

RETURN SHOWING THE NUMBER OF OFFENCES REPORTED, ETC.—*continued.*

	1922.	1923.					Offences reported.	
	Offences reported.	Offences reported.	Number arrested or Summoned.	Number convicted.	Number dismissed or withdrawn.		Increase.	Decrease.
By-law breaches—				M.	F.	M.	F.	
Cattle trespass	62	6	6	6	..	..	..	56
Wandering pigs .. .. .	..	10	10	6	2	2	..	10
Insanitary pigsties	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Negligent driving	43	27	27	26	1	..	..	16
Negligent riding .. .. .	..	7	7	5	..	2	..	7
Driving without lights	23	36	36	33	1	2	..	13
Driving without license	7	66	66	66	..	..	..	59
Unattended vehicles .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1
Furious driving	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Public nuisance .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	1
Miscellaneous—								
Restricted immigrants, unlawfully landing	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Concealment of birth	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Land-weeding Regulations	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dynamiting fish	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Shooting pigeons out of season	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Breach of Chinese Contract Labour Ordinance	180	..	..	..	..	..	..	180
Breach of Pacific Island Contract Labour Ordinance .. .. .	..	44	44	1	..	43	..	44
Breach of Permit Regulations	2	2	2	2	..	..	..	..
Breach of Harbour Regulations	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Bathing without <i>lavalava</i> .. .. .	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	2
Unregistered dog .. .. .	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1
Keeping vicious dog .. .. .	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1
Failing to have collar on dog .. .. .	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1
Totals	752	652	632	470	42	117	3	304

POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

Savings-bank.—The Savings-bank Branch shows a decline. The deposits are £21,850 8s. 8d., withdrawals £25,795 0s. 5d. The total amount (including interest) at credit of depositors is £36,740 1s. 1d., a decrease of £2,513 12s. 4d. on the previous year's total. Although there has been an excess of withdrawals, new accounts are still being opened. During the year 137 accounts were opened and 103 closed, leaving a total of 415, an increase of 34 for the year.

Private Boxes.—The boxes have been all let, and arrangements have been made for the erection of additional boxes. The amount of revenue derived from this item is £91 8s. 5d.

Money-orders.—The money-orders issued numbered 1,310 for a total of £10,233 15s. 7d.; commission on money-orders amounted to £95 2s. 1d. Money-orders paid were 199, totalling £1,102 13s. 1d.

Postal Notes and British Postal Orders.—Sales in this branch amounted to—Notes, £683 5s. 5d.; orders, £98 8s. 2d.

Post-office.—Mail-matter delivered and posted in Samoa during the year, estimated from a general average: the numbers were as follows:—

Delivered—							
Letters .. .. .	..	..	..	..	113,000		
Other articles .. .. .	..	..	..	..	81,141		
						194,141	
Registered letters delivered .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2,635	
Parcels .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	2,331	
Posted—							
Letters .. .. .	..	..	..	..	95,513		
Other articles .. .. .	..	..	..	..	16,068		
						111,581	
Registered articles posted .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	3,053	
Parcels .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	902	

Customs duty amounting to £776 6s. 11d. was collected on parcels.

Stamps.—Stamp sales amounted to £1,287 3s. 9d., a decrease of £2,000 compared with last year. This decrease is due to the reduction in postal rates.

Telephones.—The fees amounted to £1,206 7s. 10d., as compared with £1,321 11s. 3d. last year. The telephone system is far from being satisfactory. The Telegraph Engineer from Auckland has inspected the system and reported accordingly. In the near future, perhaps, something may be done to bring about a more suitable system.

Work performed for other Departments.—Accounts collected for other Departments of the Administration amounted to £5,766 18s. 10d. On behalf of the New Zealand Government, for "miscellaneous receipts" the sum of £994 12s. 1d. was collected, and "miscellaneous payments" amounted to £982 4s. 1d. For the Customs Department, Samoa, £776 6s. 11d. was collected.