

ANNEXATION SEEMS LIKELY.

Commissioner Blount is making quite a

been made. A dispatch from Washington says that he will be appointed United States minister to the island government in place of Mr. Stevens, who has been recalled. At that event he would probably remain on the islands and forward his report as special commissioner by mail.

The indications point to annexation. Private advices say that Mr. Blount is well pleased with the country and that the figures presented to him by the provisional government show the group to be self-supporting and promising as to the future. The principal point in question was whether or not the people of Hawaii really wanted annexation. The commission sent to the United States by the provisional government naturally declared that they did; but denials came, and the question arose.

It would now appear, however, that the people, particularly the intelligent whites, are largely in favor of annexation to this government. Among the other races, excepting the Japanese, there is little feeling. The Japs are said to be opposed to annexation, but inasmuch as their country can not either protect or annex, the best thing for the islands, from the view point of the Mikado's government, is annexation to the United States. This government and Japan have been on friendly terms since the United States took steps to bring the big island out of darkness. Japanese citizens are cordially received and well treated in America. Many of them receive their educations here and become good citizens. There is no persistence in the Japanese opposition.

If Hawaii sets up a republic and is not annexed by the United States, this government will be forced to lend protection to the little Pacific nation. Interference by an European power would have to be resented by this government.

Mr. Blount may report against annexation, and have good reasons for doing so; but now, more than at any time since the question was raised, annexation seems the best way out.

VICE ADMIRAL HOPKINS has admitted that

05-11-1893-KCTimes-p4-AnnexationSeemsLikely