

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

	1923.	1924				Offences reported.	
		Offences reported.	Number arrested or summoned.	Number convicted.	Number dismissed or withdrawn.	Increase.	Decrease.
Police offences—							
Breach of the peace	30	15	15	8	7	..	15
Disorderly conduct	11	47	47	29	1	36	..
Drunkenness	14	9	9	8	1	..	5
Cruelty to animals	9	4	4	4	..	..	5
Indecent acts .. .. .	..	2	2	2	..	2	..
Stone-throwing	5	4	4	3	1	..	1
Damaging property	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Unlawfully removing sand .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..
Insulting language	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Converting animals or vehicles to own use	3	5	5	5	..	2	..
Threatening language .. .. .	..	4	4	4	..	4	..
Opium offences—							
Opium-smuggling	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Opium-smoking	1	3	3	3	..	2	..
In possession of opium	1	5	5	5	..	4	..
Liquor offences—							
Manufacturing liquor	21	12	12	11	1	..	9
Liquor found on occupied premises	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
In possession of liquor	4	4	4	4	..	..	..
Importing liquor	6	1	1	1	..	..	5
Concealing liquor	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Selling liquor	4	1	1	..	1	..	3
Breach of Distillation Act	2	3	3	2	1	1	..
Consuming methylated spirits	30	18	18	18	..	..	12
Samoans consuming liquor .. .. .	..	6	6	6	..	6	..
Ry-law breaches—							
Wandering cattle	10	9	9	9	..	..	1
Trespassing cattle	6	3	3	2	1	..	3
Driving unlicensed	66	10	10	10	..	..	56
Driving without lights	36	10	10	9	1	..	26
Furious riding and driving .. .. .	..	17	17	17	..	17	..
Motor-vehicle without number-plates .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..
Unlicensed vehicle .. .. .	..	6	6	6	..	6	..
Negligent driving	27	11	11	10	1	..	16
Driving with improper brakes .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..
Unattended vehicles	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Negligent riding	7	..	..	..	..	..	7
Public nuisance	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Miscellaneous—							
Breach of Pacific Island Contract Labourers Ordinance	44	..	..	..	..	..	44
Breach of Permits Ordinance	2	4	4	4	..	2	..
Breach of Dog Ordinance	3	3	3	2	1	..	..
Breach of Samoa Offenders Ordinance .. .. .	..	4	4	4	..	4	..
Trader unlawfully giving credit .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..
Trader failing to account for goods .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..
Breach of Immigration Ordinance .. .. .	..	1	1	1	..	1	..
Breach of Harbour Regulations	2	2	2	..	2	..
Bathing nude	2	2
Totals	652	538	530	453	34	42	162
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POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT.

SAVINGS-BANK.

The expansion of business is indicated by an increase in deposits during the year of over £11,000 as compared with the previous year, whilst withdrawals exceeded the previous year's figures by some £400 only. Deposits exceeded withdrawals by £6,821, whereas during the previous year withdrawals exceeded deposits by nearly £4,000.

The total balance at credit of depositors at 31st March, 1925, was £44,906 1s. 5d., which includes interest amounting to £1,344 4d. 5d. credited to depositors' accounts during the year.

The number of new accounts opened during the year was far above expectations, being 278, while eighty-six accounts were closed, leaving a total at 31st March, 1925, of 607 accounts open, an increase of 192 for the year. It is gratifying to note the improvement made in Savings-bank transactions during the year, demonstrating the confidence of the people of Samoa in the Post Office Savings-bank and also the improved financial outlook.

The following figures show the increasing extent to which the Native Samoans are taking advantage of the Savings-bank to protect their savings. Native accounts opened in the year ending 31st March, 1921, 28; 1922, 30; 1923, 22; 1924, 41; 1925, 135: total Native savings-bank accounts opened as at 31st March, 1925, 256.

MONEY-ORDERS.

The number of money-orders issued was 1,653, for a total of £12,207 7s. 11d. Commission on such money-orders amounted to £107 16s. 11d. Money-orders paid numbered 205, totalling £1,135 16s. 1d. Both items show a substantial increase over the previous year's figures.