

Jerusalem,
November 10. 1905.

No. 49.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit to
Your Excellency the following report on
the economic and administrative
condition of this Mutasarifat during
the Quarter ended the 30th of September
last.

The trade returns for the three
months in question, when compared
with those of the corresponding period
of 1904, show a decrease in the
value of the Imports but an increase
in

His Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir N. O'Connor, G.C.B.
* * *

Jerusalem 1905
Nov. 20
P: I. Dickson
Tel. in case

Recd 21 Nov,
Rt. Hon. Secy. of State, Nov. 6.
English, Book State, Republished
pressing for decision. Will judge
anxious should

London

from 21 Nov. 1905

Nov. 22

as from a decision

come to

Nov

67 Jan.

in that of the Exports. The total value of the Imports and Exports together, however, which was £199,650, gives an increase of £1,690, when compared with the value of the Imports and Exports during the three months ended September 30, 1904.

The value of the Imports during September Quarter 1905, was £114,800 as against £140,110 in the similar period of last year or a decrease of 18 per cent.

The amount of the Exports was £84,850, compared with £57,850, during the three months ended September 30, 1904 showing an increase of £27,000 or 46.6 per cent for the Quarter ended
September

September 30th last.

The Shipping Returns show a steady increase in tonnage and in the number of Steam vessels, compared with the corresponding period of 1904, but there was a slight diminution in the number, though not in the tonnage, of sailing vessels. The total number of vessels that entered and cleared at the port of Jaffa, during the three months ended the 30th September last, was 374 of an aggregate tonnage of 178,656 tons, as compared with 394 vessels and 159,902 tons in the like period of 1904, giving an increase in tonnage in September Quarter 1905 of 18,754 tons
or

or 11.7 per cent. The number of steam vessels that called at Jaffa, during last September Quarter, was 108, and the tonnage amounted to 168,413 tons, as against 104 vessels and 150,378 tons in the corresponding period of 1904.

With regard to British Shipping there were 28 vessels (all steam), of an aggregate tonnage of 44,092 tons, which entered and cleared at Jaffa during the three months ended the 30th of September last as compared with 22 vessels and 33,561 tons in the similar three months of 1904, showing an increase

in tonnage of 31.3 per cent in September Quarter 1905.

Compared also with the immediately preceding (June) Quarter there was a considerable increase in the Shipping Returns, both in the number of vessels and tonnage, the number of vessels that entered and cleared at Jaffa in June Quarter 1905 having been 218 and the tonnage 166,142 tons.

The following is a list of vessels of foreign nationality which called at Jaffa during last September Quarter, namely: Russian 28 (34,375 tons); French 18, (35,399 tons); Austrian 16 (29,060 tons); Italian

Italian 13, (18,893 tons) of which one was sailing (583 tons); German 5, (6046 tons); Ottoman 263, (10297 tons) one only being steam (1131 tons); Greek 2, both sailing vessels (474 tons); and 1 American sailing (20 tons).

In reference to the administrative condition of this Province during the Quarter ended the 30th of September last, I regret to have again to draw attention to the extreme laxity of the police in arresting and bringing to justice ordinary criminal offenders. It rarely happens that the authors of petty thefts and other minor offences are discovered and tried, and even when suspected persons are arrested

by the police they are not unfrequently permitted to go at large without bail being given for their appearance before the "Mustantik" (Judge d'Instruction). The result is that when a summons is issued by the latter the culprit is nowhere to be found and the prosecution has to be dropped. An instance of this kind occurred in the month of August last, in which a British Institution was concerned. On the 8th of that month a Jewish girl, Fortuné Tadeski, nine years of age, who was a patient in the Hospital of the "London Jews' Society" was kidnapped by a Jewish woman from Egypt named "Nuzha-el-Halabie". Through the efforts

made

made by this Consulate the woman was arrested and consigned to the police, and the child, whose parents were Italian Subjects but absent from Jerusalem, was taken to the Italian Consul, who courteously returned her to the Hospital. As at the time several cases of kidnaping of children had occurred at Jaffa and elsewhere the medical Superintendent of the Hospital pressed for the trial and punishment of the woman, and I at once made the necessary representations to the Mutewarif. The Juge d'Instruction accordingly issued citations for both the

of Jaffa.

the woman and Dr. Wheeler, the Superintendent of the Hospital, to appear before him, but it was discovered that the offender Nazha had escaped to Egypt, the Police having released her without even asking her to furnish bail for her appearance which is usually required in such cases by law. I have been making strong representations to His Excellency the Governor on the subject, and if the conduct of the police is not sufficiently explained, I shall submit a more detailed report to Your Excellency. But the incident is here mentioned as an instance

instance of the laxity of the police
in properly attending to such matters.

As regards the state of tranquillity
in general throughout this Province,
during the Quarter ended the 30th of
September last, I am happy to be able
to report to Your Excellency that it
has been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be

With the highest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient,

Humble Servant

John Dickson

No. 50

Jerusalem

November 15. 1905.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr Ronald Macleay's Despatch of the 7th ultimo, transmitting to me the Firman recently issued authorizing the rebuilding of the Church Missionary Society's hospital at Gaza, together with the title deeds, the previous Firman, and a translation of the new Firman.

I have forwarded these documents to the Rev. Robert Sterling

His Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir N. O'Connor G.C.B.
L L L

Manuscript of Firman
No. 49

By Mr. 5000

Manuscript of Firman

- reporting a (or) 5000 4-

during month ended

Sept. 30th

(Manuscript of 5000)

10/11/05

68702008

1/10/05