

- (b) European land, being land held from the Crown for an estate in fee-simple, of which there are 40,000 acres; or
- (c) Native land, being land vested in the Crown as trustee, but held by Samoans by Native title and not by grant from the Crown, of which there are 581,370 acres.

“Native title” means title to land in accordance with the customs and usages of the Samoan race.

Titles to Crown land, European land, and European interests in Native land (leases) are registered by the Administration. The Native Land and Titles Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes affecting Native land.

## XIX. AGRICULTURE

Agricultural services consist of—

- (a) Inspection of all produce for export in order to maintain good marketable standards, and of lands near the port of Apia, principally to check the breeding of the rhinoceros beetle (*Oryctes nasicornis*), pest of the coconut trees, which was introduced during the period of German administration. These services are under European supervision.
- (b) Fourteen Samoan Plantation Inspectors, who are elected as part of the system of Samoan elective officials, and whose duty it is to encourage care of Samoan cultivations and new plantings.

As a result of the visit to Zanzibar in 1945 of Mr. H. W. Simmonds, O.B.E., formerly Government Entomologist in Fiji, to collect numbers of the scoliid wasp, *Scolia ruficornis*, for transportation to Samoa in the hope that they may become established as a natural enemy of the rhinoceros beetle, some eight consignments comprising twenty-five containers of wasps were received by air. Although some 159 of the wasps were found to be dead on arrival, a total of 465 took flight when released at Mulifanua.

Shortly after release, two reports were received of these wasps having been seen, but although search has been made, no further trace of them has been found. Search is being continued in hope of discovering that some, at least, have managed to establish themselves.

## XX. POPULATION

A census of the population of the Territory was taken at midnight on the 25th September, 1945, and the figures disclosed were as follows:—

Designation.	Male.	Female.	Totals, 25th Sept., 1945.
Europeans .. .. .	207	152	359
Part-Europeans .. .. .	2,694	2,346	5,040
Native Samoans .. .. .	31,834	30,588	62,422
Chinese labourers .. .. .	294	..	294
Other Chinese .. .. .	4	3	7
Melanesians .. .. .	74	1	75
Totals .. .. .	35,107	33,090	68,197