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THE HULEH CONCESSION

An Important Agreement Signed With the Ica

Jerusalem, April 27th.

AN agreement relating to the development of the Huleh Concession, was signed by the Palestine Drainage and Amelioration Company, the Palestine Land Development Company, and the Emica Association, representing the Jewish Colonisation Association (Ica) in Palestine last month.

The Palestine Drainage Company was last year formed by the Palestine Development Company, the Jewish National Fund (Keren Kayemeth), and the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) to carry out work directly connected with the Huleh Concession. Its share capital amounts to £100,000. The general meeting, which was held in Jerusalem on April 15, unanimously approved the company's work during the past year.

It is learned that the company's scope will be widened. It will be recalled that originally it was created only for the purpose of dealing with the Huleh Concession during its transitional stage.

PALESTINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IN BEIRUT

Jerusalem, April 28th.

COMTE DE MARTEL, the High Commissioner for Syria, and leading members of the Government attended the concert given by the Palestine Symphony Orchestra at Beirut. The performance was a great success.

ARAB PRESS ATTACKS MARONITE BISHOP

Jerusalem, April 28th.

THE Arab press continues to attack the Maronite Bishop of Beirut on account of his recent speech in which he expressed sympathy with the Jews in Palestine and praised their achievements. The Arab newspapers characterise him as the Bishop of the Jews.

ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN POLICE AND ARMED ARABS

Jerusalem, April 28th.

AN engagement is reported to have taken place yesterday afternoon between a police patrol and armed Arabs near Jenin. One Arab was wounded and three captured.

PROGRESS AT TEL-AVIV

Jerusalem, April 28th.

THE authorities have authorised the unloading of additional categories of goods at the Tel-Aviv port.

New Investments Totalling £300,000

SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN INDUSTRY

THE political atmosphere may be charged with apprehension, and violence still stalks the country, but economically, the Yishuv continues to make headway. And that, perhaps, is the most effective test of its solidity. Almost daily there is progress in one sphere or another. A venture may be forced to close down here or there, but three or four rise up elsewhere in the country.

In the two months of February and March 30 new companies were registered with a combined capital of £145,000, and the capital of five other companies increased by £174,000; £20,000 represents the capital of the new Mekoroth Water Company which will supply water in the western section of Emek Jezreel; £25,000 is the sum invested by the new "Noga" Match Factory, the second undertaking of its kind in the country. The Silicate Workers' Company, a co-

operative, is being established with £15,000 capital, and will manufacture for local consumption and for export all kinds of bricks; £10,000 is capital of Citrusin Citrus Products Ltd., £12,000 of the Nachman Estates, Ltd., for the purchase and development of rural and urban land and £10,000 of the Middle East Continental Shipping Company. Smaller companies include building, printing, housing, cattle breeding, marine brokering and insurance, and a shopping facilities company that enables the public to make purchases on credit at a specified number of shops on certain terms. Companies that have increased their capital include a Fruit Chemical Company, National Fishing Company, Jerusalem Electric Corporation, South African Binyan Company, and two Banks.

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PALESTINE'S NEW CHIEF SECRETARY ARRIVES

Jerusalem, April 29th.

MR. William Denis Battershill, the new Chief Secretary of the Palestine Administration, arrived here to-day. Mr. Battershill paid a visit to the Government Offices.

BIG MILITARY MANOEUVRES IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, April 29th.

THE biggest military manoeuvres since the occupation of Palestine are taking place now in the Nablus district, near the village of Balaa, under the command of Lieut.-General J. G. Dill and his general staff. Fifteen aeroplanes, 10 tanks and a full regiment of infantry are taking part in the manoeuvres. Similar manoeuvres are taking place in the south of Palestine.

TRANSPORT LORRIES FIRED ON

Jerusalem, April 28th.

A NUMBER of transport lorries belonging to the Palestine Potash Company, were fired on by Arabs last night while on the way from the Dead Sea to the North of Palestine. The Jewish drivers sent out a wireless message in Hebrew, and troops were at once rushed to the spot. There were no casualties.

Palestine Flashlight

TWO new cinema houses planned in Jerusalem in order to meet the thirst for the movie. There are four picture houses ready. The new ones are to be built by a Jewish group and some Arab respectively.

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AT the end of December there were 45,225 Jewish school children in Palestine, representing an increase of 5,000 over last year. There were 150 new classes founded, 52 in Tel-Aviv. Two hundred new teachers were enrolled.

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THE Yishuv has been having a Hebrew University Week, in order to stimulate local financial support of the great Mount Scopus institution. Bialik's immortal phrase served as slogan: "Better to have my own small university, but mine own and under my charge, than a thousand temples of learning in which my share of their building is unseen."

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SIXTY-TWO per cent. of Palestine bee keepers are Jews. There are 15,000 bee hives in the country, mostly in the plantation districts, because of the superiority of orange blossoms over others in honey production. At the Keren Hayesod Kvutzah of Gan Shmuel there is a factory for wax needed by apiculturists.

CUTHBERT'S FOR LADIES' PHOENIX SILK HOSE