

V. HEALTH.

An outbreak of influenza spread throughout the islands in September, but it was very mild in form, very few patients requiring hospital treatment, and there were no deaths. The health of the community generally has been good.

Arrangements have been made in co-operation with the Rockefeller Institute to undertake a complete yaws campaign throughout the Territory. This work is to commence in April, 1932, and at the time of writing this report every village is being visited. A complete roll of each village is being compiled, and the treatment is being made available for every Samoan throughout the Territory free of charge.

VI. LEGISLATION.

One session of the Legislative Council was held during the year. The following laws and legislative measures have been brought into force since last report :—

In New Zealand—

The Finance Act, 1931, providing for a reduction of 10 per cent. in the salaries of the New Zealand Public Services. Order in Council of 20th April, 1931, applying Part I of the Finance Act, 1931, to the European members of the Samoan Public Service. Order in Council of 18th December, 1931, applying Part I of the Finance Act, 1931, to the Samoan members of the Samoan Public Service.

The Finance Act, 1931 (No. 2), providing in section 19 that the Samoan Public Service be under control of the Public Service Commissioner of New Zealand, and in section 20 that the computing for superannuation purposes of each year's service in Samoa as a year and a half be discontinued, except in certain approved instances.

The Samoa Customs Consolidation Amendment Order, 1931.

The Samoa Notaries Order, 1931.

The Samoa Port and Customs Service Tax Amendment Order, 1931.

The Samoa Quarantine Amendment Order, 1931.

The Samoa Vagrancy Order, 1931.

In Samoa—

No. 2/1931.—The Road Traffic Ordinance.

No. 3/1931.—The General Laws Ordinance.

No. 4/1931.—The Fruit Export Ordinance.

No. 5/1931.—The Lighterage Ordinance.

No. 6/1931.—The Shopping Hours Ordinance.

No. 7/1931.—The Cocoa Beans Sales Ordinance.

No. 8/1931.—The Fugalei Street and Building Alignment Ordinance Amendment Ordinance.

No. 9/1931.—The Overseas Labourers Control Ordinance.

No. 10/1931.—The Revenue Amendment Ordinance.

Board of Health Regulations No. 9, as to Burials. *Western Samoa Gazette* No. 71.

VII. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

A number of changes occurred in the staff. Many officers were called upon to perform additional duties to enable a certain amount of retrenchment and reorganization to be carried out, which has only been possible owing to the loyalty, good will, and co-operation of the staff. The Administrator desires to place on record his thanks and appreciation for the assistance he has received in this matter and for faithful service from all members of the Public Service of Samoa during a very trying period.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS.

NATIVE AFFAIRS.

Native matters of all kinds are brought freely before this Department for settlement or advice. Sittings of the Land and Titles Commission were held in April and in November, extending over thirty-nine days in all, and nineteen cases were heard, involving a considerably greater number of individuals.

The Faipule selected by their districts and appointed during 1930-31 for terms of one year only met in May. Their tenure of office terminated in September, but they were called together again in December. Following this meeting districts were invited to nominate in writing Faipule to hold office for the ensuing three years, and the representative selected by each district has been appointed.

Judicial statistics appear following the report of the Justice Department, at page 9.

AGRICULTURE.

The value of copra has declined to a lower point than at any other period in the present century, realizing at times little more than one-third of prices five years ago, but the quantity exported has fallen less than might have been expected. Native producers are fortunate in relation to those in