

ATIU

—	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Shipping calls during year ..	8	8	12	12	11
Cases of oranges exported ..	11,176	8,841	11,801	12,916	3,979
High Court cases dealt with ..	465	533	448	528	442

The health of the people has been good ; the outbreaks of cerebro-spinal meningitis and trachoma subsided early in the year, and since then there have been the usual mid-year epidemics of influenza and gastro-enteritis.

Administration buildings and school buildings have been kept in good condition, and further improvements have been effected at the main landing at Tauganui.

The orange crop suffered severe damage in the storm of January, 1946, and only two shipments were made during the year. Prospects are brighter for 1947. Native food plantations also suffered, but the Island Council was instrumental in encouraging and supervising replantings. Work will be commenced in 1947 on the establishment of a citrus nursery for the propagation of orange seedlings for distribution.

MAUKE

—	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Shipping calls during year ..	8	11	10	11	11
Cases of oranges exported ..	9,196	10,101	9,097	6,530	1,502
High Court cases dealt with ..	85	141	80	65	102

The epidemic of trachoma died out early in the year, and otherwise the health of the people is reported as being good. The Women's Committees continue to be active in the cleaning and tidying of settlements and of the houses and surroundings ; the Resident Agent and Island Council also regularly inspect the villages and houses.

The orange crop suffered severe damage during the storm in January, 1946, and only one small shipment of 1,502 cases was made during the year. Native food crops also suffered severe damage in the same storm, but under the direction of the Island Council the whole male population has been fully employed in restoring the plantations, with very good results.

Administration and school buildings are in good condition and have been painted inside and out during the year. Water-tanks are in good order, and one new lime-tank has been erected at the radio station. A motor-garage has also been built. Roads have been repaired and improved.

Mr. S. N. Abley assumed duty as Resident Agent at Mauke in August, 1946. Unfortunately, he became seriously ill in February and was brought to Rarotonga from whence he was taken by air to hospital at Suva, where he died. Since his departure the island has been administered by the Island Council, with the Native wireless operator as Clerk in Charge.

MITIARO

—	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
Shipping calls during year ..	5	5	6	4	5
High Court cases dealt with	53

The epidemic of trachoma terminated early in the year, and since then the health of the people has been good.

Crops suffered minor damage during the storm in January, 1946 ; native food plantations have been restored, but there were not sufficient oranges left to warrant transportation to Rarotonga for juicing.