

Transactions on account of the New Zealand Government.

Quarter, 1926-27.		Receipts.				Payments.			
		Superannua- tion.	Government Insurance.	National Provident.	Miscellaneous.	Pensions.	Superannua- tion.	Miscel- laneous.	
April-June ..	..	£ 789 0 8	£ 24 6 8	£ 7 0 3	£ ..	£ 150 11 7	£ ..	£ 5 16 9
July-September ..	..	731 4 7	49 15 9	32 8 10	40 0 0	97 10 2	..	7 4 1
October-December ..	..	718 10 3	43 8 2	6 7 3	..	124 13 2	..	2 1 3
January-March ..	..	741 6 0	26 11 1	13 0 3	66 18 0	107 12 2	..	2 15 0
Totals ..	..	2,980 1 6	144 1 4	58 16 7	106 18 0	480 7 1	..	17 17 1
Totals for previous year ..	..	2,693 6 9	101 13 1	33 4 9	107 14 4	614 16 2	238 7 9	42 4 3

LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

During the year a commencement of Native-land surveys was made on the Falefa and Lufi Lufi district boundaries, involving nearly 100 chains of preliminary traverse for the investigation of old Native boundaries and district areas. This work has now been completed and the plan thereof lodged with the Native Department. In connection with this survey the limits of old Native land areas, amounting to several thousand acres, have been defined.

The standard coastal traverse was extended eastwards from Apia for a distance of about nine miles. This work, and similar extension westward of Apia, will serve as a base for future surveys in connection with the opening-up of land for cultivation and settlement.

Further work was done in connection with the magnetic village-fixing traverse around the coast.

Seven miles of road surveys were made, together with other surveys such as Crown land, Court grants, and other miscellaneous surveys, including model-village sites and village reconstruction work.

Engineering surveys were carried out, complete with plans and blue-prints for the Engineering Department, in connection with the hydro-electric scheme, and for the Public Works Department for water-supply schemes, drainage and roading schemes, waterfront-protection scheme, and assistance given in the construction of the new wharf by a hydrographic survey of the vicinity of the wharf-site.

The following table will indicate the nature of the work undertaken by the Department :—

Class of Work (Surveys).	Field-work.			Office-work.										
	Acres.	Miles.	Total Cost.	Plans on Instruments of Title.				Plans examined and approved.	Plans made and re- ceived.	Tracings made.	Searches made.	Miscellaneous Draw- ings and Graphs.	Blue-prints.	Maps and Lithos mounted.
				Crown Grants.	Leases.	Freehold.	Miscellaneous.							
Standard coastal traverse ..	..	9,000	£ ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
Administration lands ..	40.50	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	9	2	..	..	..
New Zealand Reparation Estates	302.50	6,125	128,450	..	..	..	..	5	6	19	26	1	13	..
Apia district European surveys	3.75	..	41,500	12	14	25	..	7	3	32	36	1	7	..
Rural surveys, European ..	5.00	3,250	25,300	12	..	2	..	8	4	31	39	..	..	..
Native-land surveys ..	15.00	5,190	75,000	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Apia district, Native surveys ..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	12	14	..	..	..
Rural surveys, Native ..	1.00	16,450	41,875	..	16	2	..	17	2	67	27	..	..	..
Engineering surveys ..	..	26,050	195,675	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	1	5	5	..
Miscellaneous surveys..	..	3,000	32,330	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	25	18	140	6
Road surveys ..	2.00	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
Totals ..	369.75	69,065	540,130	30	30	31	..	43	15	249	173	27	165	6

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The demands made upon the Department for new works and continued maintenance of old works is annually increasing as the years go forward. During the year just completed the Department has been able to carry on more work with no increase in staff, owing to the greater efficiency of the workers.

BUILDINGS.

During the year the usual repairs and maintenance to residences, New Zealand Reparation Estates buildings, and Government buildings have been carried out as economically as possible, and in order to make a further saving more machinery has been ordered.