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PROPORTIONAL CHANGES in population of the seven cities of the Bombay Presidency 1872-1921.

As shown by curves of the logs of the population figures. Equal slopes in the curves mean equal proportionate changes. A slope of 45° means a rate of increase which would double the population in thirty years.

In the Bombay curve the point A represents Nessu's estimate of the population of that year after adding plague refugees. Point B represents the Municipal census taken in 1908.
8. The inclusion of Hubli was due to my own recommendation, based on the expectation that the population would be found to have increased more than it has. An application by Hyderabad to be treated as a City was not supported by the Local Officers and was negatived. But it seems open to question whether it should not be so treated at the next Census.

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

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>City or Town</th>
<th>Population</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bombay</td>
<td>1,175,914</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ahmedabad</td>
<td>274,007</td>
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<td>Karachi</td>
<td>216,883</td>
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<td>Greater Poona</td>
<td>214,796</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sholapur</td>
<td>119,581</td>
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<td>Surat</td>
<td>117,434</td>
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<td>Hyderabad</td>
<td>81,638</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hubli</td>
<td>69,206</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bhavnagar</td>
<td>59,392</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kolhapur</td>
<td>55,594</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shikarpur</td>
<td>55,503</td>
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10. Even after the “Cities” have been selected by the Local Government the question what to treat as suburbs of those Cities has to be considered by the Superintendent. For a full discussion on the general question of suburbs the reader is invited to Chapter II of the General Report. The area included in each City is discussed at the commencement of the discussion of the figures for that City.

SECTION 5.—GROWTH OF THE BOMBAY CITIES.

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

Population of Cities since 1872.

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<th>City</th>
<th>Population in</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1872</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bombay</td>
<td>644,405</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ahmedabad</td>
<td>129,305</td>
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<tr>
<td>Karachi</td>
<td>56,753</td>
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<tr>
<td>Poona</td>
<td>123,613</td>
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<td>Surat</td>
<td>107,355</td>
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<td>Sholapur</td>
<td>53,403</td>
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<td>Hubli</td>
<td>37,951</td>
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(c) Area unchanged throughout; (b) population of past Censuses adjusted for intercensal changes of boundary; (d) boundaries at past Censuses uncertain; (e) population known to have been incorrectly excluded in 1911; (f) population of past Censuses adjusted to represent area now included; (g) suburbs added in 1911; omitting suburbs the population in 1911 and 1921 would be 55,237 and 118,951; (f) suburbs shown in 1901 and 1911 but not other years; omitting suburbs population would be—1901, 59,916; 1921, 66,772.
CHAPTER II.—BOMBAY POPULATION.

SECTION 1.—DEFINITION OF BOMBAY.

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

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

SECTION 2.—THE TAKING OF THE CENSUS.

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

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

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<tr>
<th>Name of the School</th>
<th>Principal, Headmaster or Superintendent</th>
<th>Name of Section and No. of Circle</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gowan Union School</td>
<td>Mr. M. F. Serrao (Assistant Master)</td>
<td>Fanaswadi, half the first circle and second complete.</td>
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<tr>
<td>G. T. High School</td>
<td>Mr. M. R. Paranjape</td>
<td>Bhuleshwar, Circle No. 1.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elphinstone High School</td>
<td>Mr. B. M. Sutaria, M.A.</td>
<td>Gugam, whole section.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Israelite School</td>
<td>Mr. M. D. Bergawker</td>
<td>Tarwadi, 1.</td>
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<tr>
<td>R. E. S. Boys' High School</td>
<td>Mr. T. M. Evans</td>
<td>Byculla, 2.</td>
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<tr>
<td>J. N. P. Parsie Orphanage</td>
<td>Mr. D. S. Joshi, B.A.</td>
<td>Parel, 8 and 3.</td>
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* In considering the variations in those Cities the notes given to the preceding Table should be borne in mind.