Under present health regulations, with the experience gained, the government can, it is thought, cope with epidemic diseases better than that of almost any other country.

With war in Asia, Russia, and Europe the condition of battle, sheep, and swine is raised to some extent. It is stated that the value of live stock produced ranks third in amount of all the agricultural products of the islands.

The Hawaiian Islands maintain a prison system, the principal penal institution corresponding to the State prisons of the various States of the Union, and are the only penal institution of the United States for the use of their respective local offenders is provided. In addition, there is a special district a district for detention cabaloes, in some of which are detained small ganges held for the service of the government. Where possible the plan of placing but one prisoner to a cell is adhered to. Where the plan is no longer possible there is the charge of the number of prisoners to a cell.

Who is responsible to the board of prison inspectors appointed by the minister of justice?

The foregoing gives briefly a description of the principal features of the country. It is now about eighteen months since the Stars and Stripes were formally raised over the country, and during that period, although the extension of the laws of the United States has been held in abeyance until the further action of Congress, yet the business of Hawaii has experienced the greatest prosperity, and every material interest of the people and the country has participated in the general welfare.

Mr. President, I am more than pleased that the laborers of the Hawaiian Commission, in which I had the honor of participating, is now bid fair to result in the establishment of territorial government as a part of the United States. I am anything but pleased to think that the Territory of Hawaii, which has come to us willingly and peacefully in the progress of the nation's evolution, will doubtless stand as a bright monument marking the strength of American expansion on the island provinces of the Pacific. No citizen of the United States need ever feel any doubt as to the intellectual, moral, or financial standing of the people who inhabit Hawaii. They bring to us a splendid educational system, a prosperous and profitable agricultural establishment, large profits to the sugar planters and the coffee and rice growers.

Mr. President, it has been suggested to me and to the Senate that there are one or two provisions in the bill which are not satisfactory to the Senate. I do not know whether a majority of the Senate would agree that the bill has been the more by anything, but I desire to say that at the present moment the Senate amendments to the bill from Massachusetts [Mr. Lodge] and the Senate from Alabama [Mr. Morgan], confer on the bill, are absent. The Senate from Alabama, I understand, is ill. He has not been out for two or three days at least. So if the bill should go back to the conference, there could be nothing done with it until one or the other of the conference of the Senate is absent, both of whom are absent, can be secured to give attention to the subject.

Mr. ROAR. Put on other conference.

Mr. President. The bill is not in a town, but he has been ill for several days. The Senator from Massachusetts has been called to New York or somewhere East. I should like very much to get the report ratified and out of the way, but I want to be entirely fair and frank, as I think I have been in connection and I think he has been, too. So it was stated that 95 percent of the people connected with it, so that Senators would not be misled.

Mr. BACON. I should like to ask the Senator a question, in view of his expressed desire that the report shall be ratified. In the bill, as agreed upon by the conference committee, the fifth subdivision of section 80 reads as follows:

"If the figures of March next preceding the date of registration are published, all taxes due by him to the government."

I wish to inquire of the Senator whether he agrees with the statement that if the conference report is agreed to and this becomes a law, they will immediately be fixed. I think they will limit the person who can be this year registered and this year participate in the election which will select the officers for this Territory to those who have heretofore been on the registration list, because the date has passed. That number, I understand, is less than 3000. So, in order to avoid that, we were not sure if it is fixed, and the Senate before would be the number of those who would be disfranchised and entitled to participate in this election, there will be less than 3000. I want to ask the Senator if he recognizes the correctness of that, and if he does so recognize it, if he himself personally favor the enactment of a bill into a law which would have that effect?

Mr. CULLOM. I would not.

Mr. BACON. Does not the Senator agree that that must necessarily have this effect?

Mr. CULLOM. I have been in doubt about it. I was going to suggest that I would ask the Senate to postpone the further consideration of the report to-day, so that I may learn what the Senator from Alabama, one of the conferences, can be present tomorrow.

Mr. BACON. If the Senator will pardon me, the course which