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(a) BOER SETTLEMENT
(b) EDUCATION

1915

4th August

Last previous Paper

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(a) Further as to statements in Lord Cranworth's "Colony in the Making". Will call in aid of Boer Leaders in S.A.
(b) Remarks as to unsatisfactory provision for education in the Prot.

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J. G. ...
Mr. Bottomley

With regard to (a), I do not see anything to be done except to repeat what was said in the letter to Mr. Overton on 30747, that any passages in Lord Cranworth's Book, of which the same may be comprised, to ~~the~~ ^{Boer} population of E Africa, were not written with, and have never received "official approval"

As regards (b), the pp. below show the present position of in the matter of education facilities. The general question was raised by a question

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Next subsequent Paper.

question in Parliament (21326), and
was treated of in Gov's despatch on
22632. The subsequent pp. (especially
38062 to 11073) show that every
effort as long made to provide an
adequate teaching staff and
sufficiently spacious school buildings.

? Say that Mr. Gollup is under a
misapprehension as to the Gov's
attitude with regard to education,
and that steps are being taken to
provide satisfactory educational
facilities ~~as early as possible~~ as early as
the resources of the Gov. permit.

It is rather surprising that the
recommendation of a book should be regarded
as an endorsement of anything in it. It
is an endorsement in so far as it
points out the point which is far from being
the intention of the recommendation
that other books be suggested.

A.C. 24/5/45

Oct. 24, 1945

Mr. Pittman, I have written you on the
5th and you have the
P.S. 26 D. 15

See G. Fisher.

The offending phrase is a part of
the yellow pamphlet of "League B.C.A. v. G.M.C."
which he happened to distribute broadcast.

question in Parliament (21326) and
was treated of in Gov's despatch on
22632. The subsequent P.P. (especially
35062 of 1973) show that every
effort is being made to provide an
adequate teaching staff and
sufficiently capacious school buildings.

? Say that Mr. Gopal, as under a
misapprehension as to the Govt's
attitude with regard to education,
and that steps are being taken to
provide satisfactory educational
facilities as early as possible
the resources of the Govt. permit.

It is rather preferable that the
A.C. 24/5/15
recommendation of a body should be regarded
as an endorsement of something which is
if so considered as right to go forward to
this point should be a bit further to
the satisfaction of the Government &
that other bodies be suggested.

W. Bhatnagar, for the Government, we might
know more about this. P.P. 26. 1. 15
Sri G. Dhillon

The offending phrase is on p. 1 of
the yellow pamphlet of "Before the C.A. 1973";
which has been sent to the broadcast
of the radio of the Government.

refers to the list on page 38 of the London
Castle pamphlet (which does not contain
Lord Cromwell's book), but he often reads ¹⁹
his copy of the book which he attaches
importance to, & recommends, as being the
most recent work. He says, he often suggests
to himself for the latest copy of various
subjects as coffee, but I suppose it is
he had not read the references to the
Boer settlers.

The other pamphlets do not mention any
books.

While the offending passage describes the
book as one of "many excellent standard
works" there is nothing, ~~in the pamphlet~~, to
distinguish it from the "Handbook of South
Africa", a mere directory, and I think it
unreasonable to read into the reference
an approval of all the contents.

But it could be watered down when
a new pamphlet is necessary - at the
end of the year.

I should like to point out that Lord
Cromwell's book is fairly well known in the
colonies of the East & particularly in the
C.O. The pamphlet might have the same value.

1885. 11. 5. 15
Sir H. J. ...
I pass through you. The Socy
want to offend Boer sentiment, but I
don't see how we can do otherwise than

B
The references to (Lord)
Cromwell's book are
out of date!

as proposed in the minutes. (Lord
Cranworth has been tolerably officious
& Co. in the recent past.)

Dec 27 1858

I agree. This is a pity but I shall
write Mr. Head as he was invited to do

Wm. G.
Stiles

As proposed in the minutes (page
13) I think that for the sake
of propriety going to A. A. reference to
the name of your letter is a proper
thing. I have no objection to the
said but think it will naturally be
considered (proceeding in 2 etc.)

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A full account to be prepared

Let me see the draft.

Wm. G.

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of Standard Bank
 16 Clements Lane
 Lombard St E.C.
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Sir

I am posting my reply tomorrow to the Under-Secretary of State's letter in answer to my communication to you on the subject of the lines against the Boers of the E.A. Protectorate, contained in Lord Cromworth's "A Colony in the Making", which is being recommended to the public in the Uganda Railways pamphlets. As this is a very serious matter, which I consider it my duty not to drop in its present stage, I would be much obliged if you would kindly give your personal attention.

I have the honour to remain

Your obedient servant

A. G. Cottle

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The Under Secretary of State
for the Colonies
Downing Street S.W.

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REC'D
16 APR 15

Sir

In reply to your No 30727/1915 dated 27.7.15
I have the honour most respectfully to submit
the following:

1. That, although the Secretary of State cannot
be held responsible for Lord Cromer's views
expressed in a "Colony in the Making" the fact
that this book is being recommended by a Govt
Dept to the public in their pamphlets, without any
exception being taken to the libels therein contained
against a certain class of the B.A. population, shows
that the Govt endorses these libels, as long as such
unqualified recommendation is adhered to. I am con-
fident that had I written an equally good & well
known book of reference, it would have been seized
by the Uganda Railway Office, had its progress been
stayed by an equally uncharitable attack
against Lord Cromer's special favorites, the
"be schoolboys" in East Africa.

2. That, as this action on the part of the Govt
indirectly encourages the racialism, which I un-
derstand they so much deprecate in South Africa
I feel it incumbent on me not to let the matter
rest where it is, but to do all in my power to
counteract it by calling to my aid the influence

of the Boer leaders in S.A., who ~~know~~ are doing their utmost for the reconciliation of Britons & Boers. It goes without saying, that all efforts in this direction will be futile unless they are made on both sides. The undisguised hostility of the bulk of the purely British section of the S.A. Protectorate, including the official element, against not only Boers but all South Africans is bad enough, without official endorsement of glaring labels, the falseness of which is the measure of their injustice. We South Africans are constantly being asked by Arch-Britons with whom "Bloody Boer", "Damned Dutchman" and "South African boondocks" are favorite and constantly repeated expressions - why we have come to a country where we are not wanted. In this connection I must mention that we were specially invited as settlers to the Protectorate during the regime of Sir Charles Eliot, by his emissary Mr Marsden, who went to South Africa specially for this purpose. We cannot help therefore most emphatically resenting official approval of the latest stigma on our nationality.

3. My reason for desiring the interview with Mr. Lawrence Law was to find out to what the unsatisfactory state of education in the Protectorate, where the schools are not nearly sufficient for the needs of the steadily growing young generation. The fact, that all the school buildings are structures of wood and wattle which, from personal experience I know to be unfit for Europeans to live in, not only because they are unwholesomely hot, but because they harbour all kinds of flies and disease breeding vermin, such as rats, bats, etc. makes such a house uninhabitable after three years.

and that not enough ground space is allowed for these schools, shows that the authorities responsible for the education of the Protectorate as a matter of merely secondary importance. On this account, like so many other countries, I am personally thinking of leaving East Africa, a country which in other respects I love, and where I had thought of making a home for life for myself & family. And here I would like to add my little testimonial to that of my former Governor & Lieutenant Governor that in East Africa the British Empire possesses one of its finest colonies, which in the words of the latter "it would be a crime to neglect". As regards the neglect of ground space for schools, I cannot understand, why all the beautiful open woodlands round Nairobi has been alienated, without first providing a park or parks for a place which not many years hence is bound to become a large town, which as it is, is badly enough supplied with squares - and THIS is a country whose land is not one tenth, and was not one-thousandth as valuable as in England!

In conclusion I can only express my disappointment that Mr. Bonar Law has seen fit to deny an interview to me, who on account of his eleven years residence in B. E. A. could have enlightened him on many & great subjects, about which I feel sure official despatches are silent.

I have the honour to be, Sir
Your obedient servant
R. A. M. H. P.

D. 6 SEP 1915

6 Sept., 1915

JL

Sir,

I am in to action the receipt of your letter of the 14th & 15th of August, in which you draw attention again to certain passages in Lord Cranworth's book entitled "A Colony in the Making," and also urge representations as to the provision for education made by the Gov^t of the E.A.P.

DRAFT.

A. O. O'Connell Esq

MINUTE.

Mr. Cooke 2/9/15

Mr. Bottomley 3/9/15

Mr.

Mr.

x Sir G. Fiddes 3/9

x Sir H. Just 3/9/15

Sir J. Anderson.

x Mr. Seel-Masland.

x Mr. Bonar Law. 4/9

for review

(2) I am to say that,

with regard to the inclusion of Lord Cranworth's work in the list of books recommended by the Uganda Railway Agency, it appears

it appears to the S. of S.

that, for the sake of

persons intending to ^{settle in} visit

the B. E. A. ^{reference to} ~~the~~

of the ~~importance of some~~

books ^{which will be useful in} ~~of progress~~

a very useful purpose, and

we do not think ~~however~~

that it could reasonably

be considered that such

a ^{reference} ~~reference~~ implies an

approval of all the contents

of ~~the work~~

(3) I am to point

out that, ~~besides~~ the

unfavourable mention of

the S. African settlers in

E. Africa, to which you

refer in your letter,

there also occur in both

cases for both passages

in which

(p. 58)

in which the author ²⁵
criticizes in an
unfavourable or objection
manner both
the ~~contents~~ of the Part

Part and more particularly
which he does allude to ~~in his~~
the Colonial Office, &c

is evident from the ^{existence} ~~presence~~

of these passages that

the book is recommended,
along with others, ~~of a purely~~
~~scientific~~ only for the useful infⁿ

which it contains, and

that this recommendation

cannot be construed as an

official approval of the

writer's social & political

prejudices held.

(4) With regard to

the third paragraph of your

letter of the 14th of August,

I am to say that Mr

Bonar Law thinks that

you are a ~~sentinel~~ ~~mission~~

approbation

- apprehension ~~with regard~~

the Post. Gov^{ts}

attitude towards

education, as steps ^{will} ~~are~~

being taken to provide

satisfactory educational

facilities at as early a

date as the resources of

the Post. permit. The Govern^{ment}

fully recognises the steadily increasing

demands of the European countries &

this country and ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been}

promised to meet them in the future

for the current year if it had

not been for the unproductive

behaviour for economy in every

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