

R E P O R T
OF THE
GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA.

TERRITORY OF OKLAHOMA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Guthrie, Okla., September 15, 1903.

SIR: In compliance with your communication dated June 27, 1903, I take pleasure in transmitting to you herewith my report of the affairs, progress, and development of the Territory of Oklahoma for the year ended June 30, 1903.

Very respectfully,

T. B. FERGUSON,
Governor.

Hon. E. A. HITCHCOCK,
Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

A perusal of the following pages will disclose the fact that the Territory of Oklahoma has an area of 38,830 square miles, is subdivided into 26 counties, and has an aggregate population of 650,000. She has 178,964 school children and 2,192 district schoolhouses valued at \$1,347,257; also 7 higher institutions of learning, having a total enrollment of 2,818 last year; a school fund arising from the leasing of school land amounting to \$181,828.88, which was apportioned during the year.

Oklahoma leads in railway building, having completed over 1,000 miles of new railroad, and on March 1 had over 2,500 miles of main track and grade completed. The assessed value of the eight lines of railway is \$7,851,187. The Territorial tax levy was 6½ mills and the assessed value of taxable property was \$84,134,472, as returned by the assessors, which was on a basis of about one fourth actual value. The Territorial indebtedness is only \$461,766.43. There were 7,451,918 acres of land returned for taxation.

Oklahoma has 232 Territorial banks having a combined capitalization of \$2,026,330, with deposits of over \$7,000,000, and an average reserve of 52 per cent, being nearly four times the legal requirement. There are 79 national banks, whose combined capital amounts to \$2,792,500; the deposits therein are over \$10,000,000, and they have an average reserve of 30 per cent.

There are 193 licensed dentists, 403 registered pharmacists, and 1,200 practicing physicians.

Oklahoma has 326 prisoners kept under contract in the Kansas Penitentiary, at a cost to the Territory of \$45,742.62. There were 409