

It is not anticipated that any difficulty will be experienced in effecting a saving of at least £1,500 per annum as compared with the cost of maintaining the old station.

Out-stations.—Tuasivi, Fagamalo, and Aleipata Radios continue to maintain communication, and the Native operators, who have now been employed a number of years, have reached a good standard in their work.

Fakaofu Radio: Unfortunately, the Tokelau Native who was trained to replace the boy who died has not proved capable of effecting repairs when breakdowns occur, although as an operator he is competent. He has been recalled for further instruction in the maintenance of the set, and it is hoped to reopen the station in about three months' time.

Staff.—Local-born boys (of mixed blood) continue to be utilized as operators at the main station, and Native boys at the out-stations. Classes of instruction in wireless operating are also continued, so that partially trained boys are available to fill vacancies as they occur.

Amateur Radio Receiving Licenses.—The total number of licenses issued now stands at fourteen. Conditions in the Territory are not favourable to long-distance reception, and the installation of sets for purely entertainment purposes is not recommended.

Radio Traffic Returns.—Traffic returns covering the operations for the year show that the total number of messages handled was 13,901, containing 821,525 words, for which the net earning amounted to £3,325 9s. 9½d. The number of press and other low-rate messages handled was greater than in the previous year.

STAFF.

The following is a return of the European staffs of Departments, including persons of part Samoan blood, and members of the Police Department as established prior to 1928, but not including recently appointed members of the Samoan Constabulary.

Departments.	European* Staff as at 31st March,			
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Administrator's	1	1	2	2
Secretariat	5	5	5	6
Agriculture	6	7
Customs and Harbour	9	8	10	10
Education	13	11	12	12
Engineering and Transport	2
Justice	3	3	2	3
Labour	2	2	2	1
Lands and Survey	6	5	4	3
Medical	26	22	20	19
Native Affairs	4	3	5	3
Police and Prisons	6	6	6	5
Postal	4	4	5	5
Public Works	11	8	6	6
Treasury and Public Trust	4	4	4	6
Radio-station	7	8	8	9
Resident Commissioner's Office, Savai'i	4	4	3	3
Grand totals for Administration Departments	111	101	94	95

* Includes one part-time and one temporary official on the European staff.

NOTE.—Included in the figures for the year 1930 are the following positions that were not included in the previous year's total: Resident Auditor—appointed from New Zealand in accordance with the recommendation contained in the official report; Chief Judge—position temporarily vacant on 31st March, 1929; Public Trust Office and Engineering and Transport Department—four European officials, now included in Administration staff for the first time. On a comparative basis, therefore, the total for the year 1930 shows a decrease in the European staff of five as compared with the previous year.

QUESTIONNAIRE.

The information supplied under this heading in previous reports applies in all respects, with the exceptions set out below.

ARMS TRAFFIC.

The following are the details of importations for the year ended 31st March, 1930, of arms and ammunition of every description:—

Arms—

Smooth-bore shot-guns: 12-gauge, 16; 16-gauge, 16; 20-gauge, 5: total, 37.

Revolvers: .22-calibre, 1; .38-calibre, 2: total, 3.

Ammunition—

Shot Cartridges—20-gauge, 24,500; 16-gauge, 39,000; 12-gauge, 48,000; 410-gauge, 5,500; assorted sizes not invoiced separately, 17,000: total, 134,000.

NOTE.—Unusually large stocks of shot cartridges were held by importing firms on 31st March, the total unsold stock on this date being 82,138 rounds.

Ball cartridges—44-calibre, 2,000; .38-calibre, 500; .22-calibre, 5,100: total, 7,600.

Sporting gunpowder, 150 lb.; bird-shot, 73 cwt.; percussion caps, 10,000.