

STABILITY OF THE GATUN DAM.

Official Report as to This Part of Panama Canal.

THE SINKING WAS EXPECTED.

Statement as to the Rock "Toe," Whose Settling Caused Serious Rumors, Purpose of the Dam and Explanation of Its Construction—No Lake Under Its Site.

Explaining the settling of the rock "toe" which started the rumor that the foundation of the Gatun dam was sinking...

A portion of this "toe" on the upstream end of the dam sank about forty feet on Nov. 21. During several weeks prior to this date a slide under the high trestle of the relocated Panama railroad at Gatun made necessary the dumping of an additional quantity of rock before the roadbed was brought up to grade.

The purpose of the dam at Gatun is to impound the waters of the Chagres (an artificial) lake that will form in the valley of the Chagres river. This dam will extend from one ridge of hills west across the valley to the ridge on the hills east and will be one and a half miles long.

The plan for constructing the dam is to pump sand and clay upon the site selected until the hill is 135 feet above sea level and 1,700 feet wide across the valley.

The north or downstream toe is composed of rocks and earth taken at the site of the locks. The south or upstream toe is composed of hard rock taken from the cut at Bas Obispo.

The rock wall of the south toe has been extended to the spillway, closing the old channel of the Chagres and east diversion beside the old French canal.

Halfway between the foot of the east hill and the spillway the old French canal channel runs through the dam site, but it has been closed by the construction of the south toe.

It is also anticipated that other parts of the toe may settle in the same way. The more they settle the firmer will be the foundation of the toe.

One pound of learning requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it.—Persian Proverb.

DISLIKE FOR JAPANESE

Correspondent Completing Pacific Coast Tour Sounds a Warning.

CANADA HOTBED OF HATRED.

Careful Inquiry has shown that among the Britishers who have arrived in the Canadian Pacific province within recent years the dislike to the Japanese amounts to a positive frenzy of hatred that only waits upon occasion to find vent in action that may strain diplomatic relations between Great Britain, Canada and Japan to the utmost.

California has of late been given prominence—a bad and a wicked prominence, many people call it—by giving outward and visible expression to the strong anti-Japanese feeling that today exists among the great majority of the people of the Pacific coast.

The anti-Japanese riot that took place at Vancouver two years ago was spontaneous and not premeditated. It arose in the first instance from a trifling street brawl.

The newly arrived Britishers who have gone to British Columbia, attracted by the glowing accounts furnished to them broadcast by the Dominion and provincial governments, find themselves in competition of a degrading nature with the servile labor of the orient and more so with the Japanese than with the Chinaman.

At the time of the civil war the bitterness of the people of the south was that the people of the north and the eastern states did not understand them. History repeating itself, the complaint of people east of the Rockies today is that the people east of the great mountain range do not understand and appreciate the situation.

The patient, nonassertive Chinaman could be tolerated, but the saucy, self-assertive Jap of the twentieth century, on terms of equality or superiority, is too much for self-respecting white wage earners.

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HOUSE RULES ARE AMENDED

Fitzgerald Resolution is Adopted After Hot Fight.

PARTY LINES BADLY BROKEN

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