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SHOULD AFRICAN BE EDUCATED?

General Guggisberg, Governor Gold Coast, Deals Subject Exhaustively.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—In an address which he recently delivered to the African Society in this city, Brigadier General F. C. Guggisberg, governor of the Gold Coast and a native of Toronto, Ontario, dealt exhaustively with the subject of educating the native Africans.

General Guggisberg said that if you could provide that the native races should not come into contact with civilization, they would remain happy under their old conditions, but the mind of the raw untutored man would aspire upwards when once he was brought into the zone of modern civilization. Anyway, the one and universal cry was for a better sort than the British at present were giving.

General Guggisberg said that in the Northern Territory there was no education. In Ashanti it was a little better, and in the Gold Coast there were 50,000 educated inhabitants. The schools there were in the nature of primary schools, and at these schools 25,000 pupils ranging from four and a half years to twenty-four years of age were being educated. This number was not a matter for congratulation, he said. For one reason, they had no colleges to follow up the primary courses, and if a man wanted higher education to fit him for any profession he must come to Europe. Secondly, the whole of their primary schools were devoted to a literary education. Annually they were turning out between 6,000 and 7,000 educated natives, good fellows, keen on their books, keen on acquiring knowledge, but practically the whole lot of them fitted for little more than clerkships.

Clerks Not Wanted.

Clerks should not form the backbone of a native race, General Guggisberg said. The Gold Coast was being flooded with these semi-educated natives. Another difficulty, the General pointed out, was that the native races had no character training of any sort. He put that down to the almost entire lack of boarding schools where a young native could get training in such things as character, discipline, leadership and responsibility. Still another difficulty was with their teachers. Reliance had to be placed mainly on the native teachers, but most of whom had not had enough training, and it was too often a case of the blind leading the blind. As regarded Europeans, the brunt of their education fell on the missions; such missions as the Scottish, the Wesleyan and others were making gallant efforts absolutely understaffed. At present there were 25,000 natives at school, 50,000 were knocking at the doors, and 250,000 people in these territories wanted education, and they could not be taught.

General Guggisberg said that early next year they would see the first four of their new trade schools started. Several chiefs and their people were erecting temporary houses so that they could start lessons in carpentry, building, metal-work and agriculture, and on top of that the pupils would have a literary education to enable them to become really efficient. The schools would be boarding schools in character, with a European headmaster, and there would be troops of Boy Scouts. They were going to have secondary schools capable of accommodating 600 pupils, and in a few years they would be giving the native a complete education in his own country.

General Conditions.

They were establishing a good hospital, the General continued, and they would be able to give the medical students the foundation of their professional education. The educational schemes would cost money. In the last two or three years education had increased in cost from £10,000 to £100,000, and before long they would have to spend £250,000 yearly. To get that money they would have to increase trade and transport. It was impossible to raise revenue by more taxation, because the taxes were as high as they reasonably could be.

Referring to the bad name that was given to the climate of the Gold Coast, General Guggisberg admitted that it was the same old climate, but through the agency of sanitation and the Medical Department it had been much improved from the standpoint of health.

The Gold Coast Colony comprises a portion of the coast of the Gulf of Guinea, with a protectorate extending to an average distance of 140 miles. It is bounded on the west and north by the French colonies of the Ivory Coast and French Somaliland, and on the east by the German colony of Togoland. The total area of the Colony and its dependencies is estimated at 80,235 square miles. The population given in the census of 1911 was: Gold Coast Colony, 857,315; Ashanti, 287,811 and Northern Territories, 357,519; a total of 1,502,819. Of these about 1,000 are Europeans. The natives are almost all Pagans, but the number of Mohammedans and Christians is steadily increasing.

R. Craig, the tuberculosis patient who was sent from the local hospital to Hazelton, has now gone to the provincial sanatorium at Kamloops. The responsibility of the local hospital board for him thus ceases and he becomes a provincial charge.

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AMBULANCE MATTER GIVEN DISCUSSION

Committee Appointed by Hospital Board to Make Arrangements Buying It

A committee comprising Ald. M. J. McNeill (chairman), Dr. J. A. West, J. G. McLennan and P. I. Palmer was delegated by the hospital board last night to complete arrangements for the ordering of the ambulance which the city council has decided to pay for. Local automobile firms will be given first chance in supplying the chassis and body.

The matter was fully discussed at the meeting and letters dealing with it were read from Dr. Pontin, of the Vancouver General Hospital, J. Underhill, Vancouver medical health officer, and the Bezz Motor Co. The latter recommended the purchase of a Chevrolet Chassis but omitted no figure. Dr. Underhill stated that the McLaughlin car which his department has was very suitable and cost \$2518.24 with \$175 extra for special equipment.

The specifications that had been asked for from Vancouver had not come. Ald. Kelly felt that the price quoted was a little high. The council had not expected to pay more than \$2,000 at the outside. He thought a Ford car could be fitted suitably and would come closer to the estimated figure.

P. I. Palmer felt that the ambulance should be a good one and permanent even if it did cost a little more.

The letter from E. J. Large refusing to accept stretcher cases with his taxi was dealt with and the board decided to guarantee Mr. Large the costs of this service until the ambulance arrived.

SMITHERS IS AT LAST INCORPORATED

Smithers, the second divisional point on the railway out of Prince Rupert, has at last received its charter as an incorporated village. The incorporation is effective from October 1 and the provisional commissioners appointed are N. P. Moran, Charles Reid and J. R. McIntyre. The first municipal election will take place on January 22.

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