

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:

Federal...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$ 41,037.39
Perak ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	190,257.71
Selangor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77,685.08
Negri Sembilan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58,597.77
Pahang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,684.13
							Total ...	<u>\$396,262.08</u>

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.	No. of Schools.	Average Enrolment.	Average Attendance.
PERAK.			
Govt. English Schools ... Boys	4	...	413
Aided English Schools ...	Boys	9	1,715
	Girls	4	427
Govt. Malay Schools ...	Boys	146	6,437
	Girls	45	1,299
Govt. Siamese School ... Girls	1	...	9
Govt. Tamil School ... Boys	9	...	432
Aided Tamil Schools ...	Boys	3	172
	Girls	2	134
Total ...	<u>223</u>	...	<u>11,038</u>
SELANGOR.			
Aided English Schools ...	Boys	4	1,709
	Girls	3	516
Govt. Malay Schools ...	Boys	49	2,198
	Girls	4	103
Govt. Tamil School ... Boys	1	...	36
Govt. Chinese School ... Boys	1	...	40
Total ...	<u>62</u>	...	<u>4,602</u>

Class of Schools.		No. of Schools.		Average Enrolment.		Average Attendance.
NEGRI SEMBILAN.						
Govt. English School ...	Boys	1	...	83	...	71
Aided English Schools ...	{ Boys	1	...	217	...	199
	{ Girls	1	...	146	...	126
Govt. Malay Schools ...	{ Boys	62	...	3,557	...	3,162
	{ Girls	3	...	100	...	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

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.		
		PASSES.	Under 19.	Over 19.	PASSES.	Under 16.	Over 16.
BOYS' SCHOOLS.							
Selangor	{ Victoria Institution ...	8	7	1	8	5	3
	{ St. John's Institution ...	10	9	1	7	6	1
	{ Methodist Boys' School ...	3	3	—	1	1	—
Perak	{ Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
	{ King Edward VII School, Taiping ...	3	3	—	5	3	2
	{ Anderson School, Ipoh ...	—	—	—	1	—	1
	{ St. Paul's Institution ...	—	—	—	5	5	—
Total Boys ...		24	22	2	27	20	7
GIRLS' SCHOOLS.							
Selangor	{ Convent ...	—	—	—	1	—	1
	{ Methodist Girls' School ...	—	—	—	1	—	1
	{ Chinese Girls' School ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Girls ...		—	—	—	2	—	2

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 2½ 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.

SINGAPORE,
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