

Trade.—Following the serious hurricane damage and owing to the world-wide depression, trade generally has been at a stand-still. Only 258 tons of copra and 7,920 cases of fruit were exported.

Planting.—Plantings to replace storm damage are being carried out very extensively.

Education.—There has been a marked increase in attendance, and the year's work has proved very successful. Number on roll, 399; average attendance, 390.

As an indication of the appreciation of the educational facilities given, during the Christmas holidays the teachers collected materials and, with prison labour, erected a Native class-room 32 ft. by 21 ft. In March the people followed the example set by the teachers and provided a second class-room of similar dimensions. All school fees, with the exception of 19s., were collected, although the people are practically penniless, and a number of the children are attending school in rags.

Public Works.—Owing to financial stringency, only works that are absolutely essential have been undertaken. Three wells were sunk—two at Amuri and one at Nikaupara. Attention was given to roads, wharf, boats, public buildings, and motor transport, and a large lime-kiln, sufficient to provide supplies for two years, was made.

Courts.—There were 203 criminal cases (only one of a serious nature) and five civil cases dealt with.

Island Council.—Four meetings were held. Te Urukura Ariki was appointed a Councillor in succession to her father.

ATTU.

Health.—Health conditions have been good. The women's committee continues to do good work inspecting villages weekly. Births, 7; deaths, 5.

Trade.—Exports for the year were: 10,030 cases of oranges, and 180 tons of copra.

Public Works.—The main road from the villages to the Tauganui Landing was remetalled and widened for a distance of three miles, and the Iotua Ika Road is in process of being remetalled. This will be a great convenience when heavy seas render the main landing-place unworkable.

All buildings and water-supplies have been kept in good order.

Five returned soldiers' tombstones were erected and unveiled.

Courts.—Criminal jurisdiction, 175 cases; civil jurisdiction, 7 cases.

Agriculture.—Planting throughout the year has been steadily maintained, and a plentiful supply of food is assured.

School.—Two hundred children are attending school. A fine site for a new school has been donated to the Administration.

MAUKE.

Health.—Generally speaking, health conditions have been satisfactory, although more frequent and longer visits from a doctor are very desirable.

Vital Statistics.—For the twelve months ending 31st March there were 18 births and 12 deaths.

Trade.—Exports for the period were: 11,832 cases of oranges and 105 tons of copra. Prospects for the coming orange season are poor, owing to very dry weather towards the end of 1931.

Plantings.—A great deal of planting of domestic crops has taken place since September last, with the result that a plentiful supply of food is assured.

Public Works.—Government buildings, water-tanks, and roads have been kept in good repair. A start has been made with the erection of new Government buildings to comprise Court and Council room, post-office, and Resident Agent's office. The Government is providing the roofing-material, doors and windows, concrete floor, painting, and any skilled labour required, whilst the Natives are providing all Native cement and materials for the walls, and unskilled labour.

Reef Passages.—Further improvements have been made to the reef passages at Taunganui and Angataura.

High Court.—There were 213 criminal and six civil cases dealt with.

Inspection of dwellings.—Dwellings are inspected by the Resident Agent every month, and hygienic conditions have considerably improved.

School.—There are eighty-one children on the roll. A new class-room, 40 ft. by 18 ft., has been built; material and labour being found voluntarily by the parents.

MANGAIA.

Health.—The island has been free from any serious epidemic. This was fortunate, as for the past three years we have had to depend almost entirely on the resident nurse. The dispensary has been kept very busy during the year. Treatments, 6,932; injections for yaws, 607; total, 7,539. There were 52 births and 30 deaths.