

V. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The Administrator is charged with the administration of the Territory, subject to the control of the Minister of Island Territories for New Zealand.

The laws of the Territory are made by Act of the New Zealand Parliament or regulations issued thereunder, or by Ordinance passed by the local Legislative Council, which as at present constituted is presided over by the Administrator and has six official members—two unofficial members elected by the adult European community, and four Samoan members who in practice are nominated by the *Fono* of *Faipule*.

The following legislative measures have been enacted since the last report:—

In New Zealand—

Statutes Amendment Act, 1945, section 74.

The Samoa Customs Order 1939, Amendment No. 3 (Serial number 1945/36).

The Samoa Finance Emergency Regulations 1944, Amendment No. 1 (Serial number 1945/51).

The Dependency Emergency Regulations (No. 2) 1939, Amendment No. 6 (Serial number 1945/128).

The Samoa Treasury Insurance Accounts Regulations, 1945 (Serial number 1945/150).

The Samoa Quarantine (Aircraft) Regulations 1946 (Serial number 1946/37).

In Samoa—

No. 1/1945: The Bicycle Registration Ordinance.

No. 2/1945: The Cocoa Beans Ordinance.

No. 3/1945: Land for Education Purposes Ordinance.

In the New Year's Honours List His Majesty the King conferred the honour of Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire upon Mr. A. C. Turnbull, Administrator of the Territory. Sir Alfred Turnbull relinquished his appointment on retirement on 28th February, 1946, after sixteen years of service in Western Samoa. He was succeeded as Administrator by Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Voeleker, D.S.O., M.C.

The three *Fautua* (High Chiefs and Advisers to the Administrator), accompanied by their wives, visited New Zealand as guests of the Government between 28th September and 18th November, 1945. They were most warmly received in both the North and South Islands.

The three-year term of office of the Samoan members of the Legislative Council ended during the year under review. The *Fono* of *Faipule* nominated the Hon. Tualaulelei, an existing member of the Council, and the Hon. Pulepule, the Hon. Meleisea, and the Hon. Savea, who were appointed accordingly.

The Legislative Council, the Finance Committee, and the *Fono* of *Faipule* met regularly.

On expiration of the three-year term of office of members of the *Fono* of *Faipule* on 30th September, 1945, the Administrator received nominations from constituencies and confirmed such submissions of members of the new *Fono* of *Faipule* as provided in the *Faipule* Election Ordinance (No. 1/1939).

COPRA AND COCOA BEANS

Prices for these two main exports have been maintained at a high level, and production during 1945 approached record figures. Samoan cocoa plantings particularly have increased, especially in the island of Savai'i.