

All Government buildings have been maintained in reasonably good repair. With the exception of one tank which was damaged by storm, all water-storage tanks are in good condition. Additional tanks are, however, needed, and arrangements are being made for their erection. Road-work was somewhat held up through lack of transport caused by the difficulty experienced in adequately maintaining the vehicles.

Individual and collective planting of native foods has been carried out and supplies have been ample for the island's needs. Growers have signified their intention of fully supporting the citrus-replanting scheme which is scheduled to commence in Mauke in 1948. Approximately 45 tons of copra were produced during the year, and efforts are being made to increase production.

There was no serious crime during the year and the conduct and behaviour of the people generally has been very good.

34. MITIARO

—	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Shipping calls during year ..	5	6	4	5	9
High Court cases dealt with ..	53	51

The general health of the people was good and no serious sickness was reported. Medical advice is given by radio when required.

Plantings of native food crops were ample for the needs of the island. There were insufficient oranges to warrant transportation to Rarotonga for juicing. No copra was exported during the year.

35. MANGAIA

—	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Shipping calls during year ..	4	6	10	13	13
Cases of oranges exported ..	19,917	3,707	22,630	11,018	14,426
High Court cases dealt with ..	371	572	667	517	827

For the greater portion of the year the island was administered by the Assistant Medical Practitioner as Acting Resident Agent, assisted by the Island Council. The new appointee, Mr. W. H. Ryan, O.B.E., took up duties in Mangaia in December, 1947.

The general health of the people was good and the influenza and whooping-cough prevalent for a time in other islands was not so widespread in Mangaia.

All Administration buildings have been maintained in good repair. A new residence was erected for the European married couple who took up school-teaching duties during the year. Owing to the configuration of the land, roadmaking in Mangaia presents considerable difficulties, but preliminary steps have been taken in a programme of new road-works. At the same time preliminary surveys have been carried out with a view to providing better reef passages. As in other islands, water-storage facilities require to be extended.

Although Mangaia continues to supply large orange shipments, there is evidence that trees are dying out. The citrus-replanting scheme is not being extended to include Mangaia at present. During the year, 798 boxes of tomatoes were shipped, and extensive plantings are anticipated again this year. Pineapple plantations are still being extended and increasing quantities are expected to be available for export. One shipment of 808 cases was made in the year. Approximately 70 tons of copra were produced, but it was mainly of inferior quality.

There was a continued absence of serious crime, most offences being of a minor nature only.