

The imports were valued at £26,339, which created a record for the island. The exports reached £16,721, thus making a total trade value of £43,060.

PORT OF ALOFI.

Return of Imports for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

	£		£
New Zealand	22,780	Tonga	5
United Kingdom	504	United States of America, West Coast ..	27
Canada	11	American Samoa	50
Australia	2,676		
Western Samoa	286		<u>£26,339</u>

Return of Exports for the Year ended 31st December, 1921.

	£		£
New Zealand	14,891	American Samoa	113
Rarotonga	85		
Western Samoa	1,632		<u>£16,721</u>

SHIPPING.

The following vessels visited the island during the period under review: "Ysabel" (four trips), H.M.S. "Veronica" (three times), "Wairuna," H.M.S. "Chatham," "Tutanekai," "John Williams," "Ajax," and the French sloop "Aldebaran," once each.

EDUCATION.

Owing to various circumstances, education has, on the whole, suffered a set-back—both Government schools being affected.

Tufukia attendances:—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Roll at beginning of first quarter	127	101	228
Roll at end of last quarter	125	92	217
Average attendances during year	98.68	81.94	180.80

On account of the appointment of Mr. Evison as Resident Commissioner the Hakupu School remained closed from the beginning of the year until the arrival of Mr. Bolton in June. Unfortunately he took ill a fortnight after commencement, and school was accordingly closed for a further period of two weeks. Since then, however, things have been satisfactory, and the work in the school has been making steady but undeniable progress. The school for adults was also continued.

Hakupu attendances:—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Roll at beginning of first quarter	58	47	105
Roll at end of last quarter	54	41	95
Average attendances during year	50.64	37.74	88.38

HOSPITAL.

This building is nearing completion, and should be finished in two weeks' time. The delay has been caused partly by want of material and partly through time spent in repair to other buildings. In another three weeks' time it should be ready to receive patients.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH.

Extracts from Report of Resident Medical Officer.

The visits to the dispensary for consultations and for drugs numbered 8,388, while the surgical out-patients department has been well patronized. Where possible—i.e., where there were capable and reliable men—I have continued the practice of leaving such drugs and mixtures as the season appeared to demand, and this has been a great help. Thus Hakupu, Mutalau, and Hikutavake have been treated. In a few other villages the police were entrusted with a little aspirin and purgatives. I have myself made visits to the outlying villages to 1,300 cases.

During the year there were no epidemics worthy of mention, and yet the death-rate was high. Represented graphically, however, we see a steady fall. The birth-rate is fair, and for 1921 births exceed the deaths by six. I hope the tide has turned. There was a surprisingly high death-rate among the aged—over one-third. They are still very callous with their old folk, and the deaths are in many cases due to the want of the ordinary necessities of life.

The infantile-death rate, too, is still very high—more than three times that of New Zealand. I do not yet see the progress anticipated in this direction. Old customs die hard. At present the infants mainly fail in the weaning process.