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MEMORANDUM.

Cook Islands Administration, Wellington, 1st October, 1918.

THE annual reports of the Resident Commissioners at Rarotonga and Niue are attached hereto.

The improvement in the financial conditions anticipated last year have been realized to some extent, but war conditions are still affecting progress in various directions. On the whole the reports may be regarded as satisfactory.

During the year additional drafts of men for military service have been sent forward from the Islands.

Substantial progress has been made in various public works, and the completion of the installation of "wireless" marks an important advance in the history of the Administration, which must have a marked effect on the future prosperity of the Islands.

Educational matters are being pressed on steadily, and a new school at Avarua, Rarotonga, has been opened, while provision is being made for opening schools at Mauke and Mangaia.

M. POMARE,
Minister for the Cook Islands.