

REPORT

OF THE

Commissioner



Arizona.

REPORT

OF THE

Commissioner & Immigration

OF

Arizona.

Report of the

Commissioner of Immigration.

To the Governor:

I was appointed to the vacancy created by the resignation of the Hon. Cameron H. King on the 12th of October, and on that day qualified and entered upon the duties of the office of Commissioner of Immigration. There were turned over to me about 600 copies of "Arizona For Homes," some 300 copies of "Irrigation, Its History in Different Countries," by the Hon. Patrick Hamilton, and 1,500 of "The Citrus Belt," written by Mr. King. All the pamphlets on Irrigation, about 350 copies of "Arizona For Homes" and 800 of "The Citrus Belt" pamphlets have been distributed.

Seeing the necessity of having something new to supply the increasing demand for information concerning the Territory, I prepared a pamphlet on Northern Arizona and had an addition of 4,000 printed, not all of which have been delivered. Of this pamphlet I have distributed 2,000, and from the way it is going out it looks as if a second addition will be necessary in a short time. I have also a pamphlet being printed dealing with the

Agricultural and other resources of Southeastern Arizona, the Counties of Pima, Gila, Graham and Cochise, which will be out in about three weeks. There will be 4,000 printed; am now engaged upon the third pamphlet, the Counties of Maricopa, Pinal and Yuma, which will be in the hands of the printer in ten days. Of this there will be 4,000 issued. This I propose to follow by a pamphlet on the Sanitary Features of Arizona and one to replace the able pamphlet of Mr. Hamilton, entitled "Arizona For Homes," devoted to the Territory at large. I have printed 50,000 dodgers to circulate on railroads East, calling attention to Arizona, and asking for correspondence.

I have distributed over 600 copies of your last Annual Report to the Secretary of the Interior, and the supply being exhausted, I have ordered from the Public Printer in Washington 5,000 additional copies, for this being an official document, setting forth to advantage the many resources of the Territory, I consider it a valuable document to circulate.

In November last I received a letter from Major J. W. Powell, Director of the United States Geological Survey of the Arid Belt, referred to me by Secretary Bayard, requesting my presence in Denver at a consultation with the Delegates from the States and Territories interested, and requesting a telegraphic reply if I would attend. After consultation with you I gave an affirmative reply. On the 11th of December I met the Major and the principal members of his staff; Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska and Wyoming were also present through their representatives.

The result of this visit was to secure the early completion of this survey, so far as Arizona is concerned.

52617

Captain Dutton, the chief engineer in the field, has been in the Territory for three weeks taking notes, which will be embodied in Major Powell's report to Congress, and arranging to obtain the data respecting the precipitation and evaporation in all parts of the Territory. The engineering survey will shortly commence in Southern Arizona in the Counties of Cochise, Pima and Yuma and will extend North as fast as possible, until the entire Territory is covered. In the meantime a great deal of topographical work on Arizona is being done from material in possession of the Director of Survey at Washington.

This survey will give to Arizona a full knowledge of where to build their reservoirs and catchments for water storage, the proper places for dams and canals, the amounts of land that can be reclaimed under them, and the cost of such works as computed by Government Engineers, which cannot fail to be of great benefit to the Territory.

The correspondence of my office is increasing rapidly, and there is great interest being manifested by home seekers and investors in all sections of the East, but more particularly from the Northwestern States.

T. E. FARISH,

Com. of Immigration

PHŒNIX, ARIZ., January 14, 1889.