

	£	s.	d.
Cash surplus for year ending 31st March, 1905	3,092	2	4
Cash surplus for year ending 31st March, 1906	1,651	10	1
Outstanding fees, Survey and Land Court, for year ending 31st March, 1906	979	12	6
	£5,723	4	11

Up to the year 1899 no public money had been expended on useful works within this Group, and the Federal Government had neither public offices nor land on which to build. Since that date we have secured the most valuable site on the island, and erected thereon the following concrete buildings: Public offices of seven rooms, including Court-room; residences for the Collector of Customs and the Medical Officer; and an accommodation-house of thirteen rooms.

The moneys actually expended on public works during the past six years are as follows:—

<i>Out of General Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.
1899	First payment on lease of Government building site	500	0	0
1900	Second " "	500	0	0
1901-2	Third " "	200	0	0
	Fencing the Residency grounds	60	0	0
1902-3	Government offices (concrete)	1,623	12	8
1903-4	Fittings, Government offices	34	5	4
	Purchase of land, Aitutaki	41	10	0
	Residence, Collector of Customs	786	0	3
	Concrete wall round Government buildings	101	14	3
	Erection of bridges	200	0	0
1904-6	Makea's Bridge, Avarua, and approaches	250	0	0
	Blasting passage through reef, Mauke	69	0	2
	Erection of cargo-shed, Mangaia	138	3	10
	Planting Takutea Island	53	11	1
	Purchase of land, Avarua (Hood's house and section)	100	0	0
	Concrete wall round Whare Manuhiri	79	6	6
	Blasting rocks in Avarua Harbour	4	8	7
	Furnishing Whare Manuhiri	538	2	1
	Lock-up, Rarotonga	23	14	4
	Fitting Court-room, Mangaia	6	16	4
<i>From Public Works Fund, Local Revenue.</i>		£	s.	d.
1903	Flagstaff, £26 11s. 4d.; wooden bridges, £60 2s. 8d.	87	0	0
1904	Wooden bridges	31	10	0
<i>Purchase of Schooner.</i>		£	s.	d.
1904-5	First instalment	301	11	3
1905-6	Second instalment	301	11	3
Total		£6,031	17	11

The assets of the local Administration are in most cases estimated at higher value than the sums actually expended thereon, inasmuch as prison labour has been a considerable factor in the erection of the buildings.

VALUE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, COOK ISLANDS.		£	s.	d.
Residency site, house and stone wall		700	0	0
Government offices, Rarotonga, and walls		1,724	0	0
Whare Manuhiri and concrete wall		2,380	0	0
Furniture for Whare Manuhiri		538	0	0
Landing reserve, Courthouse and residence, Aitutaki		250	0	0
Residence site, Courthouse and residence, Mangaia		400	0	0
Residence, Collector of Customs, Rarotonga		786	0	0
Residence and land, Penrhyn		250	0	0
Wharf site, Avatiu		100	0	0
Wharf site, Avarua		300	0	0
Beach reserve, Avarua		200	0	0
Courthouse sites and buildings, Tauhunu, Tukao, and Rakahanga		300	0	0
Two concrete bridges, "Ranfurly" and "Makea"		350	0	0
Four wooden bridges		250	0	0
Takutea Island		1,000	0	0
Goods-shed and flagstaff, Mangaia		200	0	0
Total		£9,728	0	0
Land rights purchased (Hood's section and house)		£100	0	0

For the year 1906-7 I do not propose to effect any saving, inasmuch as there are many public works urgently required. Cabinet has decided that the inspection and fumigation of fruit shall be done in Rarotonga, and therefore I have appropriated £500 to build a suitable shed. The con-