

## SUMMARY OF HIGH COURT ACTIONS

	1945.	1946.
Civil judgments .. .. .	49	42
Civil actions struck out .. .. .	8	9
Divorces granted .. .. .	24	21
Criminal convictions .. .. .	1,339	1,187
Total fines .. .. .	£1,152	£824

## PROCEEDINGS OF NATIVE LAND AND TITLES COURT

	Year ended 31st March,	
	1944.	1946.
Number of sittings .. .. .	2	2
Number of sitting-days .. .. .	26	69
Petitions dealt with .. .. .	18	56
Number of persons attending .. .. .	751	2,403

No sitting was held in the year ended 31st March, 1945, owing to staff being engaged on other duties.

## XI. POLICE AND PRISONS

The European strength as at 31st March, 1946, was eight, plus one accounts clerk, a total of nine.

The uniformed Samoan strength as at 31st March, 1946, was fifty-six, exclusive of one clerk and twelve messengers, of whom four are under the control of the Native Affairs Department.

## PRISONERS IN CUSTODY

	1945.	1946.
Total at beginning of year .. .. .	123	80
Admissions .. .. .	202	179
Discharges .. .. .	245	148
Total at end of year .. .. .	80	111

## XII. SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE

The census of 1945 disclosed a movement of population to the town area of Apia and its environs and to the already thickly populated north coast of Upolu. Many families establish homes close to or within Apia for the purpose of sending children to Apia schools, and it appears likely that this movement will continue.

Current high prices for the Territory's product are enabling the Samoan people to find economic and social content in good returns for their labour, of which by far the greatest part is on their own lands. It is an illustration of the satisfaction which the Samoans find in their way of life to be able to record that, despite post-war unsettlement that is evident in various parts of the world, conditions at present among the people of Western Samoa are socially sound, economically prosperous, and politically stable.