

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES FOR THE YEAR 1920.

1. The revenue collected in fees was \$20,158: of this, \$2,418 was on account of companies registered under the "British and Foreign Companies Enactment, 1912," and \$17,740 on account of local companies registered under "The Companies Enactment, 1917."

2. The figures for the last eight years are as follows:

Year.	British and Foreign companies.	Local companies.	Total.
1913	\$2,459	\$ 3,636	\$ 6,095
1914	1,851	1,651	3,502
1915	1,868	2,304	4,172
1916	1,984	4,758	6,743
1917	1,675	8,922	10,597
1918	1,887	4,458	6,345
1919	2,079	7,861	9,939
1920	2,418	17,740	20,158

3. The increase in fees collected from local companies was \$9,878 and is due to an increase in the number of local companies formed during the year.

4. (a) During the year 50 new companies were registered under the "British and Foreign Companies Enactment, 1912," as against 22 in 1919.

(b) Twenty-six companies registered under the "British and Foreign Companies Enactment, 1912," were wound up or ceased to carry on business in the Federated Malay States. Total capital of these companies is as follows:

20 companies with a capital of	...	...	...	...	£1,860,000
2 " " "	...	...	...	...	\$ 410,000
1 company " " "	...	...	...	...	Rs. 1,000,000
1 " " "	...	...	...	...	Tls. 300,000

(c) Fifty-four local companies with a total capital of \$38,934,928 were incorporated and registered as against 27 with a total capital of \$7,102,000 in 1919. These figures are very striking.

(d) Twenty local companies went into liquidation. Total capital is \$4,851,000.

5. During the year 15 British and Foreign companies were reported to the Public Prosecutor for failing to file balance sheets within the prescribed period. Action is still pending.

6. No prosecutions were instituted against local companies.

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