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NOTICE

WITH the earlier issues of the volume of Agricultural Statistics of British India were incorporated those of Mysore, the only Native State from which such statistics were then obtainable. In course of time arrangements were made in several States for the collection of agricultural statistics, and all that were received in the Statistical Department were included in a separate section of the volume. Additions have been made from time to time in the last few years to the number of States rendering statistics, and the growth of the tables has made it convenient to print them in a separate volume. The States included are :

Mysore	Tonk
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Gwalior	Kishangarh
Bikaner	Bharatpur
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In several cases the statistics are more or less defective, and they must—like the statistics of British provinces—be used with cautious reserve. Reference to specific defects will be found in the Explanatory Notes prefixed to the tables, but the greatest defect is the fragmentary nature of the information, for the area represented is insignificant compared with the total area of all the Indian States. Thus in the first place no returns are made for any of the tributary or feudatory States within the boundaries of the British provinces which are politically controlled by the Local Governments. Including the frontier States of Burma and Assam with 45 $\frac{3}{4}$ million acres, the total gross area of these States is 172 $\frac{1}{2}$ million acres, and though a very large portion of this area is neither cultivated nor capable of cultivation, the fact that the population of these territories, exclusive of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ million acres not distinguished from British territory in the census of 1901, was 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ millions, necessarily means a large cultivated area. Of these States the most important are those in Bombay which have a population of nearly 7 millions.

The remaining Indian States have direct political relations with the Government of India, and of these, Baroda, Hyderabad, and Kashmir, with an aggregate area of 110 million acres, make no returns. Of the nine States in Central India, with an area of 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ million acres, Gwalior alone supplies statistics, and among the 21 States in Rajputana, with an area of 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ million acres, 9 States render statistics. Excluding Baluchistan the population of these States is nearly 40 millions, and the area for which no returns are made is 214 million acres.

The area for which statistics have been obtained is thus less than 47 million acres and about two-thirds of this is uncultivated land and forests, the actual cropped area being 15 million acres, or counting double-cropped areas twice, nearly 16 million acres.

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