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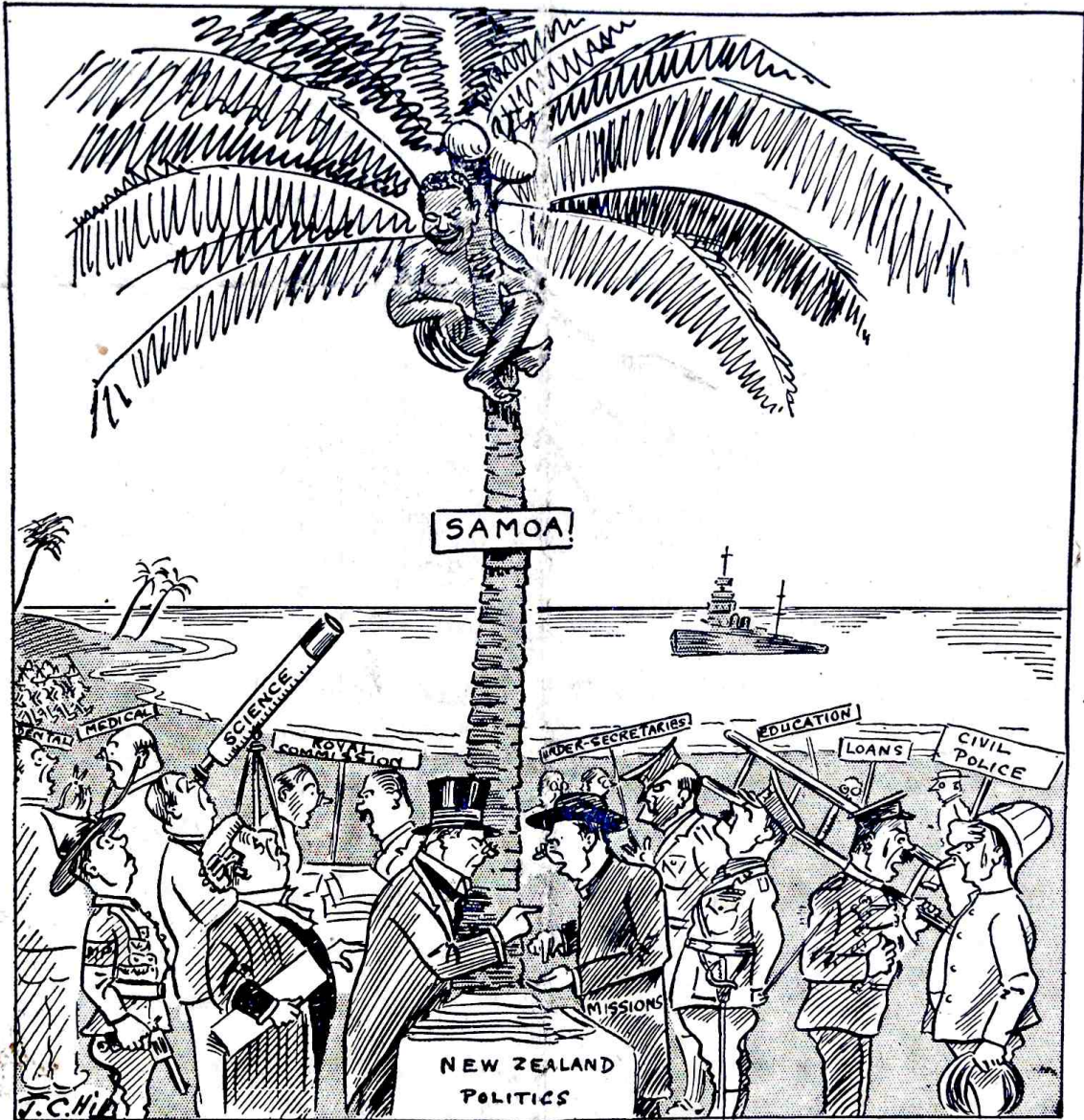
70 people registered as according to New Zealand report to the League of Nations there are only 192 people on the electoral roll, one of whom is from Europe. This works out at 0.5 per cent. Out of this total there are 38 Government employees and 10 Europeans employed by the New Zealand Government's Estates. The only objection against having a vote is that the voter must be earning either a salary of £100 per year or more, or own property to that amount. It is hoped to show that many Samoans are now far worse off than in former years.

The Government hopes that the Samoans would have been amicably disposed towards the elections were it not for the fact that there would have been a change of policy by the Government. Power in regard to heretofore Samoa and the Government generally. It was hoped that the franchise would have been extended to the extent of allowing a vote, more especially in former years were able to exercise their right of election without restriction to take a keen interest in the country they had settled down in.

The country was under the control of the Three Great Powers, and had its own Municipality, and always a keen contest at the municipal elections between the Vest Wards, and women entitled to vote as well as the men as they were considered householders. The freeholders in those days also included a very few of whom are now most of them having a great majority. The situation in those days was that one had paid their rates and taxes. The taxes in those days were not 10 per cent. of what now and the ad valorem was only 2 per cent. Freight was paid from New Zealand and cost about 25/- per ton, the cost of living then was half what it is now.

There had only to support two officials, a Chief Justice and a Mayor of the Municipality, and also an advisor to the King. There were not more than 10 or so

The South Sea "Bubble."



The Samoan (from his perch): "And I am supposed to descend into this meddlesome muddle."

[By courtesy "Auckland Star."]

on a Sydney bank for £5 signed by himself, payable to bearer.

In getting back to the coming elections, the voters on the roll are distributed as follows: British European-born 82, Germans and foreigners 30, those of mixed blood 77, Americans 2. This makes up the 191, able to vote. The list is compiled by the Government from their files. They ought to know who

patients have to suffer; elated because of the Spirit of God which shines in the faces of the ministers of these suffering children; and humbled for any discontent I had voiced in my short life.

Afflicted Children.

The natives were mostly clad in their usual attire and an absence of institution uniforms was apparent; but the Fijian school-boys were easily distinguished for

she also works the moving-picture apparatus. The moving pictures are flung on a sheet suspended between two palms, and the lepers seated around on the cool grass watch the succession of pictures of people and places which perhaps they, in their far-off island, will never see. Near this building is the large store where the patients shop twice a week with the money they earn through working round the island.

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