

when they thought of the history of their ancestors, naturally their thoughts turned toward Palestine. They came there and found little towns, dirty and none of the advantages they had possessed even in Poland and in Russia. They made colonies, and set to work to clean things up.

When I was there in 1929 I heard the story-- I don't know whether this happened often, but it did happen at least once, perhaps many times, the Jews would go in and go to a group of Arabs ~~and~~ who lived in a certain section, and pay them to buy their land. Often paying 2 or 3 times what the land might be thought to be worth, certainly what it was worth the way it was being taken care of then. These Arabs would take the money and go into one -- one of the cities and live on the money for a year or two. There the people would settle down and work hard and build farms and houses and develop quite a place in this land they had bought, and then a year or two later the people who lived there were absolutely destitute. They had spent all the money they had gotten for it and so they said, The Jews have stolen our land! We want our land back. I don't know how often that sort of situation happened, but in 1929 when I travelled on horseback through Palestine and ~~examined~~ conditions then were far more like Bible times than they are today, it was interesting then to note the culture contrasts between the Jews in these colonies and the Arabs villages.

If we came into an Arab village in the afternoon, the men were all sitting around under the trees telling stories. And it was most interesting change for them to see some visitors coming on horseback, and we'd ask directions and they would give them to us and were very friendly. If we came in the morning, it was quite a different story-- the men were all sleeping, and the women were out filling