

I find that I have had very good co-operation from medical men and hospitals in their treatment of the aborigines.

It has been found necessary, however, in most cases to segregate them from other patients in the hospitals; the reason being that most aboriginal patients are filthy in their habits generally. I have had reports of cases where they expectorate on the floor near their beds and also one case (who was not mental, either) where a woman constantly got out of bed and performed her excretions on the floor.

How can people who persist in behaviour such as this expect to be treated as equals by the white community.?

Employment is becoming more difficult to obtain. This applies in all centres, and every effort should be made by the aboriginal people to establish themselves in one district so that they can become known and will then obtain work when it is offering.

Where individual aborigines show a desire to go in for agricultural work, every effort should be made to start them on old Reserves or pieces of available Crown Lands. There are indications that in most cases they do well in these pursuits, especially in market gardens and banana growing.

In conclusion, I would like to add that I consider the Board's building programme to be the most important uplift for the aboriginal people. I would, however, like to see, where possible, homes built for some of the better types away from Stations and Reserves. I consider it is essential, even to the point of reducing accommodation, to provide laundry and bathroom facilities. Without this encouragement to cleanliness and personal hygiene, much of the advantages of better housing will be lost.



The Gum Leaf band at the recent La Perouse Convention
From left to right—C. Edwards, J. Longbottom, T. Williams, W. Stewart and Roy Simms.

NOW YOU KNOW!

THE MAN WITH THE LONGEST BEARD IS ALWAYS ELECTED THE TRIBAL JUDGE OF THE MONGO TRIBE, BELGIAN CONGO.

BIRDS ARE THE MAIN CHECK AGAINST THE RE-PRODUCTION OF INSECTS, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD MULTIPLY SO QUICKLY THAT THEY WOULD RID THE WORLD OF ALL VEGETATION, LEAVING MAN TO STARVE!

WHENEVER IT SNOWS ON MOUNT SHAVANO IN COLORADO, U.S.A. IT LEAVES A DEPOSIT WHICH TAKES THE FORM OF A FIGURE WITH OUTSTRETCHED ARMS!

AMERICA'S STATUE OF LIBERTY IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ENGINEERING JOBS. IT STANDS 305 FEET HIGH AND THOUGH BUILT IN 1886, IT IS LIKELY TO STAND FOR ANOTHER THOUSAND YEARS OR MORE. THE MAN WHO BUILT THE EIFFEL TOWER IN PARIS, GUSTAVE EIFFEL, CONSTRUCTED IT. THE TORCH OF THE STATUE CONTINUALLY BURNS WITH A POWERFUL LIGHT TWO THOUSAND-FIVE HUNDRED TIMES STRONGER THAN MOONLIGHT!

ORIGIN OF THE WORD TANTALIZE

GREEK MYTHOLOGY RECORDS THE STORY OF KING TANTALUS, WHO OFFENDED THE GODS AND WAS PUNISHED BY BEING PLACED IN A LAKE WHOSE WATERS REACHED HIS CHIN, BUT RECEDED WHENEVER HE ATTEMPTED TO QUENCH HIS THIRST. OVER HIS HEAD HUNG BUNCHES OF GRAPES WHICH RECEDED WHENEVER HE STRETCHED OUT HIS HAND IN AN ATTEMPT TO SATISFY HIS HUNGER. TANTALUS BECAME THE SYMBOL OF TEASING, AND HIS NAME IS THE ORIGIN OF OUR WORD TANTALISE.