

RETURN OF IMPORTS INTO NIUE DURING QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1904—*continued.*

Articles.	Whence imported.	Quantities.	Value.	Totals.
Tobacco-pipes	New Zealand	..	£ 10	£ 10
Umbrellas	"	..	7	7
Watches	"	7 No.	3	3
Wine—Sparkling	Malden Island	$\frac{1}{2}$ gal.	1	1
„ o.k.	New Zealand	2 gal.	2	2
Woodenware n.o.e.	"	..	12	12
Goods, Miscellaneous	"	..	3	3
Total	1,948

Summary of Total Values of Imports during Quarter ended the 31st December, 1904.

Country.	Value.
	£
New Zealand	1,336
Cook Islands	88
United Kingdom	143
New South Wales	242
Friendly Islands	11
Malden Island	18
Samoa	31
United States of America, west coast	79
Grand total	£1,948

A. PAUL,
Acting Collector.

Niue, 10th January, 1905.

TOTAL VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO NIUE FOR THE YEAR ENDING THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1904.

New Zealand	4,902
Cook Islands	88
United Kingdom	143
New South Wales	983
Friendly Islands	87
Malden Island	244
Samoa	125
Germany	56
United States of America, west coast	79
	£6,707
Total Customs duties collected	951 13 10
Less refunds and drawbacks	38 18 1
	£912 15 4

A. PAUL,
Acting Collector.

Niue, 11th January 1905.

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SIR,—

Rarotonga, 14th January, 1905.

I have the honour to report that the "Countess" came into port on the 29th December after one of the strongest gales we have experienced, during which the sea broke into the taro grounds at Arorangi. The Avarua Harbour was held to be unsafe, and therefore the schooner anchored at Avatiu, and in landing the cement the outer staging of the wharf broke down, and twenty-three bags (2 tons) were precipitated into the sea and destroyed for building purposes. I cannot say that it is possible to affix blame to any one for this loss, for we have to work with the appliances at hand, and I would suggest that you will give orders to replace the cement by return trip of the schooner.

In giving you the estimated cost of the Sanatorium the usual amount of prison labour was anticipated, but so far we have had none. The fact is that the Native inhabitants of these Islands are so much interested in the banana-planting and general improvement of their lands that they