

Rubber (*Hevea Braziliensis*) is planted to some extent, and export of a good-quality smoked sheet reached 167 tons in 1928. Owing to low prices production ceased entirely in 1933, and no rubber was shipped in that or the succeeding year. In 1935, however, production was recommenced, and in that year a total of 25 tons was shipped from the Territory, while 51 tons was exported in 1936.

XXII.—MINES.

There are no mines or any known mineral deposits of value in the Territory.

XXIII.—POPULATION.

Statistics for the period 4th November, 1936, to 31st March, 1937, are given in the following table :—

Designation.	As at 4th November, 1936.		Births.		Deaths.		Arrivals.		Departures.		As at 31st March, 1937.		Grand Totals.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Europeans ..	255	112	2	8	1	1	30	18	32	21	254	116	370
Persons of part Samoan blood	1,403	1,305	8	9	1	1	7	18	21	37	1,396	1,294	2,690
Natives ..	26,468	25,798	357	335	162	145	62	59	97	73	26,628	25,974	52,602
Chinese labourers ..	502	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	500	..	500
Other Chinese ..	17	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	3	20
Melanesian labourers	82	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	81	1	82
	28,727	27,219	367	352	166	147	99	95	151	131	28,876	27,388	56,264
Totals ..	55,946		719		313		194		282		56,264		

Figures showing alteration in population since April, 1921, the date of the first census taken by the New Zealand Administration, are given hereunder :—

Designation.	As at 17th April, 1921.	As at 31st March, 1937.	Total Increase or Decrease.
Europeans and persons of part Samoan blood	2,066	3,060	+ 994
Native Samoans	33,336	52,602	+ 19,266
Chinese labourers	1,290	500	— 790
Melanesian labourers	465	82	— 383
*Other Chinese .. ..	..	20	+ 20
	37,157	56,264	+ 19,107

*Formerly included under heading "Europeans and Persons of part Samoan Blood."

XXIV.—PUBLIC WORKS.

A heavy programme of works was carried out in the period under review. The majority of official buildings and residences received necessary attention, while a new house for a medical officer and a Samoan house at the hospital were erected. Additions were made to the European school, post-office, and Treasury.

Two miles of road were sealed with bitumen, and a further three miles formed and metalled. In addition a great deal of maintenance and repairs was carried out on practically all main roads in Upolu.

One three-span reinforced-concrete bridge and a suspension bridge in hardwood were completed. Fourteen bridges in Upolu and seven in Savai'i were reconstructed and repaired during the year.

Repairs to the sea-wall at Apia were effected, and 464 ft. of new wall constructed, thus completing the remaining gap existing along the main beach front. Farther away from the town, at Moata'a village, the main coast road was protected from erosion by a new sea-wall, 420 ft. in length.

The hydro-electric branch functioned with its usual smoothness, and the new stand-by plant has now been installed.

Other works carried out included upkeep of parks and reserves, wharves, and water-supplies.