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Poona, 16th January 1 SOO. Sir,
I have the honour to submit the annual report of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture for the year ending 31st October 1893.
2. The report has been drawn up in accordance with the instructions laid down in the eighth Resolution of the Government of India, Revenuo and Agricultural Department, No. 3-39-1 of 20th March 1897, on the proceedings of the Agricultural Conferences of 1893 and of 1805-96. It is arranged under the following heads :-

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## CHAPTER I.

## PREFATORY.

3. Mr. E. H. Hearn was in charge of the office from 1st November 1897
to 14th January 1898 , When Mr. J. W.P. Muir-Mackenzie resumed charge on
his return froni special duty. From him Mr. M. B. Forde took charge of tho
o office on the 13 th June 1898 and continued to hold it till the end of the year.
4. In the beginning of the year from 12th November to 28th December 1897, Mr. Hearn toured in the Thána and Broach districts to supervise survey operations. At Broach he examined the Central Record Office. At the end of December be visited the Bhor State to announce the Jamábandi. Mr. MuirMackenzie toured in the Sürat, Thana and Násik districts. In the last named district, besides supervision of survey work, he examined the paper work of Circle: Inspectors. IIe also attended the Famine Commission at Bombay to give evidence.
5. Mr. Mollison, the Deputy Director, as usual supervised the work on the Poona and Surat Farms, paying several visits to the latter farm. Besides his ordinary work he inspected certain lands in the ncighbourhood of Palghar in the Máhim táluka with a view to ascertain their agricultural valuc. At the request of the Political Agent, Káthiaiwar, he visited Rijijkot to inspect the State dairy and paddock, and to advise as to their proper equipment. He also visited Junagad and Verával to study the breeds of the indigenous cattle of Kithiaiwar. He visited the Nadiad Farm and studied the breeds of the Charotar cattle. Ife gave the prescribed course of instruction in Agriculture at the Collcge of Science, Poona, and was appointed an Examiner in the oral and practical examinations in Agriculture held at Madras. He scrved on the Committee appointed ly Government to frame a scheme for conducting experiments in connection with rinderpest. He also acted as a judge at the Ahmadnagar Horse and Cattle Show. He was on privilege leave from Cth May to 21st June.

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## CHAPTER II. <br> LAND RECORDS ESTABLISHMENT.

6. No extension of the Land Records staff took place during the year. As in the previous year the staff was at work in the whole of the Central and Southern Divisions except three tálukas of Kolába and in the districts of Ahmadabad and Kaira in the Northern Division. The Survey records of two tálukas in each of the districts of Khándesh and Násik were handed over to the Collector's charge on the introduction of revision settlements.
7. Survey classes were held for the first time at the selected centres of Poona and Násik in the Central Division. For the four Kánarese districts, Belgaum has been fixed as the central station, but owing to prevalence of the plague there the class was removed to Bijápur and a class was also opened at Kárwír for the candidates in the Kánara district. In the Northern Division there were no candidates.
8. The Circle Inspectors in two tálukas of the Ratnágiri district performed their regular duties, while those of the other tálukas were employed during the rains on the duties detailed in the last report. In the fair season two Circle Inspectors worked at the District Survey Office in preparing botlchats for the villages of Kelshi and Dápoli, and the remaining seventeen Inspectors disposed of measurement work in November and December, and from January to May did the special boundary-mark inspection under No. 104, of the rules under the Land Revenue Code. This was completed except in three villages in Devgad táluka and was in progress in Mandangad Petha. The question of making reductions in this staff is under consideration.

One of the Circle Inspectors in Ahmadabad, who was employed last year on measurement work in the railway suburb at Ahmadabad, continued to do the same work during the year.
9. The inspection work of the "Land Record staff in the previous year was greatly interfered with by the prevalence of famine, and the work yerformed during the year under report has therefore been compared with that of the year 1895-96 in the following tables. Mr. Lushington observes that for want of proper supervision the working of the newly appointed Circle Inspectors in Kolába was defective and he has therefore little faith in the statistics furnished for the district. He, however, hopes that the recent appointment of an experienced District Inspector will ensure considerable improvement in the next year.
10. Crop, Waste and Bourdary-mark Inspection.-The average inspection work performed by Circle Inspectors is exhibited in the following table :-

| District. | Aviragb by bach Insprotor. |  |  |  |  |  | Average Area of occupied Numbers in Acres. |  | Average Area of inspected Numbers in Acres. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average of days of actual inspection. |  | Number of Villages inspected. |  | Number of Survey <br> Numbers (occopied and waste) inapected per diem. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1897-98. | 1895-96. | 1897-98. | 1895-96. | 1897-98. | 1895-96. | 1897-98. | 1895-96. | 1897-98. | 1895-96. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| Dhárwár | 60 | 60 | 42 | 36 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 11 |
| Bijápur ... | 62 | 61 | 38 | 38 | 8 | 7 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 15 |
| Belgaum | 25 | 60 | 19 | 37 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Kinnara... | 52 | 63 | 48 | 50 | 9 | 8 | - 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Ratnágiri | 49 | 52 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Kolába ... | 60 | $\cdots$ | 65 |  | 8 |  | 5 |  | 5 |  |
| Khándesh | 67 | 75 | 48 | 53 | 8 | 8 | 10 | $\dddot{10}$ | 9 | 10 |
| Násik ... | $56{ }^{\prime}$ | 62 | 34 | 33 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| Ahmadnagar | 72 | 72 | 37 | 36 | 8 | 8 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 12 |
| l'oona ... | 65 | 67 | 43 | 40 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 8 |
| Sholḱpur | 56 | 63 | 35 | 33 | 6 | 5 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 20 |
| Sátára ... | 60 | 60 | 28 | 29 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | - 6 |
| Ahmadabad | 71 | 71 | 37 | 34 | 15 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Kaira ... | 69 | ... | 38 | $\cdots$ | 13 |  | 2 | 4 | $1 \cdot 3$ | - |

In none of the districts was the standard of 80 working days reached. The question whether this standard is attainable is still under consideration. It is reported that the same standard will not apply uniformly to all the districts, but that it will vary according to local conditions. In two districts only were more than 70 days devoted to the inspection.

As compared with the year 1895-96 there was a falling off in seven districts and markedly in Belgaum and Kínara. Early in December tho Circle Inspectors in Belgaum were employed on plague duty. They visited at least two villages a day, examining the birth and death rogisters, making local enguirics and reporting whether any sign of plague could bo found. In Kinara the inspection period was curtailed by the allotment of one month (November) exclusively to check census under the orders of the Commissioner, Southern Division. Plague duty interfered with the inspection work more or less in Poona, Khándesh, Sátára and Kolaba. In Sholápur and Kolilba the work of distributing doles took up part of the Circle Inspectors' time. Urgent measurement work also had to take precedence of ordinary inspection work. The latter was also hindered by the absence of village officers when the Circle Inspectors visited the villages. Their presence is of course essential and it is hored that the circular orders recently issued directing Circle Inspectors to give six days' previous notice to village officers and to obtain their acknowledgment will check the village officers' tendency to avoid the test. In Ahmadabad. casual leave seems to have been freely given. The rule that in the inspection season leave should be sparingly given should be strictly followed. In some districts the rule that transfers of Circle Inspectors should be made before commencement of the travelling season was not carefully observed. The number of villages inspected showed an improvement in six districts.

The daily task of work was generally satisfactory and shows an improvement in Bijápur, Kánara and Sholápur. The tendency of selecting small-sized numbers for inspection is noticeable in Dhárwár, Alhmadnagar and Sholipur. Possibly, however, the larger numbers may have been inspected in past years.
11. The subjoined table shows the general results of the inspection:-

| District. | \% |  | Crop Inspiotion. Occupied Lands. |  | Wista Ingreotion. |  | Boumdarf.mark Inbrection. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Unoccupi | d Lands. | Percentage of Survey Number: of which mark* examined on total number of Survey Numbera. |  |
|  | Vilages inspected. |  |  |  | Percentage inspected on Sorvey Numbers. | Percentinge inspected on Survey Numbers. |  |
|  | 1897-98. | 1895-96. | 1897.98. | 1895-96. |  |  | 1807.08. | 1805.06. | 1897-08. | 1895-\%6. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Dhárwár | 91 | 79 | 7 | 8 | 25. | 29 | 8.4 | 8.8 |
| Bijápur | 81 | 91 | 5 | 6 | 30 | 31 | $6 \cdot 5$ | $6 \cdot 7$ |
| Belgaum .. | 49 | 97 | 6 | 7 | 20 | 27 | $6 \cdot 3$ | 7.9 |
| Kánara | 79 | 84 | 8 | 8 | 15 | 15 | $8 \cdot 9$ | $9 \cdot 1$ |
| Ratnágiri | 100 | 97 | 9 | 9 | 55 | 28 | $9 \cdot 1$ | 9.5 |
| Kolába... | 77 | - 0 | 6 | $\cdots$ | 75 | $\cdots$ | $8 \cdot 8$ |  |
| Khándesh | S5 | 95 | 7 | 7 | 22 | 23 | S. 1 | $8 \cdot 8$ |
| Násik ... . | 75 | 79 | 7 | 8 | 23 | 27 | $8 \cdot 1$ | 8.8 |
| Almarnagar ... | 83 | 97 | 8 | 7 | 31 | 31 | 8.2 | $7 \cdot 8$ |
| Yoona ... ... | 98 | 91 | 5 | 6 | 37 | 40 | $5 \cdot 1$ | 5.9 |
| Sholapur ... | 99 | 93 | 6 | 5 | 42 | 42 | $5 \cdot 1$ | $6 \cdot 0$ |
| Sátára... ... | 92 | 95 | 7 | 7 | 41 | 38 | $7 \cdot 1$ | $7 \cdot 1$ |
| Ahmadabad | 99 | 9S | 5 | 6 | 12 | 15 | p.l | $7 \cdot 1$ |
| Kaira ... | 95 | ... | 3 |  | - | ... | $\therefore$, \% | $\cdots$ |

In Ratnagiri all the villages were visited, and in six other districts the percentage of inspected villages was above 90 . As compared with 1895-96 the percentage was lower in seven districts, while in others it shows improvement, especially in Puona and Sholápur. The reasons given above account for the decrease. In the hilly circles in the Sátara and Násik districts the inspection perind has been reduced to three and two months respectively. The extent of crop inspection was generally sufficient except in Kaira. The rule requiring inspection of all the villages in a circle by reduction of percentage test, seems to have been carried out in Poona, Sholápur and Ahmadabad, and every endeavour should be made to follow it strictly in other districts. Owing to plague duty in the latter part of the season it could not be brought into effect in Khandesh and Belgaum.
12. The percentage of waste inspection was nearly up to the standard or above it in seven districts and, as compared with the year 1895-96, shows improvement in three districts. The extent can be taken as generally sufficient except in Ahmadabad and Kaira. No explanation has been received from Ahmadabad. As regards Kaira, the District Inspector explains that in the three southern talukas there are few cultivable waste numbers and that the uncultivable numbers, mostly tanks, lying scattered at long distances, Circle Inspoctors try to avoid their inspection. The high percentage in Ratnágiri is attributed to the absence of village officers at the time of test and the consequent extended inspection of waste numbers under Rule 14, Chapter II, of the Circle Inspector's Rules.

In Kolaba the misunderstanding on the part of Circle Inspectors as to the proportion of numbers to be inspected (noticed in the last year's report) was apparently not corrected. Orders have been issued directing the Circle In-' spectors' attention to the rules on the subject. Mr. Cappel, Oollector of Dhárwar, explains that the probable cause of the low percentage in that district lies in the selection of numbers near the village of smaller area during the first few years of. the inspection cycle rendering inspection in later years of distant numbers perhaps of larger area more difficult to accomplish. .
13. The number of encroachments detected during, the year as compared

| Division. | 1897-98. | 1896-97. | 1895-96. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sonthern Division ... | 854 | 319 | 427 |
| Central Division .. | 870 | 449 | 1,268 |
| Northern Division- Ahmadabad | 90 | 161 | 198 |
| Eaira ... ... | 635 | 481 | ... | with the two preceding years is shown in the marginal table. With the cessation of famine the cases rose in the Central and Southern Divisions, more . than half in the latter division being returned by Kolábs alone. In Ahmadabad there is a steady decrease. In the newly equipped districts of Kolaba and Kaira the number of encroachment cases is naturally large for the first few years. It will be seen

 from the marginal table that as regards the districts where there are stipendiary village ac. countants the percentage of cases detected by them ranged between 73 in Kolába and 34 in Kaira. The falling off in Kolaba is attributed to the Circle Inspectors' inspection having begun a month earlier than the date prescribed for the village inspection. Among the districts having the hereditary village staff, the percentage did not exceed 21. Steady improvement is perceptible in Dhárwar, while there has been a gradual deterioration in Poona and Khándesh. As compared with the year 1895-96, there is improvement in eight districts. - It is hoped that the scheme of training village
accountants in survey work, which is under the consideration of Government, will make the improvement more permanent. The decrease in Belgaum and Kínindesh is probably due to prevalence of plague there. Tho District Inspectors of Kánara and Sholápur bave personally detected somo encroachment cases. Delay in disposal of encroachment cases at the hands of Mámlatdírs was a general complaint. It seems that cases reported by Circle Inspectors aro sent by Mámlatdárs for enquiry to village oflicers with whon they remain for an inordinate time. With a view to expedite the disposal of the cases in some districts a quarterly return is sent by Circle Inspectors, showing cases reported by them, but remaining undisposed of with Mímlatdirs. 'Ihis measure has not been fully successful, and the matter is still under consideration.

In Kolába all the cases detected related to unauthorised cultivation. In Kánara, Poona and Ratnágiri the percentage of cases of unauthorised cultivation on the total was, respectively, 70, 65 and 57, while in Dhárwir, Bijápur and Belgaum it was below 20. No details are reported by other districts. Ono encroachment of 30 years standing and one of 25 years stauding were respectively detected in Kbándesh and Abmadnagar districts. The seven casces detecterl in Sholápur related to village site, but the area was trivial. No such cases wero discovered in other districts of the Central Division.
14. The quality of the village officers' work as indicated in the margiunl

| Name of District. | Entries found correct (percentage). |  | Name of District. |  | Entries found correct (percentage). |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1897-98. | 1895-96. |  |  | 1897-93. | 1895.96. |
| Dhatwar ... | 59 | 56 | Nasik ... |  | 75 | 83 |
| Bijapur ... ... | 37 | 39 | Ahmadnagar | ... | 63 | 64 |
| Belganm ... ... | 66 | 62 | Poona ... | - | 78 | 79 |
| Kauara . ... ... | 76 | 75 | tholapur ... | ... | 54 | 00 |
| Ratnígiri ... $\quad .$. | 63 91 | 47 | Satatra | - | 78 | 75 |
| Kolaba Khanderh ... ... | 91 72 | 74 | Alınadabad... $\mathrm{K}_{\text {aira }}$ ... | ... | 79 | 91 | table shows improvement orer 1895-96. in six districts. Tho number of districts showincr more than 75 per cent. of cor. rect entries has also steadily, jncreased. Stendy improvementhas been maintained for the last three years in Dhárwár, Ratnágiri, Poona, Sítára and Ahmadabad. In other districts it is variable. Cases of unpunctuality on the part of village officers in commencing inspection which led to tho Circle Inspectors doing it in their company, were as usual noticeable in most of the districts and there is little if any improvement in this respect. This unpunctuality was marked in Násik, Sátára, Dhárwár, Belgaum and Bijuppur. In Sátára the absence of village officers at the Circle Inspectors' test was noticed to bo wilful. The defective registration of fallow in Kaira noticed in the ldst_report improved during the year.

15. Boundary-mark Inspection.-The Circle Inspectors' inspection is con-

| District. | Marks fuund in diarepair (percentago). |  |  |  | District. | Harkg found in diarepair (percentago). |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Omitted. |  | Wrongly shown as in repair. |  |  | Onitted, |  | Wrongly ahown us in repuir. |  |
|  | 1807-98. | 1895-98. | 1897-98. | 1895-96. |  | 1897-98. | 1805-10. | 13LT 4 -48. | 1843.08. |
| Dharwar ... | 60 | 49 | 25 | 39 | Nasik ... | 8 | 4 | 25 | 14 |
| Bijapur | 40 | 37 | 28 | 89 | Ahmadnagar | 25 | 23 | 97 | 22 |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Belgaum } \\ \text { Kanara } & \ldots . . \\ \end{array}$ | 50 39 | ${ }^{26}$ | 19 19 | 33 2 | Pouns Shalapur | 98 | 17 | 14 85 | 23 37 |
|  | 38 | 49 | 19 | 22 | Statára | 17 | 23 | 27 | 22 |
| Kolsta $\quad .$. | 21 19 | $\cdots$ | 19 | 80 | Ahluadabed | ${ }_{6}^{8}$ | 3 | 11 | 29 |
| Khanderh ...\| | 18 | 17 | 10 | 80 | Kaira ... | 6 | $\cdots$ | , 9 | ... | fined to the marks of the survey numbers of which they make the crop or wasto ' inspection. The quantity of num. bers inspected seems suificient and compares not unfavourably with that of 1895-96 (vide columns 8 and 9 of the statement in paragraph 11 abore). 'The marginal table indicates little improvemeut in the village officers' work.

The state of boundary-marks is generally unsatisfactory, and it is belicued that no improvement is likely unless Circle Inspectors are catrusted with thr, duty of taking steps to repair them. Village officers seem to think that the duty of inspecting boundary-marks and reparing those in disrepair bas becn в 1391-2
transferred to the Circle Inspectors. This subject has been fully dwelt upon in the annual reports for $1891-95$ and 1895-96. The question of reducing the number of boundary-marks for inspection is still under consideration.
16. The following table embodies the result of the District Inspectors' test of Circle Inspectors' work :-


In four districts against six in 1895-96 all the circles were visited. The Sátára, Belgaum and Kolába District Inspectors' tour was interrupted on account of the plague. The restrictions imposed on travelling by rail and steamboats hampered his work in Kinara and under the orders of the Collector he paid more attention to testing measurement and partition work. In other districts delay in filling up temporary vacancies among the district Inspectorships is accountable for some decrease of work. The Commissioners have now agreed that District Inspectors qualified to be Mámlatdárs should not be appointed to acting vacancies but should only be relieved for permauent promotion. The extent of the test is generally sufficient and except in four districts compares not unfavourably with that in 1895-96. The high percentage of inspected villages in Ratnágiri is as usual due to the fact that the test was confined to two tálukas only. The test shows the Circle Inspectors' work to be generally satisfactory, though as regards crop inspection there is room for improvement. In two or three districts careless work was punished by fine or reversion to the Revenue Department.
17. The General Duty Inspectors.-In all the districts the General Duty Inspector was fully employed on original or test measurement and classification work. In Kolaba he had no time for test work. In Kánara and Kaira he enjoyed a month's leave, and in Poona, Ahmadnagar, Sholápur and Ahmadabad he held temporary charge of the District Inspector's post in addition to his own duties. The Almadabad Inspector was also employed for a month and a half in preparing copies of plans of the Ahmadabad City and suburbs, required by the Collector in connection with the exteusion of the city survey boundaries. In Kaira the General Duty Inspector worked for a Circle Inspector on leave for a month. In Sholiapur, under the orders of the Collector, he was occupied with measuring B class land for the Kurduwádi-Sángola Railway section and preparing a compensation statement for the same. In Belgaum he assisted the District Inspector in determining what the dry-crop assessment of certain survey numbers would be, provided the water advantages were left out of consideration. In Ratnágiri the

General Duty Inspector prepared classification statements of certain unassessel pieces of land given out for cultivation in the village of Camp Dípolj. He also examined the Sar Nakisha of that village and corrected the mistikes by actual verification in the field and prepared the rate statements and kacha sud. In tho rains the General Duty Inspector worked as usual in the District Survey Olfico at scrutinizing corrections in survey records. In Sholápur he climinated redundant boundary marks from copies of village maps prepared for printing at the photo office. In Khándesh he was employed in giving instructions in masuring to the táluka kárkuns intending to appear for the sub-service departmental examination.
18. Check of the Village Census.-The usual table showing the extent of the test is appended :-


The check census is confined to agricultural stock and is taken annually in July, except in districts of heavy rainfall, where the registers are tested concurrently with crop inspection. In Kánara, under the orders of the Commissioner, the month of November was wholly allotted to this test. The test was extended to all the circles in 9 districts. In tro circles each of Bijípur and Belgaum no test was taken owing to employment of Circle Inspectors on plague duty. Detention at the táluka head-quarters for compilation work prevented test work in four circles of Násik. In one distriçt only all the villages allotted for test were visited. In others the usual causes, such as detention at the taluka headquarters for compilation work, excessive rain, absence of villare officers and illness of the Inspectors, reduced the percentage of inspected villages, though, as compared with the year 1895-96, it shows improvement in six districts.

In Sholapur, under the orders of the Collector, the census of human beings was taken in two tálukas with a view to ascertain the number of deaths due to the plague. The quality of village officers' work was generally fair except in Kínara. The low percentage of correct entries in the below-ghat districts is not creditable to the stipendiary village accountants there. In several villages in Kaira the census register was noticed to have been flled in at tho village chávdi and not by the house-to-house visitation. The District Inspector's test was sufficient except in two districts. In Kolába the District Inspector was occupied with plague duty, and the Ahmadnagar District Inspector was ordered to watch a criminal case of assault against a Circle Inspector. The test showed the Circle Inspectors' work to be generally satisfactory.
19. Vital Statistics.-The Central Division continued to show steady inprovement on the part of village officers though the omissions were still numer-
was small but as compared with the previous year the village officers' work, if
 any thing, deteriorated during the year. The large numbér of omissions under deaths and causes of death wrongly shown, is probably due to the concealment of plague cases. In Kaira the omissions were mostly among the stillborn children or those who died immediately after birth. All errors discovered were immediately reported to the Deputy Sanitary Commissioners.
20. MLaintenance of Boundary-marls. -I'lhe complete boundary-mark inspection was carried on in the prescribed months (March to May). The repair village by village of boundary-marks, for the maintenance of which Government is wholly or partly responsible, was effected at the same time. The following table exhibits the progress made :-


- The decrease in Bijapur in the number of completed villages at the begin. ning of the current season is due to correction of last year's figures. In Ratni. giri in addition to 8 new villages entered in the return Circle Inspectors examined 10 villages a second time. The correctness of the figures in Kolába seems doubtful owing to misunderstanding on the part of the Circle Inspectors. In some districts incompleted villages seem to have been wrongly included in the statement. It is intended that the inspection of all the villages should be completed once in 15 years and this can be attained in all the districts except, four. As compared with the year 1805-96 the progress of inspection work improved in Kánara, Ahmaduagar, Poona and Sholápur. Employment of Circle Inspectors on
plague duty stopped the work in Belgaum and partly interfered with it in Bijipur， Kolába，Násik and Khándesh．Disposal of measurement work which owing to the famine of the last year had accumulated in some districts also roduced inspec． tion．｀In Khíndesh this work included sub－division of large numbers and mea－ suring and classing land damaged by the floods of the Girna and Titur rivers． In Násik the Circle Inspectors of two talukas in which the revision survey had not been introduced were employed on pot páháni work，and in Nísik，Khindosh and Kolába some of the Circle Inspectors were lent to the Survey Department to help in measuring and classigication work．The Circle Inspectors of four tilukas in Almadnagar collected famine information for a month．

The days actually devoted to this inspection varied from 58 in Koliba to 26 in Khándesh．The daily standard（ 150 marks in the first and 75 in the second inspection）was reached in none of the districts．In the first inspection the number of marks examined ranged between $1: 37$ in Dlıárwár and 41 iu Ratnagiri．In the second inspection，Ahmadabad maintained the first rank with 56 marks and Ratnaggiri stood last with 14 marks．In Kaira，where survey num． bers are generally bounded by hedges，and in Ratnágiri，where boundary marks are reported to be few and far between，it is found diflicult to attain the stand－ ard．Of the marks examined， 62 per cent．in Ahmadnagar to 18 in Kolaba were found out of repair．Of these，the number of marks re－esaminod by Circle Inspectors ranged between 81 per cent．in Násik and 99 in Khándesh except in Kolába，where the percentage stood at 40．Except in four districts the percentage of marks repaired by the rayats did not exceed 82 and in Kánara， Kolába and Kaira it was＇between 48 and 58 only．In most of the districts the second inspection work was in arrear．The work of repair was bampered by want of funds as in previous years．The orders cancelling individual notices and allowing repairs to be made at Government cost at the first inspection，wero not fully carried out owing to misunderstanding on the part of Circle Inspectors in the Central Division，which was subsequently corrected．The arrangements made in concert with the Commissioners and the Accountant General，referred to in paragraph 16 of the report for 1895－96，to prevent tardiness in supply of funds，seem to have afforded little help．The difficulty can only be removed if the present account rules are modified so as to allow an immediate recoupment of the Circle Inspector＇s bills presented at the Táluka Offico，and with this viow the matter has been placed before the Commissioner，Central Division．


The work on account of deten－ tion of encroach－ ments and fix． ing the sitcs of missing marks， was a little less in five districts than in 1895－96． In one district it increascd．
MEASUREMENT AND CLASSING WORK PERFORMED BY CIRCLE INSPECTORS．
21．The usual table is given below ：－

| Clases of Caseas | Sotilimer Divinion． |  |  |  | Cxitala Divisiota |  |  |  | Nobtifer Diviniox． |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 旨 |  |  |  | 長 | E |  |  | 彦 | \％ | 言 |  |
| 1．Partition of land onder Court＇s decree ．．． | 38 | 81 | 97 | 25 | 92 | 101 | 122 | 71 | 7 | 13 | 10 | 1. |
| 2．Sub－division on applications of occupants duly sanc－ tioned | 104 | 124 | 119 | 109 | 81 | 61 | 91 | 54 | 33 | 60 | 70 | 22 |
| 3．Disputes necessitating measurement of fields ．． | 60 | C5 | 6.5 | 60 | 74 | 51 | 70 | 46 |  | 282 | 287 | 110 |


| Cisases of Cabces. | Sovtieky Division. |  |  |  | Cempral Diviniot. |  |  |  | Nortibrx Difielon, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \% |  |
| 4. Li ippates requiring fixing of binundary marks by fiedbooks | 426 | 353 | 325) | 454 | 1,026 | 531 | 826 | 731 | 116 | 138 | 156 | 08 |
| 5. Fncroachments .i. ... | 2.4 | 373 | 369 | 238 | 566 | 549 | 724 | 391 | J42 | 339 | 352 | 123 |
| C. Measuremint of alterations caused by alluvion and diluvion ... | 101 | 136 | 106 | 1.31 | 67 | 47 | 59 | 55 | 9 | 31 | 82 | 8 |
| 7. Measurement of land required for public pur-poses- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 60 3 | 65 17 | 74 33 | 7 | 10 2 | $\begin{array}{r}13 \\ 7 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 21 7 | 2 2 | 4 | 16 7 | 16 10 | 4 |
| (c) Roads ... | 4.9 | 45 | 45 | 49 | 45 | 44 | 60 | 29 | 10 | 16 | 21 | 5 |
| (d) Dharmshalas and other public buildinge ... | 16 | 54 | 48 | 22 | 25 | 31 | 34 | 22 | 42 | 51 | 69 | 24 |
| 8. Mcasurement of land for building sites | 118 | 185 | 204 | 99 | 110 | 121 | 153 | 78 | 102 | 276 | 272 | 106 |
| 9. Reclassitication of survey numbers... ... ... | 1 |  | 8 | 2 | 17 | 11 | 15 | 13 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| 10. Miscellaneous ... ... | 549 | 1,069 | 984 | 634 | 605 | 1,129 | 1,345 | 389 | 144 | 486 | 475 | 155 |
| Total ... | 1,759 | 2,579 | 2,457 | 1,881 | 2,720 | 2,699 | 3,536 | 1,883 | 734 | 1,721 | 1,788 | 667 |

The want of tally between the arrears shown in the present return and the closing balance of the last year is still noticeable in the Central Division. It is confined to the Khándesh district in classes 5 and 10 , the decrease being due partly to correction of mistakes in the last return and partly to exclusion from the return of the cases not requiring actual measurement. The new cases received during the year fell below both the preceding years in the Central and Southern Divisions, and helow the last year in the Northern Division. In the Central Division the new cases were nearly one-half of those received in 1895-96, while the decrease in the Southern Division and in Ahmadabad amounted respectively to 15 and 3 per cent. The decrease in the Southern Division and Ahmadabad was more than counterbalanced by the increase in the nonmeasurement cases prescribed by the rules. As compared with the last year new cases show a rise in the Kánara, Kolaba, Poona and Kaira districts onls. Except in six districts, the progress of disposal was slow owing probably to plague, famine enquiry and extra measurement work done for the Survey De partment. In the Central Division more attention was paid in the year to the disposal of cases in important classes. The arrears decreased in the Central Division and Northern Division, but probably fewer new cases were received during the year. In Sholapur, the temporary establishment entertained under Government Resolution No. 7931, dated 3rd November 1897, Revenue Department, disposed of most of the old standing cases. In three talukas of this district, which are now ripe for the second revision settlement, measuring work has become difficult owing to the disappearance of most of the boundary marks.

The marginal table shows the extent of test by the District and General Duty Inspectors. Except in two districts the

| District. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Phirwir |  | 1 |
|  | 4.9 | 2 |
| Ratiag: | $3: 2$ |  |
| Kivilla... |  |  |
|  | 19 8.5 | 3.4 |
| ${ }_{\text {Alinunduas }}$ | ${ }_{7.2}^{8.5}$ | ${ }_{24}^{3.4}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Preme }}^{\substack{\text { Ploma } \\ \text { Sluididur }}}$ | ${ }^{16.6}$ | 88 |
| statra |  | 27.5 |
|  | ¢, | 31.3 | District Inspector's test was generally small, especially in the Soutbern Division. The reasons given for the District Inspector's short work in crop inspection apply also in the present case. In Bijápur, the District Inspector was too inexperienced to take au independent test. In Ahmdaabad the smallness of the District Inspector's test was due to his emplogment on demarcation of certain Government land and settlement of a boundary dispute. The General Duty Inspector had little or no time for test work in some districts, being employed on original measurement work, while in others he was in charge of the District Inspector's work. Tbe Circle luspectors' work was generally fair.


| District. |  | Amount. | District. |  | Amount |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dhárwár | . | ${ }_{\text {R8, }}^{3}$ | Nasik |  | ${ }^{2} 5$ |
| Bijípur |  | 37 | Ahmadnagar |  |  |
| Belgaum | ... | 230 | Poons |  | 207 |
| Kıngra ... | $\ldots$ | 623 | Sholápur |  | 190 |
| Ratnégiri | $\ldots$ | 428 | Sátára ... |  | 484 |
| Kolába ... | $\ldots$ | 39 | Alhmedabad |  | 41 |
| Khaindesh | ... | 44 | Kairs ... | . | 8 |

The amount received for work done for privato individuals was about tho same as, or rather loss than, tho receipts of the two preceding years in the Central and Southern Divisions, except in Poona, where it exceeded the last jear's anount by 43 per cent.

The cases of utilization of Circle Inspectors for work not prescribed by the

| Division. | 1897-03. | 1896.07. | 1995-90. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Southern Division ... | 20 | 206 | 8 |
| Central do. | 22 | 303 | 64 |
| Northern do. ... | 206 | 176 | 128 |
| Total ... | 308 | 635 | 200 | rules show a satisfactory decreaso in tho Southern and Central Divisions. The cases showed a slight decrease in Ahmadabad, while they rose from 37 to 123 iu Kaira. The Collector of $\Lambda$ hmadabad is making an enquiry into them.

## DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICE.

22. The subjoined table shows the extent of the work usually done at the district survey offices:-

| District. | Nuybir on Cabiarrchipad нис in Suryay Papring. |  |  | Nenbiz oy A'misibayd. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Received duriug the year including arrears of past years. | Disposed the year. | Arrears on 1 st August. | Received during the y car. including arrears of paet years. | Corrocted during the year. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| \ Dhérrír ... | ... 88 | 88 | $\cdots$ | 187 | 365 | 22 | 1,029 | 1,128 | 390 | 221 |
| Bijapur .- ... | 25 | 21 | 4 | 44 | 44 | ... | 147 | 356 | 12 | 145 |
| Belganm | 80 | 80 | ... | 32 | 32 | ..' | 225 | 1,204 | 23 | 825 |
| Kanara ... | 171 | 170 | 1 | 186 | 160 | 26 | 584 | 674 | 2 | 4,59:5 |
| Ratnágiri | 604 | 367 | 237 | 354 | 182 | 172 | 168 | 65 | 85 | 130 |
| Kolábs ... | 361 | 82 | 279 | 361 | 82 | 279 | 52 | ..* | 5 | 57 |
| Khándesh | 170 | 170 | ..' | 52 | 52 | $\cdots$ | 370 | 41 | 113 | 150 |
| Násik ... ... | 70 | 59 | 11 | 106 | 87 | 19 | 63 | 330 | 1 | 112 |
| Abmaduagar ... | ... 62 | 52 | 10 | 179 | 144 | 35 | 257 | 1,001 | 17 | 121 |
| Poona ... ... | 258 | 252 |  | 283 | 279 | 4 | 1,016 | 416 | 2,223 | 309 |
| Sholépur ... | ... 22 | 20 | 2 | 18 | 16 | 2 | 146 | 110 | 136 | 33 |
| Satára ... | 150 | 150 | $\cdots$ | 04 | 06 | ... | 720 | 276 | 304 | 1,274 |
| Ahmadabad | 1,354. | J,156 | 193 | 007 | 170 | 37 | 116 | 025 | 98 | Ciss |
| Kaira ... | ... 1,099 | 940 | 159 | 213 | 156 | 17 | 505 | 83 | 24 | 74, |

Except in four or five districts the fakirband correction work was generally less. The disposal of the work was satisfactory except in Ratnágiri and Kolaba. In the former district the services of the temporary establishment weredispensed with in' A pril lase. The absence of the head-quarter Assistant on leave and the inexperience of the Record-keeper who held charge also contributed to chrek the progress of correction work. In Kolitua the work received during the yaar was disposed of, and the arrears represent the cases handed over by the Survey Department along with the survey records. Additional estalliehment was sanctioned by Government, but for want of trained hands it conld not bo cuter. tained. In Belgaum the district survey office undertook the special worl of
comparing the railway schedules with the survey papers respecting the land taken up for the Southern Marítha Railway. The large number of extracts from field books in Ahmadnagar were supplied to the special establishment of measurers engaged to measure land occupied by relief works. The increase in column 11 in Kánara, Belgaum and Sátíra was probably due to the supply of copies of village maps to the Forest Department.

In the case of tálukas in which the measurement and classification work at revision survey has been done on a partial system, it is essential that the original measurement and classification books should be kept with the revision survey records so as to make them complete. In districts where this had not been previously arranged, the work was undertaken during the year. At the Central Record Office at Broach the work of sorting the survey papers and rearranging them according to villages, as has been done in the Central and Southern Divisions, was commenced.

Fee Receipts.-Except in Kolaba, Khándesh and Kaira, the following table shows a decrease in receipts in all the districts, owing to less correction work. The falling off was large in Kánara, Ratnágiri, Sảtára and Ahmadabad :-


## SUPERINTENDENTS OF LAND REGORDS AND AGRICULTURE.

23. The training of village officers in survey is one of the principal duties appertaining to those posts. A scheme on the subject has been submitted for the consideration of Government.
24. The following table compares the extent of the tests taken by the Superintendents in the year with the preceding tro years :-

| District. | Noxbuz <br> TATVEAC, |  |  |  | Crot, Warya ano Bavad. AETMAET Insizeriox. |  | Complikt Doumbatr: yari Ingpiction. |  | Mantorina. |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} -8 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{3} \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{0} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { gi } \\ & \frac{y}{2} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Southern Division. |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Пhárwar ... ... ... ... | ${ }_{8}^{11}$ | 1 | 29 | ${ }^{3}$ | 1 | ${ }^{5}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Bliapur } \\ \text { Belgaum }\end{array} .$. | 8 | 1 | 24 |  | ... |  | $\cdots$ |  | ... | … |  |  | 38 |
|  | 8 | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{23}$ | ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... |
| Ratnagiri $\quad .$. | 7 | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{6}$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | $\ldots$ |  |  |
| Total ... | 49 | 7 | 118 | 34 | 9 | 4 | . | $\cdots$ | ... | - | 328 | 00 | 38 |
| 1896-97 .- ... | 4 | 23 | 110 | 40 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 17 | 9 | 22 | 100 | 01 | 3 |
| 1605.00 .. ... ... | 43 | 19 | 118 | 30 | 16 | 68 | 10 | 2.205 | 8 | 18 | 409 | 109 | 66 |
| Central Division. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Khindegh ... ... ... |  |  |  |  | - | 71 |  |  |  |  | 178 | 134 |  |
| Nasik | 12 | ${ }_{8}$ | 8958 | 8 | * | ${ }^{31}$ | ! | 281 412 | ...' | $\ldots$ | ${ }_{\substack{143 \\ 40}}^{1}$ | 1:98 | 19 |
|  | ${ }_{8} 8$ | ${ }_{2}$ | ${ }_{33}^{35}$ | 8 | 8 | 82 | ..' |  | ... | … | ${ }^{89}$ | 97 | 18 |
| Sholapur... ... ... ... |  | 2 | 19 | 4 | ¢ | 75 | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | :.: | 1s0 | 176 | 81 |
| Saxaráa ... ... ... ... | 11 | .. |  | ..* | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | ..- |  | ... |  |  |
| Total | 68 | 15 | 190 | 26 | 20 | 215 | 7 | ${ }^{098}$ | 6 | 7 | 683 | 872 | 73 |
| 1998.97 ... ... ... | ${ }^{68}$ | 29 | 180 | 84 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 240 | 231 | 30 |
| 1893-96 ... ... ... ... | 66 | 10 | 190 | 4 | 23 | 80 | 6 | 678 | 18 | 80 | 244 | 333 | 01 |

Mr. Lushington was in charge of the Superintendent's office throughout the year. Mr. Young held charge in the fair'season and owing to his transfer to the Deccan Survey as Deputy Superintendent, Ráo Bahádur Ichhárám Bhaģvándás, Personal Assistant to the Director, acted from 1st July to the end of the year. Mr. Lushington did the ordinary test work for the first.two months only. From January to the end of April he was on plague duty in the Bijápur district and was only able to attend to the office routine work. This accounts for the short test in the Southern Division. In both the divisions the month of May was devoted to the preparation and supervision of the experimental record of rights in the manner desired in Government Resolution No. 2190, dated 26th March 1898, Revenue Department. This special work prevented Mr. Young from visiting the Sátára district. In December and January Mr. Young made a detailed enquiry in Sholápur and Ahmadnagar districts nith regard to applications for reduction of partasthal rates. He also settled $\Omega$ long disputed forest boundary case in Kopargaon of Ahmadnagar district. Three district survey offices in the Southern Division and four in the Central Division were suljected to thorough examination. The working of the Bijápur office was again ineflicient. . The careless Head-quarter Assistant has now been retired and there is reason to expect improvement at the next inspection. The Superintendent southern Division also examined the field work of two and daftars of three District Inspectors. In the Central Division Mr. Young tested the measurement work of the newly appointed District Inspector of Khándesh and found him competent to take test of Circle Inspectors' work without the help of the Gencral Duty . Inspector.

Along with the scrutiny of the work of the Land Record Establishment the Superintendents examined the village and táluka statistical forms which form the basis of the future settlement proposals. The results of this inspection were as usual communicated to the Collectors concerned, with the remarks of the Director, for such action as the Collectors considered necessary.

- Mr. Young's remarks regarding the inspection work may. be summarized thus:-Circle Inspector's work was generally satisfactory, the two Inspectors found very deficient in survey work being recommended to the Collectors for reversion to their posts in the Revenue Department. $\Lambda$ s regards villare officers, the crop inspection was found to be generally unsatisfactory except in Khandesh, their boundary-mark inspection and compilation of birth and death registers were somerhat better than crop inspection; the compilation of census registers was found defective in 19 out of 46 villages tested; the inspection of taluka forms
pointed to want of proper supervision on the part of the taluka officers. Mr. Padhye, District Inspector of Poona, supervised and tested the Circle Inspectors' work with his usual energy and ability. Mr. Gadre in Sholápur and Mr. Gadgil in Ahmadnagar have worked with diligence. Mr. Kirane's work in Sátára was not examined during the year, but from his reports and weekly diaries, which are under the revised rules submitted to the Collectors through the Superintendent, he appears to have exercised vigilant supervision over the Circle Inspectors' work.

During the touring season Mr . Young made enquiries regarding sanitation and diseases in the villages visited, and communicated the result to the Collectors concerned. The Village Sanitary Inspection Book prescribed by Government Resolution No. 4512, dated 19th August 1897, General Department, is to be kept not in all villages but in those selected by the Commissioner. Mr. Young received the list of the villages in April last.
25. The Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey, examined the Central Record Office at Broach but owing to pressure of regular survey work he was not able to take test of the Circle Inspectors' work in the Ahmadabad and Kaira districts.

## bevision settllements.

26. In the Southern Division sanction bas been received during the year to the revision settlement proposals of the Khed taluka of the Ratnágiri district. The question raised in the orders respecting reclassification is under reference and consideration.

The reports of the tálukas of Dápoli in the Ratnágiri district and Sirsi in Kánara are under preparation.

The second revision settlement report of the Indapur táluka, which was kept back on account of the famine of the last year, was reviewed during the year and submitted through the Commissioner, C. D., and the sanction of Government is awaited. In the meantime, the preparation of the usual documents preliminary to declaration of the revised rates has been ordered so as to avoid delay on receipt of sanction. Revised rates for two disforested villages of the Chopda táluka were introduced during the year.

Crop Experiments.-Mr. Young conducted six crop experiments. They were taken in different localities and on different soils, and on crops grown with and without irrigation. Owing to his special plague duty, Mr. Lushington made no experiments.

SUPERIOR test by sub-divisional officers and ma'mlatdars.
27. The usual table giving the details is appended. Only the test taken on fields or registers already tested by Circle Inspectors is included in the table. The return is incomplete with regard to census and vital statistics for Dhárwar, Ratnagiri and Ahmadabad for want of such details. The figures for Kanara .have been inserted this year for the first time:-


The extent of test cannot be said to be sufficient except perhaps in one or two districts, and is on the whole less than last year's.

In Kolaba, owing to the pressure of work consequent on the plague, the Revenue officers had hardly time to check Circle Inspectors' work. 'The plague prevented the test by the Sub-Divisional officers in Belgaum and also interfered with the test in Dhárwár, Násik, Sátára and Khándesh. In Sholípur, owing to extra work on account of the famine then drawing to a close, the Revenue officers except the District Deputy Collector could devote no time to the recular test. The Sub-Divisional officers and Mámlatdars in Kaira tested the Circle Inspectors' work, but either they did not furnish monthly returns in the prescribed form, or the information supplied was incomplete. The Collector has issued fresh instructions in the matter. In Khíndesh ono of the Mamlatdars failed to keep a record. Remarks as to the quality of Circle Inspectors' work have been reported from three districts only, in two of which it was found to be generally satisfactory. The Collector of Dharwar thinks that the extent of tost was hardly sufficient for a well-grounded opinion of the character of the work. He observes that Mr. Anderson's remark, that he found the Circle Inspectors to be dilatory and often unintelligent, is true of the majority of Circle Inspectors, who, as a rule, dislike the out-door work and do their best to revert to the Revenue line.

The Collectors of Dhárwár and Poona took a personal test of the Circle Inspectors' work.
28. Extracts are given below from the remarks made by the Collectors on the working of the Inspecting Staff during the year in the administration reports or in memoranda forwarding the annual returns relating to the Circle Inspectors' work :-

Dhároár.—"The Distrist Inspector has performed his daties satisfactorily. The Circle Inspectors who have not done the proper amount of work have been called upou for an explanation and will be dealt with in due course."
Belgaum. - "The Circle Inspectors in all the talukas were ordinarily employed on the duties prescribed by the rules until early in December, when they were ordered to visit at least two villages daily, examine the birth and death registers, make enquiries there, and report whether any sign of plague could be found. They continued doing this until 31st May 1898. From January 22nd to March 31st, the District Inspector was employed in' travelling round the villages near Belgaum for the same purpose. On the whole his (General Duty Inspector's) time was fully and advantageously utilized daring the year. The amount and quality of work done by Circle Inspectors is not considered by the District Inspector to be satisfactory, and I agree with him. The District Inspector, too, has done bis best in carrying out the usual amount of test-work, though he was employed on plague duty for a time."
Kánara.-"The District Inspector Mr. Shesho Sirinivas has been on duty throurhout the year and has done very well. He is a trustworthy and capable officer. He has visited all the tálukas and petas, and supervised the work of Circle Inspectors."
Ratnágiri.-"The District Inspector appears to have taken a sufficient number of tests of the Circle Inspectors work and found it on the whole fairly satisfactory. There was no occasion to inflict punishments on any of them for remissness."
Koldab.-" Undersigned has no personal knowledge with regard to the work done by the Department during the gear, and the Collectors of the year have left no note on the subject. Plagae has distracted attention throughout the year and made check and inspection on the part of the Revenue Department impossible."
Ahmadnagar.-"There appears to be sufficient check over the work of Circle Inspectors and they have little opportunity of evading performance of their duties, as their time is so Strictly regulated by rules. The Circle Inspectors of the talukas of Párner, Shrigonda, Karjat and Ráhuri were depated to collect special famine information from 24th April 1898 to the end of June. With one or two exceptions their work was fairly satisfactory."
Poona.-"'The report shows a return to normal work after the famine year and the figures indicate in almost all points an improvement on the previous year. Mr. Padhye has maintained an efficient control over the whole staff and is an excellent District Agricultural Inspector."
Sholupur.-"It is satisfactory to notice that, except in the matter of compilation of the Circle Book, the work of Circle Inspectors, as a class, showed marked improvement during the year. The entertainment of two extra Circle Inspectors has resulted
in a considerable reduction in the arrears of measurement and miscellaneous cases. The recent orders of the Survey Commissioner will, no doubt, leave little excuse for village officers' absence from their village on the occasion of the Inspectors' visit. The District Inspector and his personal staff contivued to do good work during the year."
Satatara-" The epidemic of plague, which ragel more or less in almost every taluka of the district during the working season of 1597-98, had not much interfered with routine of the Circle Inspectors' duties. In places where no special plague inspectors were appointed, the duty of carefully scrutinizing death causes and death rates, of looking after the general sanitary condition, of disinfecting infected houses and localities, and of watching generally the observance by the village officers of the rules framed hy the District Magistrate for the detection and suppression of plague in each of the villages in their respective charges, was entrusted to these Inspectors, but that did not hinder their own work to any great extent. The Circle Inspectors appear to hare done good work on the whole, but I slways suspect that a good deal of their out-door inspection work is wasted, leading to nothing more practical than voluminous entries in various records. There is, however, no doubt that the field inspection by village officers is better done since the Circle Inspectors have been established. Due notice has been taken of the laziness of Circle Inspectors. On the whole, the district has worked satisfactorily. The work of the district survey head-quarter office has been very satisfactory. The District Inspector Mr. Kirane has worked keenly and with his usual zeal and ability."
Ahmadabad.-"Apparently the work done by the Circle Inspectors is good in quality, but is rather variable in quantity. In some cases (noticeably in that of the Special Circle Inspector, Daskrohi) they are giren extra work which has not been prescribed for them. A report is a araited on this point."
Kaira.-" The Circle Books except in Mehmadabad have been written up in a way, as only a fer years' information bad to be collected, but the Mamlatdars have not checked the entries in the draft copies as they should have done, although in many cases the village and taluka fair copies bave already been written up. The District Agricultural Inspector began ouly recently to look into the matter, and when I last heard was looking up the Mátar books, which were not properly done. He does not seem to do enough in educating the Circle Inspectors in their work. He has allowed the geieral Duty Classer to idle for most of the year, doing absolutely nothing. I have issued a circular which I hope will enable us to get some more work out of the Circle Inspectors and the General Duty Classer."

## CHAPTER III.

dTilisation of land records.

## PROGRESS IN THE COMPILATION OF THE CIRCLE BOOKS.

29. The Circle Book was introduced in 1893 except in the newly equipped districts of Kolaba and Kaira, where the compilation was only commenced in the year under report. The following table exhibits the extent of the progress made during the year. The return does not include villages for which the compilation was complete last year, but in which no entries were added during the year under report. This accounts for the large decrease in some districts as compared with the last:-


Owing to the employment of Circle Inspectors on famine dutics, the compilation work was at a stand-still in Ahmadnagar, Poona and Sholikpur, and was retarded more or less in Bijápur, Belgaum, Khindesh, Násik and Sitííra districts. In Sholapur, however, arrangements have been made as regards the Madha taluka that the compilation shall be completed bofore tho expiry of tho current settlement in 1899-1900. Except in Koliba, tho District Inspectors took a fair test of entries in tho Circle Book. A small tost was taken by tho SulDivisional Offcers in Bijápur, Dhírwár, Ratnágiri, Kánara, Sítíra, Nísik aud Ahmadabad. In other districts of the Central Division and Southern Division, owing to famine or plague, no time could be spared for the test. No information has been reccised from Kaira as to the extent of tho test taken by tho Sul-Divisional Officers.
30. Detailed remarks on the progress of Circls Book work in the several districts are made below:-

Dhärvér. - In two tálukas, Navalgund and Gadag, no compilation was done during the year owing to the employment of Circle Inspectors on famine duty. In others the progress was eatisfactory ; only one yeur's entrics are in arrears in tluree talukas. Back entrics have been mostly written up to date.
Bijápur.-Owing to famine very little progress was made during the jear. In two tálukás the compilation of the rough Circle Book was brought up to date for 106 out of 261 villages and some progress was made in respect to back entrics.
Belgaum.-The famine and plague stopped the compilation work in four talukas. In the remaining three talukas the compilation was brought up to date except that in ono táluka a few columns for one y ear are left blank and in another the current entrics for one year are in arrear.
Kánara.-The progress of the Circle Book compilation was fair. As regards the current entries, rough books have been written up to date for all the villages. The fair books are in arrears for one, two or three years in five tálukas. In Yellapur, fair books remained to be written up, as the books were not received in time from the Government Central Press. In 165 out of the 233 villages in the taluka, the revision survey was introduced as late as 1896-97, so that only a year's compilation was duc. Tue back entries were brought to date except in 186 villages for which entries are in arrears for two or three years. Owing to the recent introduction of the revision survey no compilation is due for back years in two talukas.
Ratnágivi.-The progress was not satisfactory. No work was done in the Malvan talluka, while in Vengurla two Circle Inspectors devoted 7 days to it. Current compilation has been brought to date for 9 and 6 villages as regards rough and village copies; only. In Málvan the information for 1896-97 could not be compiled, owing to the taluka papers being absent at head-quarters, but the fair looks in which the entrics for 1895-96 were wanting might have been filled up.
Kolába.-The Circle Book compilation was commenced during the year. No work was done in the Pen táluka. In others the progress was slow. The test of entrics in rough books by the Mámlatdars was confined to five villages, which is unsatisfactory.
Thandesh.-Of the 12 tallukas in which the revision survey has been introduced the current entries have been written up to date in five tálukas. Famine stopped work altogether in three tálukas and interrupted it in the remaining four. Considering the difficulties the progress was fair. The compilation to le done for lack years is small owing to the recent introduction of survey settlements and is up to dite.
Násik.-The Circle Book has been introduced into nine tálukaq. During the ye rr, owing to famine, compilation work was ouly done in the two talukas of Igatpuri anl Peint. In the former the compilation is up to date and in the latter only a year's cutrics aro in arrear.
Ahmadnajar, Poona and Sholápur.-Owing to famine daty no compilation work was underinken. In Sholépur the plague also contributed to suspend the work.
Sátára.-Owing to the employment of Circle Inspectors on famine dutirs nọ I rogress was made during the year in compilation work in Valra, Jávli and pait of Karád talukas, mat in other talukas the compilation has been brought up to date. In peta Khandila of Wá táluka the enmpilation was mode in Felorua'y and March 1 sos under the orders of the Sub-Divisional Officer without inconvenience to the regular work.
Almadnluti.- The progress was fair in twro tálukns, Daskroi anil Virampím, where the compilation has been brought up to date. In others it was slow, a year's cntries only having been filled in.
Kaira.-The Circle Book compilation which was due for two or three years was l, rougit up to date doring the ycar. The work which was in arrere by the end of Octoler 1897 was completed in July 1538 under the orders of the Colle:tor.
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## COLLECTION OF REVENUE AND RENTAL IN PRECARIOUS TRACTS.

31. The following table compares the moasures adopted in $1897-98$ with those in the previous year:-

| Distict. | Number of notices ser red. |  | Number of cases in which penalty w.s levied. |  | Number of cases of distraints of moveable property. |  | Number of cases of furfeitare of occupancies. |  | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1896-97. | 1897-98. | 18)6.87. | 1897-98. | 1896.97. | 18:7.98. | 1806-97. | 1897-98. |  |
| Khándesh | 1S,533 | 15,650 | 2 | 38 | 12 | - 146 | 75 | 134 |  |
| Násik .. | 10,617 | 7,160 | 32 | 9 | 9 | 25 | 32 | \$6 |  |
| Ahmadnagar | 17,529 | 15, 597 | -• | 10 | . $\cdot$ | 40 | 2 | ${ }^{8}$ |  |
| Poona ... | 22,087 | 35,374 | 52 | 4 | $\because$ | 9 | 130 | $\cdots$ | . |
| Sátára ... | 7,800 | 24,946 | - ${ }^{\prime}$ | $\cdots$ | 6 | 1 | 1 | ... |  |
| Sholápur... | 14,456 | 13,993 | ** | 2 | 7 | 19 |  | 3 |  |
| Belgaum... | 554 | 894 | $\cdots$ | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |  |
| Bijápur ... | 3,148 | 8,917 | - | 2 | 9 | 99 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Dhárwár... | 4,008 | 2,312 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 11 |  |
| Kolába . | 12,623 | 10,288 | $\cdots$ | 21 | 140 | 35 | 6 | 4 |  |
| Ratnágiri | 3,271 | 2,901 | 69 | 61 | 335 | 223 | 16 | 6 |  |

The number of notices fell considerably except in the four districts of Poona, Sátíra, Belgaum and Bijápur. The number of cases in which penalty was levied as woll as of cases of forfeiture of occupancies also decreased, but those of distraint of moveable property increased. In Násik, the decrease in the number of notices is partly attributed to the Government orders that the village officers should exert their influence in recovering land revenue and thus reduce the necessity of issuing coercive processes. If this be correct, it would appear that the number of notices is not trustworthy evidence of the pressure of the revenue upon the people, but mainly indicates some want of energy in the village officers. The increase in the number of notices in Belgaum was partly due to the necessity of issuing notices to the residents of the Khanapur and Belgaum tálukas who had left the tálukas on account of plague. The cause assigned in Nasik for the increase in the number of distraints of moveable property and forfeitures of occupancies-a tendency on the part of well-to-do rayats to withhold the payment of the revenue on the excuse of famine and bad har-vest-would seem to apply in some degree to other districts.

## CHAPTER IV.

## SCIENTIFIC AND NATIONAL ENQUIRY UNDER IMPERIAL CONTROL.

## A.-METEOROLOGY.

32. One rain-gauge station was newly added in the Shikárpur district in Sind. The number of rain-gauge stations in the whole of the Presidency (including Native States) reporting rainfall information to this office were 325 against 324 in the previous ycar. Four stations were temporarily closed, as the otticers in charge of the gauges were called away on plague duty. A separate report on rain-gauge inspection and rainfall registration is submitted under Government Resolution No. 4523, dated 1st December 1894, General Department.
33. The detailed analysis of the rainfall of tho season of 1897 will he found in the appended tables (pago i-xiii). The fall of tho year is contrasted with the average fall and the fall of the preceding year in tho statement below:-

Rainfall at District Mead-quarlers.

| No. | Diatrict Head-quartorn, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Averago of elcven years ending1802. | 1896. |  | 1897. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Fall, | Rainy days. | Fall. | Taing days. |
| 123456 | * $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Dhulia (Khán } \\ \text { Násik ... } \\ \text { Ahmadnagar } \\ \text { ¢ } \\ \text { Poona ... } \\ \text { Sholápur } \\ \text { Sátára ... }\end{array}\right.$ |  |  |  |  | Inches. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. |
|  |  |  | desh) | $\cdots$ | -... | $27 \cdot 61$ | 26.59 | 31 | $30 \cdot 54$ | 34 |
|  |  |  |  | . $\cdot$ |  | 33.74 | $3{ }^{\text {c }} 31$ | 55 | $25 \cdot 16$ | 44 |
|  |  |  | .. | - |  | 26.87 | $19 \cdot 66$ | 34 | $18 \cdot 23$ | 50 |
|  |  |  |  | ... |  | $36 \cdot 60$ | $43 \cdot 41$ | 62 | $37 \cdot 18$ | 50 |
|  |  |  | ... |  |  | $32 \cdot 78$ | $18 \cdot 40$ | 30 | 20.29 | 87 |
|  |  |  | ... |  |  | $45 \cdot 30$ | 50.83 | 72 | 40.61 | 72 |
| 7 |  |  | $\cdots$ | . 0 | ** | 51-49 | 63.70 | 83 | 45.2S | 78 |
| 8 |  |  | ... | - | $\bullet$ | 26.68 | 11.03 | 28 | 28.17 | 43 |
| 9 |  |  | $\cdots$ |  |  | $33 \cdot 19$ | $33 \cdot 64$ | 70 | 41.24 | 64 |
| 10 | 安 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Kárwár (Kánara) } \\ \text { Ratnágiri } \\ \text { Alibág (Kolába) } \\ \text { Thána ... ... }\end{array}\right.$ |  | - | $\cdots$ | 129.20 | 99.32 | 99 | 120.75 | 103 |
| 11 |  |  |  | . $\cdot$. | ... | 106.99 | 67.78 | 88 | 136.16 | 90 |
| 12 |  |  |  | ... | ... | $91 \cdot 77$ | 113.75 | 77 | 101.09 | 94 |
| 13 |  |  |  |  | . | $102 \cdot 50$ | 133.70 | 90 | 121.17 | 01 |
| 14 | 硈 | $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}\text { Surat } & . . & . . . & . . . \\ \text { Broach } & . . & . . & . . \\ \text { Kaira } & . . & . . & . . \\ \text { Godhra } & \text { (Panch } & \text { Mahals) } \\ \text { Ahmadabad } & . . . & . .\end{array}\right.$ |  |  | ... | $46 \cdot 64$ | $42 \cdot 83$ | 50 | 33.02 | 53 |
| 15 |  |  |  |  |  | $39 \cdot 71$ | 69.99 | 46 | 42.34 | 51 |
| 16 |  |  |  |  | ... | $38 \cdot 02$ | $40 \cdot 28$ | 47 | 21.97 | 36 |
| 17 |  |  |  |  | ... | 40.71 | $47 \cdot 37$ | 54 | 36.01 | 46 |
| 18 |  |  |  |  | ... | 27.95 | 32.40 | 46 | 31-18 | 44 |

The main feature of the season was that the south-west monsoon was timely, but irregular and feeble. In parts of Gujarit the setting in was hardly perceptible and at the end of June the rain stopped, and agricultural oporations were retarded. The crops in the eastern parts of the Deccan and the Karnátak had a trying time of deticient rainfall in July and August. Elsowhero tho fall of July set right all irregularities, and the rain continued to be favourablo and well-distributed during the next two months. The monsoon rabi rains closed rather too soon in the second half of October. The rabi crops felt somo want of moisture. A cyclonic storm brought general rain all over tho Iresidency in February, but too late for rabi crops.

Deccan. - The monsoon rain set in timely in*June. But the current being weak, ceased before the ond of the month. It gave very insufficient rain, and sowings where begun were stopped. In the parts bordering on the Sahyadris, moderately good rain in July set right all irregularitios and tho season continued to be favourable till the middle of October. In the eastern parts, the crops suffered from additional deficiency in July and August. In places they withered away. But a good and widespread fall in September saved the surviving kharif crops and secured rabi prospects. Then camo the usual heavy fall of Hasta in October. The rabi crops were put in under favourable circumstances and would have yielded a very good crop if the late rains had not ceascd rather early in the middle of October.

Karnátak.-The heary ante-monsoon showers started carly kharif sowings and the June rain was abundant and seasonable for completing them over a fairly large area. But the break at the end of tho month stopped further sowings. Later, the cbaracter of the scason resembled that in the Decean. In the western or Mállád tracts the crops flourished without any check throughout the
scason. But those in the castern tálukas, including the whole of Bijápur, wero withering in July and August. Those that survived were relieved in time by the fall of the last weck in August, which was succeeded by a good fall in September. The October rain was beneficial, but coased in the second fortnight. No rain f:ll in November and December.

Fonkann.-The rain in the commencement was suflicient for general sowing. The break at the end of the month occasioned some anxiety as regards transplantation. From July onward, however, the rain was sufficient and seasouable for all agricultrral operations. Later on in September a heavy fall slightly damaged the rice crop in the coast tillukas. A good kharif harvest was gathered. The rabi crops also did well.

Gujarat.-The rain that fell in June mas so slight that the advent of the monsoon could hardly be said to be perceptible. The sowing rain came in the last three weeks of July. It was suficient and timely for resuming somings retarded at the end of the previous month. The subsequent rain in August and September maintained kharíf crops in good condition. The Hasta and Chitra showers in October were interrupted with breaks which were well adapted for commencing kharif reaping and sowing rabi crops. The rainy soason however closed at this stage. The rice and rahi crops felt some deficiency of moisture, and a good shower at the end of October would have been useful. The cyclonic rain in February somewhat belped the rabi crops, especially those in Surat and Broach.

## Forecast of the season of 1898-99.

34. The season of $1898-99$ is expected to give on the whole a good harrest of both kharif and rabi crops. The Karnátak and the South Deccan districts received good ante-monsoon showers in April and May, enabling them to make early sowings. The monsoon broke early in June on the Kinara coast, but the current was weak and advanced slowly into the Decean and Gujarát and soon spent itself, giving a break in the latter half of the month. This checked kharif sowings everywhero. They were, however, resumed and completed in July. During this and the subsequent month the rain fell lightly, which was very trying to the kharff crops in the eastern parts of the Deccan and the Karnátak. In places they withcred or were withering away. But copious rain foll everywhere in Septomber, well distributed and most opportune to give the needed relief to the kharif crops. Rabi sowings were effected in good time. The October rain adapted itself to the requirements of the different parts of the Presidency. It was heavy in the eastern rabi tracts of the Deccan and the Karnatak, light in the Konkan and on the Gháts. None fell in Khíndesh and Gujarát. In the Karnátak and the Deccan the rabi rains had their full complement in the cyclonic rain of November and the showers that fell in the commencoment of December. The early part of the season was characterised by light rain, but it was admirably adapted for the bájri crop. The rabi rains were excellent for rabi jowari. The season was thus specially adapted to both millets.

## b.-mineral statistics.

35. The annual return of mines and minerals was, as usual, formarded to the Repoter on Economic Products, Calcutta, the return of mineral concessions being sulmitted to Government for transmission to the Government of Iddia. In additiou to these, the two half-yearly returns showing particulars of mines being worked were supplied to the Director of Geological Survey.

It the suggestion of the Reporter General on Economic Products, some general information regarding manufactures, use and industries of some important mincrals not supported by actual returns was supplied to that officer. Mr. Haji Ismail valad Haji Mahomed, to whom a lease to mine for gold was granted in the village of Alnávar, Dhárwár Distirict, has been permitted to assign his rights and privileges to an association of partners (Government Resolution No. 2919, datcd 2nd May 1898, Revenue Department).

In Gorernment Resolution No. 22S3, dated 30th March 1898, Revenue Department, Mr. E. D. Puzez of Secundarabad (Civil Engineer, His Highness
the Nizám's Guaranteed State Railway Company) has been grauted a license to prospect for gold in the Hungund Táluka of the Bijapur District.

The Collector of Dhárwar roports that the licenso to prospect for precious stones granted under Government Resolution No. 1303, dated 30th May 1996, to Mr. Ibrahim Khin Ismail Khán Pathan, First Assistant Deputy Educational Inspector, Dhárwár, has been renewed for a further period of one year.

## C-COLLECTIONS FOR THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE AND THE INDIAN MUSEUM.

36. This year's collections consisted of the following articles :Adansonia digitata, Mar. Gorakh Chinch (fruits). Indigofera cordifolia, $\boldsymbol{N}_{a r}$. Bochka (grain).
Indigofera glandulosa, Mar::Dadbade (grain).
Indigofera linifolia, Mar. Pándharfali (grain).
Cyanotis axillaris, Mar. Ichka (grain).
The last four were wild grains used as food during the recent famine, and further specimens of grain and plant are being collected.

Besides the above, specimens of some 70 different varictics of sorghums wero supplied to the Reporter in January 1897 and further-specimons are under collection.
D.-ENTOMOLOGY.
37. Locusts appearod at the close of the season of 1807 in large numbers in various parts of Sind und did considerable damage. In Shikírpur their ravagos extended to about 24 per cent. of the total area cropped, in Hydcrabad to 14 per cent. and in Karáchi to 8 per cent. In the Uppor Sind Froutier district about 58,000 acres were affected. In Thar and Parkar the damage was cstimated at from 2 to 14 annas in the rupee. In Shikárpur it was estimated that romissions of revenue to the extent of Rs. 20,000 would have to be granted and in Upper Sind Frontier to Rs. 31,500. Estimates have not been reportcd for other districts.

Locusts also appeared about the same time in several talukas of the Gujarát districts and in North Thana. They did some damage to the standing crops of bajri, til, cotton, kodra, tur, nágli, and vari, but their stay was too short to effect any considerable damage. Their presenco has also beon recently reported in the Upper Sind Frontier District of Sind and in Thána, Kolába and Ahmadnagar districts of the Presidency Proper. In the case of the last two districts the specimens have been identified as belonging to the species of Acridium succinctum (Linn.), the locust which is believed to have invaded the Deccan in 1832-83. In all other cases the specimens belonged to the species $\Delta$ cridium peregrinum (Oliv.), the great migratory locust of North-Western India. An insect named Hieroglyphus furcifer was found to be damaging rico and bajri crops in August last in Thána and Surat. Several spocios of crickets were also reported from Ahmadnagar and Bijápur.

## E.-VETERINARY.

38. The Government of India have not yet issued final orders on the revised scheme for the organization of a subordinato civil vetorinary servico in this Presidency.

## Transfer of Sind.

39. The control of horse and mulo-brecding operations in Sind has been transferred since 1st April last to the Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Department, Beluchistan, torether with the duties in connection with cattlo-breeding, cattle-diseases and veterinary dispensarics.

## Horse and Mule-lrecding.

40. The Superintendent travelled inten districts in the Presidency Proper and in tbree in Sind, and also visited tho States of Bhárnagar, Gondal, Vanв 1391-6
káner, Morvi, Pálitína, Junágad, Dhrángadhra and Rájkot. He paid six visits to Bombay for the purchase of stallions and for other purposes. He visited all the shows and inspected all the veterinary dispensaries with one exception.

There were 60 horse and pony stallions on the register at the close of the year against 66 during the preceding year, the decrease being chiefly due to no Arab stallions having been purchased during the year owing to the exorbitant prices demanded. The average number of stallions actually at stud work was 58.82 against 59.52 . The average number of mares covered per stallion was 20.60 against 32.24 during the preceding year, the falling off being almost wholly confined to the Deccan, where famine and plague prevailed during the year.

The percentage of produce to the number of mares covered showed a marked improvement, being $37 \cdot 21$ against 31.52 during the preceding year, with a corresponding decrease under percentages of results unknown (18.13 against 20.64 ) and mares not beld ( $44 \cdot 66$ against 47.84 ). The Sind percentage of produce ( $45 \cdot 64$ ) was very satisfactory.

Of the total number of country-bred remounts purchased (465), 20 per cent. were the known produce of Government stallions, 50 per cent. were the produce of country sires, and the breed of the rest was unknown.

The number of animals castrated during the year was 87 against 148 during the preceding year, the fall being attributed to the effects of famine and plague.

The number of donkey stallions at the close of the year was 24 against 28 during the preceding year, but the actual working strength remained almost the same, viz., $25 \cdot 34$ against $25 \cdot 40$. The number of mares covered per stallion fell from $29 \cdot 64$ to $28 \cdot 13$, the decrease being chiefly confined to the Deccan, for reasons stated above. Of the 753 mares covered during the preceding year, 24 per cent. foaled, 51 per cent. did not hold and the result of the rest was not known. The strong religious prejudices of the people to allow their mares to be covered by donkey stallions and the paucity of donkey mares of suitable size to carry out the alternative proposal made by the late Lieutenant-Colonel Humfrey, to cover donkey mares with select Pegu stallions, have since led to the discontinuance of mule-breeding operations in the Deccan and Gujarat.

The Superintendent branded in all 1,544 mares against 525 during the preceding year and 1,465 during 1895-96. The majority of the mares branded belonged to Sind. In the Deccan, he could not brand more than 115 mares owing to a large number of mares having been sent away or sold owing to famine, and the young stock being small and stunted. Only five, out of the 36 officers empowered, exercised their powers of granting certificates to mares fit for service by Government stallions, and they issued 37 certificates. The system is to be given a further trial.

The average cost of maintenance of horse and pony stallions was considerably higher than during the preceding year, being Rs. 533 per stallion against Rs. 405 , owing chiefly to the unusually high prices prevailing in the Deccan. The cost on account of donkey stallions showed, however, a slight decrease, being Rs. 299 against Rs. 305, due chiefly to lowering of cost in the Shikarpur district, where nearly half the number of stallions were located.

The Hyderabad Local Board stallion covered as many as 63 mares against 23 during the preceding year, which is very satisfactory. The result of the previous year's coverings was also satisfactory ( 48 per cent. having foaled and 26 per cent. not held). The Board have also procured a donkey stallion. In Káthiáwár satisfactory progress has been made. A thorough-bred English stallion has been recently lent to Palitána and another stallion was promised to Rajkot, but could not be sent owing to ill-health. The mule-breeding industry appears to have a firm footing in Káthiáwár, especially in Bhávnagar State, where there are very fine mules bre $d$ in the State.

## Veterinary Dispensarics．

41．During the year under report an Itincrating Veterinary Assistant was appointed for the Hyderabad district．There were thus twelve stationary and five itinerating vetcrinary dispensarics at the end of the ycar．Government have owing to financial pressure postponed consideration of a proposal made to establish a veterinary dispensary at Ratnáriri，and the District Local Board of Sátára have for want of funds postponed the consideration of the question of establishing a veterinary dispensary at Bitíra．The District Local Boards of Poona and Surat have not as yet decided to appoint an Itincrating Veterinary Assistant for their district．The Sholápur Dispensary，sanctioned long ago，has not yet been opened for want of a suitable building．

The following statement shows a steady and satisfactory progress both in the number of patients treated and in the results of treatment ：－

| Year． | Number of Etationa ry and Itinerat－ ing Dispen－ sariesopen． | Total number of animals． treated． | Percentagr giown on total Animala trbatid． |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Cured． | Relieved． | Died． | Returned incurable． | Results unknown． | Remaining unter treathent at the end uf the jemr． |
| 1592.93 | 7 | 4，466 | $70 \cdot 3$ | 10.2 | $2 \cdot 9$ | $2 \cdot 9$ | $11 \cdot 3$ | 2．4 |
| 1893－94 | 12 | 9，843 | 74.80 | $9 \cdot 39$ | 3.09 | 1.85 | $7 \cdot 50$ | 2．：35 |
| 1834.95 | 14 | 13，936 | $76 \cdot 33$ | $8 \cdot 27$ | 3.01 | $1 \cdot 57$ | $9 \cdot 05$ | $1 \cdot 77$ |
| 1995－96 | 16 | 17，554 | 7536 | $7 \cdot 57$ | $3 \cdot 24$ | $1 \cdot 31$ | 10.08 | 20．44 |
| 1896－97 | 16 | 19，614 | $78 \cdot 16$ | 6.14 | $2 \cdot 90$ | $1 \cdot 02$ | $10 \cdot 27$ | 1.51 |
| 1897－98 | 17 | 19，976 | $80 \cdot 18$ | $5 \cdot 41$ | 2•18 | $0 \cdot 79$ | 9.68 | $1 \cdot 80$ |

$\because \quad$ The work of the Veterinary Assistants and the condition of the dispensarics inspected were generally satisfactory．The Veterinary Assistants in charge of veterinary dispensaries at Abmadabad and Kaira，Karíchi and IIjderabad have been specially commended for their good work．The permanent buildings erected for the Dhulia dispensary have been occupied．Belgaum，Myderabad， Shikarpur and Surat dispensaries are still in peed of permanent buildings．

## Cattle－diseases．

42．The following statement shows the extent to which cattle－discases prevailed during the year ：－

| District． | Rinderpist． |  | Antarax． |  | Foot and Moutil Diseage． |  | Plburo． pagdmo－ MIA． |  | Cuabion Sympto． matiqte． |  | Ofher Dibsages． |  | Tutal． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 品 } \\ & \text { H } \\ & \text { 4 } \end{aligned}$ | 菦 | 宕 | $\frac{\dot{8}}{\hat{8}}$ | 总 | 㝘 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 旁 } \\ & \text { \# } \end{aligned}$ | 宽 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B. } \\ & \stackrel{y}{3} \\ & \stackrel{y}{4} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \underset{Z}{E} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | \％ | 2 | 年 | $\stackrel{\text { crers }}{\sim}$ |
| Bomby City mo．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | － | 885 | 885 | $\underset{1,817}{\substack{35}}$ | 3 |
|  | $\cdots{ }^{*} 60$ | ${ }^{-7} 9$ | $\ldots$ | … |  | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{\prime \prime} 10$ | ${ }^{7} 10$ |  | $\stackrel{8}{8}$ | 1，6， 61 | $1 \%$ |
| Panch Mailialı $\quad .$. | 87 | 28 | … | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ， 37 | 4 |
| $\stackrel{\text { Broseh }}{\text { Khandesh }} \ldots$ | 345 | －100 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 193 204 | 8 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ＂ | $\cdots$ | ：． | $\ldots$ | （10） | （10） |
| Nasik ${ }_{\text {a }}$ | 243 | 211 | $\cdots$ | … | $81 / 3$ | i1． | ．．． | ．．． | 23 | 23 | $\ldots$ | ．．． | 1，（x）： | 145 |
| Ahmadnaga\％．．． | 41 | 92 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 213 | ${ }_{15}^{23}$ | $\stackrel{.}{\square}$ | $\ldots$ | － | $\cdots$ | 264 | 1．7 | $1: 4$ | is |
|  | $\cdots 6$ | $\cdots$ |  |  | 21 |  | $\cdots$ |  | … | ．．＂ | 26 | 178 | $\stackrel{-1}{ }$ | 4 |
| Beligaum ．．．．．． | 81 | 12 | 89 | 20 | $86{ }^{6}$ | 23 | － | ${ }^{8}$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ${ }^{41}$ | \％ |
|  |  | 81 | ＂．． | … | 2080 | 70 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots 10$ | ＂${ }^{\prime} 1$ | $3: 1$ | $\because$ |
| тbana | 1，151 | ${ }_{89}^{831}$ | $\ldots$ | ．．． | 4，40 | ＂．8 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 1.101 | 41 |
|  | 131 | ${ }_{93}^{99}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\stackrel{\text { 1，110 }}{ }$ | ${ }^{\text {．．．}}$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  | … | 22 | $\cdots{ }^{10}$ | 1．261 | － |
| Ratnarir | 479 |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{81}$ | $3{ }^{3}$ | ．．． | $\ldots$ | 22 | 22 | 34 | 39 | \％118 | Un |
| Karaht | － | （\％143 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 12\％ | 1，14\％ |
| Upper－iind Frontier | 2，787 | 2，119 | ．．． | $\ldots$ | － | $\ldots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |  | ．．． | $\ldots$ | $\underline{2, i, 7}$ | 2．196 |
| Total | 7，295 | 4，008 | B9 | 20 | 9，946 | 132 | 4 | 2 | 5 | ${ }_{5} 8$ | 1，269 | 67 | 12，9\％ | ¢．5：${ }^{\text {c，}}$ |
| Total，1898－07 m | 10，062 | 9，953 | 237 | 63 | 1，143 |  | $\cdots$ | －－ | 153 | 47 | as | 13 | 20.713 | 10，210 |

The alove figures show that there were 12,648 attacks against 20,713 during the preceding year. Out of these, 5,918 or 46.79 per cent. proved fatal against 10, 211 or $40 \cdot 34$ per cont. during the preceding year. Fifty-seven per cent. of the attacks were duo to rinderpest, 31 per cent. to foot and mouth disease, and the rest to other discases. Rinderpest appeared in 16 districts of the Presidency and was responsible for 83 per cent. of the total number of deaths, and the districts that suffered most heavily from it were the Upper Sind Frontier, Shikárpur and Thána.

The Vcterinary Graduate appointed by the District Local Board of Ratn爪giri is still working in the district, and a Veterinary Inspector has also been engaged by the District Local Board of Kolaba to repress outbreaks of cattlediseases in that district.

## Horse and Cattle Shons.

43. Three shows aided by Government wero held during the year, viz., at Jacobabad, Moro and Talhár, all in Sind. A show was also held at Junagad in Káthiáwár.

The Jacobabad Shovo.-The show was held, as before, on the 2nd Monday in January and following days. The total number of animals exhibited was 1,125 against 1,305 during the preceding year. This decline was mainly attributed to the abolition of the miscellaneous class for horses and ponies, the restriction of prizes for uncertificated stock, and the large purchases of remounts, made at the Quctta Show. Of the animals exhibited, 434 belonged to the Upper Sind Frontier district, 81 to Shikárpur, 4 to Karachi and Khairpur, and the rest to Beluchistan and Afghanistan. The quality of the exhibits was decidedly above the average. Every class except the one for remounts was commended by the Judges. Sixty-nine remounts were purchased against 98 during the preceding year. Seventy-none mules were exhibited as compared with 91 in 1897; they were well grown and in excellent condition, but the majority of them being young only 16 animals were purchased as against 31 during the preceding year. Forty-eight fine bullocks were exhibited in the Transport Bullock Class, but no officer of the Commissariat Department was present to buy, though that class was instituted at the instance of that Department. A reply from the Commissary General on the subject shows that exigencies of military operations on the North-West Frontier had obliged that Department to make purchases before the show was held and that "condemnations of bullocks generally take place on the 15 th of September every year and, under the orders of Government, their complement cannot be kept incomplete till January, when the fair at Jacobabad is held, if animals are procurable elsewhere." Rs. 4,489 were distributed in prizes, of which Rs. 3,159 were carried off by exhibitors from beyond the Frontier, and of the rest Rs. 1,030 were awarded to exhibitors from the Upper Sind Frontier district and Rs. 300 to those from Shikarpur.

The Iforo Show-The sixth show of the Naushaharo sub-division of the Hyderabad district was again held at Moro on the 17 th to 19th January 1898. Cattle and camels were excluded from the show, as decided by the Committee the preceding year, in order to give greater encouragement to horse and mule breeding. Leaving out of account these two classes, the number of animals exhibited was 399 against 623 during the preceding year, the decrease being attributed to an unfavourable season, the approach of the date of the solar eclipse, and an idea current among the people that the opportunity would be taken to secure animals for transport purposes in connection with the military operations on the Frontier. The quality of the exhibits generally was not up to the average, which may be partly attributed to the fact that the division changed hands no less than three times. It is , thought that the poor results of the show were not due to any permanent causes, and it is hoped the next show will be successful. The 20 mules exhibited were all locally bred, and covering and foaling certificates, which were required for the first time, were produced without any difficulty. Government contributed Rs. 600 towards the expenses of the show.

The Tallár Shovo.-The fourth show at Talhár (in the south of Hyderabad) was held on the 24th to 27th January 1898. Tho exhibits numbered 823
against 791 during the preceding year. Tho brood mares were excellent and the young stock was most promising. Young mules bred in the district were exbibited for the first time and were pronounced to be a good class. All tho remounts exhibited were indigenous and several of them wero considered fit for Native cavalry. Covering and foaling certificates were, as at the Moro Show, readily produced. In the opinion of the judges, the show, both as rerards numbers and quality, was by far tho best and most successful over held at Talhár. Government contributed Rs. 400 towards the expenscs of the show and a recommendation has been made for increasing the grant.

The Junagad Show.-This was the second show held in Kithiáwár under the system approved by Government in 1895, whereby the Metropolitan Show formerly held at Rajkot alone has been replaced by shows to bo held in rotation at four different places, viz., Rájkot, Junagad, Wadhwán and Bhivnagar. Tho show was held on the loth March. The number of exhibits amounted to 255. Brood mares were old and unsound and young stock small and badly grown. But the Darbár mares were good and young stock well-grown and promising. In the opinion of the Superintendent, Civil Veterinary Departmont, the show taken throughout was not as successful as the one previously held at Bhivnagar. Doubts having been raised as to whether the present system of holding tho Káthiáwarr Show in rotation at four places should be persevered in, it has been decided to relegate the consideration of the question till after the nost show to be held at Rajkot.

## F.-ARCHROLOGY.

44. The Collectors of Ratnígiri and Thána have, under Governmont Resolution No. 1672 of 30th April 1889, General Department, reportod the discovery of coins in their districts. The coins discovered in Ratnágiri are of gold and are 19 in number. The Thana coins are of silver and are of throo sets. They havo not yet been disposed of. Neither of the sets of the Thina coins reported last year (paragraph 83, page 49) possess any archæological interost, one set having been refused by the Royal Asiatic Society, Bombay; and the other having been ?found to consist of Babashahi coins.

## - G.-TRADE AND TRADE STATISTICS

45. The trade registered in $1897-98$ is as showh in the following tablo extracted from the annual report separately submitted :-


The total trade in the Presidency Proper improved 8 por cont. above tho previous year, but it was 5 per cent. below the averago. In Sind also tho total trade was above the previous year and below the average ; the percentages being 6 aṇd 13 respectively.

The road-borne trade was, as usual, registered at six sclected nákás in the Presidency Proper.

## CIIAPTER V.

## SCIENTIFIC AND LOCAL ENQUIRY UNDER PROVINCIAL CONTROL.

## A.-EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

46. Mr. Mollison, the Deputy Director of Agriculture, has, as usual, given in his Annual Report, which he submitted in September last, an interesting and clear account of tho cultural operations and the dairy farming and breeding of stock conducted on the Poona and Surat Farms during the year 1897-98. The report has been separately circulatcd. A brief notice of the principal points is giren below.

## Poona Farm.

47. The season was normal, the rainfall being well distributed on the whole. In August and early September the crops felt the want of rain, but good showors which froshened the crops fell during the last fortnight of September. Heavy rain during the first fortnight of October did some harm in beating down the crops and sprouting the grain in the ears of crops ready for harvest. No rain fell in November and December, so that hay was made under more' farourablo circumstances.

The unfortunate feature of the season was the damage done by caterpillars. The damage was general throughout the whole of the Poona district. The greatest damage was done to early-sown crops. The caterpillars were submitted to tho Curator, Indian Museum, for identification and were found to be the larve of a noctues moth.

## Fodder Experiments.

48. The experience of the past year, regarding the characteristic qualities and comparative values of the different varieties of sorghums as fodder crops, adds little to the information gained by previous experiments. About a hundred differont kinds of jowár collected from all parts of the Presidency are now being: experimented with at the Kirkee and Surat Farms and it will later on be possible to enlarge the list of those found specially valuable. The best grain varieties have gencrally large dense heads of grain with usually a curved peduncle; so that the head droops as the grain ripens. Mr. Mollison has divided the varieties into two main sections, (a) those specially valuable for the production of grain, and (b) those a pparently suitable for the production of a fair outturn of grain, together with a large outturn of fodder of good quality. The cultivation of the " $a$ " type is being proceeded with on the Surat Farm, and that of the " $b$ " on the Kirkee Farm.

The results of the best fodder varieties examined by Mr. Mollison have been epitomised as below.

Sundhia.-The two varieties, Farfaria and Amaria, are very similar in appearance; but the latter has a denser head of grain with a tendency for the peduncle to curve slightly. Both varieties do exceptionally well on any description of fairly fertile free working soil, provided the rainfall is well distributcd; with heavy rain the crop is apt to lodge if sown thickly. A good crop when in flower stands from 10 to 11 feet high and the stalks are no thicker than wheat straw and could be fed to cattle without waste.

Dudhia-Is very common in the goradu soils of Kaira and Baroda and the grain heads are small but dense. The stalks are coarser than Sundhia, but the habit of growth of both Sundhia and Dudhia are very similar.

Nilva.-This is the best Deccan fodder variety. It is also grown for grain, but its chief cultivation is ncar popular centres where fodder of fine quality is specially valuable. It does not require so high a seed rate as Sundhia and it has more leaf growth. The stalks are not coarse and there is no waste in feeding the fodder. If Nilva is cut green, and a fair stubble is left, a second and third cut can be had in the same season provided it is irrigated or has a suff. cient rainfall. This is a valuable characteristic common to some varieties of
jowár only. Nilva almost under any circumstances will vield a greater outturn than Sundhia, but Mr. Mollison values the fodder of Nilva at a lower rate, because the stalks are more woody and coarsor than thoso of Sundhia.

American Sugar Sorghums.-The two varicties introduced soveral ycars ago by the Department, though gromn in America purely as sugar crops, have been found on trial not to answer as such in India. The percentage of sugar, however, which the ripe stalks contain, adds to their feeding valuc. But these sorghums in the Deccan aro not so reliable as Nilva under unfavourable conditions of soil and season. In a favourable year with well-distributed rainfall and in soil in fairly good condition they compare farourably with any of tho other varieties tested.

Imphee-as grown on the farm may be classed as a near rolative of the American sugar sorghums ; but it does not yield so satisfactorily. Tho 1 merrcan sorghums, if cut green, send up in favourable weather a second and third growth, each successive growth being more diminutive than the preceding ones.

Utávali-Is a tall, fairly good variety with looso upright hoads of grains, extensively grown in the Deccan, and is particularly suitable for sowing between the kharif and rabi seasons. Mr. Mollison docs not recommond this variety as a fodder crop, except, when for special reasons it becomes necessary to sow in August and September. Several carly-sown crops were attacked with caterpillars. In one field after ploughing up the affected crop to prevent the pest spreading, Utávali was sown in the middle of August. When reaped at the end of November it yielded $9,940 \mathrm{lbs}$. of dry fodder per acre.

For cultivation under irrigation in the hot weather most varioties of jowir have been found unsuitable, but after repeated trials two varietics, Kalbondi and Hundi, have been found suitable. Moreover, these varicties have the additional advantage of producing a second and third crop from the root stalks of the first crop if irrigation is continued or if the rainfall is sufficicnt. Mr. Mollison is of opinion that the mixed black soil of the farm though well stocked with manuro cannot stand continuous irrigation for long, and to provent the deterioration of the land the plan of growing a pulse crop subordinate to the fodder sorghums has been tried and thus practically two dry crops are got in a scason and the benefits of rotation are also secured. If certain pulso crops are sclectod, there is no diminution of outturn, and the mixed fodder, if cut groen, is superior to either ingredient alone. As a mised crop, tur is an excollent pulse to grow. Its period of growth, if sown in June and July, extends well into the fair season and the crop residues it leaves as surface tilth and deep tap roots make it a firstrate rotation crop. The outturn results obtained on tho farm were very favourable, but as there was no rain after October, the crop was watered and thercfore the cost of cultivation was rather high.

Maize.-As a fodder crop, maize gave very satisfactory results on the farm. The experiments with the American varieties were not so successful as with tho ordinary country maize. An experimenter in tho Poona district was able to grow from seed which was imported as famine corn some particularly well-filled large "cobs".

Sorghum Halepense.-The crop has not succeeded as woll as was at first anticipated. The greater portion of the plot has bocn ploughed up, a small patch having been left for future observations. Mr. Mollison concludes that this grass requires fresh ground occasionally and is not suitable for permanent pasture, and as it is difficult to eradicate, it is not likely to be sown extensively on arable land.

Mauritius Water Grass.-This grass was imported from Coylon, where it grows with great luxuriance. In low-lying damp situations on the farm, where no other crop would thrive, this grass has done well. The best results are obtained only in the monsoon, especially during heary rainfall.

Guinea Grass.-Like the Mauritius water grass, Guinea grass thrives well during heary rain, and the early cessation of the rains unfavourably affected the results for the year under report. The grass is one of those which can con-
tinuously be grown under the shade of trees and in odd corners of felds where no other ordinary cultivated crop would thrive. Several sets have been supplied to applicants from all parts of the Prosidency and to Native States.

Medicago Sativa.-The lucerno fields were invaded by rats, which did considerable damage. The results between comparative plots of lucerne alone and lucerne and Guinca grass mixed are not, therefore, reported. During the plague in Poona and Kirkee rats were more troublesome than usual, as they migrated in large numbers to the fields in the neighbourhood of Poona and Kirkee generally. Lucerne is a very profitable crop as long as it remains healthy and free from mishap, but it is very liable to casualties, and the practice of growing it mised with Guinea grass is a safeguard.

## Experiment with Fibre crops.

49. Egyptian Cotton.-In the first year of importation numerous experiments were arranged for by Mr. J. N. Tata under varying conditions of soil and climate, the Agricultural Department helping in the experiments as far as possible. The only trial, which gave results at all encouraging, was at the Firkee Farm. These satisfactory results, it is to be noted, were obtained in a district which is not a cotton-growing one. In the second year Mr. Tata again supplied freshly imported seed, and both this and the seed produced from the Kirkee Farm crop of the previous year were sown in the farms at Kirkee and Surat. The experiment proved a failure at Surat, a cotton-growing district. This was due to the soil being deep black and very retentive of moisture and the rainfall being very heavy-conditions very different from those prevailing in Egypt. On the Kirkee Farm, Egyptian cotton was grown in comparison with Goghari and Broach Deshi varieties. It. was sown on ridges strictly in accordance with the Egyptian method of cultivation, and as this method could bein no way detrimental to the Broach cotton, the same system was adopted in the three plots in which the experiments were made. In July thore was drought, and as the plants were inclined to wither, irrigation water was run along the furrows. There was no rain after October; so that the plots were. irrigated in November and December. The Broach Deshi Goghari turned out very fine, but the Egyptian was patchy. In parts only the plants were fairly healthy with a fair number of bolls. In all plants the leaves had, more or less, the appearance of being rusted or burnt by the sun and crumpled up. The Deshi Goghari plots were picked during March, April and May, and the Egyptian from December to April.

The outturn results are compared below :-

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| Deshi Broach | $\ldots$ | ... | $\ldots$ |  | 806 |
| Goghari ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ |  |  |
| Egyptian | ... | ... | ... |  | 104 |

Mr. Mollison has now made fair and patient trials of exotic varieties of cotton and has no reason to alter the conclusions published by him last year, ciz., that it has been proved that exotic varieties of cotton are unsuited for the conditions of Indian agriculture; that an indigenous variety found suitable in one district might prove unsuitable for another and that the only hope of improveinent lies in taking the varieties that are found in general cultivation and trying to improve them by selection of seed continued from year to year.

Rhea.-Considerable interest has beon excited within the last few years regarding the practical utility of the plant as an ordiuary cultivated crop in India. A patch was grown on the farm to determine whether the crop would thrive under the conditions of soil and climate of the Deccan. The plants, helped by light irrigation, throve as well during the hot weather as earlier. A. larger patch was planted and every root planted grew. The plantation is now of sufficient size to give practical results as regards outturn and value of produce per acre, and details regarding treatment of stems in extracting the fibre will be recorded. Mr. Mollison is of opinion that no difficulty should be experienced in planting out a comparatively large plantation from a small nursery, patch.

## Experiments woith other crops.

50. Bajri-is a very important crop on the light soils of the Deccan and the object of the experiments is to detormine which aro the best varictics for gencral cultivation. It is also important to test whethor varictics can be improved by seloction and for this purpose the largest and bost filled heads of grain are selected at harvest time and kept specially for seed for the crop of the following year. This line of experiments has been followed for some years on the farm and will be continued from year to year. The season for bajri was an exceptionally good one. The crops were so thick and hoary that somo of the subordinate pulses were mostly killed, Ambidi being the only subordinate crop that gave any produce of importance.

Gram-is grown annually on the farm chiefly because it is a good rotation crop and requires very little irrigation. The results of the year were rather disappointing, due to the fact that the crop was affected by a discaso of a peculiar character which appeared in patches. The plants, when pulled up, had no hold of the soil, the roots being partially decayed.

White Onions.-A fine white varicty with mild flavour tras grown to provide seed for distribution. Owing to ring disease in potatoos, onions have largely taken the place of that important crop, and from Bombay the export of onions is considerable. The onion bulbs were transferred to the Empress Gardens, where they were planted for seed and a first-class crop of sced obtained.

Sugarcane.-The small experimental plots with different varieties on the farm afforded an excellent object-losson which in the clearest manner demonstrated the advisability of experimental trials before cultivation of any extent is attempted or recommended. Some varicties grew remarkably woll; othors failed signally. Of the different varieties tried, the most conspicuous failures were those brought from the Surat district. Such failure might have been anticipated because of the abrupt change from the sea air, the heavy rainfall and deep soil of Surat, to the drier air, lighter rainfall and shallower soils of the Deccan. Such varieties as gave promise of success were transferred from Kirkee to the special sugarcane experimental aroa at Mánjri.

## Sugarcane Experiments at Mránjri.

51. After three years of continuous experiments it was found oxpedient to rest the greater portion of the land for a season. The soil is mixed black and will not bear continuous irrigation and at the same timo produce healthy crops. The net cost of the experiments in the ycar under report was Rs. 626.

## Ganesh Khind Gardens.

52. Graft Mrangoes.-The plantation was extended during the jear and now contains about 2,800 trees. Cloudy weather or some other unfavourable atmospheric condition interferes with fertilization or causes the immature fruit to drop, so that the trees are not remunerative. The mango crop was sold for Rs. 210 by auction and the incomo excceded the expendituro by lis. 130.

## The Dairy and the Dairy Herd.

53. The financial results were disappointing, the net cost being Rs. 1,334 There were 187 animals in the herd at the end of the year as compared with 192 at the beginning. Thirty-five animals, chiefly young he-buffaloes and old wornout cows, were sold. An unduly large proportion of the animals ran dry owing to an outbreak of foot and mouth disease. For this reason the receipts wero 12 s . 1,600 less than in the previous ycar. In spite of scgregation and thorough disinfection twice daily of the stalls, feeding boxos, gcar, \&c., fully onc-third of the herd became affected.

The dairy produce from 77 animals in milk was sold for Rs. 15,212. The purchase of concentrated food and fodder, the rent of grass land, and haymaking expenses amounted to Rs. 12,570 . The fodder on liand at the end of the year is valued at Rs. $2, \varepsilon 7 \mathrm{G}$. The dairy supplied milk and butter for the entire
year to the Commissariat Department for sick soldiers at the ordinary rates and to the public at rates fixed purposely higher than in private dairies.

Improved methods and the manipulation of improved dairy machinery are taught to any one who may choose to learn. The trade in butter and other dairy produce made by improved methods is now extensively carried on in India. and the Bombay Agricultural Department can take credit for initiating this trade.

The services of farm bulls are given gratis for all healthy cows and freely taken advantage of.

Full information regarding the management of dairy cattle in India and milk and milk products, has been given by Mr. Mollison in pamphlets for the Agricultural Ledger Series.
54. The net cost of the farm, inclusive of the Ganesh Khind Gardens, came to Rs. 1,746 as compared with Rs. 2,716 in 1896.97 and Rs. 1,853 in 1895-96.

## Surat Farm.

55. The season was not favourable. Sufficient rain for sowing did not fall till late and the cultivation of jowar and cotton could not be commenced till a month later than usual.

## Manure rotation experiments with the staple crops of the district.

56. On the dry-crop portion of the farm, two experimental areas were divided into 25 plots,-those in one being the duplicates of the other. The soil in each area is deep black and does not vary in depth or consistency. It represents the average quality of good black soil in the district, and cotton and jowár are the staple crops grown on such land. In each case the land is believed to have been cropped without manure for several years. It was known that the fertility of both fields was at a very low ebb, and it was deemed advisable to manure all the plots with ten tons per acre of farm-yard manure, except the two last plots, which will be permanently unmanured. The results did not indicate thatthe outturn was largly increased by the manure applied, and the yields from the unmanured plots were not much inferior to those from the manured plots. In the case of cotton, an explanation can be found in the fact that cotton does not benefit by manures directly applied so much as from the residue of manures applied to previous crops. I'he outturn from the plots, which were all treated in like manner, did not give even results; the plants were not absolutely regular in all plots, some being patchy." This is due rather to the nature of the season than - to any difference in soil and treatment.

The objects of the manure rotation are to show (a) that it is not a good practice to take cotton and jowar in alternate years without any variation, (b) the value of a more extended rotation, (c) the value of a green manure, (d) the value of growing a leguminose crop subordinate to jowár or at regular intervals, (e) whether a dressing of concentrated manure costing Rs. 10 per acre applied every second year pays better than no manure at all, and $(f)$ finally that by means of a moderate application of farm-yard manure, with the assistance of green manuring and proper rotation, the fertility of black cotton soil can be maintained at a tolerably high standard. Any comparison of the results cannot with any exactness be made till the rotations are complete, and for a strict comparison probably 6 years ought to elapse. For at the end of that period the plots of each rotation will have each grown the same crop (or have been fallowed) either two or three times.

## The improvement of seed by selection of the staple crops in the district.

57. The principal object is to improve by selection the seed of the staple crops of the district, and to produce in time, by selection, improved pedigree varieties. The two chief crops are jowar and cotton. As these cannot be advantageously rotated with each other continunusly, a third crop-til-is becoming somewhat common as an ordinary dry crop in the district. It is in every way
suitable, because like jowár and cotton it should be sown late. Thus in a cotton-jowar-til rotation, the land can be thoroughly ploughed one year in three, i.e., in the year til is grown. Three varieties of til were grown, but as the season was abnormally unsuitable for til, all the varieties did badly, the local kind giving better results than the others.

Many fine grain varieties of jowár were tried on the farm, the chief being the best local kinds, viz., Perio, Chapti and Sholípuri-the latter, as its name implies, being an imported variety.

In the general cultivation of cotton, attention will exclusively be confined to the local varieties. Experiments in the past have proved conclusively that there is little hope of improvement by introducing exotic varicties, or of varieties indigenous to other parts of the Presidency or of India. Surat and Broaich cotton maintain a high reputation in the European markets and that reputation can, it is believed, be improved by efforts towards improvement continued from year to year. The efforts are.chiefly in the direction of careful cultivation and the selection at harvest time of the best bolls from the healthiest and most vigorous growing plants, the seeds from such bolls being used in the following season. Attention will be concentrated principally to the two best local varieties, viz., the Deshi of Surat (the best of which is grown round Navsari) and the Goghari of Broach. The scheme of experiments will be to have three fields each in turn growing cotton, jowár, sesamum and tur, manured fairly liberally once in the rotation.

Fifty-two different varieties of jowar were tried, and occupied 01 acres. This number has been further increased by collections from different parts of the Presidency, and those only have been selected which are likely to prove good grain varieties. There are 65 of such kinds. Large well-filled beads of grain were obtained and Mr. Mollison has taken full descriptions regarding the size, shape and weight of the heads of grain, the general character of the plant, and the size, shape, colour and number of grains per tola of the original seed, and from such memoranda it will readily be determined whether there is deterioration or improvement as the experiments on the Surat Farm proceed.

## Surat Dairy. and Dairy IIerd.

58. A herd of Gir cows and Surat buffaloes arejkept, and efforts are made to improve these for milk purposes in the same way as the Sind and $\Lambda$ den cattle at Poona. Milk and butter are sold locally, and the cream and surplus milk are separated and sent by rail to the Kirkee Farm and there made into butter. Separated milk commands a fairly satisfactory figure at Surat, viz., 8 annas per local maund of 40 lbs .
59. The net cost of the farm, inclusive of the Dairy, came to Rs. 4,662 . It is to be regretted that the farm should have been so costly. But the receipts were in comparison with ordinary expenditure much less than they will be in future years. Plague developed to an alarming extent in Surat. The city was emptied of a considerable portion of its population. The local trade in vegctable and other produce was largely disorganized, and the trade with Bombay, which in similar produce is ordinarily considerable, was also disorganized. Such perishable portion of the garden produce as had to be forced on the market asit ripened, was only. saleable at rates much below the average and often at rates more or less nominal.

Nadia'd Farm.
60. This farm was managed for the entire year by the farm Superintendent, an arricultural Graduate, and was inspected by Mr. Mrollison, Deputy Director of Agriculture. The season was not a good one. The monsoon broke late and rain was deficient later, particularly at the time when tobacco was transplanted. For this reason and also owing to caterpillars having been rather destructive, the results are somewhat irregular. The sale of seeds from the Society's seed-store amounted to Rs. 891, or about treble the average of previous years. The closing balance of the accounts was less than the previous year by Rs. 14,461. This is no doubt due to a sum of Rs. 1,003 beiog spent in additions and alterations to the bungalow. It is somewhat to be'regretted that the usual
contribution of Rs. 150 to the Veterinary Dispensary and the scholarships to Agricultural students were not awarded during the year under report.

The object of the seed-store is to supply sound seed of good variety to local cultivators not in a position to obtain that seed for themselves. The report of the Society, however, shows that the seed was sent to various jarts of India, but does not show the extent of the local demand.

## Hyderabad Farm.

61. A portion of the farm has been leased to a private individual at an annual rental, on condition that the lessee should settle on the land, rear poultry, pigs, \&c., and maintain a vegetable and fruit garden. A small plot is annually sown with jowari, bajri, lucerne, Guinea grass and vegetables, in connection with the Local Fund Garden.

The Municipality of Hyderabad hope shortly to purchase a more powerful and improved engine for the water lift at Gidu Bandar, and if the project is carried out, it is expected that the remaining survey numbers of the farm lands could without difficulty be attached to the Local Fund Garden, and thus be brought under lucerne or Guinea grass cultivation.

## Empress Gardens.

62. 'Ihe gardens were under the management of the Agri-Horticultural Society, the year under report being the first of the further term of five years for which Government bave sanctioned the management by the Society. The financial statements show that the receipts for the year were Rs. 8,182 and the expenditure Rs. 11,165. The deficit was Rs, 2,982-8-0. Government have agreed to make good any annual deficit up to Rs. 3,000.

The system of management was completely changed. The highly paid Superintendent was replaced by a much cheaper man and the saving thus effected was in part utilized to pay four thoroughly experienced head. malees. Each head malee is in charge of a different section of the garden and there is thus a healthy spirit of emulation between them. The propagation of fruit trees, of foliage and flowering plants of rare variety, of useful plants and trees, has been greater than in previous years.

There was an increase in the sales of European and indigenous seeds, and the sales were quite satisfactory in extent. A new seed-room and office were built and affords'better accommodation for storing seeds. The sales of plants were less by Rs. 371 than in 1896-97, but the sale of cut-flowers increased by Rs. 370. Fruit and vegetables showed a very satisfactory increase of Rs. 653, the sales being nearly double those of the previous year. Other garden produce increased by Rs. 240, but this was on account of the sale of bábul trees renoved because they shaded and injured the fruit-tree plantations.

The season as regards rainfall and other conditions was generally favourable for the operations of the gardens.
'Ihroughout the year the ornamental part of the garden presented a thoroughly attractive appearance and the popularity of the gardens as a public resort was well maintained.

The fruit plantations, which are now well established, continued to thrive and with the exception of mangoes and figs produced satisfactory crops. The failure of the mango crop was general in the Deccan. The fig plantation was managed in accordance with the customary practice of the Diva Ghát cultivators, who are able in their own plantations to produce the finest quality of fruit. It is thought that the exposure and rainfall and character of soil under the Diva Ghat suit the crop better than the conditions in the Empress Gardens.

The Mozambique oranges grew with great vigour and presented an extraordinarily healthy appearance. The trees last year produced an excellent crop and again this year promise very well. The plantation of Santra oranges was not so forward. The young plants were delicate, some died and had to be replaced. All the trees are, however, thriving and the more forward of them are
now in bearing. The crop of the custard apple plantation, which consists of 360 trees, was sold for Rs. 175 . It was inferior to the crop of the previous year.

A better account can be given of the vineries, which have at last given fair promise of success. The services of a malee who understands the prunning and training of vines was secured. The bunches of grapes were numorous, some of the bunches being very large. Nildew developed during cloudy weather and affected the finer English varieties to a greater extent than the Nisik indigenous kinds. The Násik grapes escaped the disease to a greater extent than the exotics and sold readily for 5 lbs. to the rupee, realizing Rs. 75. Cape gooseberries were grown with great success and realized from less than an acre of ground Rss. 256. The produce of vegetables to the valuo of Rs. 374 was sold during tho year. Plartains did fairly well, aud a plantation of 800 plants occupying two-thirds of an acre produced fruit to the value of Rs. 145.

## B.-MISCELLANEOUS EXPERIMENTS.

63. Arrovoroot.-Last year the Dápoli plantation of arrowroot yiclded a very poor crop, the outturn being less than one-third the normal. This result is attributed to the bad quality of the tubers preserved as seed from the crop of the previous year, when the season was unfavourable. $\Lambda$ bout 10 acres of land have been put under the crop in the current year. There is at present a fair local demand for the product.
64. Strawberr!. - No new plants were brought to Mahabalcshvar for cultivation during the year 1897-93. But the plants brought from Bangalore in the year 1896-97 yielded satisfactorily, and from established plantations young plants can be taken for extended cultivation.
65. Coffee.-Little progress is reported to have been made by Rio Bahídur Morey in the cultivation of coffee on the lands leased to him in the Supa Petha. He has up to this time planted an area of only 6 gunthas and the plants are not yet in bearing.
M.r. Gogte, of Dápoli, has also got an old plantation of 200 to 300 plants which he hopes shortly to extend if he can secure a money loan from Guvernment.
66. European Carrots.-As mentioned in last year's report (paragraph 49), European carrot seed of three varieties, white, yellow and red, procured by the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh for uso during the famine of 1836-97, was distributed in seyeral British districts and Native States of this Presidency. The result, as anticipated, was more or less a failure except in a few favoured localities.

In Gujarát the seed either failed to germimate or gave a poor crop in the - Ahmadabad and Surat districts. In the Panch Maháls the rosult was fairly satisfactory. In Broach a Pirsi gentleman succeeded in raising a good crop on gorat (medium liybt) soil by means of careful tillage and the application of liquid manure. The outturn was 9 tons per acre. In the Biroda State Gardens, the seed germinated well ; but the carrot itself was of medium size and lacked flavour. Elsewhere in Barodia the trials-were unsuccessful. In Kithiáwár no fair trial could be made owing to an unfavourable season. In IVidhanpur tho seed germinated fairly well in two places, but not elsewhere. In I'dar, in the Jail garden, 3 gunthas yielded about 400 lbs. of carrots. Elsewhere a poor crop of thin roots was obtained.

In the Deccan the seed was tried in three districts. In the Jail garden at Dhulia in Khandesh the crop germinated well, the white seed giving the best results. The outturn was about two-thirds of tho country carrots. In Násik the seed was sown on pátasthal bágáyat land side by side with country varicty. The outturn from both was almost equal. But the European kind gave 20 per cent. of tops against 35 per cent. in the other. Thus the European carrots had beavier roots and they were cleaner in shape and firmer in flesh than the iodigenous carrots. On the Government Farm at Poona several suwings were made, but the germination was very unsatisfactory, and the few secdlings which did
appear came to nothing. In Haveli and Purandhar tálukas of the same district the results were equally unsatisfactory. At the Yerrowda Jail 1 lbs. of white secd yielded $\mathbf{1 , 0 0 0} \mathrm{lhs}$, and $1 \frac{9}{16} \mathrm{lbs}$. of red variety yielded 500 lbs . The roots were well grown, well shaped and did not split.

In Dhírwír Jail garden a smill patch produced roots of a large size and of grod flavour. Bilsewhere in the district the seed either did not germinate or produced a poor crop. The trials in. the Kolhipur State were not successful; sowings were belated and irrigation deficient. In the Ratniggiri Jail garden the seed germinated satisfactorily. In the Karwar Prison garden, the experiment was more or less successiful. Elsewhere in the district the trials resulted in' failure.

In Shikírpur the seed gave satisfactrry results.
The Commissary General, Bombay Command, had the seed tried at Mhow, Quctta and Deesa. At Mhow 8 lbs . of ssed yielded over $11,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. per acre. At Quetta the trial was unsuccessful owing to severe frost during December, January and February. At Deesia 5 lbs. were sown in the river-bed garden in one aure and the yield was $4,400 \mathrm{lbs}$. carrots.

The experiment is again being tried in several places.
67. Sabai Grass.-The Deccan Paper Mills Company report that-an important departure in the cultivation of the grass was adopted by them last year. They stopped both irrigation and weeding altogether. Whether due to this or to some other unknown cause, the grow th of flower stalks was materially less. Where with weeding and watering the ratio of flower stalks to the grass, taking the average of some years, was 16 per cent. it was in the present instance only $\overline{3}$ per cent. Instcad of having, however, three crops in a year the grass was allowed to grow this time for 9 months. It yiclded It ton 18 cwts. per acre. If in future two such crops could be reaped in 18 months mith equally successful results as regards flower stalks, the output of grass will compare favourably with the previous yield of $2 \frac{1}{4}$ tons per acre in 12 months with irrigation. Although thero was no actual irrigation, the land being under command of the Khadakwásla Canal, the crop must have been belped by some sub-soil moisture. The Company intend conducting an experiment with a view to ascertain whether the same results can be secured on altogether dry land without artificial watering. They have at present 10 acres of land under the giass.
68. Utilization of Bones as manure.-The following figures exhibit the export of bones from Bombay during the eight years ending 1897-98:-

| Tear. |  |  | Quantity in tone |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1890-91 ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 13,653 |
| 1891-92 ... | $\ldots$ | ... |  | 16,281 |
| 1892-93 ... | ... | ... | ... | 17,669 |
| 1893-94 ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 19,458 |
| 1834-95... | ... | ... | ... | 32,387 |
| 159]-96 ... | ... | ... | ... | 33,018 |
| 1896-97... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 21,297 |
| 1897-98... | ... | ... | ... | 23,447 |

The quantity exported during the year under report shows a small improvement over the previous year. Nearly 78 per cent. of the exporis were taken by the United Kingdon, 17 per cent: by Germany and the remaining 5 per cent. by Belgium, France, Natal and Japan. Messrs. Coon \& Co.', of Hubli, supplied about 300 tons of bone meal and bone misture against 450 tons during the previous 12 months for use on coffee plantations in North Mysore. The falling off is attributed to a scanty coffee crop and to the rising rate of exchange.

## C.-IMPROVED AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

69. In January 1898 a comparative trial was arranged for, in the Dhárwár District by the Deputy Director of Agriculture to demonstrate the capabilities of the Poona threc-roller iron mill in comparison with the ordinary old-fashioned wooden mill, and a double squeeze three-roller iron mill made at Bellary. 'The result has been noticed in detail in the Annual Report on the Government

Experimental Farms. The trial clearly established that the loona mill, thoush ouly doing throc-fourths of the work it ordinarily docs in tho Poona district for want of expert assistance, was not only a labour-saving machine as compared with both the wooden and Bellary mills, but was considerably more cffective at work. Whereas the Poona mill crushed in about $8 \frac{1}{9}$ hours $3,882 \mathrm{lbs}$. of cane and expressed 63 per cent. of juice at a cost in manual and bullock labour of ins. 4-8-0, the wooden mill crushed in about 10 hours 2.3.t:3 lbs. of cane, exprossing nearly 57 per cent. of juice at a cost Rs. 2-5-0, and tho Bellary mill erushed in about $9 \frac{1}{3}$ hours $2,187 \mathrm{lbs}$. of cane and separated 638 per cent. of juice at a cost of lis. 2-G-0. The amount of juice left unexpressed by the other mills, which the Poona mills could have expressed, represented a loss of 1 lb . of gul per 100 lbs . of cane crushed in the case of the Bellary mill and $2 \frac{1}{8}$ lus. of gul in that of wooden mill. It was thus quite clear that tho extra cost of the Poona mill could be easily recovered in a single season owing to its more effective work.

## D.-MEASURES OF PROTECTION.

(I) Arboriculture.
70. No reports have been received as to tho cxtension of fucl and fodder reserves.

## (2) Extension of Communication.

71. During the year under report 54 miles of the Nhmadabad-Prantij Railway, the Jámnagar Railway from Rijjoot to Jimnagar (50 miles), the first section of Raxpipla Railway ( 19 miles) and of the Lipti Valley Railway (about 40 miles) were opened for traffic. The construction of the remaining portions of the Almadabad-Prantij and Típti Valloy Railways is in progress.

## (3) Irrigation.

72. In the Presidency Proper, the area irristated from Government canals rose ly about 7 per cent. as compared with last year. Thus tho abnormal increase in area brought about during the famine of $1896-97$ has been more than maintained, owing probably to cultivators having realized the advantancs of helping their crops by irrigation. The work of constructing wells with the sssistance of takávi advances was continued during the year, though on a amaller scale. In the year under report about Rs. 31,000 were spont in repairing 70 tanks, mostly in Bolgaum and Dhárwár.

## (4) Taga'i Advances.

73. The following statement compares tagiii advances made during tho year ending 31st July last with those of the preceding year :-

N.D.-The figurea for 1 s 56.97 are those pullished in the Jamábasid Reports.

These advances were made with unusual liberality during tho year isjf-97, owing to the prevalence of widespread distress cons rfuent on general failure
of crops principally in the Deccan and Karnitak. Their usefulness in a year of famine has already boon commonted upon in paragraph 52 of last year's report. During the year $1807-98$ the allotment for taisivi advances was considerably curtailed by the Government of India owing to financial pressure, and Government had accordingly to confine assignments to districts alfected by the famive of the previous year. Thus no grants were made in the districts of Gujarit, the Konkan or Sind during the firiancial year 1897-95 and the amounts shown against these provinces relate only to advances made in the last quarter of the revenue year. The Collector of Ahmadabad considers that "the withdrawal of the grant has given a partial blow to the system." In Hyderabad it is reported that had the adrances beon made, the cultivators who depended on them would have been able to extend their operations in the rabi season and so recoup in a way the loss sustained during the unfavourable kiurif season. In Shikárpur it is reported that "petty occupants and peasant proprietors were driven to borrowing from the Banias at exorbitant interest."

As is natural in the year immediately following a famine, the advances made to replace lost cattle and to purchase seed and fodder were considerably larger than those made for permanent improvement.

In the Deccan the advances amounted to Rs. $4,87,000$; of the total, Almmadnagar took 31 per cent., Poona $21 \cdot 6$ per cent., Sholápur 23 per cont., Sátára 8 per cent., Khándesh 10.7 por cent. and Násik 5.7 per cent. Most of the Collectors of the division speak highly of the benefits derived from the system. The Collector of Poona observes that had it not been for these advances many mors of the cultivators would have been thrown on relief works at a time when the usurers held back money and assistance. The Collector of Sholápur (Mr. Pratt), however, observes that the eftect of this system upon the cultivating classes will probably be to render them increasingly dependent upon Government to the detriment of their self-roliance and independence. He therefore thinks that the system should be in operation only under exceptional circumstances or in times of famine as a temporary palliative. In the Karnitak the advances amounted to Rs. $3,20,000$, Bijápur taking 66 per cent., Dhárwár 31 per cent. and Belgaum only 3 per cent. In the last district the lonns were confined to the three talukas affected by famine during the previous year. In Bijípur the advances helped the cultivators to re-establish themselves in cattle and other necessaries. In Dharwár the Collector statos that the system worked well and smoothly, and only fell short of elficiency in some degree owing to deficiency of establishment to deal with large transactions.

The above remarks refer to advances under buth the Land Improvenent Act and the Agriculturists' Loans Act.

Of the total advances under the Land Improvement $\Lambda$ ct, Rs. $1,72,000$ or 68 per cent. were spent in the construction and repair of wells and about Rs. 80,000 or 32 per cent. in various other improvements, such as constructing, and repairing embankments, eradicating weeds, and constructing and repairing canals in Sind.

Under the Agriculturists' Loans Act the total amount advanced came to Rs. $6,75,743$; of this 85 per cent. was utilized in the purchase of seed and cattle, nearly Rs. $1,00,000$ or 15 per cent. in the purchase of fodder. A further sum of Rs. 68,766 was given for maintenance under Section 143 (2) of the Famine Relief Code, Rs. 50,359 in Sattára, Rs. 16,045 in the Yoona district, Rs. 2,216 in the dangi villages of Ahmadnagar and Rs. 146 in the Khaldapur peta of Kolíba.

For the most part, repayment of the advances is punctually mado; but in parts of Sind (Hyderabad and Upper Sind Frontier districts) a fow postponements had to be granted owing to the repeated failure of the crops. Similarly, collections had to be postponed in Ahmadnagar owing to the failure of the jowiri crop, and in the South Deccan arrears have accurued owing to plague and owing to tho season of 1897.08 being unfavourable.

There is reason to fear that the monoy is not always applied to the purposes for which it is advanced. In Násik, Mr. Ferozshah (District Deputy Collector) onquired into some 30 cases in the Dindori Tailulia and found that in almost
every case the money had been misapplied cither wholly or in part. Some hat paid sowkárs, others had traded in grain, and in ono caso marriage expenses had been met out of the loan. From Ahmadnagar and Sholippur also many cases of misapplication hare beon reported. In Belgaum, 24 cascs of fmisapplication were found. Steps have been taken for the recorery of the moncy adranced in all theso cases. In Poona and Dhárwár it was found that in somo casos tho money was not devoted wholly to the purpose for which it was granted, but tho Collectors remark that it is only fair that a portion of the sum advanced, which would otherwise have had to be spent on wages, should bo devoted to tho maintenance of the agriculturist and his family if they carry on the work themselves.

## CIIAPTER VI.

## AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

74. The Conferenco held in 1896 to consider the subject of agricultural education rocommended that, with a view to encourage higher cducation in agriculture, the University should be asked to substituto a dogroo for the diploma, raising at the same time the standard for the examination, so that the question of employment of agricultural students in the Rovenuo Department might be greatly simplified. The University did not accept tho proposal to substitute a degree for the dipioma, but has revised tho standard for tho diploma, and Government have agreed to place the holders of the diploma in $\Lambda$ griculturo under the revised standard on the same footing with the graduates for purposcs of admission to and promotion in the Revenue Departmont. It is hoped that tho agricultural classes at the College of Scienco, Poona, will revivo bofore long under these favourable conditions.

## CHAPTER VII.

## PUBLICATION OF ACRICULTURAL INFORMATION.

## A.-AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

75. The Imperial tables A, C and D were, as usual, submitted to Government for transmission to the Director General of Statistics. Table B (Priccs) was omitted, as it is discontinued under Government of India's ordors convoyod in Government Resolution No. 3846 of 13th May 1890, Revenue Department. Taluka and district registers in connection with Form E (Transfor of Property) are still under consideration. Table $G$ of Agricultural Statistics was compiled for the first time in July last; it will be compiled every year in future. (Vide Government Resolution No. 3434, dated 26 th May last, 1 Revenuo Department.)

The district agricultural returns were received late in the case of the nino

| District. | Dato of recipt. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Ahmadabad | ... 20th September. |
| Sholípur ... | $\cdots{ }^{\text {... }}$ 24th do. |
|  | $\cdots{ }^{\prime} . . .1$ Do. do. |
| Broach ... ... | ... 27th do. |
| Panch Mahalis ... | 29th do. |
| Kolába ... ... | 1st October. |
| Surat ... ... | ${ }_{\text {th }}^{\text {th }}$ do. |
| Shikarpar | 17th do. | districts noted in the margin. Fivo out of tho nine are districts of the Northern Division, of which Surat was the latest. It has been repcatedly observed that the compilation of the statistical information requirod for insertion in the Gencral Administration Report is delayed by the late submission of these returns.

## Return No. I.-Details of Area.

76. This return shows the gross area of the Presidency inclusive of villages held on privileged tenures, but exclusive of fcudatory and tributary States. ln the Presidency Proper, as well as in Sind, the arca is still approximate, as areas in unsurveyed tracts are returncd from estimatcs.

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In the Presidency Proper the gross area returned is larger by $13 \frac{1}{2}$ square

miles. The marginally noted districts presented noticeable changes. The total increase is the net result of correction of mistakes, revision survey operations and settlement of boundary disputes.
In Sind the area on the whole differs by 24,500 acres or $38 \frac{2}{4}$ square miles. Important district variations are tabulated in the margin. In Shikerpur there was a large alluvial accretion, and alionated lands in Government villages were formed into two independent dehs. The first cause together with correction of settlement registers accounted for the increase in the Upper Sind Frontier. A portion of Government lands in Hyderabad was newly surveyed and formed into a separate deh (village).

Area for which statistics are available.-In the Presidency Proper, the number of villages decreased by 2 , but the area increased by 4,289 acres. In Kaira one village of udhad jamábandi tenure with doubtful statistics was transferred to the head "nonavailable statistics." Three Inám villages in Sholápur were made khálsa and more area was brought to light. Owing to absence of village papers one village in Belgaum had to be transferred from the "statistics available" to the "non-available" head. A similar change in connection with the Kundgol chawrat-land explains the decrease in Dharwar. Revision survey operations brought about cbanges in Thána and Kolába. Ratnágiri has furnished agricultural statistics for an additional area of about 4,500 acres.

The area of available statistics in Sind underwent numerous cbanges. $T$ wenty-two villages in Karáchi, one in the Upper Sind Frontier and 20 ( 39 Government and I Inám) in Shikarpur together with a large riverside area were transferred from the head "non-available" to "available statistics". Of the villages thus transferred, 10 in Karáchi have been brought under the survey system. One alienated village in this district and 6 in Hyderabad have been classed as Government villages on a partial resumption of land. Three new dehs (villages) have been formed in Hyderabad and two in Shikárpur. The Upper Sind Frontier and Shikárpur received large additional areas in the shape of land thrown out by the river. Thirty-six villages in the former and a large area in Thar and Párkar were traysferred from the head "other Government" to " Government villages ".

Non-reporting villages.-In the Presidency Proper 1,612 Government villages with an area of 5,998 square miles and $847 \frac{1}{2}$ alienated villages with $2,110 \frac{3}{4}$ square miles are not yet in a position to furnish accurate statistics of cultivation. The total number of non-reporting villages-Government and alienatedincreased only by two in Kaira and Dhârwár as mentioned above. The Government villages are under special tenures and the alienated are all unsurveyed. In Sind the 42 non-reporting Government villages reported last year have begun to furnish statistics and the two alienated villages are reduced to one. The total area for which statistics are not available thus decreased from 4,009 to 21 square miles.

Return No. II.-Cultivated, i.e., Occupied Area and Uncultivated, i.e, Unoccupied Arca.
77. The following table exhibits variations as compared mith last yoar in areas under sub-heads of cultivated and uncultivated land. In Sind numerous changes were effected in the area of available statisticts. Variations in that province will therefore be noticed only in the briofest manncr :-

Area in Acres (000 omilted).

| Dotail. | Presidinct Proprb. |  |  | Sindo |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1800.97. | JS97.98, | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Increase } \\ (+1 \\ \text { or } \begin{array}{c} \text { decreaso } \\ (-) \\ \text { per cent. } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 1890-97. | 1807-93. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Increnae } \\ (+1 \\ \text { or docrease } \\ 1-1 \\ \text { per cent. } \end{gathered}$ |
| 1.-Cultivated Area- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross cropped area ... ... ... ... | 19,909 | 24,313 | +22.1 | 3,391 | 4,065 | + 10.8 |
| Cropped more than once ... .... | 663 | 755 | +13.9 | 163 | 203 | $+58.8$ |
| Net cropped area ... ... '... | 19,240 | 23,558 | +22.4 | 3,220 | 8,803 | +17.9 |
| Corrent fallows ... ... ... | 10,689 | 6,300 | - 40.5 | 4,267 | 4,104 | -2.6 |
| Assebsed | 29,745 | 29,554 | +0.03 | 7,172 | 7,257 | +12 |
| Unassebted | 90 | 104 | +15.5 | 321 | 710 | +121.2 |
| Total A. ... | 29,836 | 29,858 | +0.08 | 7,403 | 7,007 | $+6.3$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 064 688 | 944 | $-2.1$ | $\begin{array}{r}848 \\ \text { B,2:8 } \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 760 $8,20.4$ | -10.4 -0.4 |
| Not available for cultiva. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Forest } \\ \text { O }\end{array}\right.$ | 7,160 | 7.263 | + 1.4 | ${ }^{767}$ | 703 | -0. 0 |
| tion. ${ }^{\text {On }}$ Othera | 5,004 | 4,973 | -0.6 | 12,649 | 18,252 | $+20.8$ |
| Total B.Grand Total | 13,728 | 13,777 | -0.1 | 18,492 | 21,070 | +12.7 |
|  | 43,631 | 43,635 | +0.000 | 26,885 | 20,016 | +100 |

The "gross" and "net cropped area" in the Presidency each increased by

| District. | Ares in Acres (000 omitted). |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net } \\ & \text { exnpped } \\ & \text { arcta. } \end{aligned}$ | Corrent fullow. | Culth vated, i. occupied areas |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| Presidency Proper. |  |  |  |
| Ahmadabad | +38 | -43 | - |
| Kaira ... ... ... | -22 | +19 | -3 |
| Panch Mah6lo ... ... | +18 | -10 | +2 |
| Broach ... ... | $+8$ | -8 | + |
|  | $+8$ | -7 | $+1$ |
| Khandesh ... ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | +180 | $-126$ | +16 |
| Ahmadnagar ... ... | $+502$ | -602 |  |
| Poonu ... ... ... | +171 | -179 | -1 |
| Sholapar -m morn | +651 | -050 | +1 |
| Sátírs ... .... ... | $+96$ | -88 | - |
| Belgaum ... $\quad$ - | + 235 | $-238$ | -1 |
| Bijapur ... ... ... | +1,954 | -1,062 | $+8$ |
| Dharwar men | $+271$ | -2ic | $+7$ |
| Thanz ... , ... ... | $+5$ | -1 | $\pm$ |
| Kolabe Ratnagiri | + | -1 | $+8$ |
| Kanara ... ... ... | +7 | -6 | +1 |
| dind. |  | - |  |
| Karachi... *... ... | +194 | +52 | +180 |
| Hyderabad ... ... | + 89 | -31 | $+67$ |
|  | +210 | -81 | +129 |
| Upper sind Frontier... <br> Thar and Párkar | +60 +78 | -82 | +47 +46 | 22 per cent. and that cropped more than once by 14 per cent. In Sivd also all these descriptions of area increased considerably. The twice-cropped area more than doubled itself. Variations in the cropped area are shown district by district in the margin. As a natural result of the favourable scason immediately following the famine period, the cropped area expanded everywherc. The noticeably large increase in the Deccan and the Karnátak districts is, howover, still below the shrinkage recorded in the famino year. Kaira is the only exception. In this district the diminution in the cropped area is ascribed to deficient rainfall and greator attention paid to the registration of fallow. It is worth noticing that though the necessity of food-grains engendered by the scarcity induced a considerable extension of cultivation as compared with the previous year, the aggregate area actually cultivated did not reach either the record of $1890-00$ or the average. The increase, therefore, appcars only in comparison with the large decrease reported in 1896-97. The arca left fallow shows in every district a decrease which corresponds with the increase in the cropped area. Modifications brought about by causes other than the seasonal ones are shown in column 4. The decreases given in this column against Ahmadabad, Kaira, Násik and Poona are due to relinquishments or forfeitures. In Belgaum the decrease is explained by the reduction in the gross area already noticed. The increase in the Panch Maháls, Surat, Khándesh, Bijápur, Díárwár, Kinara and partly in Thána is due to new occupation:. Clcser examination of these figures shows that all these newly occupied arcas

were actually brought under tillage. In Sholápur, Kolába and Ratnágiri the increase in the occupied area is only apparent, as it corrosponds to the increase in the gross area.

In all districts of Sind the cultivated area advanced largely beyond that of the previous year without showing corresponding decrease in the fallow area. In IIyderabad and Thar and Parkar new lands were occupied to a large extent. In the remaining three districts large additions to the area of available statistics noticed under Return No. I, explain the increase in the "net cropped area" as well as "current fallow".

The area cropped more than once increased by 92,000 acres or 14 per cent. The increase would have beon larger still but for the deficiency of kharif rain in the beginning of the season, owing to which some kharit land in the eastern parts of the Deccan and the Karnátak, especially Ahmadnagar and Bijápur, was left unsown till the rabi season. In Sind the favourable inundation and plentiful rain left good moisture for the second crops. The twice-cropped area in this province expanded by 97,000 acres or 59 per cent.
78. The following table summarises the distribution of fallows under the six specified heads:-

Details of "current fallow" (percentages).


With the failure of rains in 1896 the fallow area nearly doubled, but with the return of favourable seasons the total fallow decreased in all parts of the Prosidency, especially in the Deccan and the Karnatak. In Gujarat the grass land increased 5 per cent. at the expense of fallow under the remaining heads. It is probable that scarcity of fodder induced some cultivators to devote a little more area to grass. In the Konkan the changes are not very remarkable, but in this province also grass lands showed some increase corresponding with decrease under fallow due to rotation and that due to unfavourable season.
79. Uncultivated, i. e., unoccupied. Area.-The unoccupied area on the whole did not show any very wide fluctuation. The area was somewhat lessened by the new occupations already noticed in Khándesh, Dhárwár, Bijápur, Belgaum, Panch Maháls, Surat, Kanara and Thána, but the reduction was partly made up by relinquishments in Ahmadabad, Kaira; Násik and Poona, and partly by the increased gross area brought to account in Kolába and Ratnágiri.

As to the land available for cultivation, the assessed waste decreased by 20,000 and unassessed by 71,000 acres. The margin for fresh occupations was, therefore, narrowed by 91,000 acres.

The area under forest increased by 104,000 acres, or 14 per cent. Largo
 noticeable variations are given in the margin. In Khándosh and Dhárwár, forest area reccived a further addition by the afforestation of unassessed waste land. In Thinia and Kaira, aroa under the head "other" has been treated as forest. The increase in the gross arca accounts for the increaso in Kolaba. Some disforestation was effected in $\Lambda$ hmadabad.
80. The table given below (which is inserted in every annual report) ondeavours to show, by combination of the information contained in tables I and II, the distribution of cultivation and the margin of land left for the expansion of cultivation in the different districts. In the Presidency Proper, the aroa for which statistics are not available has remained nearly the same. It has alrcady been noticed that the pressing demand for food-grains created by tho previous year's famine caused an extension of the net cropped area by 90 per cont., giving a corresponding decrease under fallow. In Sind the area of non-available statistics almost disappeared, being reduced from 0.9 to 0.08 por cont. Largo areas in this province have been transferred from the head "non-available" to " available statistics". Other changes are not remarkable :-

| No. | District. |  | Prigentagi on Net Area por whicil Statiotios are avainadle, of abias. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Cultivated, i.e., occupied. |  | Uncultivated, i.e. unoocupied. |  | Forest. |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { cropped. } \end{gathered}$ | Current fallow. |  | Not available for caltivation |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | A.-Presidency Proper. I.-Gujarat. | $\begin{array}{r} 11 \cdot 1 \\ 8 \cdot 5 \\ 12.7 \\ 2.0 \\ 2.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 53 \cdot 0 \\ & 68 \cdot 4 \\ & 33.8 \\ & 61.8 \\ & 46.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 19 \cdot 5 \\ 10 \cdot 0 \\ 16 \cdot 9 \\ 9 \cdot 4 \\ 26 \cdot 2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5.6 \\ 9.1 \\ 12.0 \\ 2.4 \\ 4.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 21 \cdot 3 \\ 12.5 \\ 8.8 \\ 20 \cdot 4 \\ 17 \cdot 6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.6 \\ \cdots 2 \cdot 5 \\ \cdots \\ \dddot{4} 7 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Ahmadabad |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Kaira ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Panch Maháls |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Surat |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\text { Average ... } \begin{cases}1897-98 & \ldots \\ 1896-97 & \ldots .\end{cases}$ | 8.2 8.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 53 \cdot 7 \\ & 52.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 17.2 \\ & 18.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6.5 \\ & 6.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \cdot 2 \\ & 18 \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$ | 4.4 4.5 |
| 6 | Khándesh ... | 24.34.2 | 59.451.3 | 5.113.2 | $9 \cdot 8$$4 \cdot 2$ | 11.30.3 | 14.422.0 |
| 7 | Násik ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | ahmadnagar | $2 \cdot 4$ | 62.8 | 12.7 | $1 \cdot 2$ | $10 \cdot 1$ | 13.2 |
| 9 | Poona ... | 1.9 | $55 \cdot 4$ | 18.7 | $0 \cdot 3$ | $12 \cdot 1$ | 13.5 |
| 10. | Sholápur ... | $\because 69$ | $\begin{aligned} & 67 \cdot 1 \\ & 53 \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$ | 17.720.9 | 0.5 0.8 | $\begin{aligned} & 8 \cdot 6 \\ & 9 \cdot 6 \end{aligned}$ | 6.115.5 |
| 11 | Sátára ... |  |  |  | $0 \cdot 8$ |  |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average... } \begin{cases}1897-98 \\ 1836-97 & \text {.... }\end{cases} \\ \text { III.-Karnátak. } \end{gathered}$ | 9.0 8.9 | $\begin{aligned} & 58 \cdot 3 \\ & 50 \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13 \cdot 7 \\ & 21 \cdot 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \cdot 4 \\ & 3.7 \end{aligned}$ | 103 103 | 14.3 14.1 |
| 12 | Belpaum !.. | $5 \cdot 6$ | 61.0 | 14.6 | 2.5 | 6.6 | $15 \cdot 3$ |
| 13 | Bijâpur ... | $\begin{aligned} & 0.3 \\ & 2.6 \end{aligned}$ | 72.172.4 | 15.49.2 | 1.82.8 | 5676 | 5.18.2 |
| 14 | Dhárwár ... <br> Average ... $\begin{cases}1897-98 & \text {... } \\ 1896-97 & \ldots\end{cases}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 2.7 2.6 | $\begin{aligned} & 68 \cdot 3^{\circ} \\ & 42.4 \end{aligned}$ | 132 33.6 | 22 2.5 | 6.5 6.4 | 9.2 $9 \cdot 1$ |



Return No. III.-Crops.
81. The main features of the season and harvest of the year are described elsewhere in this report. The following table shows the effect of the season on the area sown. In the Presidency Proper, with the exception of paddy which exhibited only a trifling decrease, the area under all cereals and all pulses increased, the expansion under jowári, bájri, wheat and pulses being very remarkable. The increase has been already traced to the urgent demand for foodgrains following the scarcity of the previous year.' Under non-food crops, oilseeds occupied a larger area, but cotton cultivation was curtailed. The decrease under cotton is attributed to the extended area placed under food crops. Sugarcane showed a decrease of 18 per cent., but the area under that crop is comparatively small. There is no variation under tobacco. In Sind almost all cereals, gram and miscellaneous pulses and oil-seeds showed larger areas, the increase under wheat, oil-seeds and paddy being conspicuous. The area under cotton and tobacco underwent contraction. The latter area is, however, insignificant. Plentiful water-supply from favourable inundation and good moisture for the rabi crops account for the general increase in the cropped area.

Table to show effect of season on arca sown. (Area in Acres, 000 omitted.)


| District. |  | Acrus (000 0nitted). - |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Jow |  |  |  |
|  |  | Kharil. | Rabl. |  |  |
| Ahmadabad <br> Kaira <br> Panch Mahaile <br> Broach... <br> Surat <br> Khândesh <br> Nasik . <br> Ahmednagar ... <br> Poona ... <br> Sholhpur <br> Satara... <br> Helgaum <br> Bijápur <br> Dharwar <br> Total |  | $\pm$ | $\pm 1$ | +19 +16 | +69 |
|  |  |  | +1 | +18 +1 | +8 |
|  |  | +9 | - | +1 | +4 |
|  |  | +24 +169 | +1 +8 | +1 +169 | +26 +34 |
|  |  | +18 | +49 | +169 +817 | $\pm+381$ |
|  |  | +1 | +201 | +208 | $+405$ |
|  |  | -128 | +195 | +20 | +87 |
|  |  | +8 | +4:21 | +56 | +488 |
|  |  | +15 +75 | +78 | -68 | +51 +161 |
|  |  | +281 | +876 | +162 | +161 $+1,338$ |
|  |  | +142 | -47 | +2 | +97 |
|  |  | +609 | +1,867 | +859 | +8,935 | of jowari (both kharíf and rabi) and bajri. Except in the solitary instance of Kaira, there isin alldistricts a marked increase, which is most prominent in the Deccan and Karnatak districts. The provious year's famine exbausted the grain and fodder stocks of the Presidency, and the pressing demand for theso induced the cultivators to put as much area under the millets as tho kharifsowing and the rabi rains allowed. In Kaira the decrease is attributed to kharíf rain being unfavourable for jowári.- Much of the decrease under jowári was, however, made up by the extended cultivation of bajri, for which the light rain in the commencement was everywhere admirably adapted.


| Disirict. |  |  | Acres (000 omit ted). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Abmadabad ... | ... |  | -18 |
| Krira... . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | $\cdots$ | -35 |
| Panch Mahile .. | ... | $\cdots$ | -4 |
| Broach... ... | ... | . | +2 |
| Surat... $\quad$ - | ... | .. | +1 |
| Nasik..̈̈ ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | - | - | $+1$ |
| Abmadnagar ... | - | . | +1 |
| Poms... | - | - | +2 |
| Sbolapur ... | ... | . | +7 |
| Sitara... ... | ... | .. | +8 +3 |
|  | ... | $\ldots$ | +8 |
| Dinírear ... | ... |  | $+8$ |
| Thána... ... | ... | . | + ${ }^{8}$ |
| Kolkba - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | . | +9 |
| Ratukgir |  | - | +8 +7 |

Paddy.-The contraction noticed in the last report was continued; and there was a further fall of 13,000 acres or about one per cent. The reduction is inainly confined to the two northern districts of Gujarat, each of which reported a decrease of 25 per cent. Insufficient rain at the time of soming forced the cultivators in Ahmadabad to devote much of the rice area to other crops. In Kaira the decreaso remained uncompensated. Outside Gujarát tho cultivation of rico showed small increascs.



Wheat.-Aggregate increase of 376,000 or 36 per cent. Last year the wheat area underwent an abnormal shrinkage of 763,000 acres owing to the general failure of the late rains. The year under report made up only half of this contraction, for the cultivators being anxious to secure early supply of food and fodder devoted more area to jowari, bájri and other grains. The wheat crop, therefore, only partially recovered its normal acreage. In Broach and Kbándesh, continuous and excessive rain in the sowing season prevented the cultivation from showing any increase.

Other Cereals._The reasons already mentioned under the important cereals governed the cultivation of the minor cereals. All of them, except maize and "others," increased sensibly. The decrease under maize was mostly confined to the. Deccan and the Karnátak districts, where it had been extensivly grown under irrigation in the previous year to meet the scarcity of fodder.
Pulses.-There was a general increase under all pulses. Tur shared the

| District. |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Acres } \\ (000 \text { omit } \\ \text { ted }) . \end{gathered}\right.$ | District. | - | $\begin{gathered} \text { Acres } \\ 000 \text { omit- } \\ \text { ted). } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tur. |  |  | Gram, |  |  |
| Ahmadsbad ... | ** | +1 |  |  |  |
| Kaira ${ }^{\text {Kanch }}$ Mabéle | - | +3 | Ahmadabad ... | $\cdots$ | - ${ }^{1}$ |
| Broach... ... | $\cdots$ | $+3$ | Panch Mabáls | $\cdots$ | +18 |
| Surat ... ... | $\cdots$ | 48 | Broach... ... | - | +1 |
| Khándesh ... | $\cdots$ | -2 | Khindesh -.. | ... | -2 |
| Nasik ... | .. | +18 | Natik ... ... | $\ldots$ | +4 |
| Ahmadnagas on | ... | -4 | Ahmadnagar... | -0 | +33 |
| Poona ... | ... | +6 | Poons ... ${ }^{\text {.. }}$ | ..- | $+23$ |
| Sholapur ... | ... | $+42$ | Sholapar $\quad$. | $\cdots$ | +19 |
| Betgaum | ... | +80 | Belygum $\quad . .$. | $\cdots$ | +18 +18 |
| Bijápur $\quad \cdots$ | -0 | $+65$ | Bljapar m | $\cdots$ | $+45$ |
| Dhermar ... | . | +21 | Dhár¢ár ... | ... | -6 | expansion of the millets with which it is grown as a prinoipal raw crop and made up nearly three-fourths of the contraction noticed in the last report. Of the total expansion under tur, 60 per cent. was secured in Sholápur and Bijápur only. The rabi rains favoured the cultivation of gram. The area increased 157,000 acres or 36 per cent. Bijápur and Ahmadnagar contributed 50 per cent. of the increase.

Tobacco.-The extent of cultivation remained the same as in the previous

| District. |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

 year. The contraction in Ahmadabad, Kaira, Broach and Belgaum was covered by the larger area reported from most of the Deccan districts and Bijápur. The previous year's stock remaining unsold in the hands of the cultivators is said to have discouraged cultivation in Gujarat. In the Deccan the increase has been attributed partly to high prices consequent on restricted importations and partly to favourable sowing rain.

Sugarcane.-The area under this crop showed a total decrease of 12,000 acres or $18 \cdot 1$ per cent. The chief cause assigned is that the food-grain crops occupied fields which would otherwise have been taken up by cane. In places want of sufficient water in canals and wells and the inability of the cultivators impoverished by famine to meet the high cost are also said to have restricted the cultivation. It will be seen from the figures given here that the area in $1897-98$ was the lowest on record during the last decade. This decrease began in $\downarrow 895-96$ and has continued with oscillations. The area stood high in 1888-89, after which it fell for four years and again rose for two years, again falling during the last three years. This character of the fluctuations makes it difficult to draw any definite conclusion' as to the tendency of the cane cultivation.

Oilseeds.-With the exception of sesame and groundnut, which together

| Crop |  |  |  | $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Acres } \\ 000 \text { omit- } \\ \text { ted. }\end{array}\right]$Pronldeney <br> Proper. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Segame | $\cdots$ | ... | ** | $\cdots 28$ |
| Linneed | $\cdots$ | ... | . | + 69 |
| Castor ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | +10 |
| Saflower | *- | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | +840 |
| Rapeseed | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\stackrel{7}{+}+2$ |
| Grounduat | ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | -61 |
| Others ... | ... | ... | . | +11 | suffered a slaninkage of 77,000 acres owing to the largo estension of food-grain crops, all other seeds show extended cultivation, the extension amounting to 272,000 acres or over 23 per cent. The increase, however, is chiefly apparent owing to the heavy fall in the previous year, the total area under oil-seeds being only a little above of two-thirds of that of 1805.96; cren the high increase under safflower is just suflicient to bring up the area under the seed to the normal. Somo of these crops are important articles of trade and are specially noticed below :-

Sesame.-The total area is 26,000 acres or 8 per cent. below that of the previous year. The decreas occurred in the Deccan and the southern districts of Gujarat. In the Deccan the scantiness of the early rains and the desire of the people to secure food as early as possible restricted the area under sesamum. In Surat and Broach the decrease is due to the heavy September rain. Contractions which occurred in these two provinces were to some extent made up by extended sowings in the Karnátak caused by favourable sowing rain.

Linseed.-Compared with the very low area of 1896-97, the crops showed an advance of 59,000 acres or 38 per cent. The increase is credited to Bijápur, Násik and Sholápur. In all these districts, however, the area is still considerably below what it was in 1895-96. Elsewhere in the Deccan and the Karnatak the area declined even below the record of the previous ye.r. This general decrease is due to larger area under food crops.

Groundnut.-Groundnut also deserves notice. Its cultivation receded from 149,000 to 98,000 acres, the decrease appearing in all groundnut-growing districts, especially in Sholápur and Sátára. Deficiency of sowing rain, larger area covered by food crops, deficiency of canal and well water and the fuiluro of the previous year's crops, all combined to limit the area of this oil-seed. The previous five years' figures show that it is steadily declining. In 1897-08 it was only balf of what it was in 1893-94. This decline may be due to the decroasing demand for export which is said to be due to the substitution of cotton-seed oil for groundnut oil.

| Diatrict. |  |  | Acres 000 oinltted). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ahmedabad ... | $\cdots$ | ** | -46 |
| Brouoh... .m | $\because$ | *- | +18 |
| Surat ${ }^{\text {an }}$ - | ... | ... | -32 |
| Khándegh ... | $\cdots$ | ... | -828 |
| Nasik ... $\quad$. | - | ... | -49 |
| Abmednagar ... | -.. | $\therefore$ | -73 |
| Belgnum .a | ... | . | -18 |
| Bijapur | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $+184$ |
| Dharwar | - ${ }^{*}$ | $\cdots$ | +05 |

[^0]Potato.-The crop was raised over 8,000 acres. The area is nearly the lowest on record ; Poona, which reported 79 per cent. of the total area, showed an increase of over 700 acres, but it was counterbalanced by smaller area in $\Lambda$ hmadnagar (-579), Dhárwár (-336) and Sátíra (-111 acres). Owing to the ring disease in potato it is being replaced in the Poona district by the less risky crop of onions. The cultivation of the latter is also encouraged by an export demand.

Green Fodder.-Lucerne and hot-weather jowári are the important fodder craps. During the year 1896-97 the areas under both these crops rose suldenly on account of the scarcity of fodder then prevailing. Contrasted with the large areas then reported, those of $1897-98$ show a considorable decline. But they are still higher than those of 1894-9j or 1895-90. Lucerne is chicfly grown in Ahmednagar (1,588 acrés), Poona ( 472 acres) and Thána ( 169 acres). Hot-weather jowari decreased everywhere, but remarkably in the Deccan and the Karnatals districts, whicl cultivated it on a large scale during the period of scarcity.

Kharif and Rabi Cropa.-The details given in the subjoined table show variations under kharif and rabi, cereals and pulses, of the Presidency, cxclusive of Sind, and give the main features of the season :-

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83. Below are the usual tables showing the distribution of crops. Statement $A$ shows the distribution of the principal crops in each district. Statement $B$ shows the proportion which the area of each crop in each district holds with respect to the gross area of that crop in the Presidency Proper. Sind is included in Statement A, A separate statement similar to $B$ is prepared for Sind with percentages shown on the gross area of Sind :-
A.-Distribution of Crops-Percentages on District. Areas.

B.-Distribution of Crops - Percentages shown on the drea of the Presideney Proper.

B.-Distribution of Crops-Percentages shown on the Area of Sind.


## Outturn of Crops.

84. The following table gives the reported anna valuation of the outturn of the principal crops in each district. The valuation (by Mamlatdars) purports to conform to the standard prescribed in Government IResolution No. 725, dated Ist February 1898, Revenue Department, by which a normal crop is designated as a 12 -anna crop. The table must, howerer, be taken as representing a merely approximate estimate.


- Maize.

Note,-In the above table, valuntions are calcaluted on the staudard by which 12 annas represent the normul crop.
In the eastern parts of the Deccan and the Karnatak districts the yield of kharíf crops was considerably reduced below the normal standard on account of deficient rainfall in July and August. Elsowhere it was good. The yield of rabi crops everywhere suffered from some want of moisture, as the rains ceased rather early in October.
85. Fruit Trees.-Increase is reported under all important fruit trees; that under cocoanut, jack, mango and date-palm being noticeably large. The increases do not necessarily show altogether new growths. It is likely that trees which were excluded during the previous year for being under the fruit-bearing age, were included in the year under report on account of their commencing to fruit. The enumeration must, however, be taken as a mere approsimation. Trees in forests and village sites are not included in this enumeration.

Number of Fruit Trees.
$(000$ omitted.)

| (000 omitted.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | Province. | Mango. | Tamarind. | Jack. | Cocosnat. | Toddy-palm. | Date-palm. |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \end{aligned}$ | Gujarát ... ... ... | 558 | 125 | 4 | 8 | 243 | 520 |
|  | Deccan ... ... ... | 928 | 71 | 12 | 11 | ... | 159 |
|  | Karnátak ... | 396 | 114 | 23 | 75 |  | 999 |
|  | Konkan ... | 581 | 44 | 228 | 1,832 | 99 | 15 |
|  | Total for the $\{1897-98$. | 2,463 | 355 | 267 | 1,926 | 342 | 1,693 |
|  | Presidency. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ 1896-97. | 2,429 | 348 | 218 | 1,787 | 330 | 1,661 |
|  |  | +34 | + 7 | +49 | +139 | +12 | +32 |
|  | Sind... $\quad . .\left\{\begin{array}{l}1897-98 \\ 1896-97\end{array}\right.$ | 214 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | $\ldots$ | 152 157 |
|  |  | $+7$ | ... | ... | ... | ... | -5 |
|  | Grand Total.$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { 1897-98 } \\ 1896-97\end{array}\right.$. | 2,677 2,636 | $\begin{aligned} & 355 \\ & 348 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 267 \\ & 218 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,927 \\ & 1,788 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 342 \\ & 330 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,845 \\ & 1,818 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | +41 | + 7 | $+49$ | +139 | +12 | $+27$ |

The enumeration includes an estimate of trees of special local value in particular districts as given in the following talble :-

Trees of special local importance for 1S07-9S.

| Trees and Districts. | Number. | Tressaml Districts. | Nimulur. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.-Mowra (Eassia lntifolia). |  |  |  |
| Kaira | 112,777 |  |  |
| Panch Maháls ... ... | 100,052 | Poona | S0,031 |
| Khandesh | 55,602 | Násik ... ... ... | 3,320 |
| Násik ... ... ... | 15,8,3 | Almadnagar .. | 2055 |
| Broach ... ... . ... | 2,970 | Shikírpur ... ... ... | 1,104 |
|  |  | IIsderabad ... ... ... | 751 |
| 2.-Betelnut (Areca catechu). |  | B.lgamm ... ... ... | 035 |
| Kánarn ... ... | 0,050,951 |  |  |
| Dhárwár ... ... ... | 1.12,474 | C. - Vine (ritis vinifura). |  |
| Ratnágiri ... ... ... | 192,35S |  |  |
| Kolába ... ... ... ... | 23,320 | Násik | 55.iso |
| Thána ... ... ... ... | 5,247 | Poona ... .... ... ... | (13,136 |
|  |  | Ahmadnargar ... ... .. | 10,4.37 |
| 3.-Ráyan (Jimusops Eexandra). |  | Shikarpur ... ... ... | 2x, $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ ) |
|  |  | Khándesh ... ... | 3,50:3 |
| Kaira ... ... ... | 77,354 | IIsderabad ... ... ... | 421 |
| Panch Mabáls ... | 4,19S | Upper Sind Frontior ... ... | 450 |
| Broach 4.- Kashewnut (Anacardiumb occidentale). | 2,573 | Karáchi... ... ... ... | © 13 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Kánara ... ... ... . | 105,487 | 7.-Kokum (Garcinia Indica). |  |
| Ratnágiri ... ... ... | 21,843 |  |  |
| 'l'haina ... ... ... | 5,378 | Ratnágiri ... | 5,032 |

Retúrn No. IV.-Irrigation.
86. In the Presidency Proper the net area irrigated in tho year under report was 4 per cent. against 5.4 per cent. in the previous year. In Sind, the proportion was reduced from 80 to 70 per cent., as the irrigated area did not keep pace with the general extension of the cropped arca.

The variations under the principal heads are shown below :-
Irrigated Area.


[^1] than ouce under irrigation.

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The total irrigated area decreased from $1,053,000$ acres to 963,000 acres, i.e., by 90,000 acres or 8.5 per cent. The chief variations in the areas irrigated from different sources are shown in the marginal table. The general result indicated by the table is in most places a decrease in the area irrigated from canals and from sources other than canals. The decrease is partly due to the unusually large area irrigated during the previous year on account of the general failure of rain and partly to less water being available in tanks, wells and canals which had run short of their supply during the drought, and in some measure also to the favourable season making irrigation less necessary. Canal irrigation in Ahmadabad, Poona, Belgaum and Kinara shows some increase. In the first two districts canals supplied ample water. In Belgaum the raising of the dam across the Ghatprabha river enlarged the storage capacity of the reservoirs and irrigated larger areas. In Kinara the irrigation by private canals increased at the cost of that from wells and tanks. Under tanks and wells the increase in Ahmadabad is attributed to larger areas under irrigated wheat and other pulses. In Khandesh new wells sunk during the famine year were brought into use in the year under report. In Dharwár, good water was available in nalas and other sources.'

The irrigated crops decreased from $1,224,000$ to $1,084,000$ acres, i.e., by 140,000 acres or $11^{\circ} 4$ per cent. The decrease occurred under all crops other than wheat, notably under "Other crops" ( $-137,000$ acres). In Sind the total irrigated area increased 13.1 per cent. on account of favourable inundations.

## Return No. V.-Agricultural Stock.

87. The following table shows the result of the enumeration of the principal heads of agricultural resources in the Presidency. Sind is not yet ready with a return :-

Agricultural Stock:

| Details. |  |  |  | Pramidect Peopre. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Number ( 100 omitted). |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Increase } \\ (+\quad \\ \text { per cent. } \end{gathered}$ | Decrease por cent. |
|  |  |  |  | 1896.07. | 1897-98. |  |  |
|  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plough Ca | ttle | $\ldots$ | ... | 2,929 | 2,965 | . 1.2 |  |
| Brecding | ulls | ... | ... | 17 | 16 | ..... | $5 \cdot 9$ |
| C:ittle for | other | purpos | ... | 121 | 116 | ...... | $4 \cdot 1$ |
| Milch Cat |  | ... | ... | 2,498 | 2,414 | ..... | $2 \cdot 3$ |
| Young Sto | ck | $\cdots$ | *- | 1,990 | 1,835 | ..... | $7 \cdot 8$ |
| Total, Cattle |  |  |  | 7,555 | 7,376 | ...... | $2 \cdot 4$ |
| Horses and Ponies... |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 130 \\ 1,598 \end{array}$ | 1221,507 | ....... | 6.15.7 |
| Sheep | $\cdots$ | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Goats | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 1,545 | 1,6751,014 | ..... ${ }^{8.4}$ |  |
| Corts | ... | $\ldots$ | ... |  |  |  | ${ }^{\cdots} \cdot 0.4$ |
| Carts | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 513 | 514 | 0.2 | ...... |

The district variations are noted below :-

| No. | Distri |  | Plongh Oxtin. | Cons. | Fhe. butralues. | Young Stock: | Totnl Cuttle. | Sherp. | Coms, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Ahmadsbad |  | +4,418 | +3,053 | +1,277 | +2,953 | +12.404 | - 6.05 | -1.0s3 |
| 2 | Kaira - | ... | -2,494 | $-2,113$ | +1,770 | +9,218 | +6.436 | $-3,703$ | +4.595 |
| 3 | Panch Mahals | -0 | +2,423 | +090 | +679 | -1,072 | +2,793 | $+133$ | -1, 5:0 |
| 4 | Broach | ... | -789 | -379 | $+193$ | -325 | -1,671 | +1.005 | -791 |
| 5 | Surat .. | ... | -1,3.12 | -646 | -68 | -2,125 | -5,231 | -? 2470 | +1,9.1 |
| 6 | Ehándesh ... | ... | +5,413 | -9,663 | -3.145 | - -27,767 | +35,999 | -36. 4 | +8,917 |
| 7 | Náril $\quad .$. | ... | -2,65 | -5,861 | -1,823 | $-12,686$ | -26,823 | -10,460 | -7,833 |
| 8 | Ahmadnagar | ... | -4,766 | -23,411 | -2,216 | $-36.9 .80$ | -68,280 | -51,263 | +20.527 |
| 9 | Poons ... | ... | -6,065 | -20,148 | -721 | $-16,996$ | $-33,812$ | -40.359 | +6,186 |
| 10 | Bholhpur ... | ** | +26,531 | +747 | +1,503 | -15,638 | +12,679 | +27.181 | +60,951 |
| 11 | Sítira $\quad .$. | ... | -3,696 | -6,062 | +503 +1.451 | -15,819 | -26,123 | -21,185 | +80 +80 |
| 12 | Belgrum | ... | +3,871 | +330 | +1,451 | $-18,487$ | -7,656 | $-5.489$ | +4,901 |
| 13 | Bijapur ... | ... | $+19,120$ | +1,173 | -330 | -23,291 | $-2,686$ | +17.477 | +58,402 |
| 14 | Dhárwér ... | ... | +2,872 | +742 | +1,502 | -310 | +1,102 | -1,030 | -14,54 |
| 15 | Thána | ... | -574 | +606 | +310 | -1,233 | $-1,636$ | $+102$ | $-1,366$ |
| 16 | Kolaba | *. | -90 | $-1,913$ | $+76$ | $+685$ | -1,170 | $+190$ | +2,111 |
| 17 | Ratnágiri .. |  | + 1771 | ,-7 | - 53 | -0.2. | -,.00 | $+63$ | +794 |
| 18 | Kanara .. |  | -1,063 | $-1,335$ | $-495$ | -944 | $-4,8.43$ | $+140$ | $-386$ |

Cattle.-In 1896-97 the total number of cattlo diminished by 935,000 or 11 per cent. This year there was a further diminution of 179,000 or 2.4 por cent. The falling off took place under almost all heads of cattle, that under youns stock being comparatively very large. In Gujarit tho number of cattlo in. creased on the whole. Only the two southern districts reported somo decrease. In Broach the cessation of tagii advancos is said to have prevented new purchases. Cattle-disease of a mild type is reported to have slightly reduced the number of cattle in Surat. Among the Deccan and the Karnatak districts, Sholápur and Dhárwar alone show increase. In the former, animals taken to the Nizám's territories for grazing during the famino aro said to have returncd in 1897-98. Dhárwár had an ample supply of fodder and water, which enabled it to register a slight recovery from the large decrease of the previous year. Elsewhere, in both provinces deaths on account of the scarcity of fodder prevailing at the beginning of the year, and sales of surplus cattle, which tho impoverished cultivators were unable to maintain, account for largo decreases. In the Konkan, Kánara exhibited a noticeable falling off, due to rinderpost and food and mouth diseases. The return homo of animals which were brought to Thina during the period of scarcity account for the small decrease in that district.

Sheep and Goats.-Sheep decreased 91,000 or $5 \cdot 7$ per cent. The reduction is mostly in the Deccan and the Karnátak districts except Sholapur and Bijijpur. This decrease is traced to the same causes which reduced the number of cattle. The goats on the other hand show an increase of 130,000 or 8.4 per cent. Unlike sheep, these animals increased in almost all districts of the Deccan and the Karnatak. Goats are hardier than sheep and live mainly on loaves of trecs, which fodder was comparatively plentiful for them. In Ahmadnagar the increase is attributed to purchase of goats for milk, probably to replace milch cattle that died during the famine.

Horses and Ponies.-Decrease of 8,000 or 6.1 per cent. continued from the previous year, when there was a still larger falling off of 20,000 . For 00 per cont. of the decrease in the year under report, $\operatorname{shmadnagar}(-2,800)$, Khaxdesh ( $-2,300$ ), Násik ( $-1,200$ ) and Poona ( -900 ) are responsible.

Heturn No. VII-Water-supply.
88. The return is a quinquennial one and will re-appear in 1001-02.

## B.-PRICES

89. Price Inspectors.-'Out of the 50 stations fixed for inspection, 58 were visitcd once during the ycar, one alone-Kolhapur-being omitted owing to the strict quarantine restrictious imposed by the Darbar during the plague.

The cost incurred and the number of days actually devoted to inspection are given in the statement below, and are contrasted with the figures for the previous year:-

| Year. |  |  |  | Salury. | Travelling. | Total. | Days of inspection. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | lis. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | No. |
| 1896.97 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{lll}3,2 \div 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3,310 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}1,975 & 13 & 3 \\ 947 & 9 & 8\end{array}$ |  | 183 185 |
| 1897-98 | ... | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |

90. Retail Prices Current. -In the majority of the stations, the registration was carried out fairly effciently, but in some of them serious inaccuracies were noticed during the inspections.

The standing order that the prices should be ascertained by a regular clerk on the establishment of the Reporting Officer, was disregarded in two stations, Sholípur and Mhow, where the work was entrusted to candidates. At Godhra, the work was divided between two kirkuns, one of whom had frequently to leave the station on duty. This disregard of the standing orders led to numerous errors and omissions in the registration. The Inspectors noticed at some places that the clerks had made only haphazard inquiries, in consequence of which abnormally high rates were registered, prices were omitted for articles which were to be had in the market, whilst quotations were made in the registers for articles which were not even sold. At Málegaon the rates were not ascertained from retail trustworthy dealers but from a commission broser and a wholesale dealer.

In Bombay the prices of wheat flour of both sorts were for nearly seven months reported for a very superior quality. They were based on the rate of a superior quality of flour sold in fancy paper packets for higher classes of confectionery, The rates quoted by the Superintendent of Markets were thus about 30 per cent. higher than those published by the Chamber of Commence. In Sholápur, Bijápur, Málegaon and Ahmadnagar, the price of the best sort of imported rice, called "table rice", was incorrectly registered as the price of the first sort, which caused the difference between the first and second sorts of rice to be unduly large. At Ahmadabad and Nasirabad the prices of tanned instead of raw hides were incorrectly recorded, and in one of the Deccan districts, Sátára, the price of groundnut in husk obtaining per ser of 76 tolas was registered for a measure ser of 46 tolas. An awkward error was detected at Alibag, where the price of wheat flour was quoted at 11 lbs instead of 11 sers per rupee. The price of gram dál at Ratnágiri was erroneously quoted for gram, and the rates for tea and mutton, which were sold per lb , of 39 tolas, were wrongly recorded per local ser of 28 tolas. At Godhra the price of dry grass was reported for several months at half its actual price, and at another station the price of salt was wrongly calculated, the weight ser having been used for the measure ser, which made a difference of 27 tolas in the ser. At Sholápur the price of tobacco was registered at Rs. 40 per maund, and the rise was explained by the remark "mant of supply". Subsequently at the inspection it was found that its price was wrongly ascertained. Similarly at Sukkur a mistake in calculating the price of jagri was explained away by the remark that "the rise was due to less import." At Bijápur the absence of the rate for ragi in the fortnightly return was explained by the remark " not procurable in the market," whereas its price was registered on all the birweekly dates during the month: the omission was really due to negligence. The fortniohtly returns were inaccurately compiled by four stations-Ratnágiri, Satára, Surat and Godhra: instead of the prices ruling on the 15 th and last day of the month being returned, these stations gave the averages of the previous and current fortnights.
91. Táluka Form No. 38.-These furms were inspected in all the headquarter stations visited by the Price Inspectors. The irregularities found were numerous and indicated that the rules of the Revenue Manual were disregarded in several places. In some tálukas the registers were incomplete, in others the form was not compiled from the reports of Circle Inspectors, whilst in some places the prices recorded did not tally with those reported.
92. A return (pp. xliv-xlv) is appended giving, for all the districts of the Prosidency and the several cantonments visited by the Inspectors, the
annual average retail prices of the principal staple food-grains and articles of ordinary consumption for the year under report.
93. Return of IVholesale Prices.-The ratos in all tho stations were critically examined and appeared generally to have becn fairly well ascortained. Of the 10 selected stations, in 5 good work was shown, whilst in the rewaining 5 , errors more or less numerous were observed.

In Dhárwár, Bijápur and Sholápur, where wholesale transactions in food stuffs and seeds are settled by rupee prices, those registered were for quantities below 10 Indian maunds. In these threo places, also, rates were not roturned for all articles in which transactions had taken place. At Sukkur, the price of Jambha was wrongly registered for rapeseed. At Ahmednagar, where wholcsale transactions were found at the iuspection to have frequently taken place, no prices at all were returned for 10 months, and the absence of the rates in the return was explained away by the remark that "no transactions had taken place ". Inspection of the dealers' books showed that transactions had taken place in every fortnight of the jear, but the clerk entirely neglected to report them.

## C.-CROP EXPERIMENTS.

94. The number of experiments conducted during 1897-98 amounted, as shown in tho margin, to 127 as against 62 in the previous yoar. Of these 66 were from the Northorn Divi-

Jowári 21; bájri 16; wheat 31 ; rice 8 ; other millets 12; gram 12; lang 5 ; oil seeds 11 ; cotton 7; sugarcane 1 and other crops 3.
sion, 40 from the Central livision and
sion, 40 from the Central livision and 21 from the Southern Division. No experinents have been reported from
Surat and Belgaum districts owing to the officers being placed on plaguo duty. In several other districts also the work suffered, more or less, from the same cause.

## D.-FORECASTS OF WHEAT, COTTON AND OIL SEEDS.

95. As a consequence of the bad season in some of the provinces outside the Presidency, wheat exports were partly diverted to the provinces affected with scarcity; and the exports to foreign countries dwindled to 32 per cent. of the previous year. Of the countrics which figure conspicuously as wheatimporters from the port of Bombay, Italy alone incroased her receipts. Tho exporis to Egypt disappeared altogether and those to the United Kingdom were reduced to 2 per cent. only. France and Germany also took loss than half of their last year's supply.

The cotton trade fared no better. The season was, no doubt, bettcr than in 1896-97; but there was a large shrinkuge in arca owing to the extensive cultivation of food-grain and fodder crops consequent on the previous year's scarcity. On the one hand the plague and plague restrictions impoded tho free flow of cotton to the port of shipment and on the other hand owing to recrudescence of plague and fall in the price of American cotton. Tho demand for Indian cottons, either for local mill industry or for shipment to European countries, was not very brisk. The total exports to fureign countrics, thercfore, fell by 30 per cent. below those of 1896-97.

The trade in sesamum and rapesced showed considerable improvement in consequence of the favourable season and large demand from outside. The arca under linsced, on the other hand, underwent a considerable shrinkage owing to want of rain at suwing time, and exports in this oil sced were curtailed to a large extent.

The official forecasts of cotton, wheat and oil seeds were published as usual. The forecast areas of the two former crops approximated to the actual area. But the divergence shown by the oil seeds was rather wido and is attributed to the usual difficulty of ascertaining the actual area under these sceds, which are mostly grown as raw crops.

## E.-AGRICULTURAI LEDGERS.

90. A very full note on the cultivation of sugarcane in the Bombay Presidency by Mr. Miollison, Deputy Director of Agriculture, and Dr. Leather, $\Delta$ gri-

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cultural Chemist to the Government of India, was prepared during the year and has been published as Agricultural Ledger No. 8 of 1898. It describes the cultivation of the crop, the effects of various manures, the sugar-boiling processes, the chemistry of the crop and descriptions of different varieties of cane growing in various parts of India. The pamphlet is an unusually complete one and contains all that has been learned up to date regarding the crop through comparative experiments and otherwise. Mr. Mollison is, at present, writing a pamphlet giving full descriptions of various breeds of cattle in the Presidency and of the conditions under which they breed and are bred. This will shortly be published with photographic illustrations of numerous typical specimens.

## CHAPTER VIII. <br> FINAL.

97. The period to which this report relates expired aboat six weeks before I took charge of this office. The report has been well drafted by Messrs. Nagarji, Gokhle, Jáveri, Bhardi, Khambatta and Richardson of this office and by Ráo Bahádur Yashvant Nilkanth, Officiating Personal Assistant to the Director, who has supervised the whole.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant, W. P. SYMONDS,

Acting Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture..

# STATISTICS. 

RAINFALL
(CHAPTER IV).

## EXPLANATORY REMARKS.

## Rain Periods and their Dates.

Early Raius ... ... ... ... . ... ...1st January-10th A pril.
Ante-Monsoon-
A'shvini ... ...11th April-24th April.
11th April to 4th June ... $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}\text { Bharani } & \cdots & \ldots . .25 \text { th April-8th May. } \\ \text { Kritika } & \cdots & .9 \text { th AI } \\ \text { Ray-20nd May. }\end{array}\right.$
$\begin{cases}\text { Krittika } & \because . \\ \text {...9th May-22nd May. }\end{cases}$
Monsoon-Kharif-
5th June to 14th August. $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}\text { Mrig } & \text {... } & \text {...5th June-19th June. } \\ \text { A'rdra } & \text {... } & \text {...20th June-3rd July. } \\ \text { Punarvasu } & \text {... } & \text {..4th July-17th July. } \\ \text { Pushya } & \ldots & \text {...18th July-31st July. } \\ \text { A'shlesha } & \text {... } & \text {...1st August-14th August. }\end{array}\right.$
Monsoon-Rabi-
1sth August to 21st Oct.$\left\{\begin{array}{lll}\text { Magha } & \ldots & \text {...15th August-27th August. } \\ \text { Purra } & \ldots & \text {...28th August-10th September. } \\ \text { Uttara } & \ldots & \text {...11th September-24th Septembe } \\ \text { Hast } & \ldots & \ldots 25 \text { th September-7th October. } \\ \text { Chitra } & \ldots & \text {...8th October-21st October. }\end{array}\right.$
Late Rains-
22nd Oct. to 30th Nov.... $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}\text { Sváti } & \text {... } & \text {..22nd October-3rd November. } \\ \text { Vishákha } & \text {... } & \text {..4th November-17th November. }\end{array}\right.$
December.

The average given in the tables is that for eleven years ending 1892, except for very few stations. The rainy days are compared with last year only.

The anna valuation given in the remarks is on the basis of 16 annas representing an average crop.

Synopsis of Rainfall Summary, 1897-98.

| District, | Kharip. |  | Rabr. |  | Genernl Femark: as tu liaill. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rasin. | Harvest. | Rain. | IIarvest. |  |
| West Khándesh . | Late for sowing, but sufficient and sea. sonable afterwards. | Good ... ... ... | Sufficient in the begimning, but censul early. | Fairly good ... ... | Bulow nverage exerpit in fome tilukas-three in the cast and one in the wert. |
| East Khandesh'... | Do. do. ... | Do. ... ... ... | Do. do. ... | Good ... ... ... | Geuerally under averaid. |
|  | Scanty for sowing, but sufficient asterwards. | Do. ... ... ... | Do. do. ... | Fuirly good ... ... | Cuder averafe. |
| - Ahmednagar | Insufficient except in hilly parts. | Poor in four talukas ; elsewhere middling. | Sufficient and timely. | Middling, having been injured by blight from excessive cold. | Short of average exempt in Nevísa and Saneamar. |
| Poons ... ... | In the west sufficient. In the east very deficient till the end of August. Good afterwards. | Fair in the west. Yoor in the east. | Do. do. ... | Do. do. ... | Below average. |
| Sholépur... | Deficient ... ... | $\begin{gathered} \text { Middling at Madha } \\ \text { aud Pandharpur. } \\ \text { Poor elsewhere. } \end{gathered}$ | Sufficiont for sowing ; scant for develup. ment. | Poor owing to carly cessation of rnia and to excessive cold. | Alove avarace in the western talukas. |
| Satára | Sufficient and useful, but late in the central and eastern talukas. | Fair ... $\quad .$. | Do. do. ... | Fair ... ... ... | Generally above averuyc. |
| Belgaum... | Sufficient throaghout in the west. Deticient in the commencement in the east. | Good ... $\quad .$. | Good fur sowing, but scant afterwards. | Midding. Cotton pour. | Littlo alove avirage in the Wust ; beluar clecwhere. |
| Bijapur ... | Deficient and acant till end of August. | Poor ... ..e ... | Do. do. , ... | Do. do. ... | Below average cxecpt in three talukus. |
| Dhárwár... ... | Sufficient throughout in the west. Deficient in the commencement in the east. | Fairly good ... ... | Sufficient, Jut atopped rather early. | Midiling. Cotton and wheat injured by easterly wind. | Litlle below avernge in the south; above clecwierc. |
| Kánara ... ... | Cood and sufficient... | Good ... ... ... | Good and sufficient... | Good... ... '.. | Abovo avernge in romat talukna ; little below it clecwhero. |
| Ratualgiri ... | Do. do. ... | Do. ... ... ... | Do. do. .. | Do. do. ... | Gencrally above average. |
| Kolabs ... | Do. do. ... | Do. ... ... ... | Do. do. ... | Good in four talukas. siddling elvewhere. | Do. do. |
| Tháns ... | Deficient for aowing. Sufficient afterwards. | Fairly good ... ... | Do. do. ... | Fair ... ... ... | Above average except in the north. |
| Surat ... ... | Scant for sowing. Sufficient afterwards. Augustrain injuriously heavg. | Good ... ... ... | Sowing rain sufficient, but deficient in the end. - | Middling ... ... | Below average. |
| Brouch ... ... | Sowing rain late, but sufficient and tiwely later on. | Fair to good... | Do. do, ... | Fair to good... | Alowe average in the come tral talukan; Belum in the remaining ones. |
| Kairs ... ... | Do. do. ... | Fair, but rice poor ... | Do. do. ... | Miduling to fair ... | Generally below average. |
| Panch Makils ... | Do. do. ... | Rice poor; other crops fair. | Do. do. ... | Suilding ... ... | Delow avcrage. |
| Ahmedabad ... | Do. do. ... | Good, bat rice middling. | Do. do. ... | Good ... | Slightly above avers; in turee túlukas ; cisewicire ander it. |

West Khandesh， 1897.


General characteristics．－A hilly and ragged tract，except where the wide black－soil plains extend on either side of the Tápti and its tribataries．Rainfall very heavy in the Dángs．

Remarks．－The rainfall was above the average at Navápar Petha and in three eastern talukas； elsorrhere below the average．The monsoon commenced timely in June bat stopped too soon to allow sowings．They were however resumed in Jaly when there was good and sufficient rain in the last three weeks．Kharif crops continued to flourish in Augast aud September．October rain was light bat it was sufficient for standing bharif crops and rabi sowing．Kharif harvest was nearly over in November．No rain fell in this month or December．The rabi crops suffered slightly from want of moisture owing to the early cessation of rain and yielded an oatturn below 12 annas which is taken as the average．The kharif crops were better．Their outturn was above 12 annas．

East Khandesh， 1897.

| Rain Periods． | Chalig－ gaon． |  | Páchora． |  | Bhad－ gaon． |  | Erandol． |  | Chopda． |  | Jalgaon． |  | Jámner． |  | Bhusával． |  | Edalabad． |  | Yaval． |  | Raiver． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 㟶 } \\ & \stackrel{6}{6} \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 苞 } \\ & \text { 总 } \\ & \text { 品 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 蕆 | Fall． | 咗 |
|  | In． |  | In． 0.01 ．．． |  |  | ．．． |  |  |  |  | In． |  |  |  |  |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Farly Rains ．．． | 0.03 | ．．． |  |  | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.01 | $\cdots$ | 0.03 | ．．． | 0.12 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $0 \cdot 10$ | 1 | $\cdots$ | ＊－ | 0.02 | $\cdots$ |
| Anto－stminoon．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.18 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＊＇ | ＂． | 0.08 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | －．＂ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | ＊－ |
| Monsond－Kharit | $8 \cdot 37$ | 17 | $15 \cdot 6{ }^{\circ}$ | 23 | 14．29 | 28 | 18.32 | 24 | $8 \% 8$ | 23 | 17.09 | 20 | $14 \cdot 10$ | 25 | $12 \cdot 60$ | 28 | $8 \cdot 19$ | 19 | 15.98 | 24 | $9 \cdot 13$ | 18 |
| Mrnnoon－Rabi | $15 * 61$ | 20 | 15.462 | 20 | 20．45 | 23 | $18 \cdot 67$ | 24 | 13.05 | 22 | 18.07 | 18 | 12．28 | 16 | 18.04 | 19 | $13 \cdot 19$ | 19 | 12．48 | 15 | 12．69 | 18 |
| Late Rains ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | － | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ＊＊ | ＊＇ | $\cdots$ | ＊＇ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． |
| Total | 25.01 | 37 | $31 \cdot 13$ | 4 | 84.74 | 49 | 37．18 | 40 | 20.75 | 45 | 35－19 |  | 28.68 | 42 | 27.64 | 45 | $21 \cdot 48$ | 89 | $28 \cdot 47$ | 38 | 21.84 | 36 |
| $\Delta$ terase ${ }^{\prime}$ | 36．01 | 36 | 34．33 | 33 | 30.69 | 38 | 35．17 | 29 | 32．42 | 87 | 38－20 | 87 | 37－23 | 41 | 30．32 | 30 | 30－14 | 38 | $2 \mathrm{2} \cdot 90$ | 38 | 32．21 | 35 |

General characturistics．－In the north，high hills of the Satpudas．The soathern and western portions are also hilly，but the hills less high and continuous．Drainage by the Tápti，the Girna and the Purna．Rainfall larger than in the West Khándesh，bat less certain．
Temarks．－The number of wet days was greater than usual，but the total fall was under the
nverage，except in ono or two talukas where it alightly exceeded the avorage fall．The monsoon
opened timely in June，but the rainfall was generally insofficient ontil the end of the first week of
July，after which ebundant rain fell．This euahled retarded sowings to be completed．In Angust
and September kharif crops continued to thrive withoat check．The＂Hasta＂showers in
September－October were sufficiently heavy．They were followed by light＂Chitra＂showers．
Tractically no rain fell after October．The rabi crops，therefore，though not much below normal
were not as good as the kharif．The gield of important crops was estimated as ander：－Jowar
and bájri 14 annas．Til 13 annas．Wheat and grain 11 annas．Linseed 11 anuas．Cotton 13 annas．
Tarle annas．

Na'sik, 1897.

| Rain Poriods, | Na'sik. |  | IgatpCry. |  | Sinnır. |  | Nipha'd. |  | Yeola. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { NA'sD. } \\ \text { GAON. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Ma'legater. |  | Sata'ma. |  | Ealvan |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cun'r. } \\ \text { none. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Dindonit |  | Print. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. |  | Fall, |  | Fall. | 弟 | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fa |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fa |  | Fall. |  | Fnll. | 菏 |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | $\mathrm{In}^{\text {. }}$ |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In . |  | In. |  |
| Early Rains ... | $0 \cdot 04$ | 1 | $\cdots$ | ... | 0.02 | . | $\cdots$ | . | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | ... |  | ... | $\cdots$ |  |  | .. |  | ... |
| Anto-3ionsoon .. | 0.49 | 1 | 0.10 | 1 | 114 | 3 | .. | ... | - | ... | -.. | ... | 0.87 | 1 | 0.18 | ... | 0.03 | ... | 0.23 | 1 | 0.4 | 1 | ... |  |
| Monboon-Kharil ... | 12:13 | 20 | 81.58 | 85 | $10 \cdot 22$ | 23 | 8.50 | 17 | $0 \cdot 80$ | 18 | 772 | 15 | 7.30 | 13 | 570 | 10 | 14.01 | 23 | $0 \cdot 88$ | 11 | 1294 | ${ }^{1}$ | $4 \cdot 0$ | 41 |
| Monsoon-Rabd | $15 \cdot 19$ | 22 | 42.88 | 4 | 79 | 18 | 16.87 | 17 | 17:52 | 18 | 13.29 | 20 | 1128 | 17 | $13 \cdot 81$ | 10 | 19.02 | 17 | 17.37 | 23 | 10.00 | 24 | 2s'20 | 37 |
| Late Rsins | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 48 | 1 | $\cdots$ | ... | 10 | 1 | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... |  | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |
| Total ... | 28.48 | 4 | 124:30 | 100 | $24 \cdot 3$ | 4 | $25 \cdot 37$ | 34 | 2453 | 98 | 21.01 | 95 | $21^{\circ} 8$ | 11 | 10\%72 | ${ }_{0}$ | 2700 | $\omega$ | 2780 | 4 | 33.9 | 63 | 73 | 511 |
| Average | 37.74 | 55 | 1411 | 1 | 22005 | 40 | $25^{\prime} 97$ | 83 | 24.78 | 34 | 34.11 | 36 | 25.24 | 25 | $25 \cdot 10$ | 87 | 20 | so | 31.41 | 39 | 33.05 | co | 0 s | ${ }^{47}$ |

General characteristics.-The district is divisible into the Desh (or open country) and the Dangs (near the Sahyádris with heavy rainfall and primitive cultivation). The west portion of Násik, Dindori and Igatpuri and the whole of Peint belong to the Dange

Renarks.-The total rainfall was onder the avorage except at Dindori whore it was a $f(\mathrm{w}$ cents in excess. The eerly ante-monsoon showers were light and useful for preparation of land. Tho monsoon commenced timely in June but the total fall of the month was too scanty for gencral sowings. They were completed in Jnly which gave good and gufficient rain. The fall in August and September was very good for all the crops. The "Hasta" showers were as heavy as asunland gave good rabi prospects. The light showers of "Chitra" closed the monsoon in the middlo of October. The Tusar as well as kharif crops did well throughout. The formor jielded 10 to 12 annas. Kbarif 12 to 14 annas ; in places they yielded as much as 16 annas. Among the rabi crops gram and wheat secured 10 to 12 annas. Linseed 8 to 12 annas.

Ahmadnagar, 1897.


General characteristics-(1) Desh-Godáari valley (tálakas 6 to 9 ) rich allavial plains growing much wheat. Rainfall very uncertain. Bhima and Ghor valley (talatas 3 and 4) allavial, bat less fertile. Rainfall more capricions. Good year exceptional. Talukas 1,2,5 and 10 lio letween these valleys. Alternation of bare hill and treeless plain with occasional fertile wellwooded tracts. Rain more regalar. (2) Dungs- Half Akola has very Leavy rain, balf abute on the Desh. The record shows the fall of the plain portion.

Remarks.-The annual rainfall was short of the average except in Nevísa and Sagamner where it was 2 or 3 inches in excess. The ante-monsoon showers were scanty and partial. The monsoon opened in June with a few light showers only. The neaal scason for sowing cotton and bajri passed away. In a few hilly places where some sowinga wero effected the bcedlingu soffered in the latter part of the month. The general sowinge were resumed in Jaly bot the fall of the month was still deficient in the southern talakas. The Angust rain was again deficient. In placos the khaif crops failed, but a light bat general fall at the close of the month asved the t,jijri crop. The "Uttara" and " Hasta" falls in September were more than auficicnt, and rabi sowings were nomewhat retarded through excessive moisture. There was another good fall in October. No rain foll in November or December. The rabi crops suflered from blight cansed by excessive cold in December and Jannary. Ou this account the rabi crope gielded from 6 to 9 annas only. The kharif crops failed in Karjat, yielded very poorly from 4 to 6 annas in Rahari, Nagar, Parner and Sbrigonda. Elsewhere from 10 to 14 annas. Tasar crops failed in 3, yielded scanty barvests in fivo tálakas and 12 annas only in Shevgaon.
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Роопа, 1897.


General characteristics.-The district varies from a heavy certain rainfoll to a most scant capricious one. Sare rain is enjoyed by the west portions of Junnar, Khed, Haveli and all of Mával. A moderate bat regular rainfall characterizes the central belt, while the Bhimıhadi and Indapur tàlukas are uncertain and irregular like the adjoining talukas of Sholápur.

Remarks.-The nomber of rainy days was generally less than the average and the total rainfall of the year was below the average except at the head quarter station and at Khed where it was a little abore. The ante-monsoon showers were only safficient for preparation of land. The monsoon opened with the sccond week of June. In the west the sowings were started in time; but they were retarted at the close of the month for want of rain. Moderate rain fell daily in Joly, which was useful for completing sowings as well as transplantation. During the next three months the crop flourished withont any check excepting some damage to the bajri crop by the "Hasta" fall in September. No rain fell in November when reaping of kharif crop was completed. In the east the rain had been insufficient from the commencement of the kharif sowing. The fall in July was light and interrapted by long breaks and nearly'the same conditions continued in August. Kharif crops were withering away at the end of that month. But the September fall was above the average and improved prospects. It saved part of the kharif crops and allowed preparation of rabi lands. Rabi sowings were effected in October under favourable circumstances, but no rain fell afterwards and moisture was deficient. The crops also suffered from blight cansed by excessive cold in December and January and from cyclonic rain in February when they were lying cut in the fields. The rabi gield was thus only 6 to 8 annas at the best. The kharif gielded 10 to 12 annas in the western portion and 6 annas in the eastern.

Shola'pur, 1897.

| Rain Periode. | Sholípur. |  | BSRSI, |  | MSDHA. |  | Karmala, |  | Pandharpor. |  | SANGOLA. |  | MÁlsiras: |  |
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|  | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy daja. | Fall ${ }^{\text {f }}$ | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy day: | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Riany } \\ & \text { day } . \end{aligned}$ |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| Early Rain ... . | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.04 | $\cdots$ | 0.04 | , | 0.05 | ... | 0.80 | 1 | $0 \cdot 16$ | 1 | 0.02 | $\cdots$ |
| Ante-Monsoon... ... | 0.71 | 8 | 0.24 | -* | 0.38 | 2 | 0.43 | 2 | 0.88 | 4 | 0.44 | 2 | 0.04 | .. |
| Monsoon-Kharil ... | 5.87 | 10 | 6.57 | 26 | 0.62 | 12 | 8.81 | 0 | 8.89 | 11 | 4.21 | 11. | 6.13 | 7 |
| Monscon-Rald., ... | 14.04 | 23 | 18.01 | 24 | 28.88 | 29 | 16.84 | 23 | 20.21 | 22 | 20.76 | 19 | 21.98 | 25 |
| Late Raine ... | $0 \cdot 30$ | 1 | 0.14 | 1 | 0.26 | 1 | 0.04 | ... | . 0.58 | 4 | 0.05 |  | 0.22 | 1 |
| Total | 20.42 | 87 | 25.00 | 41 | 89.28 | 44 | 20.87 | 84 | 80.88 | 42 | $25 \cdot 62$ | 38 | 28.87 | 33 |
| Average ... | 82.78 | 80 | 85.37 | 38 | 31.81 | 28 | 27.60 | 82 | 29.01 | 32 | $23 \cdot 17$ | 26 | 23.38 | 24 |

General characteristics.-The isolated tálnka of Bársi is richest, and has the surest rain; but the rainfall is scanty all over the district, and very capricions.

Remarks.-Rain below average at Sholápur, Bársi and Karmála; elsewhere above average owing to heary fall at commencement of the rabi season. The ante-monsoon showers were very light and partial. The rainfallia the usual kharif sowing season was neither sufficient nor well distributed and the sowings were effected late in the latter half of July. That month also closed with urgent need of rain. The fall in Augast was again mach below the normal, and intermittent. The kharif crops began to wither. Those thit were sown late fared better with the heavy "Parva" fall in September which was followed by another good fall under "Uttara" and "Hasta." The rain for rabi sowing was general and abundant. The whole of the rabi area was sown, bat the rabi rains closed before the end of October, and the crops suffered from the rain ceasing so soon after their germination and also from excessive cold later on. The kharif outtarn was estimated at 12 annas in Madha, 8 annas in Pandharpar. Elsewhere 3 to 4 annas. The rabi outturn was estimated at 6 to 10 annas in Bársi, 6 in Mailsiras and 2 to 4 annas in the remaining tálukas.

Sa'ta'ra, 1897.

| Rain Periode | Sitska. |  | KorbGAON. |  | WAL. |  | Khan. dala. |  | Medha. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MALD } \\ & \text { colin } \\ & \text { PrTi. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Pitav. |  | KıESD. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Talra } \\ & \text { (Ist.AM- } \end{aligned}$$\mathrm{P}\left(\mathrm{C}^{\prime}\right) .$ |  | Sumila |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Datio } \\ & \text { vibl. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Vadus. |  | Vita. |  | TAs. <br> HAN. |  |
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|  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l} \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{4} \\ \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{4} \\ \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{E} \\ \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{x} \end{array}$ | Fall. |  | Full. |  | Fall. |  | Fsll, | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{E} \\ & \vdots \\ & \vdots \\ & \vdots \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | -- |  |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{In}_{0}$ |  |  |  | In. |  | $\mathrm{In}_{5}$ |  |  |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | ${ }^{10}$. |  | In. |  | n, |  | In. |  | ma. |  |
| Early Rains Ante- Monsoon ... Monsoon-Kharil |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{3} \\ 44 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left(\begin{array}{c} 0.07 \\ 1.85 \\ 16.10 \end{array}\right.$ | $\ddot{7}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | (1.11 | $\left(\begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 3 \end{array}\right.$ |  | $\left.\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 4 \end{aligned} \right\rvert\,$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 1 | $\ddot{i n}$ |  | 211 | ${ }^{1}$ | 102 | 9 | $\begin{gathered} 0.07 \\ 0: 31 \end{gathered}$ |  | 0.4.4 | 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.40 \\ & 1.78 \end{aligned}$ | 1 $n$ $n$ | 104 | 4 |
| Monsion-kabi | ${ }^{28 \cdot 15} 12.34$ | ${ }_{24}^{44}$ | ${ }_{\text {c }}^{16.18}$ | 30 | 19 19.23 | 22 |  | ${ }_{25}^{22}$ | ${ }_{\substack{83 \\ 1856 \\ \hline 8.85}}$ | ${ }_{29}{ }^{51}$ | $215 \times \times 8$ $67 \times 13$ | ${ }^{68}$ |  | ${ }_{80}^{60}$ |  | ${ }^{8} 8$ | 18.4. | ${ }^{3}$ | 28.1. | $4{ }_{4}^{41}$ |  | 3.3 |  | 17 |  | 3 | \%im | * |
| Late Raina ${ }^{\text {a }}$. $\ldots$ | 1.88 | 2 | ${ }_{0}^{14.01}$ | ${ }_{2}^{22}$ | 10.43 | ${ }_{2}^{22}$ | 17.97 | 25 | ${ }^{15} 80$ | 29 | [10.61 | ${ }_{8}^{63}$ | 1438 0.24 | 18 | $\left[\begin{array}{c} 10 ; 8 \\ 0 \times 8 \end{array}\right.$ | 1 | - | ${ }_{2}^{22}$ | 100 | 10 | (14.03 | $\underline{-1}$ | $c144i 010$ | 17 | crind | 16 | 13:4 | ${ }_{2}^{14}$ |
| Total | 46.61 | 73 | 32-88 | 68 | 88.58 | 52 | 3075 | 61 | $83^{\prime} 21$ | E6 | 26724 | 129 | $77 \cdot 48$ | 80 | 31:3s | 57 | 3303 | 04 | 18:37 | is | 25.00 | 4 | 21 | 30 | 26.1 | $t 0$ | 24\% |  |
| Average | $45 \cdot 30$ | 72 | 30.02 | 66 | 34:58 | 65 | 23:40 | 50 | 76.21 | 76 |  | 111 | 76.81 | 80 | 30.43 | 63 | $30 \cdot 01$ | 84 | 22.80 | 0 | $22^{\circ} \mathrm{OS}$ | 47 | 24 | 10 | 36.13 | 40 | 99\% |  |

General characteristics.-Western Belt-Parts of Jávli, Patan, Wai, Sátáa, and Valva, hilly. Regular and heavy rainfall. Central Belt-Eact portions of above and all Korcgaon and Karad. Rich, well watered valleys, Eastern Bolt-The rest chicfly a waving plain and of poor land. Uncertain rainfull. But south portion of Tasgaon rich, well-wooded plains.

Remarks.-Aggregate rain below average in Karad, Vaduj and Túggapn. Elsowhero abovo average. Preparation of land and in places sowings were effected with the good anto-monsoon raia which fell all over the district. The rainfall in the beginning of the monsoon was good in the western talukas where all crops throve nader favoarable circumstances till thoy were harvested. In the eastern and central tálnkas the kharif rain in Jone was insufficient and did not allow goneral sowings. July and August falls were also bolow requirements. In the latter month the crop began to saffer, but September brought good rain to all parts. Though the fall was late, it was usefnl to kharif crops sown late, aud for rabi sowings. October rain was good and well distributed with breaks for completing rabi sowings. The rabi crops would have been much better if sonno rain bad fallen in November or December. As it was, they safferod partly from insallicient moistaro and partly from excessive cold in December. The yield was estimated at 10 annas. The klanrif crops were estimated to yield 9 annas generally.

Belgaum, 1897.


General characteristics,-Near the Sahyadris the rain of the soath-west monaoon is very constant and heavy (Belganm and Khánápar). Fnrther east, Chikodi, Gokak and Sampgaon, it is fitful. The eastern talnkas show a fitfal fall, but this is supplemented by a scanty aupply from the north-east monsoon (which comes generally in October and later).

Remarks.-In Khánápur, Sampraon, Gokak, and Chikodi the total fall was blightly in exccas of average. Elsewhere as mach nender average. The antemonsoon showers in April and May were heavy and useful for sowing of paddy and for replenishing the water supply. At the beginning of Jane the regular monsoon set in and gave nsefal rain for sowing; but a brakk in the latter part of the month caused anviety. The Jaly rain was heavy in western tálukas whero kharif sowings were briskly carried on; but in tho eastern parts it was light and mowing was anmewhat checked. In August again the western talokas had good nacful rain while in tho eastern the kharif crops were withering. Relicf came in Septemuer when good rain fell evcrywhere. It was heavier in the eastern parte which nost needed it. This and the subsequant food fall in October allowed the rabi sowings to be almost completed. No rain fell from November to Janary and the rabi crops suffered from want of moisture. The season on the whole was irregalar lut more favourable to kharif than to rabi crops. The entimated yield for tho former was 6 to 8 amas in Athni, 16 to 18 anaas in Chikodri. Elsewhere 10 , to 12 annas. Arong the rali cropis wheat was estimated at annas 6 to 8 , gram 8 to 10 , cotton 4 to 6 annas and rabi jowári 6 to 10 . In Sárap. gaon some rabi crops were estimated at the fall avernge of 12 anuas.

Bija＇pur， 1897.

| Rala poriols． | Satiba． |  | Indi． |  | Sindor． |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BLGR- } \\ & \text { TADI. } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { BSGAL } \\ \text { EOT. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Bilar． |  | BSDSAMT． |  | IIUNGUED． |  |
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|  | Fall． |  |  |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 胃 } \\ & \text { 点 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Foll． |  | Fall． | 易 |
|  | In． |  |  |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | $\mathrm{In}_{1}$ |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
|  | ．． 0 0．08 |  |  |  |  | 1 | 0.08 |  | $0 \cdot 07$ | 2 | $0 \cdot 10$ |  | 0.07 <br> 9.88 |  | 0.67 8.80 | 7 | ${ }^{0.72}$ | ${ }^{2}$ |
|  | $\because .$. | 7 | 2．42 | ${ }_{5}$ | ${ }^{2} 2691$ | ${ }_{7}$ | $2{ }^{2} 527$ | ${ }^{5}$ | ${ }^{1} 1.91$ | $\stackrel{4}{9}$ | 6．56 | ${ }_{9}^{10}$ | 4．85 | 8 | 8：40 | 6 | ${ }_{4} 19$ | 6 |
| Monmorn－Kharif ．．，．． | － 10.64 | 11 | ${ }_{15}^{4} 786$ |  |  |  |  | 23 |  | 27 | ${ }^{0} \cdot 88$ | 19 | $0 \cdot 60$ | 18 | $13 \cdot 49$ | 14 | $18 \cdot 40$ | 25 |
| Mamsom－Rabi ．． 1 ．． | $\cdots$ | 25 | 15.38 | 25 | 18.6 | 2 | 1.09 | 2 | 0.07 | － | 0.04 | 8 | $0 \cdot 82$ | 2 | ， | ．． | 0.42 | ， |
| ． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | ．． 2934 | 43 | $22 \cdot 57$ | 89 | 24：88 | 85 | $28 \cdot 83$ | 41 | 25：09 | 12 | 21.01 | 41 | 18.70 | 85 | $2{ }^{2188}$ | 28 | $25 \cdot 41$ | 87 |
| $\triangle$ verago | ．． $220 \cdot 68$ | 29 | $28 \cdot 10$ | 30 | 31－28 | 28 | 3078 | 22 | 2762 | 81 | 20.08 | 26 | 29.71 | so | 28：68 | 31 | 23：29 | 23 |

General characteristics．－This district receives its rain from both the south－west and the north－ east monsoon．Hangnad enjoys an even and generally sare rainfall．Bágallot and Bádámi fare well as a rale．The rich plains of the Krishna and Don valleys are uncertain．The north tálukas of Dijápur，Indi and Siodgi have capricions and light rainfall．

Remarks：－The total fall of the year was one or two inches in exceps of the average in twotalu－ kas，else where up to or rather less than the average．The ante－monsoou showera fell in all talakas， but were not heavy enoagh for general sowings．The rainfall in June began timely but stopped in the latter part of the month．Sowings were therefore retarded in places．In July the aggregate fall did not amount to an inch in the majority of the talukas and the rain was very light．and scat－ tered．Prospects did not improvo in August，as the rain was again scanty and the balk of the kharif crops woald have failed altogether but for the＂Purra＂fall at the close of the month， which was sacceeded by an almost continaous fall throughout September．Such rabi sowings as could not be completed in the heavy fall of September were effected in October，when the rain fell with nseful breales．November，December and January were altogether dry．The rabi crops espe－ cially jowári did not get safficient moisture and suffered in outturn．Gram yielded 8 annas，wheat 6 annas，jowír $\delta$ annas，and cotton only 4 annas．The kharif crops were nowhore estimated over 6 annas．

Dha＇rwa＇r，1897：

| Rain Perioda． |  |  | Hobli， |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{K}_{\Delta L-} \\ \text { GHATGI. } \end{gathered}$ |  | BANEA-PDR. |  | HSngar． |  | Kod． |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { RANB- } \\ \text { BRANOR. } \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { KARIJ. } \\ \text { GI. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Gadag． |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MUN. } \\ & \text { DARGI. } \end{aligned}$ |  | NATAL GEKD． |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nar- } \\ & \text { GOND. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Ron． |  |
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|  | Fall． |  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 苛 } \\ & \text { 菭 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 家 | Fall． |  | Fall |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 离 |
| Emrly Raina ．． Auts－atonaman： Monsonn－Rabl ．． Lato Raina | In， |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $0 \cdot 60$ | 1 | 0.01 |  | 0.18 | 1 | 0.12 |  | 0.53 |  | 0.4 |  | 1．30 |  | $1 \cdot 47$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | ii | ＇ $9: 6$ | ii | $8{ }^{\text {8 }} 47$ | －ii | 8047 | $\stackrel{8}{8}$ | 6．87 | $\theta$ | 178 | 4 | $8 \cdot 34$ | 9 | $4 \cdot 47$ | 8 | $7 \cdot 83$ | ${ }^{-1}$ | 6．52 | 10 | $5 \cdot 19$ | 12 | 7.18 | 9 | 4．98 | $\theta$ |
|  | 1741 | ${ }^{96}$ | $10 \cdot 64$ | 83 | 19.44 | 43 | 17.44 | 87 | 25.01 | 40 | 1467 | 88 | $8 \cdot 28$ | 19 | 15.72 | 37 | 7.63 | 12 | ${ }_{8}{ }^{6} 12$ | 10 | ${ }_{9} 65$ | 18 | 4．81 | 10 | ${ }_{11} 1.97$ | ${ }_{9}$ |
|  | ${ }^{14} 1$ | ${ }_{1}^{16}$ | 10．89 | ${ }_{2}^{20}$ | （e．25 | ${ }_{1}^{21}$ | 6.08 1.72 | $\stackrel{18}{18}$ | 7.71 0.62 | ${ }_{2}^{23}$ | 7777 0.40 | $\stackrel{18}{18}$ | － $\begin{aligned} & 9.68 \\ & 1.63\end{aligned}$ | 18 | $\underset{1}{11.10}$ | $\stackrel{29}{1}$ | 12.42 0.29 | 2 | $18 \cdot 68$ | $\stackrel{17}{\square}$ | －8．88 | 14 |  | 16 | 25．80 | 19 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 126 | 0.4 | $20 \cdot 10$ | 04 | 89.87 | 75 | 30．71 | 62 | 80．61 | 70 | 24.63 | 63 | 28.91 | 49 | 82．03 | 70 | 28.64 | 48 | 2578 | 88 | 25.77 | 45 | 81．08 | 87 | 88．19 | 88 |
| ．． $83^{1} 10$ |  | 70 | 28.09 | 67 | $88 \cdot 11$ | 74 | 25.42 | 67 | 41．61 | 77 | $29 \cdot 11$ | 71 | 24.68 | 50 | $25 \cdot 15$ | 61 | $25^{\circ} 71$ | BS | 20－11 | 21 | 28＇51 | 42 | 20．10 | 41 | $28 \cdot 10$ | 27 |

Goneral characteristics．－The district is composed of hilly tracts－the Mallad growing rice and bill grains（Hángal，Kalghatgi and Kod）and the black－soil plains growing cotton and wheat （Gadag，Ron，Navalgand and Habli），or cotton bat no wheat（Karajgi and Ránebennur）．The Dhárwár and Dankapar talukas are partly Mallad．The soil of the Mallád is red and gravelly，bat the rainfall is steady and comparatively heary．It is more sure and seasonable the further to the west．The proverb says：＇Good rain won＇t give a big crop，nor will bad rain bring famine．＇＇This is in comparison to the fertile black－soil plains，where with good seasonable rains the produce is very large，but where the fall is irregalar and uncertain and where there is always risk of dronght．

Remarks．－The aggregate rain was somewhat below the average in the sonthern talukas． Elsowhere it exceeded the usual fall．The ante－monsoon ahowers were very heavy all over the district and sowings were commenced early before the regular setting in of the monsoon．In June they were everywhere completed．＇In Jaly and August the kharif crops in the western talukas had seasonable and anflicient rain．In the eastern portion the rain was light and acattered and by the end of the latter month crops had begun to wither，but a heavy fall occurred in September which improved all crops and enabled sowings of rabi jowari and wheat to be began．October rain was seasonable though rather scanty in the latter half．No rain fell afterwards．Some injury was done to wheat and cotton by the high easterly winds in January．The rain was aufficient and well distributed，except that it ceased too early，owing to which the late crops did not do so well as the bharif．Taking 12 annas as the average，oarly jowari and rice yielded 10 annas，late jowari 7 anuas，whoat 8 amas，cotton 7 annas．
is
Kánara， 1807.

| Rain Periods． | K $\mathrm{A}^{\prime} \mathrm{sma} \mathrm{A}^{\prime} \mathrm{B}$ ． |  | Axroha． |  | Etrita． |  | Honatar． |  | Duateal． |  | hatha＇l． |  | Sura． |  | Yatiatres． |  | Mespoun． |  | Smur． |  | sincisius． |  |
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|  | Fall． | $\text { \| } \begin{aligned} & \text { 易 } \\ & \text { 曷 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 蕃 } \\ & \text { 品 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | \|r | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \dot{6} \\ & \stackrel{y}{3} \\ & \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{4} \end{aligned}$ | Fsll． |  | Fall． | $\stackrel{\vdots}{4}$ | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & i \\ & i \\ & \vdots \\ & \vdots \\ & \vdots \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$ | roll． |  | Fill． | － |
|  | $\mathrm{In}_{0}$ |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | in． |  |
| Early Raina ．．． | 0.04 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 0.19 | 1 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 0.02 | ．．． | 0 ors | 1 | $0 \cdot 10$ | 1 | $0 \cdot 015$ | ．．． |
| Ante－Moutoon ．．． | $1 \cdot 86$ | 5 | 271 | 6 | $1 \cdot 98$ | 4 | $1 \times 09$ | 3 | $8 \cdot 83$ | 6 | 8.18 | 11 | 2.27 | 8 | $6 \cdot 05$ | 0 | 78 | 12 | 3.4 | 0 | $0 \cdot 7$ | 2 |
| Monsoon－Eharif ．．． | 08：98 | 01 | 112．37 | 61 | 108.04 | ． 62 | 110．08 | 08 | 1．0．ct | 05 | 27：62 | 40 | 71.40 | 67 | 03.80 | 81 | 32 so | 43 | 77．34 | is | E4ty | 0 |
| Monaoon－Rabl ．．． | $29 \cdot 15$ | 87 | $20 \cdot 61$ | 97 | 35.27 | 39 | 18.02 | 43 | 81.14 | 4 | $13 \cdot 0$ | 22 | 13.00 | 32 | 16.47 | 34 | 1074 | 27 | 14：3 | 33 | 10 su | st |
| Lato Ralne | 0.01 | ．．． | 0.07 | ．．． | 0.20 | 1 | 0.07 | ．．． | ．． | ．．． | 0.70 | 1 | 0.20 | 1 | 0.62 | 2 | $0 \cdot 30$ | 1 | 0.30 | 1 | 1.02 | 2 |
| Total ．．． | $120 \cdot 75$ | 109 | 141．50 | 103 | $140 \cdot 40$ | 100 | 185．85 | 10 | 106．08 | 114 | 50＇23 | 81 | 03． 22 | os | 110.08 | 101 | 826 | 86 | 00.20 | 104 | 111030 | 103 |
| Averago ．．． | 120．20 | 99 | 13676 | 96 | 151.88 | 102 | 188.02 | 103 | 138.01 | 104 | d 6.27 | 80 | 00.51 | 03 | 102．00 | 89 | 13.02 | \％ | 102 si | 01 | $113 \cdot 21$ | 13 |

General characteristics．－A billy and thickly wooded district，divided into two parta by a broken and irregular range of bills．The low land or coast tract has the hearier rainfill；in the upland the fall rapidly decreases with the distadce from the Sahy adri crest．

Remarks．－The total fall was slightly below average in threo tálakas．Elsewhoro nbuvo tho average．The monsoon commenced ou the 4th of June and gave seasonable and sullicient rain for sowing and transplanting．In Jnly and Augast the cropa prospered operywhero．Somu injury to the crops on the coast was done by the heary fall at the end of September．The＂IInsta＂rain in October was good；the＂Chitra＂rain ligbt and partial．The second crops were sown in the favourable breaks of October．Both kbarif and rabi crops yielded the full avergo of 12 aunas．

Ratna＇giri， 1897.

|  | RatMA＇cizi， |  | Vamodila． |  | M4＇LTAK． |  | Davand． |  | Ra＇ja＇pus． |  | Banga． y yenwan． |  | Chiplu＇r． |  | Oolia＇gat． |  | кипд． |  | Da＇time． |  | mamparantin |  |
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| Raln Periods． | Eall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall | 易 | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 弟 } \\ & 0 \\ & \text { 豆 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | 暑 | Foll． | \| | Fall． |  | Fall． | 害 | Full． | 号 | Fall． |  | Fall． | 旨 |
|  | In．＇ |  | In． |  | In． |  | ！ 1 n. |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | 1 la |  | In． |  | $\mathrm{In}^{\text {．}}$ |  | In． |  |
| Early Raina | ．． |  | ＂．＇ | ．．． | ．． | ．．． | ．．＂ | ．．． | ．＂ | ．．． | ＂＇＊ | $\cdots$ | ．－． | －＊ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．＇． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |
| Ante－Monicon ．． | 00.6 | ．．． | 1.85 | 2 | 0.45 | 1 | ．． | ．．． | 0.24 | 1 | 0.67 | 1 | 1.41 | 1 | $1 \cdot 19$ | 1 | 0.77 | 1 | 0.14 | 1 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |
| Monsoon－Kharif ．． | $00 \cdot 03$ | 64 | 102．45 | 57 | 07．88 | 51 | 00.59 | 50 | 104：88 | 82 | 118.13 | $69$ | $115 \%$ | 03 | 09.07 | 01 | $137 \cdot 6$ | 63 | 11685 | 03 | 130．85 | 03 |
| Monsoon－Rabl ．． | $88 \cdot 17$ | 30 | ： 27.24 | 38 | 37.23 | 10 | 25．08 | 27 | 80．89 | 43 | 30．50 | 48 | 40.81 | 4 | 30.61 | 30 | W38 | 4 | 40.0 | 43 | $39 \cdot 60$ | 42 |
| Late Ralina |  |  | ．．． |  | 0.12 | 1 | ．．． | ．． | 0.03 | ．．． | $0 \cdot 16$ | 1 | 0.51 | 1 | 0.08 | ．．． | 0.00 | 1 | $0 \cdot \mathrm{~s}$ | 1 | ．．＇ | ．．． |
| Total | 18016 | 80 | 231.64 | 05 | 105．69 | 03 | 86：27 | 77 | 14124 | 100 | 138．85 | 112 | $129 \cdot 4$ |  | 137.45 | 101 | 183.1 | 109 | 18680 | 1197 | 176.37 | 105 |
| Averago ．． | 106．80 | 88 | $118 \cdot 18$ | 80 | 100．87 | 70 | 95．28 | 01 | 140.58 | 03 | 162．62 | 09 | 156.74 | 08 | 107.8 | 86 | 1476 | 11 | 11086 | ${ }^{9}$ | 103.8 | 00 |

General characteristics．－The district is formod by a narrow belt of low land ；thongh hilly and rugged as a wholo，the valleys are more open near the Sahyalria than towards the centre，nid thenc again fall into nearly level plateaus towards the centre．The rainfall is abuudant and regolar，bcing considerably heavier inland than on the coast．

Remarks．－Rainfall below arerage in Devgad，Rajápur and Sangameshvar．Eifewhero above average．The monsoon opened between the first and the stcond week of Junc．But want of sufficient rain at the end of the month interfered with late sowings and transplantation of carly sown rice．These operations were，howerer，satisfactorily completed in July．In Anpabt and September，the rainfall was sufficient and crops thived except that in the latter month cxecsn of rain cansed slight injury to crops ripe for harestst．In October rain full with a grod break in the first fortuight and ceased in the second．Since then no rain fell．The brason on the whirle was grood and crops did well．Both blarif and rabi crops yielded a normal crop of 11 ur 12 anuas．
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Kola＇ba， 1897.

| － | Alida＇g． |  | Panvil． |  | Ubar． |  | Kamiat． |  | Ms＇titering． |  | Kilisa＇pul． |  | PıM， |  | RодA． |  | matrgat． |  | Matajd． |  |
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| Rain Pcriodr， | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 䍖菏 | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fill． |  | Fall． | 㤩 |
|  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Early Raina ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．＊ | $\cdots$ | ．＊ | ．．＂ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．－ | ．．0 | ．．． | ＊＊ | －•＇ | ．．． |
| Ante－Monsoon ．．． | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | －． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.02 | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | ．．＇ | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | $0 \cdot 49$ | 2 |
| Monason－K harif ．．． | 72.07 | 80 | 90.17 | 55 | 80\％11 | 59 | 112．00 | 50 | 172．33 | 66 | 01.95 | 63 | 102．58 | 63 | $198 \cdot 41$ | 64 | 11834 | 63 | 101．44 | 62 |
| Munsoon－Rabi ．．． | 28.95 | 35 | 39＇28 | 42 | 28＇47 | 35 | 85．42 | 42 | 60．07 | 47 | 80.77 | 41 | 38．08 | 42 | 87\％27 | 42 | 37.75 | 43 | 42.04 | 42 |
| Late Rains ．．． |  | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 0001 | ．．． | ．＇＇ | $\cdots$ | － 0 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.59 | 1 |
| Total ．．． | 10102 | 04 | 129 ${ }^{45}$ | 97 | 108：38 | 94 | 147．57 | 88 | 223•30 | 113 | 128．78 | 104 | 141.61 | 105 | 14608 | 106 | $141 \cdot 10$ | 106 | 144．56 | 107 |
| Arcrace ．．． | 21．77 | 77 | 121.50 | ${ }^{59}$ | $90 \cdot 85$ | 87 | $130 \cdot 81$ | 03 | 224．03 | 101 | $132 \cdot 12$ | 87 | 121．92 | 91 | 127．67 | 87 | 13810 | 85 | 138．95 | 00 |

General characteristics．－A rugged belt of country from 15 to 30 miles broad．Rainfall abandant and regular，being heaviest in parts towards the Sahyadris．

Remarks．－The total fall was generally above the average．In Jane，the monsoon commenced timely and sowings were completed．But some deficiency was felt at the end of the month for transplantations．These wero completed in July when the rain was sufficient and seasonable． Favourable conditions lasted throughout August，September and October．Kharif crops were harvested in November and winter crops sown with sufficient moisture．No rain fell in November and December．Season on the whole good．Rice outturn estimated at 11 annas．Warkas 8 to 10 annas．Rabi 10 annas in Alibág，Pen，Pauvel and Mángaon．Elsewhere 6 to 8 annas．

Tha＇na， 1897.

| Rain Periods． | Tri＇sa． |  | Kalya＇mo |  | Murba＇d． |  | SHA＇ha＇pur． |  | моzua＇da． |  | Buiwxdi， |  | Babsing． |  | $\nabla^{\prime}{ }^{\prime} \mathrm{DS}$ ． |  | ML＇mim． |  | DAESMO． |  | Ombar－ GAOM |  |
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|  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 号 } \\ & \vdots \\ & \text { 总 } \\ & \stackrel{y}{E} \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 要 } \\ & \text { 品 } \\ & \text { 品 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | 京 | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 产 | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 号 | Fall． | 号 |
|  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Early Rains | ＂＊ | ．．． | ＂． | ．．． | ＇． | ．．． | ．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．＂ | ．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．． |
| Ante－Monsoon | ．． | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ ． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ＇．＇ | ．．． | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | ＂＇． | $\cdots$ |
| Mongoon－Kharit ．．． | 97.04 | 58 | 07．51 | 52 | 74．28 | 62 | 85771 | 51 | 80019 | 50 | 9524 | 51 | 7384 | 40 | 87\％\％ | 52 | 52．62 | 47 | 45\％61 | 41 | 37.98 | 44 |
| Monaoon－Rabi ．．． | 2413 | 33 | 31.91 | 36 | 33．85 | 36 | 33．55 | 32 | $35 \cdot 25$ | 36 | $21 \cdot 62$ | 40 | 22.04 | 34 | 23．70 | 87 | $23 \cdot 52$ | 27 | 20.01 | 30 | $28 \cdot 68$ | 30 |
| Late Raioa | － | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | 0.04 | ．．． | ＂． | ．．． | ．．＇ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．＂ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| Total ．． | 121.17 | 01 | 129．42 | 88 | 108.11 | 88 | 11828 | 83 | 115.48 | 80 | 118．88 | 01 | 95＇88 | 80 | 111．49 | 89 | 76.14 | 74 | 65＊62 | 71 | 68．62 | 74 |
| Averrigo ．．． | 102：50 | 90 | 100．93 | 87 | 10¢98 | 84 | 110.64 | 88 | 102：98 | 88 | 107.70 | 85 | 82．16 | 73 | 96．50 | 85 | 81.24 | 65 | 78.00 | 70 | $69 \cdot 15$ | 69 |

General characteristics．－Inland，the district is well watered and well wooded．Rainfall abundant，being considerably more inland tban on the coast and less towards the north than towards the south．

[^2]Surat， 1897.

| Kain Periods． | Surat． |  | OLrid． |  | Rendera． |  | MAndra |  | BKRDOL |  | VALOd． |  | Jalide－ pul． |  | Cumali |  | EribAr． |  | PRrm． |  |
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|  | Fall |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 炭 | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fail． | 㗊 | Fall． | E |
|  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Farly Raina ．．． | －． | ．．． | ．． | … | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ＂． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | － | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． |
| Ante－Monsoon．．． | ．．． | －＂ | ．．＇ | ＂．＇ | ．．＊ | ． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |
| Monsoon－Kharit | 2178 | 29 | 26．80 | 80 | 1860 | 28 | 20.50 | 33 | $28 \cdot 17$ | 89 | 2806 | 32 | 20．23 | 35 | 33.67 | 37 | 31.71 | 38 | 310 | 4 |
| Monsoon－Rabl ．．． | $27 \cdot 24$ | 24 | $8 \cdot 30$ | 23 | 12.08 | 22 | 12.15 | 25 | 18．72 | 27 | 23：31 | 83 | 20.03 | 24 | $10 \cdot 00$ | 21 | 21.08 | 23 | 27.38 | 24 |
| Late Raine ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．＇ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．． | ．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．＇ | ．．＊ | ．．． | ．．－ | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． | ．．． |
| Total | 39.09 | 53 | $95 \cdot 16$ | טs | 31.67 | 49 | 38.71 | 88 | 41＇89 | 69 | 61－37 | 05 | $10 \cdot 26$ | 69 | 63．00 | 01 | 33：33 | 01 | 04.85 | 71 |
| Average | 46.84 | 50 | 87.51 | 30 | 43.61 | 50 | 58：28 | 60 | $8^{8.69}$ | 07 | 01.83 | 09 | 62．01 | 60 | $72 \cdot 37$ | 73 | 70．84 | es | 00.17 | ${ }^{76}$ |

General characteristics．－Western portion all along the const poor sandy soil ；central belt with rich soil and moderate rainfall；further to tho east，Dángs with heavy rainfall bat light soil．As a rule，rain lighter on the coast than inland．

Remarks．－The total fall was below average throughout the district．In June the monsoon nt first brought only light showers，and anxiety was felt towards the end of the month；but the＂Pu－ narvasu＂and＂Pashya＂falls in Jaly were continuous and heary．Sowings wero completed and transplantations vigorously carried on．More than sufficient rain fell in August．Cotton had to he， resown in places．Luckily，in the last week，the rain was light and prevented further injory from excess of moistare．September rain，falling with intermissions，caused the kharif crops to thrive． The＂Hast＂showers in October were not heavy enough，and were followed by little or no min in ＂Chitra．＂No rain fell thereafter until very late in February，when a heavy fall benefited the standiug crops of wheat and cotton and secared crops in rice and sugar－cave．Kharif crops were reaped in good condition and gielded a good crop．Rabi felt some want of moisture in December and January and yielded only a middling crop in many places．

Broach， $189{ }^{2} 7$.

| Rain Periods． | Broach． |  | AMIELESTAR．－ |  | HSmsot． |  | Vhgra． |  | AMOD． |  | Jambrak． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { dayb. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | Rainy dayy． | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raing } \\ & \text { days. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | Ralny daye． | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raing } \\ & \text { days. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | Itaing day． |
| － | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | ．In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Early rains ．．．．．． | ．＊ | ．．＂ | ．．＂ | $\cdots$ | 0.02 | ＊＊ | ．． | ．＂ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＇ | $\cdots$ |
|  | $\cdots$ | ＂． | ．． | ．．． | ＊＊ | ＂＊ | ＂． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdot$ | ．．＂ | $\sim$ |
| Mowsoon－Kharil ．－． | 28.71 | 28 | 23.27 | 29 | 10.65 | 23 | ${ }^{15} \cdot 80$ | 25 | 1507 | 24 | 20.06 | 17 |
| Monsood－Rabi ．． | $15 \cdot 03$ | 23 | $15 \cdot 54$ | e 0 | 13.08 | 20 | 1579 | 21 | 0.83 | 15 | 1100 | 16 |
| Late Rains ．．．．．． | ＂＊ | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | ＂＇ | $\cdots$ | ＂＇ | $\cdots$ | ．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ |
| Total ．．． | 42．94 | 61 | 39－81 | ${ }^{5}$ | 39：44 | 43 | ${ }^{17} 59$ | ${ }^{46}$ | 23.65 | 39 | 27.04 | 3 |
| Average ．． | 8971 | 48 | 38：57 | \＄7 | $33 \cdot 05$ | 46 | 29.02 | 45 | 37\％ 6 | 41 | 31.61 | 13 |

[^3]Kaira, 1897.


General characteristics.-The district is mostly one unbroken alluvial plain. In the north and north-east patches of rich rice land : the centre, a tract of most fertile soil yielding the choicest crops and westward a bare, though well cultivated, tract of rice land..

Remarks.-The number of rainy days was below the average and the aggregate fall also, except at two stations, where it was up to average. The June rain in almost all tálakas amounted to only a few cents. The sowing rain fell late in July, bat was sufficient for completing sowings. The Angust rain was heavy but not injurious. Rice wanted rather more rain, bat other crops fared very well in September. There were a few "Hasta" and "Chitra" showers in October, but no rain fell in the next three months. This partial failure of rabi rain, combined with an unseasonable fall in February, served to damage the rabi crops. Taking 12 annas as the average, bájri yielded 10 annas, rice 6 aonas, wheat 7 annas, gram 10 annas, cotton 7 annas.

Panch Maha'ls, 1897.

| Rain Period. | Godira, |  | EイIOL. |  | H4Lom. |  | DoHad. ' |  | JHiLOD. |  | JAMBUGHODA. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall | Rainy daje. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy cays. | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { dayt } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | Raing days. |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. | - | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| Early Raina ... ... | - | ** | 0.01 | - | ** | ** | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | *- | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| Ante-Monsoon ... | - | $\cdots$ | *• | .. | . | $\cdots$ | 0.02 | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | 005 | $\cdots$ |
| Moneoon-Kharif ... | $2 \mathrm{~d} \cdot 62$ | 28 | 15•84 | 28 | 15.64 | 30 | 12.83 | 23 | 14.43 | 25 | 26.47 | so |
| Mansoon-Rabi ... | 11.49 | 18 | 12.68 | 17 | 14*03 | 22 | 10.24 | 20 | 9775 | 18 | $17 \cdot 22$ | 21 |
| Late Rains m | $\cdots$ | ** | *' | ".. | ** | -* | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\therefore$ |
| Total ... | 88.01 | 40 | 27-88 | 43 | $20^{\circ} 67$ | 52 | 22-80 | 43 | $24 \cdot 18$ | 43 | 43:74 | 51 |
| Average ... | 40.71 | 54 | 39'69 | 57 | 43'39 | 50 | 29.60 | 43 | 30•16 | 46 | 48.50 | 67 |

General characteristics.-Rainfall lighter and later in the east than in the western division.
ncmarks.-The aggregate fall was less than the average everywhere. The monsoon-kharif rain, which commenced in the middle of June, was hardly sutticient for sowings. During the next three months of Juls, August and September the rains were favourable and well distributed. The "Hasta" rain in October was very scanty and no rain fell afterwards. There was a good fall in Februars, but it was too late for the rabi crops, some of which were then being reaped. The rabi mins thus ceased rather too early. Rice and all rabi crops felt want of sufficient moisture. The klarif crops yielded 9 to 10 annas. Rice 7 anuas at the best. The rabi crops were 7 annas, or below that in places.

Ahmedabad 1897.


General characteristics.-Except in the hilly parts of Modasa, where the sapply is sometimes considerable, the rainfall throughout the district is generally very light.

Remarks.-The total fall was slightly above the average in Ahmedebad, Parintij aud Sannand talukís; elsewhere under the average. The monsoon commenced in the middle of June. But the "Ardra' fall being very light, sowings were only partially effected. The rainfall in the following two months was oxcellent for all agricultural operations. September rain was also good, except that it proved rather heavy for the bajpi aud jowári crops, which were slightly damnged in places. Other crops did very well. Light scattered showers only fell in the first week of October, which repaired the slight injury done to bajri and jowári, but were too late for rabi crops. No more rain fell. Among the kharif crops, jowér gave an outturn of 10 to 12 annas, rice 8 annas, bajri 12 to 15 annas. The rabi yields of tur 12 annas, cotton 12 annas, wheat 12 to 15 annas.
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STATISTICS.
AGRICULTURAL.
(CHAPTER VII.)

## I-Area of Available Statistics.

II.-Area, Cultivated and Uncultivated.
III.-Crops.
IV.-Irrigation.
V.-Agricultural Stock.
II. A.-Details of "Fallow."
III. A.--Principal Fruit-bearing Trees.
III. B.-Details under Khari'f and 'Rabi Crops.

I-Area of Available Statistics, 1897-98.


II-Area, Cultivated and Uncultivated, 1897-98.


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II.-Area, Cultivated and Uncultivated, 1897-98-continuel.

III.-Crops, 1897-98.


III-Crops, 1897-98-continued.


| 16 |  | ...... $\cdots$ ..... | ….: |  | ...... $\cdots \cdots .$. $\cdots$ | ...... | $\stackrel{\text {...... }}{\cdots}$ |  | 29,502 97,570 181 | $\cdots$ | [ $\begin{array}{r}17,720 \\ . \\ 31,289 \\ 121\end{array}$ | ...... | $\ldots$ | ...... | $\ldots$ |  |
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|  | Total ... | ... |  | 246,635 | ** | ... | ... | 16,258 | 60,253 |  | 49.130 | ... | ... | .." | ... | 372,276 |
| 17 |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots{ }^{. . . . . .}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 49,200 1,893 1,521 | $\ldots . . . .{ }^{.}{ }^{1}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots{ }_{\text {…... }}{ }^{2}$ | 25,354 681 265 265 | $\begin{array}{r}21.178 \\ 761 \\ 764 \\ \hline 68\end{array}$ | $\cdots{ }^{. . . . . . .}{ }^{21}$ | $\begin{array}{r}10,258 \\ \text { 907 } \\ 174 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ….. | $\ldots$ | $\begin{gathered} 96,043 \\ 2,472 \\ 2,604 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Total ... |  | 6 | 51,714 | 1 | ... | 2 | 16,170 | 22,550 | 21 | 10,734 | ..' | ... | ... | ... | 101,198 |
| 18 |  |  | .....: | 192,232 | $\cdots$ |  | .$^{. . . . . .}{ }^{863}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\cdots$ | $.8,721$ $\cdots \cdots .$. $\cdots$ | $\cdots{ }^{\cdots} \times{ }^{-\ldots . .}{ }^{7}$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\stackrel{\text {...... }}{\text {.... }}$ | 201, 647 $\cdots \cdots .$. |
|  | Total ... | 1,862 | ... | 192,232 | ... | ... | 363 | . $\cdot$. | 6,721 | 77 | 292 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 201,547 |
|  | $\text { Total, A. ... } \begin{aligned} & \text { Rayatwari } \\ & \text { Ohter } \\ & \text { Alienatovernment.... } \end{aligned} .$ | $\begin{array}{r} 0,967,029 \\ 1+0,828 \\ 797,852 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 1,477.658 \\ 17,288 \\ 68,143 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,212,655 \\ 10.129 \\ 02,563 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 95,188 \\ -\quad 5,977 \\ 1,367 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 123,091 \\ & \substack{20,672 \\ 20,670} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 474,977 \\ & \hline 83.17 \\ & 955,679 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 174,229 \\ 25,184 \\ 27,1 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 950,2 n 4 \\ 3 \pi, 814 \\ 2,34,333 \end{gathered}$ | 23,019 2,778 1,728 1,88 | $\begin{aligned} & 12.687 \\ & =825 \\ & =804 \end{aligned}$ | 1.565 48 280 | $\begin{array}{r} 11,312 \\ 1,11 \\ 1,362 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15,8.96 .391 \\ 675,819 \\ 1,477,677 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Total ... | 7,905,687 | 4,776,856 | 1,653,089 | 1,409,247 | 42,527 | 169,205 | 250,388 | 563,072 | 1:0,364 | 310,383 | 50,586 | 14,356 | 1,490 | 13,418 | 17,300,073 |
|  | B.-SIMD. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  | $\begin{gathered} 101,388 \\ 22,741 \\ 4,683 \\ 4 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 25,201 \\ \substack{644} \\ 3+4 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 210,097 \\ \substack{16,23 \\ 1,018} \\ 1,018 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 63,096 \\ \substack{2,988 \\ 1,416} \end{gathered}$ | 8,251 285 111 | $\cdots{ }^{. . . . . .}{ }^{522}$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }_{3}^{808}$ | $\ldots$ | .$^{. . . . . . .}{ }^{1332}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\stackrel{\text { ….. }}{\cdots} \times$ |  |
|  | Total ... | 129,509 | 26,219 | 228,247 | 67,140 |  | 622 | ... | 809 | 7 | 132 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 46,2,432 |
| 20 |  | 308,439 <br> $\cdots$ <br> 7.764 | 240,057 $\cdots$ $\cdots 80,388$ | 198,335 $\cdots$ $\cdots 8,000$ | 62.881 $. .64,824$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 4,299 } \\ \cdots \\ \hline \text { 2,320 }\end{array}$ |  | .....: | $\ldots . . . . . .{ }^{18}$ | $\cdots \cdots \begin{aligned} & 12 \\ & 7\end{aligned}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | …... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 611.613 .. .70 .91 |
|  | Totial ... | 116,203 | - 878,415 | 220,335 | 67,705 |  | 144 | ... | 18 | 13 | 422 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 690,904 |
| ¢1 |  | $\begin{gathered} 200.059 \\ 18.80 \\ 23,040 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 256,987 \\ \hdashline \quad \begin{array}{r} 8,688 \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | 2.307 <br> 83 <br> 69 | $\cdots{ }^{. . . . . . .}{ }^{\mathbf{8}}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\stackrel{4}{4}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\stackrel{. . . . .}{\cdots} \times$. |  |  |
|  | Total | 321,003 | 18,367 | 262,555 | 362,767 | 2,459 | 2 | ... | 42 | 1,017 | 46 | ... | ... | ... | 6,614 | 974,907 |
| 2 |  | $\begin{gathered} 17,047 \\ \substack{1 ;, 337 \\ 8,23 \\ 8,24} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 38,709 \\ 1,43 \\ 1,41 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 23.539 \\ 192 \\ 150 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 61,09 \\ \hline 348 \\ 24 \\ 24 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 413 \\ \ldots . . . . . \end{gathered}$ | $\ldots{ }_{\text {...... }}{ }^{\mathbf{2 1}}$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ${ }_{37}^{199}$ | $\stackrel{.1 . . .}{\cdots} \cdot$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\stackrel{.1 . .}{\cdots} \times$. |  |  |
|  | - Total ... | 162,6c3 | 87,535 | 23,828 | 51,419 | 453 | 21 | ... | 2 | 176 | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | .... | 3,1C8 | 279,3.90 |
| 23 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8.4n7 } \\ & \text { 8, } 1120 \\ & 28 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 161,84,4 \\ 1,717 \\ 1,77 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 21,514 \\ 2,252 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{114}^{340}$ | $\ldots . . . . .{ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots{ }^{162}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
|  | Total | 11,655 | 44,969 | 163,623 | 23,763 | 458 | 2 | .... |  | ..... | 166 | ... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ...... | 614,643 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 16,8810 \\ 2,40 \end{gathered}$ | 871 $\cdots \cdots .00$ 70 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots{ }^{-\ldots . .}{ }^{\text {563 }}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r}731 \\ 20 \\ 20 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.316 | 2,408180 |
|  | Total . | 741,263 | 800,534 | E93,6c 3 | 5:3,797 | 13,685 | 631 | ... | 871 | 1,243 | 7 ic |  |  |  | 2,752 | 3,052,22\% |
|  | Geamo Totar $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Ravatmeri ... } \\ \text { Othar Gorent }\end{array}\right.$ | 7,623,456 | 4633,073 | 2.310 .317 | 1,733,262 | 51.823 | 129,702 | 1186, ${ }^{145}$ | 475.26 | 1:5,381 | 250,281 | 23.013 | 12, 27 | 1.505 | 20,676 | 17,587,122 |
|  | Grand total ... $\begin{aligned} & \text { Other Government ... } \\ & \text { Alienatal ... }\end{aligned}$ | $180,9.10$ 830,534 | 510,644 439,673 | $123,7 \% 3$ 111,082 | 111,08s | 6.473 3,567 | (enter | 61,000 3,243 | $\begin{aligned} & 53,120 \\ & 35,558 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1,00 \\ 24,217 \end{gathered}$ | $2: 5,8: 2$ 24,381 | 边 $\begin{array}{r}25.73 \times \\ 1,523\end{array}$ | 12,525 805 805 | 1.85 40 29 | 1,611 1,513 | 1, 14,044 1,$1 ; 0,123$ |
|  | Total ... | 8,6 | 5,553,330 | 2,551,552 | 1,982,014 | 62,163 | 160,895 | 20,0,285 | 500,043 | 200,607 | 311,154 | -0,5¢6 | 14,356 | 1, 85 | 23,200 | -0.412,093 |

III.-Crops, 1897-98-continued.




III-Crops, 1897-98-continued.



III.-Crops, 1897-98-continued.



III-Crops, 1897-98-concluded.



IV-Irrigation, 1897-98-continucd

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\] \& \& \& \& \& Wheat. \& Rice. \& Other cereals and pulses. \& Sưgarcano. \& Other food crops. \& Non-food crops. \& Fodder
crops \& Total. \& \& \\
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\end{tabular} \& \(\begin{array}{r}\text { 8,909 } \\ \cdots \\ \cdots \\ \hline 1,740 \\ \hline 8\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}65,108 \\ \cdots \\ \hline 10,588 \\ \hline\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}1,051 \\ \cdots \\ \hline . . \\ \hline 8\end{array}\) \& 1,555
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514 \& \begin{tabular}{l}
196,515 \\
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\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{c}
19,125 \\
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\end{tabular} \& \(\begin{array}{r}1,821 \\ . . . \\ \hline 251\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}81,874 \\ \hline . .8062 \\ \hline 8.622\end{array}\) \& 5,580
.0 .1113 \& \begin{tabular}{c} 
21,977 \\
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\hline 1,528 \\
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\end{tabular} \& \(\begin{array}{r}15,148 \\ \cdots \\ \cdots \\ 1,502 \\ \hline 1685\end{array}\) \& 1,803
\(\cdots\)
\(\cdots\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}117,423 \\ \hdashline 19.426\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}21,809 \\ \hdashline 2,003\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}125,615 \\ \cdots \\ \hline 17,33\end{array}\) \\
\hline \& Tutal ... \& 1,860,195 \& 54,492 \& 8,739 \& 75,69 \& 1,954 \& 2,069 \& 142,948 \& 22,205 \& 2,072 \& 90,496 \& 6,693 \& 26,505 \& 16,650 \& 2,228 \& 166,849 \& 23,901 \& 142,048 \\
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\(1,814,675\) \\
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\end{tabular} \& \(\begin{array}{r}8,587 \\ \cdots \\ \hline 658\end{array}\) \& \(\cdots\) \& \begin{tabular}{c}
88.743 \\
\(\cdots \times, 579\) \\
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\end{tabular} \& \(\cdots\) \&  \& \(\stackrel{90,515}{\cdots} \begin{gathered}\text { ¢,162 }\end{gathered}\) \& \begin{tabular}{|c} 
23,729 \\
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\(\cdots\) \\
\hline 1,391
\end{tabular} \& 2,431
\(\cdots . .148\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}74,182 \\ \hline . . .18007 \\ \hline\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}1,185 \\ \cdots . . .49 \\ \hline\end{array}\) \&  \& \(\begin{array}{r}14,805 \\ \cdots \cdots 980 \\ \hline 680\end{array}\) \& \begin{tabular}{|c}
2,337 \\
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\end{tabular} \&  \& \begin{tabular}{|r} 
27,097 \\
\(\cdots 7,770\)
\end{tabular} \& \(\begin{array}{r}99,515 \\ .0 .15 \\ \hline 0.162\end{array}\) \\
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{11} \& Total ... \& 1,948,084 \& 9,145 \& ...... \& 94,321 \& ...... \& 2,211 \& 105,677 \& 21.120 \& 2,579 \& 79,089 \& 1,184 \& 9,448 \& 15,591 \& 2,533 \& 134, 044 \& 28,867 \& 105,677 \\
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\] \& \begin{tabular}{|c}
\(1,908,453\) \\
\hline 281,083
\end{tabular} \&  \& \(\stackrel{\text {...... }}{\ldots}\). \&  \& ….. \& 45,203
\(\cdots 11,002\) \& 103,896
\(\cdots\)
\(\times 20,842\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}\text { 21,418 } \\ \cdots \\ \hline 1,7 \times 6 \\ \hline\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}7,542 \\ .7 .14 \\ \hline 2,503 \\ \hline 104\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}\text { 42,775 } \\ . . .15,158 \\ \hline 8.938\end{array}\) \& \begin{tabular}{|c}
9,702 \\
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1,878
\end{tabular} \& \begin{tabular}{c}
12,202 \\
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\hline 1,088 \\
\hline 1.108
\end{tabular} \& \(\begin{array}{r}\text { 30,236 } \\ \cdots \\ \cdots \\ \hline 6,500\end{array}\) \& 1,992
\(\cdots-\cdots 270\) \& \(\stackrel{135,035}{19.05}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}\text { 22,050 } \\ \cdots \\ \hline 8,371\end{array}\) \& 109,896
\(\cdots\)
\(\cdots\)
20,543 \\
\hline \& Total . ! \& 1,529,541 \& 9,395 \& ...... \& 59,138 \& ..... \& 56,205 \& 124,738 \& 26,195 \& 10,405 \& 48,933 \& 11,580 \& 14,198 \& 36,595 \& 2,262 \& 150,168 \& 25,430 \& 124,738 \\
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{12} \& III.-Kurmilak. \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \\
\hline \&  \& \(\begin{array}{r}1,103,418 \\ \hdashline 310,784 \\ \hline 104\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}3,445 \\ -3,034 \\ \hline\end{array}\) \& \(\cdots\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}80,668 \\ . . .18,802 \\ \hline 8 .\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}8,008 \\ \cdots . . \\ \hline 85\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}\text { \% } \\ \hline 7812 \\ \cdots . .715 \\ \hline 8.8\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}\text { 30,433 } \\ \cdots \\ \hdashline 11,030\end{array}\) \& 2,535
\(\cdots\)
\(\cdots 1,150\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}11,958 \\ \cdots \\ \hline 1 . .484 \\ \hline\end{array}\) \& \(\begin{array}{r}12,840 \\ . . .1,877 \\ \hline 1.87\end{array}\) \&  \& \(\begin{array}{r}\text { 5,083 } \\ \cdots \\ \hline \text { 2,058 } \\ \hline\end{array}\) \&  \&  \& 45,163
\(\cdots\)
\(\cdots 3,920\) \& 5,700
\(\cdots 1,54\) \& 30,433
\(\cdots\)
\(\cdots\) \\
\hline \& Total . \& \[
1,714,200
\] \& \& ...... \& 2:,470 \& 8,093 \& 8,027 \& 51,069 \& 3,685 \& 12,392 \& 17,517 \& 8,989 \& 7,139 \& 7,812 \& 879 \& 58,413 \& 7,944 \& 51,069 \\
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{13} \&  \& \(1,74,200\)
2,333617 \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& 14,439 \\
\hline \&  \& \(\begin{array}{r}2,333,617 \\ \hdashline 374,673\end{array}\) \& \(\cdots{ }^{\ldots} . . .{ }^{2} .{ }^{2}\) \& \(\cdots\) \& 12,799
\(\cdots . .1,400\) \&  \& \(\ldots{ }^{10 .}{ }^{01}\) \& 14,439
\(\cdots\)
\(\cdots\)
1,533 \& \begin{tabular}{c}
9,168 \\
\(\cdots .1{ }^{324}\) \\
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\end{tabular} \& ..... \({ }^{892}\)

00 \&  \& $\cdots$ \&  \& $\begin{array}{r}2,793 \\ \cdots \quad 308 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \& $\begin{array}{r}815 \\ \cdots . . .104 \\ \hline 104\end{array}$ \& 16,397
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1,735 \& $\begin{array}{r}1,053 \\ \cdots-\cdots 202 \\ \hline\end{array}$ \& 1.10
$\cdots$
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1.533 <br>
\hline \multirow{4}{*}{14} \& Total ... \& 2,608,200 \& 2 \& 1,095 \& 14,199 \& 506 \& 170 \& 15,972 \& 3,492 \& 9:2 \& 4,509 \& 483 \& 4,574 \& 3,107 \& 979 \& 18,132 \& 2,160 \& 15,972 <br>
\hline \& - $\mathbf{l}_{\text {Rayatwari }}^{\text {a }}$... $\ldots$.. \& \& \& $\cdots$ \& \& \& - 2,977 \& 83,992 \& \& \& \& \& 3,244 \& 2,670 \& 154 \& 84,772 \& 780 \& 83,992 <br>

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| 10 | \&  \& $\cdots$ \&  \&  \& ${ }^{\text {.... }} 548$ \& 10,331 \& $\cdots$ \&  \& $\cdots$ \& ${ }^{. . . .1819}$ \& ${ }^{\text {…․ } 105}$ \& \& $\cdots{ }^{\text {..... }} 1$ \& $\cdots 10,371$ \& $\cdots$ \& $\cdots{ }^{10,331}$ <br>

\hline \& Total ... \& 2,076,808 \& 4,281 \& ...... \& 2,992 \& 83,431 \& 3,519 \& 94,323 \& 28 \& 85,110 \& 417 \& 3,067 \& 3,4.39 \& 2,927 \& 155 \& 9 512143 \& 820 \& 94,323 <br>
\hline \multirow[b]{3}{*}{15} \& IV-Konkan. \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& - \& \& \& <br>
\hline \& IV.-Konkan. \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& \& 100 \& 5,425 <br>

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\text { Othar Government } \\
\text { Aliented } & \cdots
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80
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$\cdots$

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| $\cdots \cdots$. |
| .. | \& 3,684

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8.0 \& $\ldots{ }^{. . . . . .}{ }^{655}$ \& $\cdots{ }^{-. . . . .}{ }^{44}$ \& 5,25
88
60
60 \& $\cdots$ \& 8,4
80
60 <br>
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{10} \& Total ... \& 453,184 \& $\ldots$ \& ...... \& 5,403 \& ...... \& ..... \& 5,403 \& ... .. \& ...... \& ...... \& 1,142 \& 3,752 \& 655 \& 44 \& 5,593 \& 100 \& 5,493 <br>

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$$ \& $\ldots{ }^{. . . . . . .}{ }^{25}$ \& 312

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5 \& \& …... \& …..
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$\cdots$ \& $\ldots$ \& $\cdots{ }^{\text {….... }}{ }^{21}$ \& \[
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\begin{array}{r}
2,370 \\
22 \\
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\end{array}
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\] <br>

\hline \& Total. \& 393,819 \& \& \& 2,061 \& 2.5 \& 332 \& 2,418 \& \& .... \& 10 \& 21 \& 2,367 \& 2) \& .... \& 2,427 \& 9 \& 2,418 <br>
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\end{tabular}





## Accompaniment A to Agricultural Retarn No. II.

Det:iils of "Current Fallow," 1597-98.

| No. | District. | True fullow, i.e.. Custumary rutation. . | Grass lands, i.e , number or parts of number set ajart for grass und never воพд. | Grass bound or prickly. pear bound | Shindad or kab laude | $\begin{gathered} \text { Land nnsown } \\ \text { owing to } \\ \text { unseabounaile } \\ \text { ourdeticient } \\ \text { rainfall. } \end{gathered}$ | Land left unsown for wiscellaneons reasons. | Total fallow Column 8 of Agricultural No. II). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $B$ | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|  | I.-Gujartt. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Acres. |
| 1 |  | $\begin{gathered} 1,829 \\ 1,3 ; 7 \\ i \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13,719 \\ 72,181 \\ 92 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 6.4 \\ 4,162 \\ 4, \\ 13 \end{gathered}$ | $\cdots$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 84,257 \\ \substack{868,030 \\ 102 \\ 124} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 122,181 \\ 301,498 \\ 44^{\circ} 0 \end{array}$ |
|  | Total ... | 3,207 | 85,972 | 4,819 | ...... | 97,666 | 232,415 | 424,079 |
| 2 | Kaira... ... $\begin{aligned} & \text { Resatwari... ... } \\ & \text { ohar Goverument } \\ & \text { and }\end{aligned}$ | 2,019 ${ }^{439}$ | 25,476 9,860 | 1,821 | $\ldots . . .{ }^{22}$ | $\xrightarrow{10,038}$ | 31,865 8.0 | 81,141 12,399 |
|  | Kaira... $\quad \cdots\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Alietated } . . . \\ \\ \\ \text { Total }\end{array}\right.$ | 3,.858 | 35... 336 | 1, … | $\cdots$ | $\cdots \cdots$ | ' $\ldots$ 32,7.7 | -1... 93,480 |
| 3 |  | ....... ${ }^{400}$ | $\left.\begin{gathered} 678 \\ \mathbf{c}, 075 \\ 8,000 \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ | 13,869 | $\ldots$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,6.2 \\ & 9,658 \\ & 6,468 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 43, n 07 \\ & 82,041 \\ & 20,8 \pm \hat{0} \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Total | 470 | 4,653 | 14,0:2 | 1 | 18,738 | 113,089 | 151,883 |
| 4 | Broach ... $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rngatwari... } \\ & \text { Oiher Govennment } \\ & \text { atal }\end{aligned}$ | 94,143 .105 | 11,473 110 | $\ldots . . .{ }^{47}$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{. . . . .980}$ | ${ }_{5}^{5}$,293 | 85,884 |
| 4 | . ${ }_{\text {alienated } \ldots \text {... }}^{\text {... }}$... | ..... | $\cdots$ | ...... | $\ldots$ | ..... | ..... | . |
|  | Total | 34,247 | 41,582 | 47 | ...... | 4,930 | 5,321 | - 86,127 |
| : |  | $\begin{gathered} 139,408 \\ 2,360 \\ 251 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 114,249 \\ 1,589 \\ 1,208 \end{array}$ | $\cdots \cdots . . .{ }^{196}$ | ...... | $\cdots{ }^{\text {…... }}$ 629 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 10,337 67 6 | $\begin{gathered} 26 i, 809 \\ 4,016 \\ 1,366 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Total | 1 11,014 | 117,040 | 196 | $\ldots$ | 629 | 10,410 | 2\%0,189 |
|  | II.-Deecan. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  | ${ }^{. . . . . . .971}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12,763 \\ 15 \\ 2,082 \end{array}$ | 6,634 $\cdots . .$. 400 | ...... <br> $\cdots$ <br> .... | 6,257 $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2: 7,528 \\ 10,672 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 244,053 \\ 19,832 \\ 19,861 \end{array}$ |
|  | Total | 2,971 | 14,860 | 5,934 | ...... | 5,994 | 229,107 | 258,866 |
|  | Naik $\quad$ Rnyatwiri... | 146,037 | 75,839 | 3,608 | 7,833 | 61,350 | 160,058 | 445,124 |
| 7 | Nasik... $\quad . . \begin{aligned} & \text { Other Governmelt } \\ & \text { Alionated } \ldots \text {... }\end{aligned}$ | -71,893 | $\cdots{ }^{-\cdots .1} 2,851$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{2} . . . .287$ | $\cdots{ }^{-\cdots, 1,844}$ | ${ }^{-\cdots .10,061}$ | $\cdots{ }^{-1.10,723}$ |
|  | Total ... | 158,830 | 78,189 | 3,895 | 7,620 | 53.194 | 169,119 | 470,847 |
|  |  | 75,917 | 35,455 | 4,311 | 858 | 68,643 | 264,853 | 447,035 |
| 8 | Ahmednagar ... $\begin{aligned} & \text { Other } \\ & \text { Aliouthovermment } \\ & \text { al }\end{aligned}$ | 10,630 | - 8 8,459 | ${ }^{* \cdots \times 2} 241$ | ${ }^{*} \times . .382$ | 14,986 | 61,025 | -770,523 |
|  | Total | 86,547 | 43,914 | 4,552 | 1,188 | 81,479 | 306,778 | [24,458 |
|  | Prona $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Rayatwári.. } \ldots . . \\ & \text { at }\end{aligned}$ | 188,189 | 124,822 | 23,113 | 22,098 | 43,830 | 123,351 | 625,409 |
| 9 | Poona... $\quad .\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Other Government } \\ \text { Aliena! }{ }^{\text {a }} \text {... }\end{array}\right.$ | 30,530 | $\cdots 38,181$ | $\cdots{ }^{2} \cdot \underline{2} 587$ | .....1,597 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | iil, 651 |
|  | Total | 218,769 | 158,003 | 25,700 | 23,495 | 53,081 | 147,812 | 626,860 |
|  | Sholapur $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Ravatwriti } \\ \text { Rthar Government } \\ \text { ater }\end{array}\right.$ | 94,886 | 99,819 | 76,335 | 2,100 | 52,813 | 152,763 | 478,777 |
| 10 |  | 12,948 | ${ }^{0.0} 4,032$ | 1, $1.4 \times 3$ | 16 | $\cdots$ | 15,739 | $\cdots 36,793$ |
|  | Total ... | ' 107,834 | 104,471 | 77,788 | 2,176 | 54,748 | 168,503 | 515,570 |
| 11 |  | 186,889 | 218,480 | 3,737 | 2,687 | 10,082 | 58,734 | 482,609 |
| 11 |  | -64,503 | - ${ }^{\text {20] }} \mathbf{4} 2198$ | $\cdots{ }^{-\cdots .1 .} 813$ | $\cdots$ | ...1,094 | 0,568 | 119,704 |
|  | Total | 251,412 | 260,678 | 6,680 | 3,195 | 11,746 | 68,602 | 602,313 |
|  | III.-Kavnátak. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.$)$ | Belcaum $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Rayatwiri. . . . }\end{array}\right.$ | 00,983 | 78,508 | 20,43 | 3 | 12,313 | 87,783 | 290,038 |
|  |  | 18,15s | 37,850 | $\cdots \cdots 70,376$ | $\cdots$ | 8,307 | 40,845 | 1170,236 |
|  | Total | 109,137 | 116,358 | 31,019 | 7 | 15,620 | 187,133 | 409,274 |
|  | Bijápur ${ }_{\text {Rayatúrí... }}$... ... | 0,803 | 63,012 | 120,8:3 | ...... | 116,045 | 170,014 | 181,627 |
| 13 | Bijapur $\cdots\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Other Governne ot } \\ \text { Alienated ... }\end{array}\right.$ | ${ }^{*} 1,214$ | ${ }^{0 .} 0,695$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 12,670 | $\cdots \cdots 0,055$ | $\cdots 71750$ |
|  | Total | 11,017 | 69,707 | 141,929 | ...... | 129,655 | 200,960 | 553,277 |
| 14 |  | 304 | 102,552 | 15,775 | ..... | 8,682 | 103,608 | 229,821 |
|  | $\cdots\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { alionted ... } \\ \text { alion }\end{array}\right.$ | $\cdots{ }^{\circ} \times 1$ | -18,381 | 1,723 | $\cdots$ | - " 968 | 14,817 | 31,727 |
|  | Total . ... | 232. | 118.933 | 17,498 | $\ldots$ | 9,660 | 117,225 | 263,548 |
|  | IT',-Konkan. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 87,183 \\ 1,567 \\ 1,567 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 98,898 \\ \substack{9,204 \\ 9,805} \end{gathered}$ | - ${ }^{50,258}$ <br> $\cdots$ <br>  | $\begin{array}{r}188,675 \\ \times \quad 7,781 \\ \hline 7.8\end{array}$ | .....346 <br> $\ldots .$. | $\begin{array}{r}81,541 \\ . . . . \\ \hline 184\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}443,846 \\ 6.488 \\ 19883 \\ \hline 8.8\end{array}$ |
|  | Total | 88,714 | 114,905 | 39,631 | 192,456 | 2,346 | 31,855 | 469,907 |
| 16 |  | 67,108 <br> $\substack{\text { 95,108 } \\ 1,155}$ | $\begin{gathered} 45,133 \\ 8,0157 \\ 1,846 \end{gathered}$ | 4,567 2.013 .. |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 7.537 \\ 8,7 * 5 \\ 10 \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  | 'Jotal | 163,265 | 52,535 | 6,580 | 84,636 | 523 | 17,392 | 224,871 |
| 17 |  | $\begin{gathered} 93,511 \\ 8,591 \\ 1,251 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r}2,888 \\ \hline 109\end{array}$ | 20,278 |  | 18,903 273 175 | 198,390 6,1175 1,609 |
|  | Total | 99,883 | 5,462 | 3,035 | 26,910 | 1,567 | 19,3:7 | 156,214 |
| 19 |  | 4,058 | 33,033 | 4,403 | ..... | 2,069 | 64,963 | 93,602 |
|  |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ........ | ....... |
|  | Total | 4,086 | 33,032 | 4,453 | ...... | 2,068 | 54,9¢3 | 98,602 |
|  | Total | $\begin{array}{r} 1,2,27,400 \\ 104.693 \\ 154,165 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,189,1,29 \\ 90,301 \\ 167,200 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 329.661 \\ 20.038 \\ \hline 20,035 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 899,782 \\ 30,890 \\ 10,834 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 1,601,503 \\ 215,599 \\ 205,593 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  |  | 1,486,303 | 1,455,630 | 389,634 | 3\$1,706 | 563,407 | 2,063,595 | 6,300.305 |

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Accompanment a to Agricultural Retern No. Iil.
Number of Principal Fruit-bcaring Trces, 1897-9s.


Accompaniment $L$ to Agricultural Retern No. III.



Accompaniment B to Agriculteral Retern No. III-continued.
Details of Kharif and Rabi under Cereals and Pulses, 1837-9S.


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Annual Return of Lictail Prices of staple Food-grains and other important Articles
Note.-The prices represent the annual average prices calculated from thic

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n the Bombay Presidency for the calendar year 1597.
tonthly returns of retail prices published in the Government Gasette.
40 sers, 1 ser $=80$ tolas.



[^0]:    Cotton.-Cotton followed other non-food crops. It decreased in area by 193,000 acres or about 8 per cent. The decrease is almost general, food crops encroaching upon the cotton fields. Khándesh, which reported nearly 38 per cent. of the total area, slowed the largest shrinkage. Broach, Bijaipur and Dharwar, on the other hand, exhibit some expansion. But in these districts also, though the light rain early in the seuson favoured cotton cultivation, the area did not approach its normal extent.

[^1]:    Note-The difference betreen totais $A$ and $B$ is due to the iaclosion in the latter of the area croppedmene

[^2]:    Remarks．Total fall above the average except in the two northern talukas．The monsoon broke in the first week of June，but the rainfall was light and partial and stopped very soon．At the end of the month seedlings were suffering．From Jaly，however，there was adequate rain and the crops flourished without any check till they were harvested in October－November．Rabi crops wero put in under favourable circumstances in October．Their yield was estimated at 10 annas． The outturn of rice and nágli 10 and 12 annas，respectively．Irrigated garàen crops in Máhim and Bassein rielded 12 aunas．

[^3]:    General characteristics．－Rich alluvial plains growing cotton and wheat．Rainfall moilcrate but sure，being，as a rale，more plentifal in the Broach Taluka．The rainfall is sapilemented by heavy dews frum October to December．

    Remarks．－Total rainfall below average in Hánsot，A＇mod and Jambasar and alove arcrage in the other three talakas．The monsoon set in late in the middle of Jane，and even then the ran was insufficient for sowing．The retarded sowings were made in Jaly．The falls in Angust ard September were good and crops flourished．The＂IIasta＂and＂Chitra＂showera in October wer： also seasonable sud uscful for kharif crops and rabi sowinge．In a few places the croje werr injured by locusts．No rain fell after October，and the rabi crops suffered from wart of it．JIraty general showers，late in February，did some good to the cotton and jowarin high lands，Tha outtarn of jowari，bajri and paddy raried from 8 to 12 annas，cotton 10 to $12 a^{2}$ audas，what 10 annas．

