

## EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION.

During the year ninety-one persons, including thirty-two Europeans, left Niue for other places, while forty-one persons, including thirty Europeans, arrived in Niue. The movement of Natives was the smallest for many years. This was due to the absence of inter-island ships and a falling-off in the recruited labourers. The following are the particulars of the departures and arrivals :—

Place of Departure to or Arrival from.						Departures.	Arrivals.
New Zealand	..	..	..	..	..	33	32
German Samoa	..	..	..	..	..	1	54
Malden Island	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
Australia	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rarotonga	..	..	..	..	..	7	..
Totals	..	..	..	..	..	41	91

## VISIT OF HON. THE MINISTER TO NIUE.

On the 14th June the Hon. Dr. Pomare, Minister in Charge of the Cook Islands Administration, paid an official visit to Niue, and stayed two days. This visit, which was the second official visit from a Minister of the New Zealand Government in fourteen years, was all too short, and the people were very disappointed that the Minister was not able to make a tour of the island. I sincerely hope that when the next official visit is contemplated arrangements will be made to stay in Niue a time sufficient to enable a tour of the island to be made. It is only by these means that the various settlements may be seen; also the development works that have been carried out by the Administration. Such a visit would afford the people of Niue great pleasure, and much permanent good would result.

## RESIDENT COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

Since the setting-up of the Resident Commissioner's Court in Niue in June, 1909, the number of cases dealt with by the Court has year by year shown a steady increase. The Natives are fast coming to realize that their own Magistrates are incapable of dealing out impartial justice, and there is a growing disposition on their part to throw most of the work on the Resident Commissioner's Court. This attitude has become very pronounced during the past year, when no less than 192 criminal cases and thirty-three civil cases were dealt with. The appointment of a European policeman has, to some extent, assisted to bring this position about.

Following is a summary of the cases dealt with during the past year :—

## Criminal cases—

Adultery	..	..	..	..	..	..	62
Immoral conduct	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Carnal knowledge of females under age	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Spreading venereal disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Assault	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Breach of the peace	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Drunkenness	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Theft	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Forgery	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perjury	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Insanitary premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Wandering animals	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Failing to register births within the prescribed time	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Miscellaneous petty offences	..	..	..	..	..	..	6

## Civil cases—

Damages	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Divorce	..	..	..	..	..	..	22

192

27

The amount of Court fees and fines paid into the revenue during the year amounted to £149 8s. 9d.

## METEOROLOGICAL.

The following is a summary of the meteorological readings for the year 1914 :—

Temperature in Shade.							Rainfall.	
Highest.	Month.	Lowest.	Month.	Mean Maximum for Year.	Mean Minimum for Year.	Mean Range for Year.	Number of Days on which Rain fell.	Fall for the Year.
Deg. Fahr. 96·0	February	Deg. Fahr. 57·0	July and August	Deg. Fahr. 84·4	Deg. Fahr. 68·6	Deg. Fahr. 15·8	151	Inches. 48·19