NATIVE OFFICIALS NOW IN THE SERVICE.

				{	J polu.	Savai'i.	Total.
1. Fautua			 		2		2
2. Faipule			 		19	14	33
3. Pule Fa'ato'a	ıga .		 		10	6	16
4. Komisi			 		8	6	14
5. Faamasino			 		15	12	27
6. Pulenu'u			 		90	52	142
7. Failautusi			 		16	12	28
8. Leoleo			 		33	23	56
					193	125	318

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

GENERAL.

During the year the various medical out-stations and dispensaries mentioned in last year's questionnaire have been opened.

On the 4th April, 1923, free medical treatment of Samoans was instituted. This was made possible by the Natives voluntarily agreeing to pay a medical subscription of £1 per adult male. The large increase in the number of Natives seeking medical advice this year as compared with former years is the result.

QUARANTINE.

During the year eighty-six visits of inspection were paid to vessels arriving from overseas, and in two cases, owing to the presence of influenza amongst those on board, quarantine was imposed. These are the only vessels it has been found necessary to quarantine since January, 1921.

TABLE SHOWING PARTICULARS OF VESSELS ENTERING PORT OF APIA DURING THE YEAR.

						Health Inspection.					
Q	uarter 1	923–24.		Number of Vessels inspected.		Passer	Crew and				
			European.	Native.	Labour.*						
April-June	• •	• •			21	, ••	232	202	673		
July-September	• •				26	2	443	243	868		
October-December					22	• •	170	333	898		
January-March	• •	• •	• •	• •	17		226	245	909		
Totals	• • •	••	• •	••	86	2	1,071	1,023	3,348		

^{*}The monthly mail-boat carrries Fiji labourers for work at the various island ports.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

During the period under review 6,658 lb. of meat was condemned as unfit for human consumption, as compared with 7,393 lb. during the previous year. But whereas during the previous year most of the meat condemned was canned meat, this year the amount of such condemned was much reduced. The following shows the proportion of this class of meat to the total amount condemned:—

				lb.
Canned meats			 • •	 1,850
Meat in kegs			 • •	 4,630
Cured and frozen	meats	• •	 • •	 178
Total			 	 6,658

Rice to the amount of 18 tons 11 cwt. was condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Infectious Diseases.

The figures given in the table below cannot be taken as an accurate return of the prevalence in Western Samoa of the diseases listed. They are compiled from the notifications received, of cases applying for treatment:—

Nationality.	Pneumonia and Lobar Pneumonia.	Pulmonary Phthisis.	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	Abdominal Tuberculosis.	Bronco Pneumonia.	Enteric Fever.	Typhoid Fever.	Bacillary Dysentery.	Measles.	Beriberi.	Influenza.	Mumps.	Leprosy.	Tetanus.	Tertiary Syphilis.	Chicken-pox.
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