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Philippine Commission Makes Annual Report.

NEED OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Failing Off in Customs Receipts Makes the Authority for an Issue of Bonds for Improvements Very Necessary.

washington, Jan. lh.—secretary of War Taft has transmitted to the President the annual report of the Philippines Commission, together with the separate report of the commission to the Civil Governor of the islands and of the heads of the four departments.

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### Financial Conditions.

Secretary says that the falling off he government revenues has reduced funds available for education. From central government last year the unit expended did not exceed \$1.200,000. amount expended the not exceed \$2.50. We an against \$1.500,000 the previous year. He adds that without wasting money \$5.000,000 a year in the maintenance of the public schools of the Philippine Islands could be easily expended. The enrollment has increased from 185.000 to 365.000 in one year. and there is a demand for American teachers and Filiphro teachers in each province. The total expenditures for edu-cation tast year, including ...ose from cen-tral provinces and municipal govern-ments, was nearly \$2,000,000.

ments, was nearly \$2,000,000. Referring to the proposed bond issue of 5,000,000 for general improvements, the secretary says that owing to the loss in untous receipts, which point to a deficit his year, it is very important that the ection of the bill which has passed the louse and Senate already authorizing the issue of the bonds be enacted. The Sec-retary further says that it is likely the customs revenues during the next six months will increase to their normal amount, avoiding the possibility of a de-

Begarding the new coinage of the islands the Secretary says:
"One of the most satisfactory results of the Government's transactions during

phose are said to be generally cordial, with a steady growth of confidence and good feeling between them.

The report says that a pacific policy toward the Meros seemed to give them the impression that the Americans were afraid of them, but a short, decisive campaign gave them to understand that the Americans had not only the purpose but the power to support authority and enforce order.

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force order.

Referring to the conference with the Suitan of Sub at Manila, the report says that upon his explanation that the annulment of the treaty left him without means of subsistence, he being deprived of the revenues received as Suitan, the Commission agreed to give him and the members of his household \$2,000 peace annually

## Friar Land Question.

With reference to the friar lands, the Commission, after repeating the state-ments made of opposition on the part of the majority of the Filipinos to the friars. The Holy See, recognizing that the

The Holy See, recognizing that the Filipinos were generally speaking, Roman Catholics and the wisdom of supplying them with priests who would be acceptable to them, has appointed American architehops and bishops, who have taken the places formerly occupied by Spanish churchmen, and has pursued the wise and conclitatory policy of declining to force objectionable priests upon reluctant parishioners, and has brought its influence to bear in facilitating the purchase by the Government of the large landed properties under the control of the frier orders."

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The report says there still continues to be much controversy and ill feeing between the independent Filipino church party—or Aglipayans, as they are commonly called—and the Roman Apostolic Church in regard to the Churches, convents and cemeteries in many localities.

### Lower Tariff Is Urged.

The report urges that the Commission be given authority to make reductions in the tariff schedules, the Commission saying in this connection that it always has felt that there should exist closer trade relations between the United States and the Islands, unobstructed, as far as possible, by tariff barriers. Having that in view, an internal revenue system has been put in force, which, the Commission hopes, ultimately may permit of material reductions in existing tariff rates, at least on goods reming from the United States.

The Dingley tariff rates on sugar and tobacco imported into the United States, the report says, are prohibitive. The admission of these products free of duty into the United States, it is asserted, would not seriously injure American interests, but would be a boon to the Filipinos. The report urges that the Commission

peal of the law authorizing the refunding of duties, the statement being made that since its enactment \$1.00,400 has been col-lected in refundable duties, principally on hemp exportation to the United States.

### Recommendations by Commission. The Commission makes the following

Reduction of the tariffs on sugar and obacco to not more than 25 per cent of the Dingley rate.

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That authority be given the Commission, with the approval of the President and Secretary of War, to base bonds from time to time for future improcements, not

of the Government's transactions during the year in the islands is the establishment of a new colnage system on a firm basis, the Spanish Filipino coin and the Mexican coin having been practically driven out of the islands."

Changes Made in Revenue Laws.

During the year the commission has enacted an internal revenue law and abblished the industrial taxes which had come down from the Spanish regime. The bill enacted by the Commission imposes a tax on the production of liquor, the manufacture of cigars and cigarettes and also upon banking and other corporations. Those are new, and, while not heavy as composed with the taxes imposed in this country on the same subject matter, are such a deporture fisc to considerable criticism.

The internal revenue law has not been in operation a sufficient length of time to justify criticism or praise of it. If the hope of the commission is realized, it will enable them to relieve the municipalities and the provinces from lack of income, from which, during the agricultural depression, they have suffered. It will also rolleve the general business of the country from a large number of small impossitions which, in the aggregate, were burdens on the provinces from lack of income, from which, during the agricultural depression, they have suffered. It will also rolleve the general business of the country from a large number of small impossitions which, in the aggregate, were burdensome.

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### FREQUENT CHANGE OF PLANS

First Action Was in Matter of River Improvement Taken in 1874-State Has Lived Up to Requirements..

ment of the Columbia River between the of Celilo Falls was taken by the Government in 1874. Since then numerous criment in 1874. Since thea numerous surveys have been made and three projects for the improvement have been adopted by Congress. The first of these was the boat rallway, approved in 1894, for which \$100,000 was appropriated, followed with a further allowance of \$150,000 jn 1895. The Harts project of 1900 abandoned the boat rallway and substituted a canal and locks as being more practical. The third project—that of 1900 while retaining the canal and locks feature, made radical modifications of the 1900 plan, lessening greatly the cost of the improvement. Under the project of 1903 the canal is now being constructed by the Government.

The need of an open river at Cellio had long been recognized, and as a temporary aid to commerce until such time as the Government canal should be completed, the Oregon Legislature of 1901 appropriated \$185,000 for a portage road, and in the course of the year initial surveys were made.

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But when the United States engineers later adopted the 1900 project the pros-pect of an early completion of the canal led to the opinion that the portage road would be unnecessary, and the state's plan lay dormant.

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The Government's plan, however, required the co-operation of the state in securing the right-of-way. General Gilicaple, chief of engineers, with the Secretary of War, concurring in all the conclusions of the board which was appointed to pass on the plans, ordered that "the work proceed under the modified project recommended by the board, sub-ject to the condition that no work shall be begun until the right-of-way and re-lease from damages shall have been con-veyed to the United States free of cost."

Free Right of Way Necessary.

A large part of the right-of-way for the canal had been secured by the Gov-ernment under the boat railway and the 1900 projects, but a portion was still held by the O. R. & N. Co. and individuals. The right-of-way provision in the order for the work to proceed made it incum-bent on state or private interests to pro-cure such land and deed it to the Gov-ernment.

vember, 1968, and then followed a period of inaction on the part of the Washington of inaction on the part of the Washington officials, who, it was given out, were not inclined to give the canal project further consideration until the Government secured the right-of-way by denation.

Senator Mitchell, who was working for the canal, wrote to General Gillespie, under date of November 26, 1900, asking whether under existing laws the Government could proceed by condemnation to

whether under existing laws the travers-ment could proceed by condemnation to acquire such part of the right-of-way as some owners would not sell. In his re-sity General Gillepple said in part: "\* \* The board modified the then existing project (1900), which in some fea-tures was shown by extended investiga-tion to be more costly than had been es-timated but was required under the prothat fine rides to considerable criticism.

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