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The thirty-five copies of the Report forwarded for the information of the Educational Advisory Committee have not yet arrived. Mr. Vischer will perhaps prefer to await the arrival of Mr. Scott, who sails from Mombasa on the 31st October, before submitting the Report to the Committee.

I annex a note on the points mentioned in the Government's despatch, and a further note on other items of interest in the Report.

C. J. ...

28.9.34.

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Interestingly quickly in view of the recent ...
the case. I fear there is much to be ...

J. E. W. ...

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3 Extract from Report of 50th Meeting Advisory Committee on Education held on 14 Nov 34

A. J. ... _____ 21 October 34

Trans. 25 copies of Education Dept. Annual Report 1933 for the Advisory Committee.

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I hope it will be possible for Mr. Scott to attend the Dec. meeting of the Advs. Comm. In report. which has been circulated can then be discussed.

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E. J. Prosser
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at once

By as directed
by Mr Davies in his minute
of 23/11/34
noted
see overleaf

Brought up vide minute above.

10.12.34

Reg 297

Thanks: It may come further
(Mr Scott name is used in the ACCEC meeting file)
W. J. Prosser

5. Extract from the Draft Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Education in the Colonies, held on 20th Dec. 1934.

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? It will be sufficient to ask Mr X
say that the report was laid before
the ACCEC at a meeting held on
the 20th Dec. when the Committee
has the advantage of meeting
Mr Scott and of hearing his views.

Mr Prosser was no doubt very welcome
any further action is required on
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E. J. Prosser
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Mr. Gannon 17.9.35

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Sir G. Tomlinson

Sir C. Bottomley.

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Sir,

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I have etc. to acknowledge the receipt of Sir Joseph ...

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FURTHER ACTION.

12. Other Business.

Kenya: Education Department Annual Report, 1933.

Mr. Burdett called attention to a statement in the Report that there was growing dissatisfaction in Nairobi regarding the boarding accommodation for European girls. He emphasised the importance of the girls receiving a good education under appropriate conditions.

Mr. Scott agreed that the boarding accommodation was very bad, but this was solely due to lack of funds. European parents in Nairobi had not followed the Indians in raising enough money for the necessary buildings.

Mr. Keells asked why the 32,979 African women and girls referred to on page 69 were without an organising instructor.

Mr. Scott explained that the great bulk of them were educated in "Bush" schools. There was a real need for someone to organise these schools and to formulate a policy for them.

Extract from draft Minutes of the 57th Meeting of the Advisory
Committee on Education in the Colonies, held on Thursday,
December 20th, 1934*

4. Secretaries' Notices.

Mr. Vischer reported as follows:-

- (1) Kenya. Copies of the Annual Report of the Education Department for 1933 had been received and circulated to members.

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Extract from Draft minutes of 55th meeting
of Advisory Committee on Education in the
Solomon, Riddow 4.10.34.

4. Secretaries' Notices.

Mr. Vischer reported as follows:-

(1) Annual Education Reports, 1933.

(a) Northern Rhodesia: The Annual Report upon Native Affairs and the Annual Report upon European Education had been received and circulated for information.

(b) Advance copies of the following had been received and when further copies were available they would be circulated.

Zanzibar: Annual Report on the Education Department.

Kenya: Annual Report of the Education Department.

(c) Swaziland. A few copies of the annual Report of the Director of Education had been received and were available for inspection.

NOTE.

Part II, Chapter I, paragraphs 2 to 4. Policy of African Education. The Report of the Conference of Directors of Education and the recommendations of the Governors' Conference are now before the A.C.S.C.
Uniform School Fees.

The Governors' Conference noted that the ~~WEST~~ African Governments were in agreement with the proposals of the Directors of Education and agreed

- (i) that all pupils attending educational institutions "common" to the East African territories should pay the same rate of fee;
- (ii) that each Government should accept responsibility for the payment of fees in respect of pupils proceeding from its territory to a Government institution in another territory;
- (iii) that the arrangements in (i) and (ii) above should come into effect from the 1st January, 1935.

(See 24077/34
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According to the Governor the arrangement has been introduced with retrospective effect from the 1st January, 1934.

Part II, Chapter I, paragraph 5(ii). Boarding accommodation in Nairobi. The Report mentions the growing dissatisfaction in regard to boarding accommodation in Nairobi, especially that available for girls in attendance at the Secondary School for Girls.

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Mr. Moore stated in his despatch of the 18th of June, 1934, that certain essential repairs to existing buildings had been effected during the past year. The unsatisfactory nature of the buildings available had been fully recognised and the possibility of providing new

accommodation

accommodation out of unexpended loan balances was under consideration.

Part II, Chapter II, paragraphs 9 and 10. Administration.

The work of administration and inspection was rendered extremely difficult owing to shortage of staff. That shortage was caused in part by actual reduction and in part by leave movements. Approval has now been given for the inclusion in the Estimates for 1935 of £1,000 a year for the post of Chief Inspector of Schools, which has been held in abeyance since the retirement of Mr. E. E. Biss in 1933. Mr. R. W. H. Wisdom will be appointed to act in the post with effect from the 1st of January, 1935, for a period of trial.

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Part II, Chapter IV, paragraphs 5 to 7. Compulsion.

Objections to the introduction of a system of compulsory education are chiefly on the grounds of finance. A Report has been submitted by the local Advisory Committee on European Education and it will be forwarded to the standing Finance Committee for examination from a purely financial point of view.

Part II, Chapter IV, paragraphs 20 to 24. Arab Education.

The decision of Government that the introduction of Arabic as a compulsory subject would not be in the interests of the Arab community is endorsed in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 275 of the 17th of April, 1934. So also is the decision to continue the admission of African children to "Arab Schools".

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Part II, Chapter IV, paragraphs 29 to 34. Government

Schools, Kikuyu and Kisii. The proposal for the expansion

expansion of the Nyeri School so as to accommodate pupils from the Kiambu and Fort Hall Districts, and the establishment of the new School at Kisii were approved by the Secretary of State on the recommendation of the A.C.E.C.

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Part II, Chapter V, paragraph 6. Girls Secondary School, Nairobi. See remarks above.

Part II, Chapter I. Co-operation with other Departments and Missions. There is nothing but what is satisfactory to report.

Appendix A., Jeanes School, Kabete. Report on Co-operative Shop. During the year the shop was twice able to pay a bonus dividend and in July a gross profit of £20 was available for distribution.

It seems that there are now four such shops and it is suggested that the system should be useful in encouraging the idea of co-operation amongst natives and should tend to pave the way for the future marketing of native produce on co-operative lines.

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NOTE

Part II, Chapter I, paragraphs 5(i) and 6. European and Indian Secondary Education. Increase of tuition fees.

1443.
The increased scales came into force on the 1st January, 1934, by the "Education (Fees) Rules, 1933" made under the Education Ordinance, 1931.

Part II, Chapter IV, paragraph 13. Indian Education.

1444.
The grant-in-aid payable for schools in areas where Government facilities are available has been reduced. This reduction affects the sectarian schools. These schools exist side by side with Government schools, and the view held by the local Advisory Council on Indian education is that those who desire to maintain sectarian or communal schools should be prepared to find a greater proportion of the cost than those who provide schools where Government has not been able to open a Government school. This view is endorsed by Government.

This will be of interest in connection with the Aga Khan's recent representations.

Paragraph 25. Arab Education: Ali bin Selim School question.

1445.
It seems that in future the cost of instruction in the Koran at the Ali bin Selim School will have to be borne entirely by Government.

Paragraphs 27 and 28. African Education.

1446.
Note the interesting development in the policy of assisting mission schools.

Paragraphs 47 to 52. African Education: Revision of grant-in-aid rules.

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The aim of the new rules is to encourage missions to realize the vital importance of the elementary school. In the past the tendency, encouraged in part by the existing rules, has been to regard the provision of the elementary school as being, in the main, preparation for the central boarding school. This has involved a disproportionate expenditure on the heavy costs of these central schools. In the opinion of the local Advisory Council, local authorities should confine themselves to the duty of getting as many children as possible into elementary schools and extending the scope and improving the quality of elementary education, so that the elementary schools will be truly representative of village life.

Part II, Chapter V, paragraph 2. Secondary Education: European. Instruction in Agriculture, Prince of Wales School.

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The response has been so poor that instruction has been discontinued, but soil science has been added to the science curriculum of the school.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

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21st
AUGUST, 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit the accompanying copy of the Annual Report of the Education Department for the year 1933.

Thirty-five copies are being forwarded under separate cover for the information of your Advisory Committee.

2. I have the following observations to offer on the terms of the Report:-

Part II, Chapter I, paragraphs 2 - 4. Policy in African Education.

You will be aware that the recommendations of the Conference of Directors of Education were endorsed with certain amendments by the Governors' Conference of the 1st to the 6th May this year.

Uniform School Fees.

This recommendation was also endorsed by the Governors' Conference, and an arrangement under which all pupils attending educational institutions common to the East African Territories pay the same rate of fee has been introduced with retrospective effect from the 1st January this year, each Government accepting responsibility for the payment of fees in respect of pupils proceeding to

Government

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
MAJOR SIR PHILIP GUNLIFE-LISTER, F.C., S.B.E., M.C., M.P.,
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,
DOWNING STREET,
LONDON, S. W. 1.

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Government institutions in another territory.

In this connection reference is invited to correspondence terminating with your despatch No. 257 of the 19th April, 1933.

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Part II, Chapter I, paragraph 5(ii). Boarding accommodation in Nairobi.

In this connection reference is invited to paragraph 2 of Mr. Moore's despatch No. 317 of the 18th June relative to the Annual Report of the Department for the year 1932.

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Part II, Chapter II, paragraphs 9 and 10. Administration.

The initial responsibility for the reductions referred to lies with the Director of Education. He was a member of the Expenditure Advisory Committee and undertook to carry on with a depleted staff.

Mr. Scott has asked me to make it clear that the holding in abeyance of the post of Chief Inspector and the failure to appoint reliefs for officers on leave were definitely recommended by him, and that the paragraphs referred to are in no way intended as a criticism of Government.

In regard to the post of Chief Inspector of Schools, reference is invited to the Governor's despatch No. 373 of the 26th July.

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Part II, Chapter IV, paragraphs 5 - 7. Compulsion.

A Report upon this subject has been submitted by the Advisory Council on European Education.

Although the desirability of the introduction of some system of compulsory education is recognised, it is considered that the financial position of the Colony continues to preclude any

any provision for such a service at the present time.

The Committee's Report will, however, be referred for examination of its recommendations from a purely financial point of view to the Standing Finance Committee.

You are being addressed separately in regard to the appointment of this Committee.

Part II, Chapter IV, paragraphs 23 to 24. Arab Education.

In this connection reference is invited to correspondence terminating with your despatch No. 276 of the 17th April.

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Part II, Chapter IV, paragraphs 29 to 34. Government Schools, Kikuyu and Kisii.

Reference is invited to correspondence terminating with your despatch No. 476 of the 19th June.

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Part II, Chapter V, paragraph 6. Girls' Secondary School, Nairobi.

I have referred to the position in regard to this School in my comments on paragraph 5 (ii) of Chapter I above.

Part II, Chapter I, Co-operation with other Departments and Missions.

The measure of cooperation reflected in the Report continues to be a matter for satisfaction.

Appendix A. Jeanes School, Kabete.

The report on the Co-operative Shop in paragraph 9 on pages 46 and 47 is of interest.

It is understood the number of such shops is now four, three of which are in the

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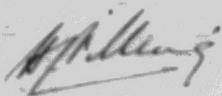
Machakos, Kyambu and Teita Native Reserves
respectively.

The system should be useful in
encouraging the idea of cooperation amongst
natives and should tend to pave the way for the
future marketing of native produce on co-operative
lines.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,



GOVERNOR'S DEPUTY.