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(1) Number of estates under management.

Northern Division.—At the beginning of the year under report, there were one large and 28 small estates under management. Five estates in Ahmedabad and two in Kaira were released from management on the minors' attaining majority. One estate in Kaira and two in Broach were taken under management and the year thus closed with one large and twenty-four small estates under management. The accounts of the two estates in Broach which were taken under management during the year have been excluded, while those of the two estates (one in Ahmedabad and the other in Kaira) released from management at the close of the year have been included in the statements accompanying the report.

Central Division.—At the beginning of the year there were 18 small estates under management—2 in each of the districts of East Khandesh, Ahmednagar and Sholapur, 4 in Nasik and 8 in West Khandesh. One estate in the Sholapur District was added while 6 estates—2 in each of the districts of East Khandesh and West Khandesh and 1 in each of the districts of Sholapur and Nasik—were released from management during the year on account of the minors having attained their majority. Thus the total number of estates under management at the close of the year was 13, the statistical information regarding which is given in the accompanying 3 statements.

The estate of the minor Giram in Sholapur District was released from management in December last but the moveable property of the estate is still in charge of the Collector. Giram died in February last and as it is likely that the estate would be mismanaged by his widow the Collector has requested the District Judge to take steps under Section 5 (b) of the Court of Wards Act.

The Collector of Ahmednagar was appointed by the District Judge guardian of the property of Mr. Katdhare, late Head Karkun in that district. As all the immoveable property lies in the districts of Ratnagiri, and Kolaba and as the Collector could not manage it properly he applied to the District Judge who discharged the Collector from guardianship of the property under Section 40 of the Guardians and Wards Act (*vide* Government Order No. 1154, Revenue Department, dated 22nd April 1921).

Southern Division.—Two estates were released and four added during the year. The number of estates at the close of the year was thus 31 as against 29.

(2) Income.

Northern Division.—The total gross income of the estates during the year amounted to Rs. 32,011 as against 55,614 during the preceding year. The decrease of Rs. 23,603 is mainly due to scarcity conditions necessitating the grant of suspensions of land revenue demand. The gross income includes petty loans borrowed by the estate holders for maintenance and in one case it includes recoveries of debts.

Central Division.—The gross income of the estates amounted to Rs. 4,837 as against Rs. 37,285 in the preceding year. The decrease is due partly to the release of the 6 estates and partly to the postponement of the recovery of rents owing to the unfavourable season.