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COMMUNICATES remarks on the Progress Report of the Imperial Forest School, Dehra Dun, for 1897-98.

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Circular No. 5—213-2F.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture (Forests): dated Calcutta, the 25th February 1899.

READ Circular No. 19F., dated the 18th October 1897, communicating remarks on the Administration Report of the Imperial Forest School, Dehra Dun, for the year 1896-97.

Read also—

- (i) Report of the Forest School for 1897-98. (not received)
(ii) Letter from the Inspector-General of Forests, No. 1207, dated the 3rd October 1898, submitting the above Report.

RESOLUTION.

From the commencement of the year until the 10th January 1898 the Directorship of the School was in the hands of Mr. J. W. Oliver, who was on that date relieved by Mr. J. S. Gamble, M. A., on his return from furlough. Mr. F. Gleadow continued to hold the post of Deputy Director throughout the year, and Mr. A. F. Gradon that of 1st Instructor. Mr. B. B. Osmaston continued to fulfil the duties of 2nd Instructor until the 18th April, and his successor, Mr. A. M. F. Caccia, was appointed 2nd Instructor on the 6th May. Babu Upendra Nath Kanjilal held the appointment of Vernacular Instructor throughout the year, except from the 2nd April to end of June, when he was on privilege leave.

The School staff was also assisted by the Director, Botanical Department, Northern India, the Assistant Agricultural Chemist to the Government of India, and the officers of the School Circle. Honoraria to the amount of R710 were sanctioned for officers, not members of the School staff, who assisted in the teaching during the previous year.

2. The total number of students attending the School was 65, as against 75 in the previous year and 83 in the year 1895-96. Of these, 50 were in the Upper class and 15 in the Lower; whilst of the 50 students in the Upper class, 7 were students already in the Government service, 14 were private students in receipt of a stipend, 20 were private students without stipends, and 9 were students deputed from Native States. The Government of India view with some concern the steady decrease in the total number of students attending the School course. In 1893-94 the number stood at 106, and the attendance during the year under notice has, therefore, been 41 less than in that year. From Resolution No. X passed by the Board of Control of 1898, it appears that 40 students in the Upper class and 10 in the Lower is the number that can be properly admitted in any one year, i.e. that the attendance may be 100. It is evident, therefore, that the attendance at the School has fallen below what it might with advantage be. The reason clearly is the restricted grant of stipends. Of the new students admitted to the School during the year, private students without stipends formed 49 per cent. of the total, whereas in 1891 they formed only 21 per cent. This is satisfactory, but more students than come forward at present can and ought to be taught at the School. It will be necessary to carefully watch the attendance during the next few years, and not to permit it to fall below the number required for the recruitment of the service.

3. It is noticed with much satisfaction that Native States continue to send students to the School in fair numbers, and that many former students of the School are doing good work, not only in the Government of India Forest Department but in the service of Native States.

4. All the students in the Lower class passed, but of the students in the Upper class no less than 8, or 30 per cent., failed to obtain a certificate. The Government of India, though regretting the number of failures, are glad to see that suitable strictness is observed in granting certificates only to competent men. They consider, however, that candidates who, either from lack of previous training or from idleness, are unlikely to pass the final examination, should be remanded under Rule 28(5) of the School rules.

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Forest Code
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5. It is hoped that the effect given to Resolutions Nos. VIII and X of the Board of Control for 1897, whereby a stricter examination in English and a preliminary course of practical training in the forest is involved, will result in the improved educational qualifications of the students.

6. The account given in the Director's Report of the various tours undertaken and the work done by the students has been read with interest, and shows that the teaching of practical work in the forests is duly attended to. The fact that the "Brandis Prize" has again not been awarded is noticed with regret, and the want of further specimens for the School herbarium and museum is observed. The Inspector-General of Forests has been asked to bring these matters to the notice of Local Governments and Conservators.

7. The Government of India are pleased to observe that the members of the School staff have performed their duties to the Director's satisfaction, and to record their appreciation of Mr. Oliver's and Mr. Gamble's efficient management of the School. The latter officer has now relinquished the post of Director of the School, and intends shortly to retire from the service, of which he has been a member for 27 years. He has been Director for eight years, and it is mainly due to his able management that the Forest School has reached its present high standard. The Government of India desire to record their thanks to Mr. Gamble for the excellent work he has done at the School, and for the great services he has rendered to Indian forestry by the many important scientific publications associated with his name. The *Manual of Indian Timbers* is recognised in India and in Europe as the standard work on the subject of which it treats, and as a monument of laborious research and wide and accurate botanical knowledge.

ORDER.—Ordered that the above Resolution be published in the *Supplement to the Gazette of India*, and that copies be forwarded, for information, to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, the Local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin, the Department of Finance and Commerce, and the Comptroller and Auditor General; also to the Inspector-General of Forests for information and guidance and for communication to the Director of the Forest School and the Superintendent of Forest Surveys.

Ordered, further, that a copy, with copies of the Report, be forwarded to the Foreign Department for communication to the Nizam's Government and to the Mysore, Jodhpur, Kashmir, Jeypore, and Rewah Darbars.

[True Extract.]

M. C. L. S.
Secretary to the Government of India.

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DATED 11th March. 99

[Despatch, Abstract.]

*Learning to the Board of Rev. resolution of the
Government of India coming remarks on the
progress report of the Imperial Forest School,
Dehra Dun.*