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Map of  
**BOMBAY TOWN & ISLAND**  
 Showing Divisions used in the Census, 1921

Scale  
 1 Inch = 3,200 Feet.

**LIST OF SECTIONS**

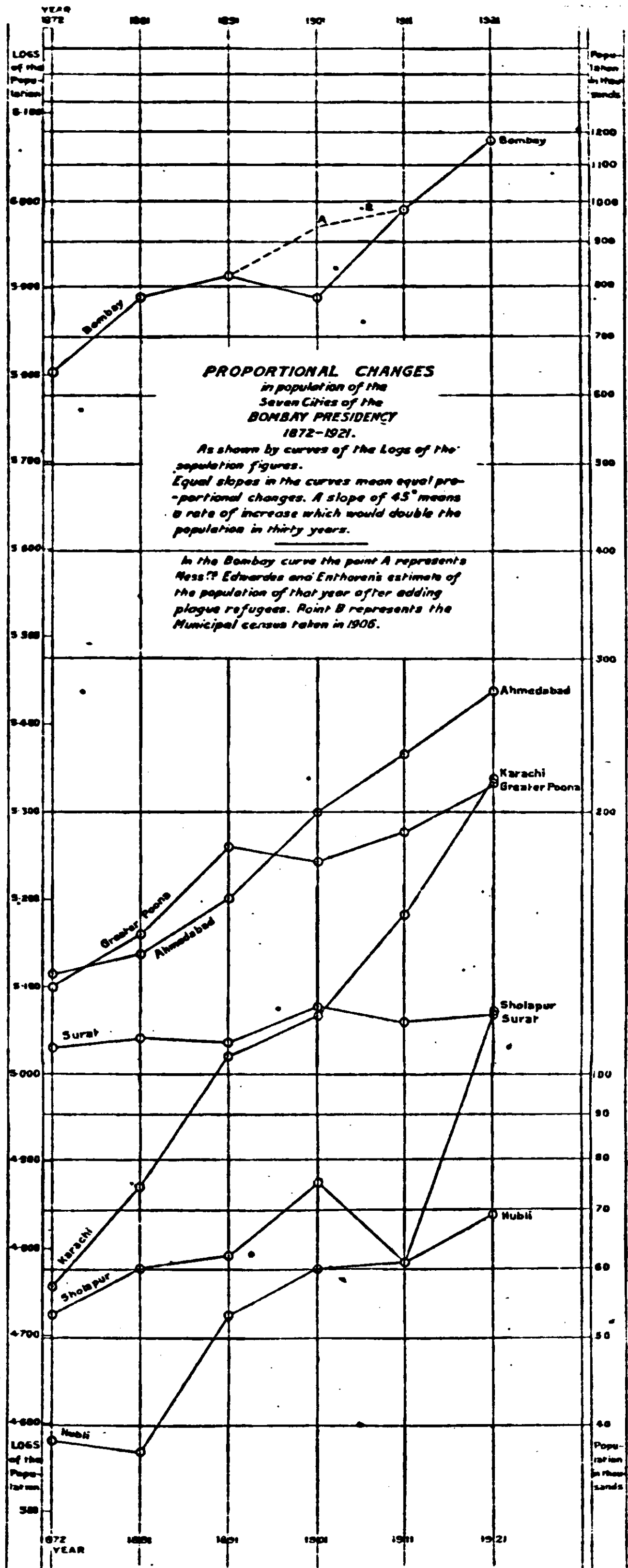
- A Ward**  
 1 Upper Colaba  
 2 Lower Colaba  
 3 Fort South  
 4 Fort North  
 5 Esplanade
- B Ward**  
 6 Chakla  
 7 Mandvi  
 8 Umarkhadi  
 9 Dongri
- C Ward**  
 10 Market  
 11 Dhobi Talao  
 12 Fanaswadi  
 13 Bhuleshwar  
 14 Kumbharwada  
 15 Khara Talao
- D Ward**  
 16 Khetwadi  
 17 Girgaon  
 18 Chaupati  
 19 Mahalaxmi
- E Ward**  
 20 Tardeo  
 21 Kamatipura  
 22 First Nagpada  
 23 Second Nagpada  
 24 Byculla  
 25 Tadwadi  
 26 Mazagaon
- F Ward**  
 27 Parel  
 28 Sewri  
 29 Sion  
 30 Sion
- G Ward**  
 31 Mahim  
 32 Warli

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- Boundaries of Wards.....  
 Boundaries of Sections.....  
 Boundaries of Circles.....  
 No. of Ward.....  
 No. of Section.....  
 No. of Circle.....  
 Areas of which Census was taken by the Military..... M  
 " " " " Railway..... Ry  
 " " " " Customs..... C

Key to the Sections in the centre of the City.





8. The inclusion of Hubli was due to my own recommendation, based on the expectation that the population would be found to have increased more than it has. An application by Hyderabad to be treated as a City was not supported by the Local Officers and was negated. But it seems open to question whether it should not be so treated at the next Census.

9. The following shows the population of the seven Cities and the largest towns in this Presidency—

*Population (1921) of the Cities and of all Towns above 50,000 in the Bombay Presidency.*

City or Town.	Population.
Bombay	1,175,914
Ahmedabad	274,007
Karachi	216,883
Greater Poona	214,796
Sholapur	119,581
Surat	117,434
Hyderabad	81,838
Hubli	69,206
Bhavnagar	59,392
Kolhapur	55,594
Shikarpur	55,503

10. Even after the "Cities" have been selected by the Local Government the question what to treat as suburbs of those Cities has to be considered by the Superintendent. For a full discussion on the general question of suburbs the reader is invited to Chapter II of the General Report. The area included in each City is discussed at the commencement of the discussion of the figures for that City.

SECTION 5.—GROWTH OF THE BOMBAY CITIES.

11. The following Tables, which explain themselves, as well as the diagram giving curves of the Logs, afford a rapid idea of the comparative growth of the different Cities. The range is from Surat, which is practically stationary, to Karachi which is very rapidly increasing in size:—

*Population of Cities since 1872.*

City.	Population in					
	1872.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.
Bombay (a)	644,405	773,196	821,764	776,006	979,445	1,175,914
Ahmedabad (b)	128,505	137,041	159,366	199,609	232,777	274,007
Karachi (c)	56,753	73,560	105,199	116,663	151,903	216,883
Poona (d)	125,613	144,340	182,099	175,463	188,701	214,796
Surat (a)	107,855	109,844	109,229	119,306	114,868	117,434
Sholapur (e)	53,403	59,890	61,915	75,288	61,345	119,581
Hubli (f)	37,961	36,677	52,595	60,214	61,440	69,206

(a) Area unchanged throughout; (b) population of past Censuses adjusted for intercensal changes of boundary; (c) boundaries at past Censuses uncertain; Port population known to have been incorrectly excluded in 1911; (d) population of past Censuses adjusted to represent area now included; (e) suburbs added in 1911; omitting suburbs the population in 1911 and 1921 would be 55,237 and 113,931; (f) suburbs shown in 1901 and 1921 but not other years; omitting suburbs population would be—1901, 59,913, 1921, 66,772.

*Variation in population of Cities since 1872.*

City.	Proportionate population of each City at each succeeding Census taking population of 1872 as 100.*					
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.
Bombay ...	100	120	123	120	152	182
Ahmedabad.	100	107	124	153	181	213
Karachi* ...	100	130	185	206	268	382
Poona ...	100	115	145	140	150	171
Surat ...	100	102	101	112	107	109
Sholapur* ...	100	112	116	141	115	224
Hubli* ...	100	97	139	159	162	182

## CHAPTER II.—BOMBAY POPULATION.

### SECTION 1.—DEFINITION OF BOMBAY.

12. Bombay, as a Census City, includes the main Island, and four small Islands in the Harbour—Cross Island, Middle Ground, Oyster Rock and Butcher Island. It does not include Elephanta, which, with Hogg Island and two small islets, belongs to the Kolaba District. The four Islands included in Bombay do not come within the jurisdiction of the Municipality. But since their population was only 213, the addition of so small a figure to the population of the Municipal area proper will not exert any appreciable effect either upon the Census figures or upon the Municipal Vital Statistics.

13. There is no Cantonment for troops in Bombay. But the Military areas in Colaba and elsewhere are only partially under Municipal control.

### SECTION 2.—THE TAKING OF THE CENSUS.

14. The Census of "Bombay Town and Island," which is merely a traditional way of saying Bombay City is taken by the Executive Health Officer, under the general supervision of the Provincial Superintendent. The ordinary Civil area is enumerated by a staff organised direct from the Municipal Office. But the Census of Military areas is taken by the Military, and of Railway, Customs and R. I. M. premises by officers of those departments under the control of the Executive Health Officer.

15. An exact account of the operations from the pen of Dr. Sandilands has been included in the Administrative Volume of this Census. But as that Volume is departmental only and not available to the public it might be worth while to mention here one or two facts. As at the last Census considerable help was received from certain schools. The following is a list of schools which on this occasion undertook the enumeration of entire Census units, not smaller than a Circle—

Name of the School.	Principal, Headmaster or Superintendent.	Name of Section and No. of Circle.
Goan Union School ...	Mr. M. F. Serrao (Assistant Master).	Fanaswadi, half the first circle and second complete.
G. T. High School ...	Mr. M. R. Paranjpye ...	Bhuleshwar, Circle No. 1.
Robert Money School ...	Rev. H. W. Lea Wilson, M.A.	Khetwady, 1 and 2.
Wilson High School ...	Rev. J. R. Cuthbert, M.A.	Khetwady, 3 and 6.
Elphinstone High School ...	Mr. B. M. Sutaria, M.A., LL.B.	Girgaum, whole section.
Israelite School ...	Mr. M. D. Bergawker ...	Tarwadi, 1.
B. E. S. Boys' High School ...	Mr. T. M. Evans ...	Byculla, 2.
American Mission High School ...	Rev. William Hazen, M.A.	1st Nagpada, 1 and 2.
J. N. P. Parsee Orphanage ...	Mr. D. S. Joshi, B.A. ...	Parel, 9 and 3.

\* In considering the variations in these Cities the notes given to the preceding Table should be borne in mind.