

A comparison of the daily average number of labourers employed on the four plantations now being carried on by the Board as compared with the previous year is as follows:—

	1923-24.	1924-25.
Mulifanua	276	201
Vaitele	207	92
Vailele	137	106
Magia	85	53

The plantations throughout are now in a beautifully clean condition, and have in this respect doubtless improved during the year under review.

The average price obtained in London by the Board for copra during the year was £29 8s. per ton, as compared with £26 13s. 10d. for the previous year.

FINANCE.

REVENUE.

The statement hereunder shows the amount of revenue received during the financial year ended 31st March, 1925, including a subsidy from the New Zealand Government. There is shown also, for comparative purposes, the revenue for the preceding financial year:—

	1923-24. £	1924-25. £
1. Native taxes	9,899	7,219
2. Customs, taxes and Marine—		
(a.) Customs and taxes	63,219	66,243
(b.) Harbour Department	2,634	2,379
(c.) S.s. "Lady Roberts"	2,389	4,030
3. Fees and charges—(Court, hospital, &c.)	16,969	7,247
4. Post Office and Savings-bank	5,206	5,404
5. Wireless station	3,212	3,215
6. Miscellaneous	6,389	6,037
7. Subsidy—New Zealand Government	24,000	19,140
Totals	£133,917	£130,914

NOTE.—The Native Medical Subscription for 1924-25 (£7,705) included under item 1 above, but was in item 3 in 1923-24, hence the rather large variation in these items.

The subsidy to the Samoan revenue from the New Zealand Government is based on the additional cost due to the extension of the medical and educational services in the interests of the Native population. A large increase in expenditure under the latter head is estimated for in 1925-26.

An extra amount of £1,140 was contributed during 1923-24 to cover the cost of a new power plant for the Apia radio station.

EXPENDITURE.

The ordinary expenditure for the year ended 31st March, 1925, is as follows, a comparison being shown with the figures for the previous year:—

	1923-24. £	1924-25. £
1. Permanent charges on account of public debt	4,916	5,057
2. Administrator, Government House and Legislative Council	7,084	5,888
3. Secretariat	2,418	2,046
4. Native Affairs Department—		
(a.) Upolu and General	9,546	9,891
(b.) Savai'i Section	5,702	6,279
(c.) Aleipata Section	608	..
5. Treasury and Audit	3,926	2,431
6. Customs, taxes, and Marine—		
(a.) Customs and taxes	2,501	2,285
(b.) Harbour Department	4,106	2,738
(c.) S.s. "Lady Roberts"	3,102	3,931
7. Justice Department	3,599	2,744
8. Police and Prisons Department	8,509	8,031
9. Health Department	23,995	24,425
10. Agriculture Department	5,748	3,031
11. Chinese Department	1,609	1,620
12. Post Office and Savings-bank	5,669	4,971
13. Wireless station	5,330	5,933
14. Education Department	6,556	7,609
15. Miscellaneous	14,781	9,783
16. Lands and Survey Department	2,114	2,092
17. Public Works (general and maintenance)	16,649	19,434
18. Public Works (new works)	4,542	5,304
Totals	£143,010	£135,523