

OUR SCHOOLS

The Report of Minister Mott-Smith.

Head of the Department of Public Instruction Publishes His Biennial Statement.

The report of the Minister of Public Instruction, Honorable E. A. Mott-Smith, appeared yesterday. The biennial period ending December 31, 1899, was marked by a rapid increase of school population and a corresponding lack of school accommodations and finances. Progress, however, has been made.

The greatest hardship perhaps has fallen on the teachers on account of a resolution passed by the Commission of Public Instruction last April, to the effect that no salaries were to be raised until the next appropriation by the Legislature of any money whatsoever, nor would any application for increase of salary be considered. Even the schedule by which salaries are raised was suspended. This action became necessary because the pay roll of the teachers exceeded the monthly pro rata of the appropriation. A surplus which had been accumulated during the early part of the period would have covered a considerable excess of the pay roll over the pro rata until the end of the period, but by law this surplus lapsed into the treasury as a government realization, and could not be used.

Under these circumstances the Department feels that the subject of teachers' salaries should receive special attention during the present biennial period. The teachers' committee now have the matter under consideration, with a view to rearranging salaries and removing the same to a more equitable and more acceptable basis. Certain important principles have been more clearly defined. The first of these is that all cases, whether citizen or alien, are entitled, without condition, equally and alike to the benefits of State education. This principle contemplates a single system of schools, with equal privileges, open and accessible to all. There are obstacles to the general acceptability of this principle, but its general application is becoming more and more acceptable in both senses of the word.

Last year it was resolved "that the fees for attendance in all public schools in the Hawaiian Islands be, and the same are hereby abolished. This action to take effect at the beginning of the next school year." The fee as the criterion of selection for the pupils for the four select schools was found to be relatively ineffective and wholly undesirable. The revenue from it was insignificant, and it kept out from the select schools pupils possessing the proper qualifications.

The necessity of nationalizing the diverse components of our community through the medium of schools has also found expression; English has been recognized as a measure of qualification in promotion.

"As regards manual and industrial training, the tendency of the Commissioners appears to incline to the fact that neither the value of academic nor industrial nor manual training in our ordinary schools can be over-estimated. They are interdependent. The ratio of one to the other should depend upon the temperament of the whole school population which in Hawaii is of an industrial rather than of an academic cast.

"Manual training it is felt should form an important part of public instruction in Hawaii. It is peculiarly adapted to this country. Its value lies in the contribution to mental development as a result of hand and eye training. Its object, however, is a knowledge of how to do things rather than dexterity in mechanical art."

After these general statements the report goes on to deal, specifically with a large number of interesting details about hours, books and other matters, and to list the new buildings of the last period and those required during this one. The report of the Inspector General occupies a large part of the volume; and the whole of the volume is full of interest, which most reports are not, and its worth procuring and reading by every man and woman who expects to live on these Islands.

THEY WANT THE EARTH.

Bacteriologists are Now out for the Duet.

Not satisfied with the soil of Chinatown and other burnt districts, Dr. Walter Hoffmann et al., bacteriologists, are now anxious to procure samples of the soil of all and every locality throughout the Islands.

These samples are desired for the purpose of examination, that the nature of all bacteria therein contained may be determined.

It is thought that in this way the source of disease in many localities may be found or that, at any rate, much good will be accomplished towards familiarizing medical men with the germs which inhabit the soil of this country.

The bacteriologists very cordially invite anybody and everybody to send, say, about an ounce of the soil which happens to come handiest to them, to the laboratory at the Board of Health headquarters for testing purposes. Any soil from anywhere sent by anybody will be welcome and appreciated.

CASE IN THE COURTS.

Directors Make Answer to the Delinquent Shareholders.

Frank H. Huestace, one of the defendants in the suit of Harvey R. Hitchcock, Lawrence H. Dee, Harry L. Evans and Charles J. Fishel, stockholders in the Kamalo Sugar Company, against Frank Huestace, John J. Egan, Frank H. Foster and the Kamalo Sugar Company, has filed an answer to the suit for an accounting. The case is that of the delinquent shareholders of the company to prevent the sale of

their stock as advertised and demanding certain interests.

The answer of Huestace admits many of the allegations in the bill and denies others. It is admitted that Huestace and Foster were the promoters of the corporation as they controlled the funds and options conveyed to the company, but it is denied that Huestace and Foster, who are of the direction of several, control the actions of the other five. Fraud is denied in any of the particulars cited by the complainants. That the directors levied assessments through connivance to cheat the complainants is denied.

Saved the Concord.

The little schooner Concord of Allen & Robinson's fleet, which left here on April 19th for Kohala, had a very narrow escape from destruction by fire on her voyage. Captain Sam Ma and his crew are to be congratulated on the way in which they snuck by the Concord and fought the flames, which had gained great headway when discovered on the 19th of April while lying at Kohala's waiting to discharge.

On the 14th the Concord was made fast to the buoy at the last named anchorage awaiting her turn. Three other schooners were at work discharging at the time. On the 15th Captain Sam noticed the sea was growing very uneasy, and, making everything snug about his vessel, he and his crew went to help the other vessels uncrewed. Bind ropes began coming in and washed over the Concord, and as there was no wind it was impossible to move the schooner to a better position or go to sea. On the 17th there was wind enough to get out to sea and on the 19th the schooner went in to the landing again. It was noticed that smoke was issuing from the fore-castle scuttle, and on the hatch being removed the cargo of lime was discovered on fire. Manager Lidgate of Hanakua was notified and directed the captain to begin discharging immediately. It was too rough for this, however, so Captain Sam concluded to sail to Mahukona, where it was smooth, and discharge. He accordingly left, accompanied by the schooners Luka, Ka Mo'i and Kauikouli. Arriving there all the crews went to work on the burning vessel and started to take on freight. The flames broke out and the hatches had to be closed. Captain Sam had the deckload of lumber shifted to one side of the vessel so as to keep her over. Six holes were then bored in her hull and the sea water allowed to run into the burning cargo. The vessel was filled until there was danger of her sinking, and so she was trimmed and the holes plugged when she was on an even keel. The smoke still continued to pour out of the hatches, but the heat was not so great, and on the 21st the hatches were opened again and the water allowed to run in to the hold. It was pumped out as fast as it came in. On the 22d the fire was nearly out and some of the general merchandise cargo and the chalk and burning lime were thrown overboard. Several days were spent in jettisoning the cargo, and the water being almost all pumped out the Concord started for home, accompanied by the Luka to be safe in case of necessity. The cargo which consisted of 900 bags of chalk and 210 barrels of lime, is entirely ruined and the general merchandise is a total loss. The schooner is thought to be badly damaged in the timber and her deck beams and planks amidships are burned almost through. This is Captain Sam's first accident and he is one of the oldest sailormen of this coast. His bravery in staying by his vessel and saving her as he did is commended by all.

A survey of the vessel will be made and she will be repaired as soon as possible. She is discharging the remains of her cargo at the Fishmarket wharf.

HONOLULU ALIVE

When you know a good thing tell it. It will not lessen its goodness. But will do good to others. If you've been cured, tell it. There's more misery just like it. Waiting to find out how.

There are lots of lame backs in Honolulu. It's a busy place and people must work. There's kidney trouble to a large extent. Ever notice how many people over 40 complain? Seven out of ten say colds affect their kidneys. The kidneys are the causes, not the colds. Keep them in shape by all means. You can do it easily and pleasantly. No nauseating disturbances. No effect except on the kidneys. But that effect is quick and permanent.

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TRADE REPORT

The Business Record of Two Weeks.

Normal Condition of Commerce. Buyers Have Cash—The Strain Over.

The Hawaiian Mercantile Agency's semi-monthly circular for the term ending April 30 has the following:

With this issue we report business in general about down to a normal condition. In the retail lines the rush seems to be about over, and yet a good, steady trade is continuous. A hopeful yet indicative sign is that buyers have cash, and they say or rather credit is not asked. This is due to preferences on both sides of the counter. We have nothing noticeable in any special line. Some show signs of dullness, which is due only to season. The quarantine having been raised, inter-island trade is large, and the various coasting lines are pushed to land a freight offered. Ideal season has taken precedence to higher prices, and transactions since our last report show a marked increase in volume. With prices advancing at increased rates, selling is easy, but it is hard to find opportunity to purchase desirable properties. Sugar is firm. Teasantry toward rice. A very large bulk is now awaiting shipment; charters hard to obtain. The general business strain seems to be over, and we are now going ahead and prepared for brighter prospects before us. Collections are slow, and money is still scarce.

The following are the arrivals and departures during the past month: Arrivals—Foreigners, 100; Japanese, 24; Chinese, 5; total, 129. Departures—Foreigners, 24; Japanese, 4; Chinese, 29; total, 57.

Real Estate.

The mortgaged indebtedness of the Islands was decreased since our last report \$9,195. Recorded instruments have been as follows: One hundred and eighteen deeds, \$184,649; 46 mortgages, \$80,841; 18 leases; 40 releases, \$135,934; 1 bill of sale, \$10,509; 6 charter mortgages, \$8,600; 8 powers of attorney, 6 assignments of mortgage; 1 assignment of lease; 1 agreement. Mortgages, no rate given, \$29,931.01; mortgages, 7 per cent, \$10,000; mortgages, 8 per cent, \$9,200; mortgages, 9 per cent, \$8,500; mortgages, 10 per cent, \$7,195; mortgages, 12 per cent, \$915; total, \$80,841.01.

Judgments.

W. G. Keeth vs. E. Jackson, defendant, Lucas Bros., garnishee; assumption; judgment for plaintiff for \$16.10. Camara & Co. vs. L. Bussell, defendant; Honolulu Iron Works Co., garnishee; assumption; judgment for plaintiff for \$31.49. Antonio Lopez vs. Manuel Rodriguez, damages; judgment for defendant with costs \$3.90. Camara & Co. vs. J. S. Antonio, assumption; judgment for plaintiff for \$77.56. Wm. M. Graham vs. F. J. Church and C. E. Le Munyon, assumption; judgment for plaintiff for \$25.65. Lal Sing Kee vs. Makani (w), assumption; judgment for plaintiff for \$19.70. Chee Sui vs. Ma Sim Set, assumption; judgment for plaintiff for \$14.98. Agnes M. McIntyre vs. Emma M. Nakula, assumption; judgment for plaintiff for \$26.45. Kito Tamakichi vs. Antonio Botelno, assumption; judgment for defendant with costs \$3.55. Geo. Andrews vs. Home Bakery, assumption; judgment for plaintiff for \$71.35. B. J. Ignacio vs. D. G. L. Mattes, assumption; judgment for plaintiff for \$17. W. B. McLean et al. vs. Chas. D. Walker, replevin and damages; judgment for plaintiff for \$11.00. Peter Martin, action summary possession; judgment for plaintiff for possession of property and costs \$3.50.

Building Material Prices.

To take effect March 1, 1900: N. W. rough, \$28 to \$35 per 1,000 feet; selected stock, \$34 to \$41 per 1,000 feet; T. and G., \$37.50 to \$40 per 1,000 feet; redwood rough, \$30 to \$37.50 per 1,000 feet; clear surfaced one side, \$37.50 to \$40 per 1,000 feet; spruce, clear surfaced, \$42.50 to \$45 per 1,000 feet; shingles, \$3.25 to \$4.25 per 1,000; laths, 70c to 90c per bundle; split redwood posts, 20c each; lime, per barrel, \$2.50; cement, per barrel, \$4.75; brick, per 1,000, \$22.50 to \$24; cut nails, 20d per keg, \$4.50; wire nails, per keg, \$4.50; old \$2 on gal. 3 to 6d, and \$1.50 from 8d up.

Following are the current rates of exchange to the countries named—gold basis: American, Atlantic Coast, 1 per cent; Pacific Coast, 3-4 per cent; British, sight, 4.93 per pound sterling; sixty days, 4.90 per pound sterling; German, 25c per mark; Japanese, 49 7-8 per Japanese yen; Chinese, 48 1/2c per Mexican dollar.

W. O. Smith Writes.

W. O. Smith writes that the reason for the first delay of the conference report on the Territorial bill was an account of an order for reprinting the bill as amended.

The amendments made by the committee, other than minor ones, Mr. Smith says, were: Strike out Senate provision for making coastwise shipping laws apply to Hawaii immediately. Make Circuit as well as Supreme Court judges appointive by the President.

Appeals on writs of error, etc., from Territorial Supreme Court to the United States Courts only on conditions the same as govern appeals from State Courts. Sale of intoxicating liquor at retail to be left to the regulation of the Territorial Legislature.

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