

All known lepers are under treatment at the Central Leper Station, Makogai (Fiji).

The medical work of the island is made possible by the subsidy from New Zealand.

One European Medical Officer and one European nurse have, as usual, carried on the entire medical activities of the island, with what assistance is possible from Native trainees.

POSTAL.

Total volume of business amounted to £7,871, as against £10,303 in 1931.

WIRELESS.

This Department has functioned without interruption, and the usual regular storm warnings to shipping have been issued.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Barometer mean for the year, 29.956. Thermometer: Highest, 90 in January and February; lowest, 58 in June and July. Rainfall was the lowest on record, being only 42.53 in., as against 125.44 in. in 1924, which was the highest recorded. (Records cover twenty-five years.)

PUBLIC WORKS.

Urgent works only have been undertaken, such as repairs to and maintenance of public buildings, erection of medical compound, quarantine enclosure, erection of fumigator, and attention to water-supplies.

AGRICULTURE.

A great deal of attention during the year has been given to improving Native plantations, experimental plots, and improving the quality of bananas for shipment to New Zealand.

EDUCATION.

Average roll number, 257. The year's work at both schools has been very satisfactory. Teachers' classes were held regularly and are effecting a marked improvement in the efficiency of the Native teachers. The improved standard of oral English throughout the island, as the result of the school work, is becoming more apparent. Great stress is laid upon the importance of agriculture, and more extensive areas for experimental plots have been obtained. Handicrafts, woodwork, and sewing have received due consideration. Education in the outer villages remains in the hands of the London Missionary Society, under Government subsidy. There are in Niue ten mission schools, with an average roll-call of 484 children.
