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 I.—NUMBER OF ESTATES UNDER MANAGEMENT.

*Northern Division.*—There were eight large and forty-three small estates, under management at the beginning of the year under report and five small estates, four in Ahmedabad and one in Thana, were added and three in Ahmedabad—two small and one large—released during the year, the total number of estates under superintendence at the close of the year being seven large and forty-six small ones. All the three estates released were in a solvent condition at the time of withdrawal of management, the Shermian Bapumian's estate having a balance of Rs. 10,260, including Rs. 5,000 invested, and the Badshahi Devan estate having a balance of Rs. 30,297, inclusive of Rs. 5,233 invested. As on attaining his majority Shermian and his uncle, who has a share in a portion of the estate, desired to continue Government management for two years, management under section 28 of the Gujarát Talukdars Act was substituted for that under the Court of Wards Act. On attaining majority Shermian Bapumian has been created a first class Sardar of Gujarát and an honorary Magistrate with third class powers. He has also been elected to the Dholka Municipality and Taluka Local Board and nominated to the District Local Board, Ahmedabad.

*Central Division.*—At the beginning of the year there were in all thirteen estates under management. Three new estates were added during the year, the large Dabhade estate (No. 7) in Poona, and the small Chaugule and Mantri estates in East Khándesh and Sátára. No estate was given up during the year. The year thus closed with sixteen estates in all under management. Of these eight are large and eight small. Information about the three new properties and about two small ones in Poona (Natu and Dehu), taken over in preceding years, appears for the first time in this report. There is no estate under the management of the Court of Wards in the Sholapur District.

*Southern Division.*—The total number of estates under management was 31 against 28. Three new estates were taken over in Belgaum and one in Kánara. One estate was relinquished in Belgaum. The number of estates under management in Dhárwár remained stationary. No estates are managed in Kolába and Ratnágiri Districts.

## II.—INCOME.

*Northern Division.*—There has been an abnormal decrease in the gross income of the estates from Rs. 5,08,494 in the preceding year to Rs. 3,16,040 in the year under report. Owing to an unfavourable season in the Northern Gujarát Districts, especially in Ahmedabad, suspensions, either half or whole, had to be given in the case of every estate in the three districts of Ahmedabad, Kaira and Broach. The release during the year of the Shermian Bapumian's estate from management was responsible for a decrease to the extent of its preceding year's gross income, *viz.*, Rs. 53,836, which was to a great extent counterbalanced by the inclusion of the following unusual items of income:—

(1) Rs. 35,000 realized by the Mehlol estate by the sale of tenancy rights of 1,100 acres of land in the village of Kaliana.

(2) Rs. 1,230 received by the Shivrájpur estate as compensation for land acquired for railway purposes and Rs. 5,682 on account of royalty for the manganese mines as against Rs. 3,079 in the preceding year.