

COTTON SHORTAGE IN U. S. ALARMS ENGLISH BUSINESS

LONDON—The decline in the world's supply of cotton will jeopardize Britain's great cotton industry unless the quantity can be increased, says the American Chamber of Commerce in London. In the cotton industrial districts of Lancashire and Yorkshire, the American chamber understands, 600,000 people are directly dependent for their living on cotton, while, indirectly 5,000,000 are dependent on it.

The main dependence of Great Britain's cotton industry is admittedly on supplies of American cotton; and as the chamber points out, within the past five years, for various economic and climatic reasons, the American cotton acreage has considerably decreased while her consumption has increased.

With a view to making the empire self-supporting, a committee representing the British Empire Cotton Growers' Association has suggested to the board of trade that funds, approximating 100,000 pounds a year for cotton growing within the empire, should be raised by a levy on the cotton industry of the United Kingdom; and, that the government assist the colonies and protectorates by guarantees to provide railroads, waterways, harbors, etc.

The American Chamber says there seems little doubt that the suggested annual levy of 100,000 pounds would be easily raised among the Lancashire cotton interests.

DAVENPORT WON'T RESIGN

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ing a deep and vital interest as patrons and supporters, in the efficiency of the public schools of the city, do hereby most respectfully remonstrate against the action of Mr. Davenport, the superintendent, in his declared intention of dismissing, at the end of the present school year, many of the loyal and experienced teachers employed in the various schools of the city, and who have for years past given their best efforts to advance the educational interests of our children.

"And we humbly pray that your honorable body will exercise the authority, given it by law, to employ all teachers for the ensuing year, and not to delegate to said superintendent the right of selecting and naming said teachers.

"That on account of his arbitrary and dictatorial manner of conducting the business placed in his hands he has succeeded in estranging and alienating the respect of our people and the pupils under his charge to such an alarming extent that it will

be impossible for him to accomplish any good and effective work in the future, and we believe that it would be to the best interests of all concerned for him to immediately resign from said position. We believe this view of the situation has almost the unanimous support of the pupils and patrons of the several public schools of this city."

"We elected you and not Mr. Davenport," said Judge Colvig, in presenting the petition to the board. "The matter is unfortunate, but the people are not to blame." (Cheers and applause.) He then made an appeal to Mr. Davenport not to leave the room without handing in his resignation for the good of the schools.

Board Gives Reasons

Finally, under pressure, and the demands of the deposed teachers and their friends, the board gave in, after vainly trying to ward off having the matter read in the meeting, as to the reasons for the dropping of fifteen teachers from the schools of the city from next year's teaching staff.

The board only consented to do this by showing the Parent-Teacher's council the reasons, and the council in turn read off the reasons after each deposed teacher's name after that teacher had given her consent.

These reasons were mostly for not being up to the requirement standard set by the board, and in a few cases for not "co-operating with the system." Of course, the married women were let out because of the board rule adopted some time ago barring married women from teaching in the schools after this year. It came out in the meeting and this caused a sensation, that the board had retained one well-known married teacher for next year.

Remark Was Misunderstood

Had it not been for Mr. Davenport's unfortunate remark in refusing to resign, "you will find some astonishing things there," the reasons would not have been made public at the meeting. This remark made every teacher determined and also her friends to have it publicly known as soon as possible if there were anything in the reasons detrimental to her character or reputation.

In justice to Mr. Davenport it must be remembered that was under heavy fire and in his state of mental agitation, did not realize how the remark would be taken. He meant nothing beyond the written reasons in each case.

The reason, especially in the case of the several well-known and proven efficient teachers were greeted by disapproval by the assemblage. And each teacher later addressed the gathering in her own behalf stating her qualifications and dealings or rather lack of dealings with the superintendent. Each one was given applause, and many testified from the audience as to their teaching ability and the esteem in which each was held.

Reason Raises Laughter

In the case of one very well known and capable teacher the reasons taken from the board's notes raised much hearty mirth. The reasons: "The superintendent did not recom-

mend her as a growing teacher. Impression gained as not working harmoniously with the system."

More laughter was created when the teacher in question addressing the audience said: "Mr. Davenport is mistaken. I am a growing teacher. Why in the past 18 months I have gained 27 1/2 pounds."

In the case of probably the best known and most loved deposed teacher, who owns her home in Medford, has taught here 17 years, is a normal school graduate and attends summer school almost yearly the reasons were: "Hard to decide. Great deal of discussion. Nothing against your work but deemed best to infuse new blood in the primary teaching force."

The reasons given in still another well known Medford teacher's case were: "Not up to requirements. A little hard of hearing."

Teachers Not Visited

It also developed at the meeting that the superintendent did not visit the school rooms frequently—in fact, in a number of school rooms he had been seen only once. Deposed teachers testified that they had never received a word of criticism or advice from him, nor had their principals ever made any criticism of their work. One teacher said that during his administration the superintendent had only visited her room once and that for only 10 minutes, during which he made no suggestion or criticism.

Testimony was given also that none of the school board members ever visited the school rooms.

Opening of the Meeting

The meeting opened with all the school board members present, seated in a semi-circle facing the audience. The members are Dr. E. G. Riddell, H. C. Garnett, Ed Janney, B. J. Palmer, and J. W. Wakefield. As president of the board Dr. Riddell presided, and stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the board to impart information desired by the Parent-Teacher council. He expressed surprise at such a large gathering. He then called on Mrs. Maddox, president of the council, to state what information was desired.

Frank J. Newman announcing that he had been requested to act on behalf of the council, explained that it was a friendly conference and he hoped that nothing would be said nor done detrimental to the schools. He then said the council desired to know if the current reports were true that a number of teachers had been dropped from next year's teaching staff.

In reply Dr. Riddell stated that the board had been endeavoring for several years to standardize the Medford schools, and had finally succeeded and in maintaining this standard certain standards and requirements in teaching must be lived up to. He then called on Mr. Davenport for further explanation.

Mr. Davenport then outlined the standards and stated that when he came here two years ago the board had outlined certain policies, and told how reforms had been accomplished and improvements made since then.

P. H. Dailey, former principal of the high school, disputed the statements of Dr. Riddell and the superintendent that the high school was only standardized last year by stating that it had been standardized several years ago in Prof. Bowman's time when students could be admitted to the University of Pennsylvania from the high school without examination, and had been standardized ever since. (Much applause.)

Mr. Davenport then related the requirements for the teachers of the high school and various grades and asserted that the board this year in choosing the teachers for next year kept strictly to these requirements.

Allen Wins Applause

A. C. Allen interrupted to state that if these requirements stipulating graduation from college or normal school, followed by two years teaching experience before a teacher could be admitted to teach in the Medford schools were strictly adhered to everywhere, how on earth was any teacher to ever get a start in teaching.

In response to Mr. Newman's questions President Riddell said that out of Medford's fifty teachers 15 had not been retained for next year for various reasons, and gave their names. When requested to give the reasons for the discharge, Dr. Riddell replied that this was not the time or place to give the reasons. He called attention to the fact that the presence of high school and grade pupils in the assemblage was deplorable and would have an injurious effect in the schools. He said the board would be willing to give the reasons to the council any time but objected to making them public.

Mr. Newman's query as to whether it was true that the deposed teachers had not been given the reasons for their discharge, remained unanswered.

After repeated urgings at various times the board finally gave the reasons to the council, which in turn were read to the audience by Mr. Newman.

Riddell Makes Challenge

At one stage of the meeting Dr. Riddell called attention to the fact that the meeting was a mistake, a detriment to the schools and deplorable all around. "We have done our duty—tried hard to do it the best we knew how," he said. "If you have not enough confidence in us to allow us to run the schools, then throw us out. We will be glad to leave."

At another stage of the meeting E. J. Hurd made an address criticizing the board and superintendent. At its conclusion Dr. Riddell rebuked Mr. Hurd for his utterances.

W. E. Phipps also made an address attacking the board for having raised teachers salaries voluntarily.

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