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COOK AND NORTHERN ISLANDS.—ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1907.

	£	s.	d.
Customs	3,500	0	0
Trade licenses	320	0	0
Stamps	200	0	0
High Court fees	100	0	0
R.M. Courts, fees	100	0	0
Arikis Courts, fees	100	0	0
Land Titles Court and surveys	450	0	0
Rents	100	0	0
Miscellaneous	200	0	0
	<u>£5,070</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

W. E. GUDGEON,
Resident Commissioner.

SIR,—

Survey Department, Rarotonga, 9th April, 1906.

I have the honour to submit my report for the year ending the 31st March, 1906, on the general survey of the islands of the Cook Group.

ISLANDS VISITED.

During the year, besides Rarotonga we visited for surveying purposes the Islands of Takutea and Rakahanga. Most of the surveying during the year has been done in Rarotonga. I have already reported on Takutea.

LAND TITLES COURT WORK.

The amount of surveying-work done for the Land Titles Court is shown in the Registrar's report.

STANDARD SURVEYS.

The standard survey has now been completed round Rarotonga, and permanent concrete blocks have been placed at about every 20 chains on the inland side of the main road round the island; also on the Ara Metua or inland road, and on the roads of some of the valleys. We also surveyed and completed the coast-line of the islands of Takutea and Rakahanga.

We have now 160 co-ordinated concrete stations on Rarotonga.

LATITUDES AND LONGITUDES.

The latitudes and longitudes of the Cook Islands published under Notice to Mariners, No. 75 of 1904, in the *Government Gazette* seem still somewhat in error for several of the islands. The following I consider the best values as far as I can gather at present:—

	Latitude South.	Longitude West.
Rarotonga: Avarua Δ , concrete block in front of Government offices	21 11 57	159 46 10
Aitutaki: Arutanga Δ , concrete block in front of Government offices	18 52 30	159 46 30
Manuae: North-west Landing	19 17 0	158 56 0
Takutea: Concrete block on beach at the North-west Landing	19 48 35	158 18 0
Atiu: Taunganui Landing, at the north-west end of the island	19 58 0	158 9 0
Mitiaro: Omotu Landing, at the north-west end of the island	19 50 0	157 42 0
Mauke: Tanganui Landing, at the north-west end of the island	20 7 0	157 22 0
Mangaia: Oneroa Landing	21 54 0	157 58 0
Penrhyn: Omoka Church	9 1 30	158 2 0
Palmerston: Tokotea Landing... ..	18 2 0	163 10 0
Rakahanga: Δ , concrete block at the junction of the main road and entrance road to church	10 2 36	161 6 0
Manihiki: Tauhunu—Tauhunu Landing, flagstaff	10 26 0	161 1 0
Suvarrow: Landing-place	13 15 0	163 5 0
Nassau Island	11 35 0	165 28 0
Pukapuka (Danger)	10 52 0	165 57 0
Tema Reef	11 7 0	165 35 0

During the year I checked the latitudes of Takutea and Rakahanga. The latitude of Δ , Takutea, a concrete block on the beach at the North-west Landing: From the mean of seven star and three sun observations I make the latitude south $19^{\circ} 48' 35''$.

Rakahanga, Δ , concrete block at the junction of the main road and entrance road to church: From the mean of six star observations I make the latitude of Δ south $10^{\circ} 2' 36''$.

We have now a good chronometer, and at each island we now visit we shall check the longitude, taking Δ , Rarotonga, as 10 hours 39 minutes 5 seconds west of Greenwich.