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## 50,580 Persons Visited City's Old Fort During Month Of June

A total of 50,580 persons visited Castillo de San Marco National Monument during June, and during the 1957-58 fiscal year a total of 471 school groups, comprising 17,074 persons, visited the fort.

These facts were brought out in a summary of travel released by Superintendent C. R. Vinton.

The visitation during June was about 5.2 per cent (2,776 persons) below that of June of 1957 when 53,356 persons visited the old Spanish fortification. During the past month, 13,642 persons were conducted on 305 guided tours.

Showers during nine days of June may have occasioned the slight drop in attendance.

A recapitulation of school

visitation shows that in the fiscal year 1957-58, a total of 471 groups, comprising 17,074 persons, visited the castillo. In 1956-57, there were 498 groups of 17,769 persons. There was a drop of 27 groups of 695 persons or about a 3.9 per cent decrease.

Superintendent Vinton announced that this month Robert L. Jack was employed as seasonal ranger-historian for the summer months, which bring to St. Augustine the peak of tourist travel.