

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS FOR THE YEAR 1923.

MOVEMENT OF CHINESE POPULATION.

1. The figures for movement by sea for the last ten years are as follows (Chinese only):

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CHINESE IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.

Year.	Perak.	Selangor.	Negri Sembilan.	Pahang.	Total, F.M.S.
1914... ..	-9,230	-10,748	+2,500	-510	-17,988
1915... ..	-5,405	- 823	+1,320	- 25	- 7,433
1916... ..	+2,854	+11,106	+4,648	-340	+18,268
1917... ..	+1,738	+ 9,995	+4,358	-155	+15,936
1918... ..	-1,008	+ 528	+ 849	- 67	+ 302
1919... ..	- 624	- 469	+ 757	+119	- 235
1920... ..	+ 215	- 2,769	+ 133	- 88	- 2,333
1921... ..	+1,277	- 1,830	- 385	+865	- 73
1922... ..	+1,054	- 2,622	+ 94	+137	- 1,337
1923... ..	+1,705	- 2,407	+ 349	+764	+ 411

2. The figures for third class passengers of all nationalities for the last five years are:

	Entering F.M.S.	Leaving F.M.S.	Resultant.
1919	358,806	388,744	-29,938
1920	472,981	468,603	+ 4,378
1921	363,558	373,104	- 9,546
1922	288,744	313,627	-24,883
1923	339,568	330,685	+ 8,883

3. The total number of Chinese emigrant deck passengers during the year under review was 16,115 as compared with 16,113 in the previous year. Of these emigrants 2,196 were females and 543 children under ten years of age as against 2,367 and 451, respectively, for the previous year.

4. Chinese immigrant deck passengers numbered 16,526 as compared with 14,776 in 1922. Of these immigrants 2,356 were females and 613 children under ten years of age as against 2,046 and 729, respectively, for the previous year.

WOMEN AND GIRLS PROTECTION.

5. There were 157 admissions to the Federal Home for Women and Girls at Kuala Lumpur and 164 were discharged leaving 26 inmates on 31st December, 1923.

6. The average daily number of inmates of the Federal Home during the year was 35, and the cost of maintenance \$5,785.45 as against \$4,748.44 in 1922. The health of the inmates was good and there were no deaths.

7. The number of admissions to the Temporary Home at Ipoh was 94 and on 31st December, 1923, only 10 remained.

8. Ninety security bonds were taken during the year and none were estreated.

9. There was one conviction under section 8 (i) of the Women and Girls Protection Enactment, 1914. One conviction was also obtained for disposing of a girl for the purposes of prostitution under section 3 (i) and one also for an offence against a girl of under 15 under section 3 (k) of the same Enactment.

10. Nine lodging-houses were prosecuted under the Minor Offences Enactment for allowing their premises to be used for immoral purposes and convictions were obtained in eight cases.

11. There were only two prosecutions under the Children Enactment, 1922, in both of which convictions were recorded.

SOCIETIES.

12. Returns "C" and "D" show the number of societies in each State registered and exempted from registration under the Societies Enactment, No. 20 of 1913.

13. There are in the Federated Malay States 325 registered and 255 societies exempted from registration.

14. During the year, 11 registered societies and 20 exempted societies ceased to exist, whilst 42 new societies were registered and 23 exempted from registration.

15. There were 13 prosecutions under the Societies Enactment, 1913, during the year, most of which were against persons connected with branches of the Triad Society. Of 32 persons charged 29 were convicted. Two of the persons convicted were Malays.

ENQUIRIES.

16. The number of enquiries held by the department during the year was :

1. Secretary for Chinese Affairs Enactment	...	...	...	712
2. Labour Code	...	...	...	250
3. Women and Girls Protection Enactment	...	...	...	419
4. Miscellaneous	...	...	...	536
			Total	1,917

The enquiries under the Women and Girls Protection Enactment do not include the enquiries made on the arrival of immigrants from China.

17. In the cases dealt with under the Labour Code, 1,874 coolies were concerned and the total amount of wages involved was \$73,937.31.

18. No cases of ill-treatment of labourers came to the notice of the department.

19. The Assistant Protector of Chinese stationed at Kuala Lumpur was able to pay a visit to the isolated wood-cutting kongsis on the Rompin and Endau Rivers in Pahang and his report shows a great improvement in conditions there since these annual visits commenced.

PAWNBROKERS' ENACTMENT, No. 10 OF 1914.

20. The Protectors of Chinese, Perak and Selangor, and the Assistant Protector of Chinese, Negri Sembilan, are Superintendents under the Enactment.

21. In Perak there were 43 licensed pawnshops during the year, 33 of which were licensed for the three-year period, 1922-1924, and 10 for the years 1923-1924; total monthly revenue during 1923 was \$18,855 and the total monthly revenue during 1924 will be \$19,510. There was one prosecution during the year under section 4 of the Enactment and a conviction was obtained.

22. In Selangor, where the pawnshops were let for the three-year period, 1922-1924, the only change was that one pawnshop was allowed to change hands.

23. In Negri Sembilan the pawnshops were held for a period of only one year and it was decided to call for tenders for the three-year period, 1924-1926, with the result that the total revenue expected for 1924 is \$55,212 instead of \$34,510.

24. The total revenue from pawnshops in the three States in 1923 was \$436,426.

REGISTRATION OF SCHOOLS ENACTMENT.

25. The number of Chinese schools registered on 31st December, 1923, was :—

State.	Schools.	Teachers.	Pupils.
Perak	92	186	4,565
Selangor	101	197	4,290
Negri Sembilan	29	43	1,105
Pahang	17	23	612
Totals	239	449	10,572

26. Of these 239 schools, 169 with 9,275 pupils are giving more or less modern education as opposed to 70 with 1,297 pupils giving the old-fashioned Chinese education. One hundred and seventeen of these schools with 7,880 pupils are public schools as opposed to private ones.

27. In September, 1923, provision was made for the purpose of providing grants-in-aid to Chinese Public Schools (i.e., to schools not run for profit), grants were payable half yearly on a *per capita* basis, and applications were received from nine schools with 982 pupils, all of which were duly inspected and recommended for grants.

28. During the year there was only one prosecution under the Enactment in the Federated Malay States.

29. The supervision of these schools during the year was in the hands of Mr. N. A. Worley.

EXCISE ENACTMENT, 1915.

30. The Protector of Chinese, Perak, and the Assistant Protector of Chinese, Negri Sembilan, were Vice-Chairmen of all Licensing Boards in their respective States.

31. The Protector of Chinese, Selangor, was Chairman of the Licensing Board of the Kuala Lumpur district.

CHINESE ADVISORY BOARDS.

32. There were three meetings of the Perak Board and one of the Selangor Board during the year. The principal subjects discussed were unemployment among Chinese, provision of Chinese cemeteries in Kinta and suitable rules therefor, legislation with regard to "Mui Tsai" and Chinese intestacy.

INTERPRETERS.

33. Two student interpreters passed the examination for certificated interpreters during the year.

STAFF.

34. Mr. W. T. Chapman performed the duties of Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Federated Malay States, for the year under review.

35. Mr. A. M. Goodman was in charge of the Perak Protectorate until the 7th December, 1923, when he went on leave and was succeeded by Mr. A. B. Jordan. Mr. J. A. Black acted as Assistant Protector of Chinese till 22nd October, 1923, when he was relieved by Mr. C. H. Dakers.

36. Mr. D. Richards acted as Protector of Chinese, Selangor, throughout the year. The post of Assistant Protector was held successively by Mr. G. S. Hellings from 1st to 17th January, by Captain J. Jeff from 24th January until 25th November, and by Captain C. K. Muspratt from 26th November until the end of the year.

37. Mr. A. B. Jordan acted as Assistant Protector of Chinese, Negri Sembilan, until 3rd December, when he was relieved by Captain J. Jeff.

38. Captain N. Grice and Captain J. Jeff passed their final examinations in Cantonese and returned from Canton during the year. Captain C. K. Muspratt also returned, having had to relinquish the study of Cantonese owing to illness. The other Cadets studying in Canton continued to make satisfactory progress during the year.

GENERAL.

39. With the improvement in the price both of tin and rubber trade conditions amongst the Chinese continued to improve during the year, and early in the year the great bulk of the able-bodied unemployed were absorbed. Better conditions have also attracted labour from China and elsewhere and there has been a steady influx of labour from China and elsewhere into the Federated Malay States.

40. The Ipoh Chinese Relief Camp—the last of those established during the height of the slump for the reception of unemployed—was closed down in September, 1923, the residue of its inmates—all decrepits—being transferred to the Federal Decrepit Asylum established at Port Swettenham by Government. The establishment of some such home for aged immigrant labourers, who have spent their lives and energy working in this country, has been becoming more and more a necessity, as the time which has elapsed since these States were made safe for such immigrants, has more nearly approached fifty years. Immigrants, who then came here as boys and have spent their lives in toil, but through illness or misfortune have not succeeded in making themselves independent, are now past the age when they can any longer support themselves; and, as their long absence from their native places has cut them off from their families, some provision had become inevitable.

41. The disturbed political condition of South China has persisted throughout the year, but has led to no untoward happenings locally.

42. The following returns are attached hereto:

- A. Return of Chinese Immigration and Emigration by Ports of the Federated Malay States;
- B. Return of Chinese Passenger Lodging-houses licensed under the Secretary for Chinese Affairs Enactment;
- C. Return of Societies registered under "The Societies Enactment, 1913";
- D. Return of Societies exempted from registration under the Societies Enactment, 1913;
- E. Return of Admissions to and Discharges from the Federal Home;
- F. Return of Number of Inmates in the Federal Home on 31st December, 1923.

KUALA LUMPUR,
28th May, 1924.

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Federated Malay States.

RETURN A.

Return of Chinese Immigration and Emigration by the Ports of the Federated Malay States for the year 1923.

State.	Emigration.					Immigration.					Difference between Immi- gration and Emigration.
	Adults.		Children under 10 years.		Total.	Adults.		Children under 10 years.		Total.	
	Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.		Males.	Females.	Boys.	Girls.		
Perak	2,735	508	57	20	3,320	3,863	879	231	52	5,025	+ 1,705
Selangor	9,558	1,414	433	...	11,405	7,680	1,066	252	...	8,998	- 2,407
Negri Sembilan	202	53	14	...	269	517	65	36	...	618	+ 349
Pahang	881	221	16	3	1,121	1,497	346	35	7	1,885	+ 764
Total ...	13,376	2,196	520	23	16,115	13,557	2,356	554	59	16,526	+ 411

RETURN B.

Return of Chinese Passenger Lodging-houses licensed under the Secretary for Chinese Affairs Enactment, 1899, during the year 1923.

PERAK—										No. of licences.
Ipoh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Batu Gajah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Kampar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Tronoh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Menglembu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Gopeng	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tanjong Rambutan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Chemor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sungei Siput North	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Enggor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Taiping	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Kuala Kangsar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Parit	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bruas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Teluk Anson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
										— 56
SELANGOR—										
Kuala Lumpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Kuala Kubu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
										— 14
Total										70

RETURN C.

Return of Societies registered under "The Societies Enactment, 1913."

Race.	Object.	Number on 31st December, 1923.				
		Perak.	Selangor.	Negri Sembilan.	Pahang.	Total.
Chinese	Religious and Temples	4	...	1	7	12
"	Trade Guilds	18	28	3	...	49
"	District	28	17	12	5	62
"	Mutual Assistance	...	6	...	2	8
"	Social and Sports	37	23	17	2	79
"	Business	2	...	...	3	5
"	Clan	3	5	...	...	8
"	Political	5	1	1	...	7
"	Philanthropic	4	2	1	...	7
"	Educational	2	8	...	...	10
Japanese	Social	4	1	1	...	6
"	Business	...	...	...	...	...
Indian	Religious	9	4	2	1	16
"	Social and Sports	8	5	3	...	16
Ceylonese	Religious	...	...	...	...	...
"	Social and Sports	1	3	...	...	4
Malay	Religious	4	1	1	1	7
"	Educational	...	1	...	...	1
"	Social and Sports	7	4	5	1	17
European and Eurasian	Business	...	...	...	...	...
"	Social and Sports	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous	Business	...	...	...	...	...
"	Social and Sports	3	3	2	2	10
"	Miscellaneous	...	1	...	...	1
Total		139	113	49	24	325

RETURN D.

Return of Societies exempted from Registration under
"The Societies Enactment, 1913."

Race.	Object.	Number on 31st December, 1923.				
		Perak.	Selangor.	Negri Sembilan.	Pahang.	Total.
Chinese	Religious and Temples ...	45	18	13	...	76
"	Trade Guilds ...	1	...	...	...	1
"	District ...	...	...	...	...	...
"	Mutual Assistance ...	1	2	...	...	3
"	Social and Sports... ..	15	3	1	1	20
"	Business	1	1	...	1	3
"	Clan ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
"	Political ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
"	Philanthropic	2	2	...	...	4
"	Educational ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
Japanese	Social and Sports... ..	...	...	...	...	...
"	Business ... ..	...	...	...	...	...
Indian	Religious	1	4	...	...	5
"	Social and Sports	3	3	2	...	8
Ceylonese	Religious ... ..	...	4	...	1	5
"	Social and Sports	2	...	...	2	4
Malay	Religious	1	2	...	...	3
"	Social and Sports... ..	3	5	5	2	15
European and Eurasian	Social and Sports	33	34	17	2	86
"	Business	8	9	2	7	26
Miscellaneous	Business	2	3	1	...	6
"	Social and Sports	27	19	14	6	66
"	Miscellaneous	4	14	3	3	24
	Total ...	149	123	58	25	355

RETURN E.

Admissions to and Discharges from the Federal Home.

Admissions.	Number.		Discharges.	Number.	
	1922.	1923.		1922.	1923.
From other States	7	13	On security bond under Enactment 2/1914	18	20
At own request	7	...	Without security after enquiry	5	9
Pending enquiry	67	38	Married	10	11
" security	8	5	To parents, husbands, relatives or friends	28	64
Committed under section 11, Enactment 2/1914 ... ..	...	1	Adopted	3	...
Admitted under section 14 of Secretary for Chinese Affairs Enactment 8/1899 ... ..	...	...	To service	11	7
Re-admitted after medical treatment in District Hospital	19	41	To District Hospital	21	46
Police cases	1	6	To Assistant Protector of Chinese, Seremban	2	3
Committed under section 13, Enactment 2/1914	6	48	On informal security	4	2
Pending return to friends or native country ... ..	...	...	To Labour Office (Tamil) ... ..	...	1
Re-admitted from service	3	5	To District Officer, Kuala Lipis	...	1
Re-admitted from school	1	...	To Protector of Chinese, Singapore, to be returned to relatives or friends	4	...
Committed under section 9, Enactment 2/1914	1	...	To China	2	...
			To Protector of Chinese, Perak, to be returned to relatives or friends	1	...
Total ...	120	157	Total ...	109	164

No. of admissions during 1923 ...	157
No. of inmates on 1st January, 1923 ...	33
	190
No. of discharges during 1923 ...	164
No. of inmates on 1st January, 1923 ...	26

RETURN F.

Statement of Number of Inmates in the Federal Home for the year 1923.

	Number on 1st January, 1923.			Total.	Number on 1st January, 1924.	
	Admitted.				Admitted.	Total.
	1919.	1921.	1922.				1923.
Committed under section 13, Enactment 2 of 1914	1	4	5	10	5	5
Committed under section 11, Enactment 2 of 1914 ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2
At own request ... ..	...	...	1	1	...	...
Pending enquiry ... ..	...	1	10	11	10	10
" security ... ..	...	2	2	4	5	5
Police case ... ..	...	...	1	1	2	2
From other States ... ..	...	...	6	6	2	2
Total ...	1	7	25	33	26	26

