

PROGRESS IN BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

Sir William Macgregor has evidently done good work in British New Guinea and while there can be little doubt that he feels a certain degree of justifiable pride in the success which has attended his efforts, there can be still less that the Queensland people are equally proud of the result of their share in bringing under the British flag the country which is being administered by our old friend. That achievement is undoubtedly to the credit of the northern colony of Australia and it is pretty evident that the Administrator intends to make the most of it. Of his last reported sayings the following is the concluding observation:—"I have been at times urged, unofficially, from England to work for it (New Guinea) being proclaimed a separate Crown Colony; but my idea, and aim have always been to prepare the possession to ultimately form part of Australasia."

But be the form of Government in the future what it may, the fact of good work effected, and the no less valuable fact of knowledge gained and communicated remain, as they ever must, in substantial evidence of Sir William Macgregor's energy and foresight. Not but that an immense amount of labour has yet to be undertaken and more management and tact to come to the fore. A certain proportion of the natives are with the Government, but to use Sir William's reported words, "there are still hundreds, probably thousands, of tribes in the interior who do not know anything at all about us. These inland trips come down and attack the coast tribes, simply with the object of slaughter. Tribes band together for the purposes, and the coast tribes, having come under the influence of the Government, and having to a large extent given up warlike habits, are taken by surprise and at a disadvantage." This is so like what the position was in Fiji in the olden days that it may be fairly assumed history will repeat itself and the subjugation of the mountain tribes be but a question of time. Already, it appears coast chiefs have been induced to visit mountain tribes on behalf of the Administration. It is stated that they frequently go to places they have never known of before, or perhaps only heard of with terror, and that they are generally successful in their mission. That in cases peace has been made in this way between inland and coast, and head men from the mountains have made visits to settlements on the latter. Sir William is of opinion that to bring about a good understanding all round requires only time and patience. The system of tribal policemen is gradually being extended, and the coast tribes are becoming more and more civilized and trade with one another to a greater extent every year.

It appears that inquiries for land are made from the United States, Italy and Germany. There are, it is declared, vast areas of fertile country, and that in the interior, near the foot of the mountains, the climate is, in fact, really magnificent. The time is anticipated when New Guinea will be considered one of the wealthiest of Great Britain's tropical colonies, and then her exports will equal to those of all the islands of Polynesia. But to bring this about a white population is necessary and that does not appear likely to be secured just yet.

But there is gold, and very good it must be if, as the *Brisbane Telegraph*, to whose columns we are indebted for these particulars, states—"the traders give the miners from £3 12s to £3 14s for the gold with the dust in." Presumably that is per ounce. A high price indeed. The pearl fisheries are not to be despised, for the Doctor states that during the latter part of the year ended June, he should think that at least £8,000 or £10,000 worth of pearls was exported, and there is abundance of pearlshell, although in deep water. Coconuts are being largely planted and copra is expected "to bulk largely among the exports of the possession." Coal of excellent quality has been found; but, as yet, no seams. These will no doubt yet be discovered. And the Doctor is confident that, if but the right class of people can be got to settle in the country, there is a very great future before British New Guinea.—*Fiji Times*,

THE AMSTERDAM CINCHONA AUCTIONS.

October 4th.

Our Amsterdam correspondent telegraphing on Thursday evening reports that the very heavy sales of Java cinchona-bark which took place at Amsterdam today resulted in a great disappointment to the holders. The total quantity offered amounted to 7,296 packages, weighing 603 tons, and containing for the manufacturing barks an average of 4.93 per cent of sulphate of quinine. The tone at the auctions was an exceedingly dull one, and there was hardly any competition, only about 1,500 bales selling at an average decline of 25 per cent, the unit being 3.25c. against 4.50 at the September auctions.—*Chemist and Druggist*.

THE COFFEE SITUATION.

This year will send to market the largest crop of coffee ever harvested. Estimates of its size vary from 12,000,000 to 13,500,000 bags, the latter the figures adhered to by W. H. Crossman & Bro. of this city.—*American Grocer*, Sept. 19.

CEYLON EXPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION 1894

COUNTRIES.	Coffees cwt.		Cinchona.		Tea.		Coconuts.		Cinnamon.		Gambier.		P'baro.	
	Plantation	Native	1894	Total	1894	Total	1894	Total	Chaps	Bales	1894	Total	1894	Total
To United Kingdom	15498	...	1880856	...	60874552	...	13526	...	101848	716708	167770	52047	114626	...
" Austria	803	...	...	...	5232	...	...	...	9128	2102	52047	...	...	...
" Belgium	...	...	...	...	4671	...	...	...	67200	61000	52047	...	...	...
" France	289	...	...	...	10870	...	...	...	...	24388	52047	...	...	...
" Germany	66	...	...	...	128286	...	...	...	...	386148	52047	...	...	...
" Holland	...	...	...	...	600	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Italy	...	...	...	...	1695	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Russia	...	...	...	...	34768	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Spain	...	...	...	...	39713	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Sweden	...	...	...	...	7855	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Turkey	...	...	...	...	803864	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" India	...	...	...	...	582348	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Australia	6814	...	...	...	178648	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" America	490	...	...	...	70491	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Africa	...	...	...	...	108076	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" China	...	...	...	...	18451	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Singapore	...	...	...	...	84800	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Mauritius	...	...	...	...	42815	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
" Malia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52047	...	...	...
Total Exports from 1st Jan. to 31st Oct.	24255	588	5218688	...	67016839	...	18191	...	496623	1549829	374539	...	266677	...
Do Do	45635	1964	3098277	...	6638983	...	25289	...	470180	1481237	284739	...	305749	...
Do Do	38528	2177	5385650	...	58928727	...	15237	...	454853	1468196	434604	...	346819	...
Do Do	71491	4161	4715038	...	56501252	...	17378	...	473468	1833864	364664	...	351437	...

MARKET RATES FOR OLD AND NEW PRODUCTS.

(From S. Figgis & Co.'s Fortnightly Price Current, London, October 4th 1894.)

EAST INDIA; Bombay, Ceylon, Madras Coast and Zanzibar.		QUALITY.	QUOTATIONS.	EAST INDIA Continued East Coast Africa. Mala- bar and Madras Coast, Bengal.		QUALITY.	QUOTATIONS.
ALOEES, Socotrine ...	Good and fine dry liver...	£3 a £4		Karrabee Leaf ...	Good to fine pale	2s a 2s 6d	
Zanzibar & Hepatic	Common and good	40s a £5		INDIGO Pengal	Middling to fine violet...	5s 4d a 6s	
BARK, CINCHONA Crown	Renewed ...	1½d a 4d			Ordinary to middling...	3s 8d a 5s	
	Chips and shavings	1d a 4d		Kurpah ...	Fair to good reddish violet	3s a 4s	
	Renewed ...	1½d a 4d			Ordinary and middling	1s 10d a 2s 10d	
	Chips and shavings	1d a 4d		Madras (Dry Leaf).	Middling to good	2s a 3s 3d	
Bees' Wax, E. I. White...	Good to fine	£7 0s a £8 10s			Low to ordinary	10d a 1s 10d	
Yellow ...	"	£6 0s a £7 0s		IVORY--Elephants' Teeth-			
Mauritius & Madagascar...	Fair to fine	£6 0s a £6 15s		80 lb. & upwards	Soft sound	£55 10s £61 10s	
CARDAMOMS--				over 30 & under 80 lb.	Hard "	£50 a £58 10s	
Allepee ...	Fair to fine clipped	1s a 2s 6d		60 a 100 lb.	Soft "	£35 a £44	
Mangalore ...	Bold, bright, fair to fine...	1s 10d a 2s 8d		Scrivelloes ...	Hard "	£23 10s a £37	
Malabar ...	Good to fine plump, clipped	2s a 2s 6d			Sound soft	£10 a £17	
Ceylon, Malabar sort	Fair to fine bold bleached	2s 3d a 3s		Billiard Ball Pieces 2½ a 3¼	Sli. def. to fine sound soft	£63 10s a £81 10s	
	" " medium "	1s 6d a 2s		Bagatelle Points	Shaky to fine solid sd. sft	£6 a £69	
	" " small "	1s a 1s 6d		Cut Points for Balls	Defective, part hard	£38 a £47 10s	
	Small to bold brown	1s a 1s 6d		Mixed Points & Tips...	Thin to thick to sd. sft	£28 10s a £44 10s	
Allepee and	Fair to fine bold	2s 3d a 3s 6d		Cut Hollows			
Mysore sort	" " medium	1s 6d a 2s		Sea Horse Teeth--			
	" " small	1s a 1s 5d		¾ a 1¼ lb.	Straight crked part close	1s a 3s	
Long wild Ceylon...	Common to good	6d a 2s		MYRABOLANES, Bombay	Bhimlies I, good & fine	7s 6d a 9s 3d	
CASTOR OIL,	White	2½d a 2½d			" II, fair pickings	3s 6d a 4s 3d	
1sts	Fair and good pale	2d a 2½d			Jubblepore I, good & fine	3s 3d a 7s	
2nds	Fair to fine bright	£8s a 32s		Madras, Upper Godave	Vingorlas, good and fine	1s a 5s 9d	
CHILLIES, Zanzibar ...	Ord'y. and middling	26s a 28s		y	Good to fine picked	6s a 6s 9d	
	Ord'y. to fine pale quill...	6½d a 1s 5d		Coast	Common to middling	3s 3d a 4s 6d	
CINNAMON,	" " " "	6d a 1s		Pickings	Fair	4s 6d a 4s 9d	
1sts	" " " "	5½d a 10d			Burnt and defective	1s a 3s 6d	
2nds	" " " "	5d a 9d		MACE,	Dark to good bold pale...	1s 6d a 2s	
3rds	" " " "	5d a 9d		Bombay	W'd com, dark to fine bold	4d a 8d	
4ths	" " " "	2½d a 7d			85's a 81's	2s a 2s 10½d	
Chips	Fair to fine plant	2½d a 7d		NUTMEGS,	80's a 125's	3s 4d a 1s 11d	
CLOVES, Zanzibar	Fair to fine bright	2½d a 7d			Small to fine bold fresh	6s a 10s	
and Pemba.	Common dull and mixed	2½d a 2½d		NUX VOMICA Madras	Fair to fine heavy	6d a 1s 6d	
STEMS	Common to good	1d		OIL, CINNAMON	Bright & good flavour...	3d a 3d	
COCULUS INDICUS ...	Fair sifted...	5s 9d a 6s 6d		CITRONELLE			
COFFEE ...	Mid. Plantation Ceylon	10's a 105s		LEMONGRASS	Mid. to fine, not woody	1s a 22s	
	Low Middling	10's a 102s		ORCHELLA } Ceylon	Picked clean flat leaf	13s a 18s	
COLOMBO ROOT...	Good to fine bright sound	10s a 15s		WEED } Mozambique	" waxy	22s a 32s	
	Ordinary & middling	8s a 9s		PEPPER--			
CROTON SEEDS, sifted...	Fair to fine fresh	20s a 27s 6d		Malabar, Black sifted	Fair to bold heavy	2½d a 4d	
CUTCH	Fair to fine dry	20s a 32s		Alleppee & Tellicherry	" good	nom 6d	
DRAGONS BLOOD, Zar.	Ordinary to good drop	20 a 50s		Tellicherry, White	Fair to fine bright bold	11s a 17s	
GALLS, Bussorah & Turkey	Fair to fine dark blue	50s a 52 6d		PLUMBAGO, Lump	Middling to good small	6s a 11s	
	Good white and green	45s a 47s			Sli'tly foul to fine bright	7s a 10s	
GINGER, Cochin, Cut	Good to fine bold	65s a 75s		Chips	Ordinary to fine bright...	2s 9d a 6s	
	Small and medium	55s a 65s		Dust	Fair and fine bold	£3 10s a £4	
	Fair to fine bold	40s a 47s		RED WOOD	Good to fine pinky nominal	85s a 100s	
	Small and medium	35s a 40s		SAFFLOWER, Bengal	Ordinary to fair	70s a 80s	
Bengal, Rough	Fair to good nom...	30s a 34s			Inferior and pickings	30s a 50s	
GUM AMMONIACUM ...	Blocky to fine clean	20s a 50s		SANDAL WOOD, Logs...	Fair to fine flavour	£35 a £55	
ANIMI, washed	Picked fine pale in sorts,	£10 0s a £12 0s		Chips...	Inferior to fine	£9 a £30	
	Part yellow & mixed do.	£9 0s a £9 15s		SEEDLAC	Ordinary to fine bright	30s a 90s	
	Bean & Pea size ditto	£4 10s a £8 10s		GENNA, Tinnevely	Medium to bold green...	5d a 10d	
	Amber and red bold	£8 0s a £8 0s			Small and medium green	2d a 4d	
scraped...	Medium & bold sorts	£4 10s a £7 0s			Common dark and small	1d a 2d	
ARABIC E.I. & Aden...	Good to fine pale frosted	75s a 45s		Bombay	Ordinary to good	1d a 2d	
	sifted	27s 6d a 30s		SHELLS, M.-o'-P.	EGYPTIAN--bold clean...	57s 6d a 60s	
	Sorts, dull red to fair	30s a 45s			medium thin and stout	70s a 85s	
Ghatti	Good to fine pale select...	20s a 27s		large	chicken, thin and stout	30s a 35s	
	Sorts middling to good	32s 6d a 40s		medium part stout	BOMBAY--good to fine	50s a 60d	
Amrad cha.	Good and fine pale	25s a 32s		chicken part stout	clean part good color	65 a 90s	
	Reddish to pale brown	15s a 30s		oyster & broken pcs	" " "	80s a 87s 6d	
Madras	Dark to fine pale	40s a 60s		Mussel	bold sorts	35s a 48s	
ASSAFOETIDA	Fair to fine pinky block...	15s a 40s			small and medium sorts	17s a 30s	
	and drop	£15 a £18		Lingah Ceylon	Thin and good stout sorts	5s a 12s	
	Ordinary stony to middling	£5 a £7		TAMARINDS	Mid. to fine black not stony	3s a 9s	
KINO	Fair to fine bright	30s a 55s			Stony and inferior	4s a 6s	
MIRRH, picked	Fair to fine pale	17s a 25s		TORTOISESHELL	Sorts, good mottle, heavy	20s a 2s 6d	
Aden sorts	Middling to good	8s a 14s		Zanzibar and Bombay	Pickings thin to heavy...	5s a 15s	
OLIBANUM, drop...	Fair to fine white	9s a 13s		URMERIC, Bengal	Leanish to fine plump		
	Reddish to middling	2s 1d a 2s 5d			finger	6s a 11s	
	Middling to good pale	1s 8d a 2s 1d		Madras	Fin. fair to fine bold brgt	11s 6d a 14s	
	Slightly foul to fine	10d a 1s 4d			Mixed middling	9s 6d a 11s	
INDIARUBBER	Red hard clean ball	1s 6d a 2s 1½d			Lulbs	7s 6d a 8s 6d	
East African Ports, Zarzi-	White softish ditto	1s 7d a 2s		Cochin	finger	10s a 13s	
bar and Mozambique Coast	Uuripe root	1s a 1s 1d		VANILLOES,			
	Liver	1s 6d a 2s 1½d		Hourbon,	1sts ... Fine, cryst'ed 5 to 9 in.	12s a 24s	
	Sausage, ordinary to fine	1s a 1s 1d		Mauritius,	2nds ... Foxy & reddish 5 to 8 in.	8s a 16s	
	without sticks...	2s a 2s 3d		Seychelles,	3rds ... Lean & dry to mid, under	5s a 8s 6d	
Assam,	Good to fine	1s 7d a 2s		Madagascar,	4ths ... Low, foxy, inferior and		
	Common foul & middling	9d a 1s 5d			pickings	3s 6d a 7s	
Rangoon	Fair to good clean	1s 7d a 2s					
Madagascar, Tamatave,	Good to fine pinky & white	2s 1d a 2s 4½d					
Majunga and Nossibe	Fair to good black	1s 6d a 1s 9d					
18) GLASS or	good to fine pale	1s 8d a 2s 6d					
FISH M/W S	dark to fair	9d a 1s 4d					
Bladder Pipe	clean thin to fine bold...	1s 6d a 2s 9d					
Furse...	Dark mixed to pale fine	6d a 1s 4d					