

Local merchants negotiate their own sales of cocoa beans. The total copra output is sold through the Administration to the order of the British Ministry of Food, and prices paid to producers are regulated by the Administration.

PRICE CONTROL

A Price Tribunal continues to control prices of all commodities sold within the Territory so that the profit is limited to approximately the amount of the monetary margin of profit obtaining at the 3rd September, 1939, on the same or similar goods.

In the past year 36 Price Orders covering 106 lines of goods have been issued.

Generally the prices fixed have been observed. Only two prosecutions for overcharging were taken during the year, and convictions obtained in both instances.

VISITS

The Administrator made visits to various parts of the Territory in both islands during the year under review.

Dr. L. C. McNickle, Director, Division of Hospitals, and Mr. C. Laurenson, Architect, both of the Health Department, Wellington, visited the Territory in February, 1945, with a view to preparing plans for a new hospital at Apia.

Dr. C. E. Beeby, Director of Education, New Zealand, together with Mr. F. C. Renyard, Supervisor of Technical Education, and Mr. T. A. Fletcher, Senior Inspector of Native Schools, paid a visit to the Territory in May, 1945, to report on the Education system.

Mr. H. E. Moston, Secretary of Labour from New Zealand, visited the Territory in June, 1945, and met the *Fono* of *Faipule* on the 5th, 6th, and 7th June for discussion of labour problems.

Dr. M. H. Watt, C.B.E., Director-General of Health for New Zealand; and Dr. J. C. R. Buchanan, Inspector-General of Health for the South Pacific, together with Miss M. I. Lambie, Director, Division of Nursing, New Zealand, visited the Territory towards the end of June prior to the South Pacific Medical Conference at Suva and reported on the medical services.

H.M.S. "Terpsichore," a British destroyer, visited Apia from the 19th to 22nd October, and H.M.S. "Euryalus," a British cruiser, from the 6th to 8th December. These were the first British warships to visit the Territory since prior to the war, and they received warm welcomes. The local people, both European and Samoan, took a keen interest in entertaining the officers and men.

U.S.S. "Vincennes," with Rear-Admiral Hendren, Commander for South Pacific, on board, made a visit to Apia from the 24th to 26th December.

LANDS AND SURVEY

The amount of work completed is satisfactory, but a considerable number of surveys are still outstanding.

As there is only one qualified surveyor, it is impossible to make much headway on other than urgent work. It is hoped to obtain an additional surveyor from New Zealand, when endeavours will be made to bring the arrears of work up to date, particularly the outstanding surveys for the Land and Titles Court, where a number of cases are awaiting survey.

POSTAL AND RADIO

Both these services are maintained in conformity with the standards of the Post and Telegraph Department of New Zealand, and technical officers are seconded to them from that Department, but executive and financial responsibility, as in all services, is that of the local Administration.