

The total fines and fees imposed were—criminal jurisdiction, £217 3s. 6d.; and civil jurisdiction, £25 16s. 6d.

The total amount of fines and fees collected and paid into the Treasury to credit of general revenue was £218 2s.

In addition to the weekly sittings at Rarotonga, the Court also sat at Atiu, Mauke, Mangaia, Mitiaro, and Aitutaki.

Owing to the fact that all members of the Police Force were Natives, difficulty has been experienced in the past in the collection of fines, and in the enforcement of punishments inflicted by the Court. Now that a European Inspector of Police, with a special knowledge of his duties, has been appointed, there is no doubt but that in future fines will be promptly collected, punishments duly carried out, and the Native police generally made more efficient.

The Resident Commissioner, Rarotonga.

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E. BLAINE, Registrar.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE ISLANDS OF RAROTONGA AND AITUTAKI FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

Rarotonga Villages.									Aitutaki Villages.				
	Avarua.	Matavera.	Ngatangia.	Titikaveka.	Arorangi.	Totals.	Vaipae.	Tautu.	Arutanga, Reureu, Amuri, Nikaupara.	Totals.			
Births	49	6	18	11	15	99	10	7	35	52			
Deaths	49	10	10	11	10	90	9	6	23	38			
Marriages	23	3	5	3	18	42	4	5	16	25			

	Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.
Rarotonga	99	90	42
Aitutaki	52	38	25
Totals	151	128	67

Vital statistics of the other islands of the Group are not yet available.

SIR,—

Rarotonga, 6th April, 1910.

I have the honour to submit the report on public works for the year ending 31st March, 1910.

SURVEY OF NATIVE LANDS.

The survey of the Island of Rarotonga is now practically completed. The survey of the Island of Aitutaki is well advanced, and Mauke is also practically completed.

I forward tracings of the Islands of Rarotonga, Aitutaki, and Mauke, and request that lithographs be made of them in New Zealand—say, 100 copies of Rarotonga, 50 of Aitutaki, and 50 of Mauke.

I also forward a chart of the Cook Group, and submit that, say, 50 lithographs be made of it on the same scale, as it is considered by captains of vessels as a very useful chart (being on a large scale) for navigation in the Group.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

Meteorological observations have been taken daily, and returns have been forwarded to the New Zealand Government, also to the German Government at Samoa.

TIME.

Mean time is kept, and the chronometers are checked monthly. The observation station at the Government Offices, Avarua, is taken as 10 hours 39 minutes 5 seconds west of Greenwich.

A transit instrument, which would facilitate greatly the checking of the chronometer, is much needed.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Fumigator.—During the year a concrete fumigator was built, and connected to the Union Steamship Company's wharf by tram-line. The fumigator has two chambers, each 18 ft. 6 in. by 14 ft. by 9 ft. Each chamber has a capacity of 500 9 in. cases. The building has verandahs on three sides, on one of which there is an office, 15 ft. by 10 ft., for the Fruit Inspector.

Hospital.—A concrete hospital with verandahs has been erected. It contains two wards, each 20 ft. 9 in. by 18 ft. 6 in.; an operating-theatre, 15 ft. by 11 ft. 9 in.; consulting-room, 15 ft. 9 in. by 11 ft. 9 in.; dispensary, 15 ft. 9 in. by 11 ft. 9 in.; store-room, 11 ft. 9 in. by 7 ft. 3 in.; bath-room, 11 ft. 9 in. by 7 ft. 3 in. The walls of the building are 13 ft. high. The ceiling is of asbestos sheets. There is also a passage down the centre of the building 6 ft. wide.