

BULLETIN ON THE CUBAN CENSUS.

Shows the Population of the Island Has Decreased Since 1887.

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WASHINGTON, May 29.—Bulletin No. 1 on the Cuban census is out, and it contains much that is of interest to the people of the United States. The census was taken under the direction of our war department, with Brigadier General J. P. Sanger at the head of the special work. Census Director Sanger recently submitted to the war department the matter for bulletin No. 1, which was approved and has just been issued. Victor M. Olmstead is the assistant director, and he has been in charge of the work in the field, General Sanger remaining at headquarters in this city. The military government and its attaches in Cuba were placed at the disposal of the census director and rendered valuable assistance. The expense of taking the census comes out



of the revenues of Cuba. The work began about the middle of September, 1899, and the actual enumeration and gathering of statistics occupied several weeks.

The bulletin contains other than statistical matter, Director Sanger deeming it wise and in the line of his duties to give other information concerning the status in the island. It was thought advisable to present a brief outline of the framework of municipal and provincial government as it existed when the census was taken. Therefore the bulletin goes into the question far enough to make the form of public institutions and the manner of conducting them reasonably clear to the reader. The local government is placed in the hands of a municipal council. The councilors are elected from the municipality at large by the qualified voters of the district, one-half being renewed every two years, the councilors longest in service going out at each renewal, but they are eligible for re-election. All male citizens over 25 years of age who enjoy their full civil rights and have lived at least two years in the municipality, provided they are not disqualified by sentence for certain criminal offenses, bankruptcy or insolvency or are not delinquent taxpayers or paupers, are entitled to vote. The mayors and deputy mayors are appointed by the military governor from among the councilors on the recommendation of the council, but while under the law the deputy mayors must be selected from the council the military governor may appoint any person as mayor whether he belongs to the council or not. The duties and responsibilities of the municipal council are those which usually devolve upon such bodies in European countries.

Of the judiciary of Cuba the bulletin says it is essentially insular, the judges being appointed by the military governor or his agents. In each municipal district there are one or more municipal courts which consist of a judge, a secretary and a clerk, who also acts as a constable or bailiff. The judges of these municipal courts are appointed by the audiencias and have jurisdiction over all civil cases where the amount involved does not exceed \$200 and over all misdemeanors, such as violations of municipal ordinances. They also keep registers of births, deaths, marriages and property and substitute the judges of first instance and instruction when for any reason they cannot act. In each province there is an audiencia or supreme court appointed by the military governor which has original jurisdiction in all criminal cases from petit larceny to murder. It also has appellate jurisdiction in all civil cases appealed from the court of first instance and instruction.

So much for the government of the island. There is much more in the same line in the bulletin that is interesting and instructive, but lack of space precludes its reproduction here. As to the population the report is very satisfactory. Tables are shown which give the inhabitants in each of the smallest municipal subdivisions and the totals for the districts. The bulletin gives the figures as fully as the returns will permit. In many cases the wards are not returned separately, but in groups of two or more, the inhabitants of which cannot be easily separated owing to

the difficulty of ascertaining accurately ward limits.

The total population of Cuba on Oct. 16, 1899, determined by the census taken as of that date, was 1,572,797. This was distributed as follows among the six provinces:

Table with 2 columns: Province and Population. Havana: 424,804; Matanzas: 292,444; Pinar del Rio: 173,064; Santa Clara: 356,536; Santiago: 327,715; Puerto Principe: 88,234.

The latest census taken under Spanish authority was in 1887. The total population as returned by that census was 1,631,687, and the population by provinces was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Province and Population. Havana: 451,928; Matanzas: 259,578; Pinar del Rio: 225,801; Santa Clara: 354,122; Santiago: 372,379; Puerto Principe: 67,789.

Whether that census was correct may be a matter of discussion, but if incorrect the number of inhabitants was certainly not overstated. Comparing the total population at these two censuses, it is seen that the loss in the 12 years amounted to 58,890, or 3.6 per cent of the population in 1887. This loss is attributable to the recent civil war and the reconcentration policy accompanying it, but the figures express only a part of the loss from this cause. Judging from the earlier history of the island and the excess of births over deaths as shown by the registration records, however imperfect they may be, the population probably increased from 1887 up to the beginning of the war and at the latter epoch reached a total of little less than 1,800,000. It is probable, therefore, that the direct and indirect losses by the war and the reconcentration policy, including a decrease of births and of immigration and an increase of deaths and of emigration, reached a total of approximately 200,000.

The area of Cuba is approximately 44,000 square miles, and the average number of inhabitants per square mile is 35.7, about the same as the state of Iowa.

Havana, with the densest population, is as thickly populated as the state of Connecticut, and Puerto Principe, the most sparsely populated, is in this respect comparable with the state of Texas.

The great difference in the density of population in the different provinces is in part due to the presence of large cities, especially in the case of Havana.

Havana province, in which most of the reconcentrados were collected, sustained a relatively small loss on account of the war. Indeed, although it does not appear in the tables of the bulletin, the population of the Havana district, including the city of Havana, increased from 200,448 in 1887 to 242,055 in 1899, while nearly every other district of the province lost population. Pinar del Rio and Matanzas, lying on either side of Havana, lost nearly equal numbers and proportions of inhabitants. Santa Clara, lying beyond Matanzas to the eastward, remained almost at a standstill, while Puerto Principe and Santiago, still farther to the eastward and farther removed from the center of hostilities, gained greatly, the increase probably being due not only to natural increase, but to the migration of people away from the center of disturbance.

In connection with the population of cities it must be understood that the cities of Cuba have no corporate limits separating sharply the urban element from the surrounding rural population. The cities, like the rural districts, are divided into wards, and many of these wards extend from the borders of the cities out into country districts, much as do New England towns, and include both urban and rural population. On this account it is impossible to state the population of cities with exactness, although it is believed that the best separation possible has been made.

The population of cities by the census of 1899 cannot be compared with that given by the census of 1887, because the figures of the latter embrace the



CENSUS TAKING IN CUBA. Entire municipal district, including the city, which in most cases adds to it a large population.

The census will be of inestimable value to the Cubans, as they were much in need of the information it contains, and it is undoubtedly the most thorough and accurate enumeration that has ever been made of the island's inhabitants. General Sanger is very proud of the work accomplished by his bureau and gives full praise to his many assistants.

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Lord Salisbury evidently wants the Irish Home Rulers to cherish no illusions on the strength of the queen's visit to the Emerald Isle.—New York Tribune.

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