removal of foreign bodies	6
Admitted during year	231		Aspiration of cysts, &c.	5
Discharged during year	222		Circumcisions	38
Died in hospital during year	5		Suture of wounds	7
Remainig in hospital, 26th			Sequestrectomy	3
December, 1937	12		Reduction of fractures, &c.	2
Average number of days in hospital	24.1 days		Excision of tumours, &c.	5
Average number of beds occupied per day	15.7 beds		Amputation	1
District out-patients	8,621		Laparotomy	1
Dispensary out-patients	3,357		Gynaecological	3
Special visits	717		(4) Summary of anaesthetics—	
District special visits	820		Local	224
Hospital dressings	2,336		Spinal (stovaine)	4
Hospital out-patient dressings	929		Chloroform and ether	7
			Evipan and ether	2

Yaws, Gonorrhœa, and Tuberculosis. The treatments given in these cases have had excellent results, and the indications are that they will gradually decrease in numbers.

Nursing Staff. The one European Matron is assisted by Niue girls as nurses, who respond readily to the training they receive. On the return of those now at the Apia Hospital, where they receive excellent training, even more satisfactory results should be obtained.

It is hoped that it will shortly be possible to send a Niue boy to the Central Medical School, Fiji, or training as a Native Medical Practitioner.