

Jerusalem,
May 25, 1905.

No. 17.

Sir, I have the honor to report to Your Excellency that the total amount of the Exports and Imports of this Circular district during the Quarter ended the 31st of March last was £200,370 being almost the same as the total value of the Exports and Imports of March Quarter 1904, which amounted to £201,430.

The value of the Exports was £104,170 as against £109,210 during the corresponding period of last year, or an increase

Yr Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir H. R. G. Curzon, G. C. B.

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for the Resident, Jerusalem
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of 4.5 per cent in March Quarter 1905.

The total value of the Imports was £86,200 as compared with £92,220 in the similar period of 1904, showing a decrease of 6.5 per cent during last Quarter.

The Returns of Shipping, however, at the seaport of Jaffa, during the three months ended the 31st of March last, give a considerable increase as compared with those in the corresponding three months of 1904. The total number of vessels that entered and cleared at Jaffa, during last Quarter, was 170 of an aggregate tonnage 259,692 tons, as against 154 vessels and 195,647

195,647 tons in March Quarter 1904, or an increase of 10.4 per cent in the number of vessels and 32.7 per cent in the amount of tonnage. The number of sailing vessels that visited Jaffa last Quarter was 3 of an aggregate tonnage of 53 tons, and the number of steam vessels 167 of a total tonnage of 259,639 tons. In March Quarter 1904, the number of steam vessels that entered and cleared at Jaffa was 144 and the tonnage 195,530 tons, which gives an increase in March Quarter 1905, of 16 per cent as regards the number of vessels and 33.3 per cent in the amount of tonnage.

The number of British vessels (which were all steam) that visited
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the port of Jaffa, during the three months ended the 31st of March last, was 64 of an aggregate tonnage of 95,932 tons, as compared with 58 vessels and 61,917 tons during the corresponding three months of 1904, showing an increase of 6 vessels and 34,015 tons in March Quarter 1905, or 10.3 per cent in the number of vessels and nearly 55 per cent in the amount of tonnage. It may be remarked that for several years past there has been a steady increase in British Shipping, indicating a prosperous state of trade with the United Kingdom.

The following is a list with their tonnage of vessels of foreign nationality, which called at Jaffa during the
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Quarter ended March 31st last, namely; Austrian 30 (48,312 tons); Russian 27 (33,629 tons); French 13 (27,807 tons); Italian 12 (18,619); German 10 (27,339 tons); Ottoman 8 of which 3 were sailing vessels (53 tons) and 5 Steam vessels (1750 tons); Greek 4 (3545 tons); and Belgian 2 (2706 tons). Comparing this list with that for the similar period of 1904, it will be noticed that the number of Italian vessels and tonnage had doubled in March Quarter 1905; that there was an increase in the number of Austrian German and Greek vessels and their tonnage; but a slight decrease as regards
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regards French, Ottoman and Belgian.

The administration of this Province, during the three months ended the 31st of March last, continued to be practically the same as was mentioned in my Report for December Quarter 1904. There was one murder committed in this City and one or two cases of molestation of travellers in the outskirts of the town, but on the whole the police appear to have manifested a little more vigilance, and the Courts of Justice more readiness to inflict adequate punishment on evil doers. The Municipal Authorities also, on account of the frequent petty thefts
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which had been almost nightly occurring, decided to properly light the streets of the town, and steps are being rapidly taken with this object in view, which, when carried out, will increase the public Security and be a convenience to the inhabitants. It is stated, however, that a tax will be levied on both Ottoman and foreign subjects to meet the expenses of this measure.

I have the honour to enclose herewith the Budget of this Mutessarifiat for the financial year ended ^{March 13, 1905} February 28, 1320, which gives a considerable increase in the revenue of the Province compared with that of last year. I would, however, point out that, in spite of the growing needs of the Mutessarifiat, the expenses
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of the gendarmerie and police and
those connected with the law-Courts
have been decreased, and that the
remittances to Constantinople (£7,92,669)
exceeded those of the previous year
by £7, 18, 640, leaving practically nothing
to be expended in the Province on
public works, or in any other way
conducive to the well being and
prosperity of the people.

I have the honour to be
With the highest respect

Sir

Your Excellency's most obedient,
Humble Servant

John Dickson

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Jerusalem, May 25th 1905

Budget of the Mutesariflik of Jerusalem

For the year ended March 13 1905
February 28 1320

Revenue	LT.	Expenditure	LT.
Impôt Foncier (Verghi) -	39321	Magistrature (Chéri-Adlié)	2898
Patente -	1674	Depenses locales, traitement, etc.	9510
Exonération Militaire des Chrétiens	4362	Intérêts -	-
Moutons -	11087	Liste Civile -	-
Dîmes -	56774	Guerre -	30857
Mines et Forêts -	422	Marine -	402
Tapon et Transferts -	5543	Yendarmerie, Zaptiés, et Tachildars	8582
Revenus des Propriétés de l'Etat -	2532	Havales -	4660
Revenus des Tribunaux -	1566	Envois à Constantinople en espèces -	92669
Divers -	2843	Paiements par ordre de Constantinople	34369
Sommes perçues par ordre de Constantinople	44411	Impôts non-encassés -	183947
Perçu des arriérés des Impôts -	173535	Total	36096
Total	46508		220043
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June 5. 1905.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit
herewith to Your Excellency a Copy of
a Despatch No. 32 of the 2nd. instant,
which I have received from the
Acting British Vice Consul at Jaffa,
reporting the shipment of 66 horses
and mules on the 2nd. instant, for

His Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir N. O'Conor, G.C.B.
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Budget of the
Militarization of
Jerusalem for the year
ended March 13, 1905.
Feb. 28, 1920.

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for Gen. Beckton's
Desk. No. 17 of May 25.
30 Dec. 1905