FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

ANNUAL REPORT ON EDUCATION IN THE FEDERATED MALAY STATES FOR THE YEAR 1913.

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF.

- 1. Mr. G. A. Hall acted as Director of Education for the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States until 6th May. From 9th May, Mr. L. H. Clayton held the acting appointment until the end of the year.
- 2. Mr. H. B. Collinge, Inspector of Schools, Perak, went on leave on 13th November. Mr. H. L. Sumner from Negri Sembilan acted for him and Mr. M. Hellier took up the acting post in Negri Sembilan. Mr. C. F. C. Ayre acted as Inspector of Schools, Selangor, until 18th November, when he went on leave and was succeeded by Mr. D. A. Bishop.
- Mr. Keir returned from leave in July and took up the duties of Head of the New Malay College for training Malay teachers at Matang.
- Mr. H. C. H. Lane, Assistant Master, Raffles Institution, acted in the new appointment of Inspector of Schools, Pahang, from 1st May.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

- 3. The revenue of the department was \$9,673.07.
- 4. The expenditure, exclusive of money spent on buildings, was \$396,262.08 distributed as follows:

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							190,257.71
							77,685.08
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							28,684.13
					Total		\$396,262.08
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NUMBER OF SCHOOLS AND PUPILS.

5. The following table shows the number of schools and pupils under the supervision of the department in 1913:

Class of Schools.	Schools.		Average Enrolment.	well	Average Attendance.	
		PERAK.				
Govt. English Schools	Boys	4		456		413
Aided English Schools	(Boys	9		1,844		1,715
Aided English Schools	··· (Girls	4		481		427
Govt. Malay Schools	S Boys	146		8,186		6,437
	··· (Girls	45		1,712		1,299
Govt. Siamese School	Girls	1		10		9
Govt. Tamil School	Boys	9		526	and the second	432
Aided Tamil Schools	§ Boys	3		206		172
Trice Tunni Schools	··· (Girls	2		152		134
m		000		10.550		17.000
Total	223		13,573		11,038	
		SELANGO	г.			
Aidad English Cabaala	(Boys	4		1,855		1,709
Aided English Schools	··· (Girls	3		602		516
Govt. Malay Schools	(Boys	49		2,539		2,198
Govt. Maray Schools	··· (Girls	4		128		103
Govt. Tamil School	Boys	1		43		36
Govt. Chinese School	Boys	1		43		40
Total	1	62		5,210		4,602

Class of Schools.		No. of Schools.		Average Enrolment.	Average Attendance.
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Govt. English School	Boys	1		83	 71
Aided English Schools	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Boys} \\ \text{Girls} \end{array} \right.$	$\frac{1}{1}$		217 146	 199 126
	{ Boys { Girls	62		3,557 100	 3,162 84,
Govt. Tamil School	Boys	1		53	 45
Total		69		4,156	 3,687
		Pahang.			
Govt. English Schools	Boys	2		39	 29
Aided English Schools	Boys	2		70	 63
Govt. Malay Schools	Boys	35		1,827	 1,449
Total		39		1,936	 1,541
Grand Total		393		24,875	 20,868
		777			

- 6. The number of schools increased from 373 to 393. The average enrolment was 24,875 against 23,103 in 1912, and the average attendance was 20,868 against 19,229.
 - 7. The percentage of attendance for all schools was 83.8.
- 8. The average enrolment of boys was 21,544 and of girls 3,331, the attendance being 18,170 and 2,698.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

- 9. There were 4,564 boys and 1,229 girls in average enrolment and 4,199 boys and 1,069 girls in average attendance. The attendance of boys shows an increase of 703 and of girls an increase of 80. The percentage of attendance was 92.0 for boys and 86.9 for girls.
- 10. At the Cambridge Local Examinations held in December, 1913, the following results were obtained:

		Seniors.		Juniors.			
Boys' Schools.	Passes.	Under 19.	Over 19.	Passes.	Under 16.	Over 16.	
$ \begin{array}{c} {\rm Selangor} \ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} {\rm Victoria\ Institution} & \dots \\ {\rm St.\ John's\ Institution} & \dots \\ {\rm Methodist\ Boys'\ School} & \dots \end{array} \right. \end{array} $	$\begin{smallmatrix}8\\10\\3\end{smallmatrix}$	7 9 3	1	8 7 1	5 6 1	3 1	
$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Perak} & \left\{ \begin{matrix} \text{Anglo-Chinese} & \text{School,} \\ \text{Ipoh} & \dots & \dots \\ \text{King Edward VII School,} \\ \text{Taiping} & \dots & \dots \\ \text{Anderson School, Ipoh} & \dots \end{matrix} \right. \end{array}$	- 3.	_ 3	_		- 3	_ 2	
Negri Sembilan St. Paul's Institution	_	_		5	5	1	
Total Boys	24	22	2	27	20	7	
GIRLS' SCHOOLS.							
$ \begin{array}{c} \text{Selangor} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Convent} & \dots & \dots \\ \text{Methodist Girls' School} & \dots \\ \text{Chinese Girls' School} & \dots \end{array} \right. \\ \end{array} $	=	Ξ	Ξ	1 1	=	1 1 -	
Total Girls	-	-		2	_	2	

11. The total cost, and the cost to Government, of each of the English schools in 1913 is shown in the following table

Whether Government or Aided Schools.		Average enrolment.	Average attendance.		Income.		oil in nce.	nt of erage	
	Name of School.			Government allowance.	Fees.	Other sources.	Expenditure.	Cost of each pupil in average attendance.	Cost to Government of each pupil in average attendance.
	PERAK.			\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c
Govern-	English School, Batu Gajah English School, Kuala	75	69	1,824 00	814 00		1,824 00	26 43	14 64
English Schools	Kangsar Anglo-Chinese School,	107	95	2,445 00	761 00		21,445 00	25 74	17 78
for Boys	Kamunting Anderson School, Ipoh King Edward VII	51 223	47 202	698 00 15,343 98	176 95 5,082 00		698 00 15,343 98	14 85 75 96	10 70 50 80
	School, Taiping Methodist Episcopal	607	574	12,517 00	11,626 50	1,417 68	28,079 84	49 94	21 81
Aided Boys' Schools	Mission School, Ipoh ,, ,, Kampar ,, ,, T. Anson ,, ,, Tronoh ,, ,, Parit Buntar ,, ,, Sitiawan English School, Gopeng	676 69 166 49 62 32 67	628 62 147 45 57 28 62	8,261 00 405 00 2,625 00 480 00 592 50 182 00	13,972 00 1,179 12 2,185 13 483 50 915 00 307 25 1,107 75	3,840 08 40 00 2,742 22 74 50 61 12	27,287 12 1,752 10 8,052 89 1,026 90 1,513 20 347 96 1,401 90	43 45 28 26 54 78 22 82 26 55 12 43 22 61	13 18 6 58 17 86 10 67 10 39 2 94
Aided Girls' Schools	St. Michael's, Ipoh Treacher Girls', Taiping Convent, Taiping Ipoh Methodist Mission, Ipoh	116 108 120 172 81	90 107 157 73	1,045 00 290 00 1,980 00 657 50	1,510 50 981 00 101 50 2,400 00 1,139 00	427 50 140 00 88 28 1,700 00	4,483 89 5,489 54 2,016 70 10,980 00 2,455 00	40 03 60 98 18 85 69 93 33 63	11 61 1 71 12 61 9 01
Aided Boys' Schools Aided Girls' Schools	SELANGOR. Victoria Institution St. John's Institution Methodist Boys' Anglo-Chinese, Klang Convent, Kuala Lumpur Methodist Girls' Chinese Girls'	768 524 416 147 300 230 72	725 478 382 108 277 182 64	37,765 06 5,995 00 4,983 00 735 00 3,850 00 1,815 00 792 00	15,755 00 7,517 00 8,914 80 1,033 00 3,429 84 3,993 50 1,530 00	5,257 54 3,314 13 1,980 74 6,506 05 4,212 21 101 91	54,343 54 27,474 05 17,626 11 2,109 56 14,329 80 10,436 82 2,876 26	74 95 57 48 46 14 19 53 51 73 57 40 44 94	52 09 12 54 13 04 6 80 13 90 9 97 12 37
Govern- ment	NEGRI SEMBILAN.								
English School for Boys.	English School, Port Dickson	109	71		879 00		2,396 77		33 76
Aided Boys' School	St. Paul's School, Seremban	217	199	2,948 00	4,462 00	3,084 05	13,409 63	67 33	14 80
Aided Girls' School	Convent, Seremban	146	126	1,342 00	1,145 00	700 00	7,160 49	56 83	10 68
	PAHANG.					1			
Govern- ment English Schools	Preparatory School, Pekan English School, Kuala	8	5	1,200 00			1,200 00	200 00	200 00
for Boys Aided	Lipis Anglo-Chinese, Ben-	31	24	900 00			900 00	37 58	37 58
Boys' Schools.	tong Anglo-Chinese, Raub	40 30	36 27	1,080 00 600 00		1,420 00 600 00	1,838 06 1,200 00	49 92 22 22	29 39 11 11

PERAK.

^{12.} There were in all 17 English schools in Perak under the control of the department, of which four were Government schools and 13 received a grant-in-aid. Four of the latter are Girls' schools. The total enrolment at these schools rose from 2,439 in 1912 to 2,781 in 1913, and the average attendance from 2,197 in 1912 to 2,555 in 1913, the percentage of attendance to enrolment being 90 in 1912 and 92 in 1913.

^{13.} The King Edward VII School, the only boys' school in Taiping, is generally efficient, but the results at the annual inspection did not come up to expectation.

- 14. The Anderson School at Ipoh gained 100 per cent. of passes in the Standard VII examination. This was due however to the fact that a large proportion of boys who had taken the year's course were withheld from the examination.
- 15. The schools which were reckoned first grade were King Edward VII School, the Treacher Girls' School and the Convent at Taiping, the Anglo-Chinese School, the Anderson School, and the Convent at Ipoh, and the Government school at Batu Gajah.
- 16. It is regrettable that many schools are inadequately staffed, and many of the teachers are unqualified.

SELANGOR.

- 17. In Selangor the English are all grant-in-aid schools; four for boys and three for girls. The average enrolment and attendance at these schools were respectively 2,457 and 2,225.
- 18. The results of the Seventh Standard examination were not good. Those in Standard IV were generally satisfactory.
- 19. At the Victoria Institution carpentry has been introduced as part of the scheme for hand and eye training.
- 20. The Cadet Corps at the Victoria Institution and the Boy Scouts from that school and St. John's Institution are well maintained.
 - 21. A new school for girls, St. Mary's High School, was opened in March.

NEGRI SEMBILAN.

22. There are three English schools in Negri Sembilan one Government and two aided. The Government school at Port Dickson is insufficiently staffed but has done good work. St. Paul's School is reported to be satisfactory and the Convent to show improvement on the previous year.

PAHANG.

23. There were four small English schools in Pahang, but the Pekan school has since been closed owing to the poor attendance. A new school was opened at Lipis. This is the most satisfactory school. Those at Raub and Bentong are not well reported on.

NORMAL CLASSES.

24. These classes for the training of teachers in English schools were held in Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and Taiping. The attendance at these classes is small, and the number of qualified teachers turned out still smaller. Many unqualified teachers refuse to attend and in view of the extreme difficulty of getting teachers of any kind, it is difficult to deal with such cases. I fear the classes are not doing what was expected of them.

TREACHER TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

25. Sixty-five students received instruction during the year: 52 for the Survey Office, eight for the Railway, three for the Public Works Department, and two for the Forest Department. As a Survey school good work has been done. In other respects I am afraid the school must be admitted to have been a failure. The Instructors have been excellent and hard working. The failure is entirely due to the fact that the school does not attract the kind of students for which it was intended. A large majority of those who apply for admission are of very poor attainments and have not been taught locally but in India or Ceylon. Forty-three out of the 67 students last year were from India or Ceylon. The Malays who enter are generally not sufficiently grounded in English or mathematics. Hardly any Chinese or Eurasians enter the school. The prospects held out by the Railway and Public Works Department do not appear to be sufficiently attractive to induce promising boys to submit to a long course of training.

VERNACULAR SCHOOLS.

26. At all Malay boys' schools in the Federated Malay States the average enrolment was 16,109 and the average attendance 13,246. The average enrolment at Malay girls, schools was 1,940 and the average attendance 1,486. The combined average enrolment was 18,049 as against 18,126 in 1912, and the attendance 14,732 against 14,744.

PERAK.

- 27. In Perak there are 191 Malay schools, 146 for boys and 45 for girls. The percentage of average attendance was for boys 78 and for girls 76, unsatisfactory figures. Attendance in Perak is voluntary. The little boys come to school readily enough but they do not remain long enough. At the close of the year only $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of boys were in Standard V, and 73 per cent. below Standard II.
- 28. Nor are the Perak Malay schools efficient. Supervision is peculiarly difficult in this State, and the supply of trained teachers very small. The opening of a Training College, especially for Perak teachers, at Matang will in time do much to remedy this. This college has been placed under the control of Mr. Keir, who has had experience at the Malacca College and as Inspector of Schools and is very well suited to the work. It was opened on 11th October, 1913, and 27 students were admitted.

SELANGOR AND NEGRI SEMBILAN.

29. In both these States the Malay boys' schools are well attended and on the whole satisfactory. The girls' schools are few, and the teaching poor.

PAHANG.

- 30. Pahang until 1913 had no Inspector of Schools. Mr. Lane took up the acting appointment on 1st May, and has done very good work.
- 31. The average enrolment in boys' schools (there were no girls' schools) was 1,827 and the average attendance 1,449. The attendance was best in the Kuantan and Temerloh districts.
 - 32. Four new boys' schools and one girls' school are to be built in 1914.
 - 33. There were only four trained teachers in the State.

TAMIL AND CHINESE SCHOOLS.

34. These have hitherto been few, small and generally inefficient. A large number of Tamil schools are now, however, being opened on rubber estates, particularly in Selangor. They will require special supervision. Though the schools will be of an elementary character only it will, I fear, be exceedingly difficult if not impossible to secure satisfactory teachers.

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