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CIVIL GOVERNMENT IN CUBA.

Since the close of the war with Spain Cuba has been under a military government directed by the United States with General Wood at its head as Governor. This has doubtless been a better administration than the Island ever before enjoyed. Order has been restored, the machinery of justice set in operation and the people, distracted by war and revolution, have returned to the peaceful ways of industry. In the larger cities and towns, Havana, Santiago and Matanzas, a sanitary revolution has been effected, and in the country generally both production and trade have gone forward by leaps and bounds.

But this beneficent rule is not of the sort for which the Cuban patriots shed their blood and continued for years the bitter war with Spain. It is not republican Cuba, though doubtless a form of rule better in itself and better administered than anything the Cuban people would have evolved if left to themselves. Now something is about to be done toward initiating them into the work of self government. A general Congress for the island will not at first be set up, though this is quite ardently desired by many leading Cubans. Instead of this a number of provincial governments and legislatures will be set up during the present year as the beginning of home rule for Cuba.

Each of the Cuban provinces is to be given a legislature, with quite extensive, but still limited powers, with a governing body at its head for administrative purposes. Each provincial government will be independent of the others and responsible only to the central governing body composed of General Wood and his cabinet. Thus the provincial form of administration will first be tried to see how it works and the matter of a general representative body can be considered later. It is expected that these provincial institutions will have the educative effect so much needed in a country where the people are unused to popular representative institutions.

The elections will be held on May 1st, and the necessary civil machinery to carry it out is being prepared. General Wood has decided that the voters will include three classes, to wit, those whose names are on the pay-roll of the Cuban army, those who can show themselves possessed of 250 dollars or more in real or personal property and those who can read and write. This will give all the "patriots" a vote, and will confer a like franchise on all those who have a modest share of education or of property. It is hoped that the stipulated literary qualification may stimulate the masses to learn to read and write, a hitherto much neglected matter among the Cuban people.

This scheme appears to be well-considered and if carefully worked out will gradually educate the masses in the principles of popular self-government, a method vastly preferable to giving them at once full representative institutions with a supreme Congress and President elected by universal suffrage. The latter plan, ardently demanded by some of the Cuban leaders, would almost inevitably have led to successive revolutions and dictatorships, such as have been very frequent among the Spanish republics of South America. The quiet and prosperity now prevailing in Cuba, give evidence of the wisdom with which the military government of the island has been so far conducted by Gen. Wood.

At times like this when our own soldiers are exposed to deadly peril at the front and are actually falling on the battlefield, it is an intolerable hardship that the telegraph monopoly will persist in closing its lines at 7 o'clock standard in the evening. No other Province of the Dominion would tolerate such a condition for a single day, nor would the Cabinet and Parliamentary representatives of any other Province than ours permit such conditions to continue.

Truly we are a marvellously meek and patient people! The Patriot intimates that it is likely the Stanley will be placed on the direct route between Charlottetown and Picton in March, and continued on this route until spring navigation is regularly opened. We trust this plan will be carried out. It is a necessity of this port, where so large a share of the Island's shipping business is naturally centred that the direct steam connection with the outside world shall be opened as early in the spring and continued to as late a time in the early winter as is practicable.

Circulars have been addressed by Premier Farquharson to the school-teachers throughout the Province explaining the object of the Patriotic Fund and asking the teachers to enlist the interest of parents and pupils in contributing thereto. The plan is an excellent one, and it will give a splendid opportunity for teachers to inculcate a lesson of patriotism. It is the especial duty of all preachers and teachers including the press, to keep ever to the front the spirit of loyalty and patriotism upon which the vital strength of the Empire depends. Especially should the young be indoctrinated in this way and a contribution to the Patriotic Fund in proportion to their ability will increase their patriotic interest while rendering a real service to our common country.

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