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Bádámi still has the three natural physical divisions of which Captain, later Sir George Wingate, wrote in 1852. The narrow strip of black soil at the extreme south is really a continuation of the black soil plain of Dhárwár, from which it is separated by the Malaprabha river. This narrow strip which ruñs the whole length of the táluka and averages perhaps two miles in breadth, dips sharply to the river from the long line of hills which divides it from the rest of the táluka. It is north of these hills that the real Bádámi country is found. (Here the soil is generally poor, sandy and red.) The surface of the land is rugged and broken with hills to the south-west, tbe centre and all over the north-eastern and eastern parts of the taluka. These hills which are generally formed of a very fine grained sand stone, break off sharply into those bluffs and crags are so familiar at Bádámi, whose beauty goes far to atone for the barrenness of the neighbourhood. The third division is a high undulating plateau to the north-west of the taluka, where the soil is generally black though there is an abundance of karal towards the remote west frontier.

In point of fertility the southern villages along the Malaprabha stand easily first especially at the centre and eastern part of this belt for westwards or towards Rámdurg there is a large admixture of karal (lime nodules) and an abundant rainfall alone makes such soils productive. Next in excellence comes the black soil of the north and north-west of the táluka. This lies in two large patches round Anval aud Katgeri. The connecting link between these is formed by a group of Inam villages. There are occasional out-liers of black soil elsewbere, but none of great area or importance, perhaps that ins the gorge of the Malprabha just before it leaves the taluka to pass to Hungund best deserves notice. The- light red soil of the rest of the taluka needs all the rain which its many hills should attract. The rayats in such parts prefer moderate rain at frequent intervals to an occasional heavy down pour as the loose open texture of the soil. which enables the rain to sink in rapidly is also the cause of rapid evaporation. Such soil has not that capacity for retaining moisture which is characteristic of the black soils both in and beyond the táluka. Furthermore yearly or almost yearly manuring of these poor lands is imperative, then with a fortunate distribution of the rainfall they will yield good jowári and bajri crops. (Mango and neem trees are plentiful and do well in the sandy parts but recoil at the salts in the black soil. The taluka has not much to boast in the way of rivers or nalas. There is one big river the Malaprabha. The Saraswati and Nir-budihal streams also have a perennial flow, while water can generally be found near the surface, even in the hot weather in the Guledgud and Jalihál nálas.)

## Communications.

4. Considering its natural features the taluka of Bádámi is extraordinarily well off for roads. At thie present day it is traversed from north to south by a section of the Sholapur-Hubli Road, some 20 miles in length. At right angles to this road in the north of the táluka a road to feed the Railway runs from Agsarkop village past Katgeri Station to Guledgud and then on to join the Bágalkot-Ilkal provincial road at Kamatgi ford. The seven miles from Katgeri Station to Guledgud-Peth are metalled. Another piece of first class road is that which runs from Bádámi Station (Adgal, which lies 3 miles north of Bádámi Town) to the Mulaprabha river at Cholachgud. From Adgal this road under the name of the Bádámi-Guledgud Roed continues northwards about ten miles to join the Katgeri-Guledgud Road. In the south the Bádámi-Mudkavi Road is designed to link up Bádámi and Rámdurg. In the latter State there is. a very fine road, but the last two miles in the táluka are still under construction. The heart of the taluka is almost untouched as the so-called Badámi-Kerur Road which (starts from Adgal) has so far only reached Hire-Muchalgud. It is in good condition so far as it goes.

From the standpoint of trade and passenger traffic, the most important roads are the Hubli-Sholápur, the section from Katgeri to Guledgud and the Bádámi-Mudkavi. The first-named is now again provincial after having for a few years been in the control of the District Local Board. All the other roads save that from Adgal to Muchalgud are managed by the Public Works Depart-
ment for the District Local Board. The best is that from Adgal to Tolachgud. This is in such excellent condition that it is a matter of regret that money is not forthcoming to construct the few miles that intervene between Tolachgud and Hire-bal This would link up the Bádámi Road system with the PalaBádámi Road of the Dhárwár District. The unmetalled roads are rather better than the ordinary fair weather roads, for the hard red soil through which so many of them run gives an excellent surface even after rain. In the hot weather however the heavy traffic to and from Guledgud, Rámdurg and Kerur makes these unmetalled rouds extremely dusty and travelling is unpleasant. Bad and difficult nálas are very few and I am glad to say the District Local Board is unusually generous in its allotments for paring the various nálas and dips and banking up the roads in this taluka. The dates of the constuction of all these roads is important. Apart from that from Hubli to Sholapur (constructed about 1877) the earliest is that from Agsarkop eastwards. This was built as far as Guledgud as a feeder to the Railway; the continuation from Guledgud to Kamatgi was a famine work of 1905-as was the Adgal-Togunshi Section. The Bádámi-Mudkavi Road dates back to the famine of 1896-97, and that from Adgal to Hire-Muchalgud was undertaken in the famine of 1908. There can, therefore, be no doubt that there has been a wonderful improvement in the facilities for traffic since 1884. This system of roads is adequate for the trade requirements of Guledgud, Kerur, Bádámi and Rámdurg. There are other roads which have seen their best days, i.e., that from Shirur to Guledgud, that from Govankop via Vadvatti to Bádámi, and that from Kerur to Kaládgi. Since the opening of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway (East Deccan branch) in 1884 these roads have ceased to be of any consequence owing to the change in the flow of trade.

Country tracks are generally not good-especially in the hilly region to the west. The rayats of those parts want a road from Batkurki to Kerur or Agsarkop and perhaps another from Batkurki to Mudkavi. The cost of constructing either of these roads would be prohibitive. The case for the former project is very weak, and I know of none at all for the latter.

In 1884 the East Deccan Branch of the Madras and Southern Mabratta Railway was opened for the trafic. The taluka has two stations, at Katgeri and Bádámi. Neither is much used for the carriage of produce sent by the local cultivators or merchants to the great markets, beoause the weaving towns of Guledgud and Kerur can absorb all the surplus grain of the táluka. Both these towns are distant from the Railway and have good road communication in all directions. Cotton and other crops grown for export find their way by road to Bágalkot or Holi-Alur (Ron Táluka). Katgeri Station, however, is of great value. Here are received the yarn rice and groceries for the weavers just mentioned : here too are despatched the bodices they produce.

## Industries and Trade.

5. Bádámi can boast of two considerable industrial centres-Guledgud - and Kerur, with populations of 15,200 and 5,800 . These are both weaving towns. Guledgud produces silk cholis of very fine quality which are wellknown all over the Presidency. (It is not a great exaggeration to say that everyone in Guledgud man, woman or child, takes some part in the wearing industry whatever other avocation he or she may have. At Kerur the weavers are not so skilful and far more troublesome. In his report of 1852, Sir George Wingate prophesied the downfall of the Bádámi weavers. I quote paras. 28 and 29 of his report: "In Guledgud alone where the manufactures are of finer quality, the looms at work have increased of late years, but I doubt whether this increase fully balances the loss sustained in other quarters. And even in Guledgud as elsewhere throughout the district, the wages of the weaver and the profits of the manufacturer are said to have fallen considerably 'of late years. The yearly increasing use of English manufactures if it does not displace the native ones can hardly fail of lowering the price of the latter and thus reducing the means of those engaged in their production.
"It is not, however, merely the competition of England but also that of other manufacturing localities in this Presidency that has to be considered

The use of English yarns in native manufactures is very fast increasing and they threaten to supplant the native yarns altogether in the manufacture of the finer qualities of goods. The location of so many seats of manufacturing industry in the Southern Marátha Country is to be ascribed to the advantages they enjoyed over other places in possessing an abundant supply of cheap yarn spun from the cotton raised in their immediate neighbourhood, but this advantage will disappear when they have to obtain their yarns from Europe. The advantage of position will then be transferred from the interior where cotton is grown, to the coast where supplies of imported yarns may be most cheaply obtained, and it would not at all surprise me were this circumstance hereafter to occasion a considerable shifting of the manufacturing population. But whether such a result takes place or not, an extended use of English yarn must deprive the manufacturing villages of the interior of much of the peculiar advantages they have hitherto possessed; and this possibility-I might say probability-affords, in my opinion, a valid ground for liberality of assessment in the case of a district situated so far in land as Bádámi."

Mr. Fletcher examined the position of the weavers in the early eighties with great care and I have had a special census taken of looms in Kerur, Guledgud and other more important centres. (I find that Guledgud which bad eighteen hundred ( 1,800 ) looms in 1851 and 2,386 in 1883 bas now 4,658 (bodice looms only). At Kerur the numbers have practically doubled-the same is the case with Govankop and other places. Even at Mudkavi, a village over which the word "Ichabod". is written, the looms are more numerous. Mudkávi is not so much as the ghost of what it was, either in size or prosperity, but the tank and the prickly pear have caused the migration, rather than an unequal struggle against better materials and cheaper prices. The amount of locally spun yarn that is used by the Bádámi weavers is negligible. Such a commodity used to be common a sight in the bazars long ago, but it will not be found now at all, for it is used only by Dasars for very coarse cotton wrappers. The bodice looms demand English cotton, as the Sholápur or Bombay made yarns are not sufficiently fine. Cheap transport by railway was of course beyond Sir George Wingate's horizon. In Guledgud the demand for the weavers is so keen that they are within limits able to make their own terms with the masters. The Márwádis of Guledgud who supply the silk and yarn and buy up the woven articles control the looms of Kerur also and nearly all the other villages of the táluka as well as those at Kamatgi, Amingad and Sulibhavi which number nearly 1,500. In Mr. Fletcher's Appendix $G^{(i)}$ Bádámi showed 3,063 cotton looms. It now has 6,043 scattered over 37 villages $\downarrow$ I admit that my statistićs are probably more complete and I include a few villages that were not dealt with by Mr. Fletcher, but neither of these facts is sufficient to explain away the large increase in looms. The weaving industry is flourishing rather than declining. Badámi is not a go-ahead táluka, but there are more signs of material prosperity such as bicycles and gramophones, \&c., in Guledgud than elsewhere. I think I am correct in saying that the better class of weavers, i.e., those who prepare the finer kinds of cloths, are in a better position now than those whose work is inferior.

Other industries are unimportant. Bádámi, Parvati Adgal, Halgeri and Raghapur have sandstone quarries which do a little export trade. Perhaps the best stone comes from Adgal and Parvati. It is used chiefly for building and for grind stones.

The kambli looms number 63 as against 14 of former reports and 13 villages share in the industry. The kurabs who weave blankets usually have land or some other means of living as well-h The price of kamblis
is now at least 50 per cent. higher than it was ten years ago.
The trade of Bádámi I have noticed casually ere now, I need only be explicit. Tbe export crops are dealt with outside the táluka. Bágalkot takes most of the cotton of the northern, central and western villages, while those of the Malaprabha bank send their produce to Gadag or Holi-Alur, as there is neither a gin nor press in Bádámi. Oil-seed follows the same routes too. In Guledgud and Kerur there are two flour mills run by oil-engines.

I regret that I am not satisfied with the figures I have oftained from the Railway. They relate only to exports. No details of the classes of goods-are available. I could get no information about imports by rail. I give the total exports for what they are worth.

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| Badámi Station | ** |  | ... | *** | 2,742 |  | 5,400 |
| Katyeri Statiou | ... | - | ... | ... | 1,172 |  | 2,425 |

These are indicative of expanding trade, and as the products of Gulengud are far more valuable than those of Bádámi, I would remark that the enormous excess in weight at the latter station is explained by the exports being chiefly of stone and fuel. My enquiry at Katgeri Station showed me that 40 or 50 bales of bodices are despatched daily to all parts of the Presidency and Central India. There may also be a little tur and bajri and ghee exported in addition to some 1,500 dokras of unginned cotton during the year. The inports at the same station are rice from Bizvada, gram and wheat from Navalgund Táluka cocoanuts from Goa aud Madgaon, gul from Nipáni and Mysore, betel and chillies from Byádgi, twist from Bombay and Sholápur, silk from Bengal. It was confirmatory of my opinion on the condition of the weaving communities, to learn at Katgeri Station that Guledgud takes all the imports of better quality while the inferior articles are ordered for Kerur.

Appendix G" gives the number of shops in the taluka as 515-as against 153-30 years ago. The enumeration now made embraces shops in 13 villages which were formerly omitted, but that it is not enough to account for the startling increase. It only corresponds however to those which have occurred in Bágalkot and Hungund and is evidence both of enterprise on the part of the shopkeepers and an increasing demand for luxuries on the part of the people generally.

## Markets.

6. In Appendix $\mathbf{C}$ will be found a list of the markets in the táluka. It will be seen that they are no less than 8 villages in which such weekly gatherings are held. Of these there are two of outstanding importance-Guledgud and Hobbali, where the sales are estimated to be about Rs. 3,000 and Rus. 2,000, respectively. The former of these strikes me as low for the brisk trade that takes place in Guledgud. If the figure is correct, the only explanation I know lies in the proximity of Baigalkot, for my enquiries went to show that the villagers in the north of Bádámi Táluka go just as readily to Bágalkot as to Guledgud, as there ss a wider range of goods, and priees, especially of groceries and cloth are lower at Baga!kot. The Rs, 3, 100 put down for Guledgud represeuts only the purchases of the weavers and other townspeople while the sales to outsiders of cloths, chiefly bodices, probably runs to the same figure. When we consider the pettiness of the other six markets it is not surprising to .find that apart from Bagalkot there is a line of bazar villages just outside the táluka boundaries. Quite a number of these lie along the banks of the Malaprabla in the fertile black plain of north-east Dhárwárs e. $g$., Rámdurg, Holi-Alur, Shirol and Soreban. The first two of these are of much greater importance than Hebbali or Govankop. Indeed Rámdurg is the great market for western Bádámi and the bazar there struck me as being extraordinarily well arranged and a scene of great animation. Lokápur further to the north attracts a few people from Batkurki and the neighbouring villages. This is chiefly a grain market. Kaldedgi has a cattle trade that stands third perhaps in the district and has a bazár which serves the Anwal Samat villages. During. the last ten years Batkurki has lost its bazár which is not surprising, for its glory bas departed.

Writing in 1883, Mr. Fletcher thought that the Railway would greatly affect the villages upon which he was reporting. Perhaps the subsequent history of the 20 villages of Ron which were included in his report will justify his remarks. So far as I can see, Bádámi has little but stone and bodice cloth to export and in so far as the Railway is more expeditious than pack horses

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the weavers are benefitted, but as a whole the export ag ricultural products of Bádámi are disposed of by merchants who live outside the táluka. Stone is too heary to send far afield.

The only fairs that deserve notice are Banshankari and Mabakut. The former, which is held annually in January, lasts four days and draws traders in sweetmeats, brass pots and cloth from some distance. Mahakut is almost inaccessible and the fair is not an occasion for much trade. Latterly with the founding of the Shivyog Mandir at Govanki the tradition may gradually spring up of holding a fair. Some 20,000 persons assembled there on the Maha Shiva Ratri festival for the last two years.

## Population.

7. In Appendices $\mathbf{D}$ and $\mathbf{E}$ are statistics of population according to the Census of 1911. The 1881 population so far as I can ascertain was $86,564$. This I have had compiled villagewar at the táluka office as I cannot vouch for the territorial boundaries being identical at the census then held and now. The recent returns for the whole talluka show a population of 108,202-an increase of 25 per cent. The Government villages which in 1881 had a population of 76,601 now claim 93,816, an increase of 22 per cent.
(The proportions of agricultural and non-agricultural population are 66.87 and 33.13 per cent.) Among the former 8 per cent. of the whole population show as labourers. Wearers and dyers will account for not less than threequarters of the non-agricultural classes. Guledgud-the only Municipality in the taluka-shows a population of 15,249 at the last census, which is 1,500 short of the 1901 reckoning, but 33 per cent. higher than that of 1881.

In 1881 the population of the Government villages gave an incidence of 150 persons to the square mile. This has now risen to 184. In considering this we must remember that the forests and other uncultivable land occupy 27 per cent. of the total area of the taluka. In view of the very large area of poor soil in many of the villages, this is a considerable population to support. The growth of the population since 1891 has been retarded from two main causes-famine followed by plague. The total losses by plague in the Government villages since it first appeared are 8,721 persons, of whom 5,628 or 6 per cent. of the population died prior to the Census of 1911. It is to be noted that no less than 52 villages show a decline in population between 1901 and 1911a fact that must be borne in mind when proposing new rates. It is the eastern side of the táluka that has suffered more particularly.

## Births and Deaths.

8. Appendix G gives the statistics for births and deaths for a ten year period ending with 1912. These refer to Government villages only. It will be seen that the births average 3,250 a year, while deaths average 3,014 . In three years (1903, 1904 and 1911) the deaths exceeded the births. There can be no doubt that plague and famine have largely affected the birth-rate, for a glance at Appendix G, will show that there is a marked rise in the number of births when there has been ever so short a respite from plague with some fair harvests. Enquiries I made in 1911 while Assistant Collector are substantiated by the census figures. The people remarked that the women had no chance of recovery in the plague epidemic of 1910-11. The census returns show that nearly 80 per cent. of the loss in the táluka has fallen on the women. Weavers too have suffered badly, Guledgud alone recording 3,243 deaths from plague up to the present, which represents 20 per cent. of the highest population which the Municipality has ever known.

## Schools and Education.

9. Statistios for schools and education appear in Appendix H, from which it will be seen that the táluka, Inám villages included, has now 39 local board schools for boys and 5 for girls, the average daily attendance being 1,364 and 100. Besides this Guledgud Municipality has 3 boys' schools with an
age attendance of 331 scholars, and also 90 girls in two girls' schoolss her private schools number 16 and are only for boys. They count 364 sc holars: All this is low when compared with the other talukas of the Southern Division and most parts of Dhárwár District. The number of scholars has not risen proportionately with the increase in the schools. Thirty years ago I understand from Mr. Fletcher's reports, there were 10 Government schools with an average attendance of 692 boys. Private schools used to number 18 but the number of pupils was very low, averaging only 157.

The census of 1911 gives a percentage of 4.60 as literates or students. This compares very unfavourably with Mr. Fletcher's figure $6 \cdot 2$, and can only mean that literacy as defined in 1911 meant a higher degree of education than was necessary in 1881 or else the progress of education has not kept pace with the growth of the population, and in a country like Badámi where there are sheep and goats and cattle for children to tend on the hills, there is a great tendency to neglect education.

## Rainfall and Crops.

10. Bádámi has the reputation of having the worst climate in the district, if I may quote the Gazetteer-being feverish in the cold months and oppressive in the hot weather. It is all this without being really bad. Its reputution for fever is based on the fact that it contains most of the few feverish places in the district such as Kendur, Badami, Mudkavi, Nilgund and Nagnur. But it will not bear comparison with a really feverish climate such as that of the Mallad Talukas of Dhárwár. The hilly parts, especially those in the western side of the táluka, are the worst. The more open black soil stretches are free from fever. In the absence of any appreciable vegetation on the hills the heat in April and May is certainly considerable.
'The average rainfall measured in Bádámi for the past 28 years is $\mathbf{2 4 . 2 2}$ inches. It gets no less than half of this in the rali monsoon-i. e., between the middle of August and the third week of October. The amount of the kharif monsoon is only 5.84 inches, which is little enough for a sandy country. (It is not the shortness of the amount of rain that renders Bádámi liable to bad seasons so much as the long break that often occurs in August and September. The early crops which are the chief crops in the táluka generally start well enough, for the kharif monsoon is tolerably certain. Their failure to carry out their early promise is due more frequently than not to the late arrival of the rabi monsoon. The anti-monsoon rain compares well with that registered in the adjoining tálukas, and is most useful for ploughing and preparing the lands for the kharif crops. 20 inches well distributed is enough for any of the dry crops grown, but(it will be noticed that for the last ten years the amount of rabi rain has been particularly erratic. The average of the total rainfall for ten years from 1903 onwards is 5 inches less than that for the whole 28 years, This deficit is shared between all four periods of the season; and in four years the rabi fall is only about half the normal amount. Hence the time-honoured grumble of the rayat that he gets no rains now-a-days. A double dose in 1910 is very little use for 1911. While the sandy soils require fairly frequent showers to keep the crops moist, the black soil parts, which can grow either early or late crops, are less dependent on the kharif monsoon, but they are at the mercy of the treacherous later rain.

So far as I have been able to ascertain the parts of the taluka that usually fore oest are those immediately round Bádámi, Nilgund and along the road from iofarkop to Katgeri, and on the eastern side of the Sholápur-Hubli Road. Test of that road the story is different. It would seem that the early rain of the south-west monsoon passes over the first high-ground it meets, and is not arrested till it strikes the hills near Kerur in the heart of the taluka From this point onwards we get precipitation. Similarly the rabi rain coming from the north-east spends its force before it has reached the western villages; which thus oome off with much poorer crops than the rest of the taluka, even in a quite good year.
(The chief early orops are kharif jowári and bajri forming 41 per cent. of the total cropped area.) As a rule tur and other pulses are sown as row crops
with these, the practice generally being to have one row of pulse to 4 or 8 of bejari or jowári. However in the south along the Malaprabha and in the black soil. to the north and nortb-west rabi jowari is interchangeable with the kharif, $I$
$J$ have received figures from the Director of Agriculture which show that twothirds of the jowari in the taluka is kharif and the other third rabi, but it is only natural to find that in a year like 1908 when the early rains were disappointing we get an unusually large sowing of bajri, as it needs less rain than jowari and is a quicker crop to grow, while at the same time the normal proportions of early and late jowári are reversed. This means of course tbat wherever it was at all possible to grow rabi jowari, the rayats did so. If, bowever, we look at the cotton and wheat for that year in Appendix B the abnormal area under: wheat and the unusually small area under cotton point to a very late arrival of. the nortb-east monsoon, with no rain in August.

The following table gives the proportions of the chief crops in the taluka: for the past five years :-

|  |  |  | Kharif. | Rabi. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jowári ... ... |  |  | 22.38 | 14.59 |
| Bájri |  |  | $18 \cdot 60$ |  |
| Wheat |  |  | $\cdots$ | 3.96 |
| Coarse grains |  |  | 3.97 |  |
| Pulses |  |  | 11.56 | $1 \cdot 34$ |
| Oil-seedsCotton | ... | ... | 1.09 | 1.92 |
|  | ... | ... | ...... | 16.88 |
| Total ... |  |  | 57.60 | 38.69 |

It shows conclusively how very important the early rains are. (The prom portion of kharif jowari is higher here than in Bágalkot or Hungund.)

The pulses are mostly tur and math which are sown with jowári or bajri, very much of the really hard gritty red soil grows "hurali" (horse gram). Cotton is practically all of the Kumta variety and is sown as a rabi crop. It covers as much as 50 per cent. of the cropped area in some of the villages on the southern river bank and in the nortb-west plain. I have seen vary little attempt in this táluka at least to grow any of the new cottons which the Agricultural Department is endeavouring to popularise in Dhárwár. The American variety is not favoured in Badámi either, the deep reddish or brown soils in which it thrives are not found, nor is the rain as a rule favourable for an early cotton crop. The oil-seeds are mostly safflower and linseed, which are grown in rows in the late jowári or wheat crops as a rule. Of other crops very little need be said. The area under rice is negligible. Apart from scattered patches in the hills, Kendur and Parvati alone can profess to be rice growing villages. The garden lands are equally few, and the twice cropped lands are ouly just over hundred acres.

Any practice of having land fallow is almost unknown now-a-days. The only occasion to do so is in the very poorest land just south of Kerur, where a land will be left fallow in order to recuperate the owner being too poor to manure it. Manuring is a great feature of Bádámi agriculture. All the red soil Jnids are manured regularly, every year or every other year at least. It is this that makes the poorest of fields bear decent kharif crops.)


The rotation in black soil is generally kharif jowári or rabi jowári according as the monsoon suits, and cotton in alternate years. Wheat fields are usually
kept for wheat only and are not used for other crops, except perhaps an occasional rotation with gram (kadli).
(Cultivation generally is good, save in the poor country to the west. Writing $V$ in 1852 Sir George Wingate says "the farming in the north villages is generally slovenly and indifferent and that of the southern villages is better, while the tillage of the sandy soils of the populous villages of the Central Division is especially deserving of commendation. The fields there are well ploughed up annually and manured every second year or at least as often and as plentifully as the manure at the disposal of the cultivator will permit. They are well weeded and being often surrounded by milk-bush hedges, these enclosures give to certain localities a neat and almost English look that I have nowhere else met with in this country".)

I have been able to obtain for purposes of comparison a statement in the form of Appendix B relating to five years 1885-86 to 1890-91. The cultivated area shows an expansion of 18,300 acres, of which Government villages can, I think, claim 16,000 acres, Dealing with crops by groups, cereals show an increase of some 7,800 acres (about 5 per cent. on the area of 1885-1890). Pulses are almost stationary, oil-seeds show a considerable shrinkage, while cotton has taken up 12,300 acres more than formerly. Once again here I draw the same inference as in my other reports, that cotton has ousted jowári and Wheat from some of the better soils. As elsewhere wheat and safflower show considerable decline over 30 per cent. of their former area. The cereals are now grown in poorer soils, for if there are 10,000 acres more under jowári and 3,100 more under bajari, cotton is not planted in the very poor land which has been taken up during the last 20 years. Coarse grains show a decrease of 7,000 acres, which is almost counterbalanced by a rise under "other grains". The new land has probably gone mostly to jowári and in some degree to bajri. On the other hand jowari with wheat and safflower has given up large aroas in favour of cotton. A fuller appreciation of the meaning of these changes is best deferred till later on, but when the rayat complains that he used to get a far larger yield of grain in the halcyon days of husbandry long since departed, he forgets that he now tries to grow jowári where his grandfather might have tried to feed his goats.

## Agricultural Stock.

11. In Appendix F will be found details of the Agricultural Stock of the Government villages of the táluka. The figures are the result of a special census which was ordered to be taken in November last for the purposes of this report. The best comparison is afforded with the totals for the year 1886-87, the first year in which the present form was used. Since that year plough cattle have decreased by 3.44 per cent., but bulls and he-buffaloes kept for breeding have increased by over 23 per cent. It is only to be expected that pack cattle would decline with the opening of the Railway. They have fallen by 43 per cent. Contrary to expectation - the number of cows has arisen by over 1,400 or 11 per cent. She-buffaloes have the largest increase of all-just over 70 per cent. For nearly all the other cattle it is a case of decreases. Cow calves and goats have fallen by 48 and 49 per cent. respectively. The fall in buffalo calves is 16 per cent. and in sheep $23 \cdot 60$. Horses have declined as have pack cattle, but not so much. Donkeys show a moderate increase. Small ploughs (i.e., those worked by one pair of 2 jlooks) are very slightly more numerous now than in 1886.87, and as elses
fre the number of old large ploughs has fallon. Riding carts have increased. - y over a half, while the ordinary agricultural carts have been nearly doubled.

To go into these increases and decreases more fully, probably the decrease in plough cattle has been the result of the decrease in the area of unoccupied land
That there are ample still left for husbandry is proved by the fact that there is one pair to euch $23 \frac{1}{2}$ acres of cultivated land in the Government villages. This is the lowest proportion in the district and compares well with any other similar táluka of these parts. Pack cattle normally would fall with the opening
of the Railway but the fall strikes me as unduly large. In any case, it is not of great importance as it is generally the old and useless animals that are put to this use. That cows have increased is remarkable, for they generally show a deficit now-a-days. They are in Bádámi fed mostly on the hills and are not of a very good breed. That cows rather than bullocks have increased is perhaps due to the exportation of the latter to make good losses by disease in the Mallad parts of Dhárwár. The large rise in she-buffaloes is of course due to the fact that they give far more milk than cows. Round Guledgud there are some villages in the hills that supply the weavers with milk. The soil generalIy is poor there and this trade is of great importance. There is everywhere a tendency now for every rayat of any pretensions to have his own she-buffalo. They are profitable animals and are generally stall-fed.

In the face of the considerable rise in the milch cattle, the almost proportionate decrease in the numbers of young stock is rather perplexing. It is due to one of two facts-either the figures for 1886-87 or the recent census are at fault or else the definition of young cattle has materially altered. A similar inconsistency is to be found at Bágalkot and is not confined to this district.

Since 1896 Bádámi has had many years of scarcity, 1900, 1902 and again in 1908, while the last three seasons have not been at all good. Moreover, there has been since 1884-85, a large extension in the cultivated area amounting to 16,000 acres in the Government villages and an increase in the forest area of 12,600 acres. Again in 1907 under the reclassification, the area of pasturage in forests fell from 58,921 to 24,373 acres and goats and sheep were excluded. Another consideration is that agriculture is much more keen now-a-days. There is a smaller margin of uncultivated land in the occupied area, and casual trespass by cattle or goats and sheep among the crops is not tolerated so kindly now as formerly.

The number of small ploughs is quite adequate, though like most of the agricultural stock it shows a marked fall from the number recorded in 1894-95. The large plough is mostly found on the banks of the Malaprabba. It is not common now that most of the land that is at all fit for cultivation has been broken up. The large proportionate increase in both classes of carts is due to the improvement in the roads and the condition of the taluka. The riding carts no doubt include the tongas of Guledgud. Ordinary carting is a regular profession in the villages near Katgeri Station. In Bádámi there is a so-called Transport Company to conduct the Rámdurg traffic. How great the increase in the number of carts has been is best realised from Sir George Wingate's remark that carts were very little used for agriculture and manure was taken to thefields and the crops brought home on the backs of billocks.

## Occupants and Tenants.

12. Details as to the amount of land cultivated by the occupants and by tenants are given in Appendix I. After deducting the waste and parampok numbers, which in this táluka number $\mathbf{1 , 1 7 4}$, the land is distributed for cultization as follows:-
(d) Government Land.

(B) Inám Land.

| (a) By Inámdar | in partaership with others | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $60 \cdot 40$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (b) | Do. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4.92 |
| (c) By tenante for cash rent | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 22.99 |  |
| (d) | Do. for ahare of crop | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 11.69 |

(Perhaps the feature which most calls for notice is the comparatively low proportion of land whether Government or Infm which is let for cash rents. This of course is occasioned by the poorness of the soil and the uncertainty of rainfall. Cash rents are so often paid in advance and the practice of granting remissions on account of a bad larvest is so rare that it is only in the btack soils that cash rents are found. The proportion of Inám land, which is cultio vated by the Inámdárs in persort, is unusualiy high. There is a tendency even on the part of the Brahmins to manage their own lands and to have their ownagricultural implements and cattle. I noted also in this taluka that a great many chavrat lands of some of the big watandars to the west were let for a share of the crop. This is the result of rack-renting in the past or a fear of a short lease or unfair treatment in the future should the tenant effect any improve* ment in lands. It is the more to be regretted as the best lands in the Anval samat are chavrat Infam, and are oapable of fetching far higher rents than they do. I find upon a comparison of the figures guoted above and those which Mr. Fletcher gives that cash rents are declining in popularity in this táluka; I do not personally believe it, and if there is a larger proportion of land now leased for a share of the crop than formerly, it should be remembered that nearly all the land newly occupied during the period of the Settlement is of quite poor quality, which is generally not let for casb. Moreover, there is an increasing popularity for that form of lease under which the tenant pays as rent a sum of money in addition to half the produce of the land.

## Water-supply.

13. In Appendix J. will be found the statistics about the diferent classes of water-supply for the whole táluka in 1912 and 1886. Pakka irrigation ${ }^{2}$ wells have increased by 48 per cent., while the kachha wells have decreased by nearly one-fifth. For drinking water the pakka wells have rather more than doubled, while those that are less properly built have also risen by 57 per cente The number of wells and budkis for cattle washing has declined by two-thirds, and I know that the rayats often are inconvenienced by a shortage of water for their cattle.

The figures about irrigation tanks for 1886 are obviously wrong, as the four tanks at Kendur, Parvati (2) and Timsagar are omitted, as is the Hond at Banshankarai. Tanks chiefly those for drinking water and cattle washing. show a fair increase, probably as the result of the labours of the Táluka Local Board. There is no denying the fact that two of the bigger tanks at Hanamsa, gar and Nilgund are among those now in disuse.

For water-supply Bádámi in parts is not at all well off. In the south and the east there is not much ground for complaint, as we have the Malaprabha and a fair number of wells. West of the Sholápur-Hubli Road however, the position is much worse. The strata here are not rich in springs and wells are not only expensive but often abnormally deep. The old wells, generally step wells-are frequently very dirty.

## Crop Experiments.

14. I regret that I can only discover two crop experiments for this táluka amoug all the records printed by the Director of Agriculture which were available in Bijápur. I detail them for what they are worth.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Serial } \\ & \text { No. } \end{aligned}$ | - Crop. | Yield in - пппа. | Absesment per acre. | Incidence of ansessment. on value of gross crop. | Percentage incidence of ansegsment on value of gross produce of 12 amnas, i. e., normal crop calculated from columns 3 and 5. | Eoil. | Romarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | Kharifit Jovari ... | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 8 & 0 \end{array}\right.$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Rs}_{3} & \mathrm{a} & \mathrm{p}_{0} \\ 0 & 11 & 7 \\ \text { Revenue } & \text { Eurvey } \\ \text { naton. } \end{array}\right.$ | 3•81 | $2 \cdot 54$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{cc} \text { Rcad } & \text { soil } \\ \text { tilled } \\ \text { manured. } & \text { and } \end{array}\right\|$ | Condacted in 1883-84. |
| $-2$ | $\underset{\text { Millet) } 0}{\text { Narni (Italisn }}$ | 060 | 0151 | 16.93 | $8 \cdot 47$ | Read loamy soil, not manured. | In 1907. |

The earlier of these two experiments ought to my mind to be neglected as it is so old, while the evidence derived from the other is far too flimsy to lead us to any conclusion as to the incidence of the assessment upon the gross out-turn of the crops in the taluka. I must advert to the subject when discussing leases.

## Prices.

15. In Appendix $N, I$ give a list of the prices of principal commodities I have been able to obtain figures for wheat, jowári, bájri, gram and rice from 1851 onwards, though there is a period of seven years from 1882 to 1888 for which no statistics are forthcoming. The Director of Agriculture has also supplied me with details for other articles from 1888 onwards. It will be noticed that linseed, cotton and saflower are not quoted since 1900, which is quite immaterial as the Badami market for these is negligible and the price with which we are chiefly concerned is that which obtains at Bagalkot.

As a summary of Appendix N , I give in tabular form the prices which have ruled for various periods. I have for the purpose of calculating the average price for the several periods disregarded those years in which there was some unusual factor, e.g., the American War of Independence, a severe famine or prolific harvest, to affect the market. The prices are quoted per rupee in seers of 80 tolas.

| Year. | Joviri. | Bájrie | Wheat. | Gram. | Rice. | .$_{\text {Dal }}$ | Cotton | Safflower. | Linseed. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1861-71 ..* | 29* | 31• | 15.8 | 18* | $10 \cdot 10$ | ... | -•• | ** | $\cdots$ |
| 1872-82 | $24 \cdot 10$ | 28.12 | $14 \cdot 10$ | $18 \cdot$ | $11 \cdot 3$ | ... | .. | . ${ }^{\prime}$ | 4 |
| 1888-18c6 | 25.2 | 28.13 | 17.1 | 14.5 | 10.0 | 11.8 | 7.7 | $20 \% 1$ | 10.8 |
| 1897-1905 ... | 18.14 | 22.2 | 13.9 | $12 \cdot 13$ | $9 \cdot 14$ | 11.0 | $7 \cdot 13$ | 16.1 | 8.11 |
| 1,906-1018 $\therefore$ | 14.15 | 14.14 | $8 \cdot 11$ | $8 \cdot 14$ | $7 \cdot 11$ | 8.14 | *-0 | "*. | - |
| Percentage increase between pexiods 1872-82 and 1906-18. | - $38 \cdot 1$ | $\mathbf{8 8} \cdot 2$ | 40.6 | 81.7 | 30.9 | . $0 \cdot$ | ** | ** | - ... |
| Percentage increase between periods 1888-96 and 1806-13. | 101 | 87 | $49^{*}$ | 38* | 23. | 22\% | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |

It will appear then that there is a considerable increase in prices in Badami though the relaxation from the high level reached between 1906 and 1909 was greater and lasted longer than was the case in Hungund. Jovari abows a larger proportionate increase than in the other talukas for which I am reporting. Generally speaking Badami prices tend to be rather cheaper than those at Bagalkot, saving for rice and gram, and in them the difference is very slight. In the absence of recent prices for gram, linseed, safflower and cotton at Badámi, it will be useful to compare the Bagalkot figures of 1906-1913 with those ruling at Badámi in 1887-1896. As Bagalkot really is the market for
these articles the comparison is quite fair. It shows an increase of 38 per cent. for linseed, $46 \frac{1}{5}$ for safllower and. 25 for cotton and $26 \frac{1}{5}$ for gram. We must of course allow for Bádámi prices being slightly lower, owing to the distance from the central market. Moreover the prices of wheat and jowári for the years 1872 to 188 upon which the current assessment is based were rather bigher than they were for the years succeeding 1888 and consequently the margin of increase is slightly diminished. I am anable to believe that the price of cotton is only 25 per cent. higher now-a-days than it was during the earliest years of the present lease. As in Hungund, the usual price quoted in the villages in Badámi is that for the Bágalkot unit which consists of 240 pounds of cleaned cotton. The Bágalkot price of course reflects the price in Bombay and the world's markets in general. I know cleaned cotton stood as high as Rs. 112 for 240 pounds in 1910-11. Recently, i.e., prior to the War it was Rs. 80. Cotton has certainly averaged that price for the last 7 years. A rise of 25 per cent. would put the price for the period 1888 to 1895 at Rs. 64, which I do not for an instant believe. Certainly the price 30 years ago was more like Rs. 50 than 64 for the Bagalkot unit.

In the last Settlement Report there was an acute dispute raised by Mr. McCallum over the propriety of taking Guledgud prices as typical for Badami Táluka. I have not taken them myself but admittedly much of the surplus jovari and Bajri of the Táluka is placed on the market there and all commodities are slightly dearer there than at Badámi or Bagalkot. Perhaps the difference is only half or quarter of a seer to the rupee. I certainly would not trust any nirakh propounded for Guledgud at lapse of 25 years. The prices given in Appendix $N$ for 1851 to 1882 are for Guledgud.

The prices for fodder are to be accepted with some reserve. Bádámi supplies all the north of Dhárwár with kadba in a poor season and the unduly high prides which fodder has realised in Badami are due to a failure of the jovári crop outside the District and consequent export from the chief fodder reserve of Bijápur.

## Wages.

16. The Mámlatdár has submitted a statement of wages which will be found among the Appendices. It covers the years 1884-85 to 1912-13. The wages for skilled labour which were normally 7 annas for the first 15 years of the period quoted, fell to 6 annas for the period of the famines (1897 to 1904). They then revived and for the last five years have averaged 10 annas, which is much higher than the rate ruling in Hungund or even for most of the time in Bágalkot. The wages for ordinary labour are lower, as a rule, here than in the neighbouring talukas, and seera to have declined. The average for the last decade is lower than that of the first nine years of the Mámlatdár's statistics. The rates for agricultural labour have behaved similarly. However, as I have stated in other reports, these rates for agricultural labour are misleading, and it is not to be imagined that wages are really lower. Farm servants want far more coaxing than formerly and the outside bodies such as the Táluka Local
Board or the Public Works Department find it difficult enough to get labour on wells or roads at four annas, which is an anna higher than the Mámlatdar's quotation.

The wages of the weavers are increasing. There is always a demand for their products and the stores of cloth held by the Marwadis are low-less than two months' supply. It literally pays the master weavers to risk making large advances to their coolies, so great is the demand for labour. So it is a legitimate inference that wages in this industry are not declining.

## Revenue History.

17. The revenue history of the Taluka is given in Appendices 0 , $0^{(1)}$ and $O^{(1)}$. The first named doals with the bulk of the Taluka, while $O^{(1)}$ refers only to Hagnur and Hire-Mulangi, and $O^{(x)}$ to the 8 villages of the Jalihal Deshgat. $\mathrm{O}^{(1)}$ goes back to the year 1874-75. Since 1885-86 there has been an increase in the occupied area of 23,510 acres or $21 \cdot 53$ per cent. while the increase in Revenue is Rs. 8,744 or 12'29 per cent.

The revenue history of Badami is rather a tangle, and I propose to treat the Táluka as a whole. At this late date it is idle to discuss the effect of the 1876-1877 famine on the two villages to which Appendix $0\left({ }^{1}\right)$ refers. The main points to be brought out are that Bádámi is a troublesome táluka and that the assessment is at times not very easy to realise. Large sums appear as remissions and $I$ think they can be divided thus:-

|  |  | Rs. | a. | p. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| (1) Remissions due to enhancement of assessment | $\ldots$. | 12,212 | 12 | 6 |
| (2) Remissions due to famine and various causes | $\ldots$. | 99,806 | 6 | 10 |

Of the former it is only necessary to say that $1 \frac{3}{4}$ annas in every rupee of the revised assessment for the years 1885-86 and 1886-87 were remitted under the orders of Government in which sanctioned the present rates for 140 villages. No such remissions were granted in the other 10 villages. Of the larger sum of Rs. 99,306 the famine of the years 1901-02 is responsible for Rs. 51,786 and that of 1905-06 for Rs. 40,685. This leaves rather less than Rs. 7,000 which were remitted in various sums, generally under Rs. 1000 daring each of the last 12 years for which the Mámlatdár bas supplied figures. The total remissions on lands under lanks are reported to be Rs. 3, 619 down to 1912-13. The arrears outstanding at the close of the year would seem to reach the very high total of Rs. 3,25,407-2-4. I greatly doubt the accuracy of this figure. Out of the large sum of Rs. 1,13,490 which appears against the year 1908-09 Rs. 1,01,400 were suspended on account of famine, out of which Rs. 83,000 were collected next season. So there is a tolerable .certainty that the figure of Rs. 57,817 which recorded as the arrear at the end of 1909-10 includes at least Rs. 18,000 due two years before but twice suspended. Nearly the whole of this sum was subsequently collected. This accounts for about half of the outstandings of $3 \frac{1}{4}$ lákhs mentioned above. Out of the other half 1904-05 and 1905-06 were responsible for about $1 \neq$ lákbs. Of which about Rs. 40,000 were ultimately remitted. The first year of the expiring lease is the only one that is free from the taint of arrears. They are heaviest from 1899-1900 to 1909-10, but this was a bad period, at least while five were famine years. But apart from this a little strictness can work wonders in Bádámi.

With such a long run of bad seasons it is satisfactory to note that cultivation has suffered very few set backs. The area of Government occupied land never shrank in any one year by much over 200 acres and any fields throwu up were very soon demanded for cultivation. The Settlement of the Criminal Tribes quickened the impulse of rayats in some parts to take up new land of late, not that much of any value has been lying waste during recent years. Appendix $Q\left({ }^{1}\right)$ shows the Government waste land to be 6,261 acres, with an assessment of Rs. 1,850 or nearly $4 \frac{8}{2}$ annas per acre-which is very low. A great deal of it lies in the west of the Talluka. 83 Government villages have larger or smaller areas of such land.

The Tagai balance of the táluka on 1st August 1913 was Rs. 35,900 and the demand this year was Rs. 11,366. Very little Tagai has been granted during recent years and the talluka bas been given time to recover its character as an obstinate defaulter. In 5 years since 1908-09 Rs, 4,547 were remitted from the Tagai accounts in Bádámi; some generosity was shown a few years back in the resettlement of the accounts.

For coercive processes I was unable to get details for 1910-11. Otherwise the details for five years from 1908-09 are available: The number of notices issued under section 152, Land Revenue Code, was 369 . There seem to bave been no fines under section 148, Land Revenue Oode, and only one case of attachment. Forfeiture notices numbered 43 for these years and in all 721 acres assessed at Rs. 409 were sold. The year just closed gives a record of 8 notices of demand, 13 cases in which fines were inflicted and five of forfeiture. The táluka bowever is not usually so stubborn as that. In 1909-10 forfeiture notices and the fear of a chapparband Settlement had a wonderful effect in reducing the arrears of land revenue. The Mahal Jamedárs and the Watandárs are often the worst offenders.

## Value of Land.

18. The usual information about the value of land is given in Appendices $K, L$ and $M$. The first of these refers to sales; Appendix $L$ to simple mortgages and Appendix $M$. to leases. The information is exclusively for dry-crop land as there is not enough rice or garden to justify a separate compilation of figures. These Appendices cover three periods, 1888 to 1892, 1898 to 1902 and 1909 to 1913. The information for the two earlier periods is taken from the Registration ${ }^{\circ}$ Depertment, while that for the last period I collected myself from the Record of Rights in the villages. The leases which I gathered all belong to the year 1913-14 as they alone were avaiilable. The various deeds given by the Sub-Registrar of Bijapur could not be snvestigated, though I endeavoured to eliminate any that obviously referred to wmall areas garden or rice land. In compiling the figures for the last period I was as in the other tálukạs at pains to select only admittedly genuine sales, mortgages and leases, choosing at the same time those which represented the fair average of the village or the neighbourhood. The result is that the highest and also the lowest transactions have generally been excluded. At the risk of narrowing the range of prices and rentals, a more moderate and, it is to be hoped, reliable estimate has been obtained. In the following table a comparison is given of the position during the 3 periods selected:-

|  | 1888-1892. |  | 1888-1002 |  | 1909-1913. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount per acre | Batio borne <br> by asscasment to price or rental. | Amount por acte. | Ratio bornc <br> by assessment to price or rental. | Amount per acre. | Ratio borne <br> by ase9issment to pree or rental. |
|  | Res. | Per cent. | $\mathrm{R}_{\text {S }}$ | Per cent. | Re. | Per cent. |
| Sale .i. ... | 21.32 | 8.83 | 27.09 | $2 \cdot 48$ | 38.54 | 181 |
| Simple mortgage ... | 14.31 | 4.92 | 20.36 | 3.42 | 39-09* | 1.76 |
| Lease... | $2 \cdot 36$ | 84.17 | $2 \cdot 57$ | $30 \cdot 41$ | 3.74 | 18.89 |

Note.- Only 76 casce fornd.
The chief points to note about this are that while the sale value has risen by a little over 50 per cent, that for a simple mortgage has nearly trebled. The reason of this is that though this latter class of deed is fast losing its popularity n this táluka, at the same time it is often used by men of considerable position when they raise money for a short period. I found several such cases. Often the loan had been raised inside the family circle to complete the purchase of more lands or the construction of a well. Where the number of such transactions is limited it needs but a few heavy mortgages to affect the rate per acre. The second of these periods was one of famine, but the progress is not checked. Prices of land have not risen here so rapidly as in Bagalkot or Hungund. Seasons of late have been indifferent. There is a far smaller proportion of good land. The big group in Bádámi has the same maximum rate as the south-west group in Hungund which is in some respects similar, but the Bádámi soil rate is onè and a quarter annas lower. It means of oourse that careful as the husbandry may be there are far less possibilities in Bádámi agriculture.

The paying export crops cannot be raised in the same proportion.
As in the other talukas I wish to convey some impression of the progress in the value of land that has occurred in different parts of Bádámi during the present Settlement. The groups to which I now refer are those now existing. A reference to Map (A) will show that the first group, i. e., that with the highest maximum rate is the smallest, lying on the Malaprabla bank, consisting of the old Nargund Jahagir villages. The second group includes the centre and east of the Tuluka, while the third comprises the western villages.

The following table shows the value of land per acre in respect of sales and: leases for different periods :-

|  | 1888-1892. |  | 1898-1802. |  | 1908-1913. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Value per acre. |  | Value per acre. |  | Value per acre. . |  |
|  | Salea | Leages, | Salcs, | Leases. | Sales. | Leascs. |
|  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Groap I | 20.08 | *5.42 | 19-44 | S.21 | $48 \cdot 88$ | 4.58 |
| Group II | $22 \cdot 27$ | $2 \cdot 34$ | 3232 | 2.72 | 38.88 | $2 \cdot 93$ |
| Group III | $19 \cdot 03$ | $2 \cdot 17$ | 14.40 | 196 | 1706 | $2 \cdot 23$ |

Noto -Lease values are calculated on the basis of the owner paying the"assessment.
Based on one lease only.
4 Based on two leases only.
In considering this table I wish to make it clear that there are very few documents forthcoming for the earlier periods for the first group and though I have managed to collect a fair number for the latest period it would be most unwise to jump to the conclusion that because the sales show a value of nearly Rs. 49 per acre or because the rents work out at Rs. 4-9-1 per acre, this is the most flourishing fertile and progressive part of the taluka. In this case I hold that the statistics are misleading. They show that the sale value of land has risen by 140 per cent. since the beginning of the Settlement. It is only some of the best lands that bappened to come on the market and the purchasers were a few monied men of the locality who paid high prices. The figures do not represent the condition of the people nor the fertility of the tract. The second group shows a rise of 74.58 in the case of sale values while the rental value has risen from Rs. 2-5-5 per acre to Rs. 2-15-10, or 27 per cent. The greater part of these increases however has accrued in those villages along the Malaprabha bank which have hitherto been grouped with the centre and east of the táluka, though from physical considerations they ought to be under the same rate as the old Nargund jahagir villages. In this group the sale valueof land in 1878-1881 was Rs. $10 \cdot 86$ according to the deeds given in Mr. Fletcher's report. Of the third group it is necessary to say little. The villages comprised: in it have not progressed. They really are about where they were. I would deprecate a belief that there has been any great retrograde movement. To make the case about reats clearer I give the ratio of the assessment to the rent for the existing groups for the same three periods.

| Group I | $\cdots$ |  | 1888-1892. | 1898-1902. | 1809.1913, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | * $\cdot$ | $22 \cdot 02$ | 41-74 | 24.04 |
| Group II | - | ** | $\begin{gathered} \text { (one case) } \\ 35.75 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { (two cases) } \\ 28 \cdot 80 \end{gathered}$ | $18 \cdot 36$ |
| Group III | ** | ** | $81 \cdot 66$ | 87-33 | 27.06 |

This shows that now-a-days the ratio of the assessment to the rent is: greater in group I than it is in the big group. Indeed it is one of the highest in the three Tálukas upon which $I$ am reporting.

It will be seen that I have omitted Civil Court sales. There are never sufficient instances to be indicative of the value of land. They are never grouped and we do not know whether the land is really sold free of encumbrances. The value of such an Appendix is exceedingly slight. Possessory mortgages have also been omitted, but for another reason. This class of transaction is defunct except perhaps as to Inám lands. Its heir is the "Vishvas Kharidi" or conditional sale. I have written at some length about it in my report upon Hungund, and I see no reason to enlarge upon it here. I have tried so far as was possible to eliminate from Appendix $\mathbb{K}$ all sales which might possibly suffer
from any taint of this nature. Similarly all leases were omitted from Appendix $M$ which were spurious or in which in other words the rent represented interest on the so-called purchnse-money paid in a conditional sale. Such rents do not represent the true capacity of the soil. It is of course impossible to be certain in every case whether a sale is absolute or conditional. (Rayats as a rule seemed far more trustworthy than sowcars but enquiries in several villages often showed up a sowoar. In any case there is such a volume of information available now-a-days in the Record of Rights that doubtful cases ought to be easily avoided. It is impossible to define any areas in the Táluka where the spurious or the genuine sale was particularly common. In one village all the salgs were alleged to be outright. In the next they were all said to be conditional. The village elders and the village officers were often able to say into which category any particular deed fell. It was in this Taluka that I heard a lament on the decay of morality aud self-respect in regard to debt. The fathers of the present generation thought it terrible to have to contract a debt of Rs. 100. The sale of a field was regarded as a matter of grave importance. Now rayats think nothing of debts ranning over several hundreds of rupees and land is lightly bought and sold as if such dealings are of no consequence, All conscience has gone, and with conditional sales the older men say they do not know how their sons stand.

It remains to say a few words about the values of gardens and rice lands. For motasthal bagayet the purchase price needs must vary with the condition of the well and the nearness of a market. The rent was usually about 25 times the assessment, or some Rs. 30 por acre. But there were not enough cases either of sales or leases to be able to speak with any certainty. For Patasthal Bagayat, I found at Kendur that the price worked out at Rs, 66 per acre, while the ratio of the assessment was 4.59 per cent. The garden land at Kendur is in a peculiarly bad condition. The price of rice land in the same village was Rs. 251 per acre. Some of the best rice lands which ought to grow two crops every year, were sold at that price. The ratio of the assessment to the purchase money was 2.36 per cent. I was unable to get a clear patasthal garden or rice rent.

In an earlier paragraph the consideration of the incidence of the assessment on the crops was postponed to this' place. I found it was absolutely impossible to get any idea on the subject from rayats. I failed to make myself understood. It is however possible to get an approximation through leases. (Generally speaking, where the rent is paid in kind, the cultivator gives half and retains half of the yield, with a multiplicity of customs as to seed, manure, stacking and harvesting. There is no hard and fast rule about the payment of assessment. Assuming that the tenant gives up approximately half the gross yield of the field, it will be found from the statistics of cash rents which have been compiled that the assessment takes about 9 per cent. of the gross yield. $>$ That seems very high; in black soils no doubt the incidence is much lower. All that the rayats were prepared to say was that the assessment is one of the lightest items in the expenses of farming. (In any consideration of this question, it is essential to bear in mind the large area of poor soil that this Taluka contains. Suoh lands are not geuerally let for cash reuts. On the contrary many of the best lainds are let for half the crop plus a "mêle patti" or extra cess. This latter varied greatly from a few rupees to 4 or 5 times the assessment. It was not possible to incorporate nuy such leases in Appendix M. At best they indicate the general tenor of leases for the village.

## Current Settlement.

19. The present grouping and rates are shown in the first of the two maps appended to this Report. At the time of introducing the current settlement, the partial remeasurement and reclassification system was employed. It is impossible now to state how many, villages of Badami taluka were partially or wholly remeasured as Mr. Fletcher's reports deal also with a large number of Ron villages. The system of reclassifioation might be described here as it was used in all the Talukas upon which I am reporting. Mr. Fletcher writes as follows:-
"(i) Of old numbers exceeding ton annas six pies old classification, ten per cent. of the first and five per cent. of all subsequent hundred numbers.
(ii) Of old numbers below ten annas six pies old classification, twenty per cent. of the first and ten per cent. of subsequent hundreds.
(iii) In all villages of less than sixty numbers, a mivimum of eight numbers was reclassed.
(iv) Whenever irrigation from tanks or streams was met with, the water class was done afresh.
"From the reclassification of the proportion just detailed, the old classification has been readjusted to the extent shown to be necessary in each village. As a general result, the poor soils may be said to have been lowered and the good raised, the range of values thus being considerably extended."

The present grouping of the taluka was based on the climate und the railway with perhaps a little consideration of communications. 13 villages on the Malaprabha have a rather high rate than other villages similarly situated. These 13 which were settled along with some Nargund villages have a rate of Rs. 1-8-0, which then ruled in Dhárwar District, though it was high for Bijápur. The bulk of the táluka carries a rate of Rs. $1-4-0$, while out in the west the rate is Rs. 1-2-0.

Apart from the anomaly among the southern villages, I cannot see that the grouping calls for much correction. There is one curious error in Mr. Fletcher's map. There are two villages of Lingdhal-one Government and the other Inám. In the map attached to the old Settlement Report (CLXXIX), it is the Inám. village of Lingdhal which is coloured as included in group III, whereas the Government village which lies near Govankop would never have been treated thus.

## Summary.

20. Before proceeding to the task of forming new groups and proposing fresh rates, it will be well to see what changes the Táluka has undergone during the term of the present Settle ment.

The rates now in force were introduced with the Railway just opened for traffic, and with the belief that it would benefit the Taluka considerably. Without denying that good has accrued from the Railway, I would note that Badami has not gained so much as Bagalkot or even Hungund in this respect. Of course, what export crops the táluka does produce are more valuable in so far as the freight charges are lighter. Communications have been greatly improved. To-day Badami possesses perhaps the best and most complete system of roads in the district. It is in every way adequate for trade and passenger traffic and needs but one or two slight extensions to make it perfect. It is true that these roads were mostly constructed as famine works; their excellence shows that famine is not an unmixed misfortune. The population of the Taluka shows an increase of 25 per cent. in spite of the losses by plague. The census is taken at about as bad a time as possible for Badami, when all those of both sexes who can migrate, seek work in the black soil parts which lie on either side to north and south. In fact I know that the Taluka lost some thousands by emigration a week before the census of 1911. Export trade seems to have doubled in volume at the two Railway stations in the Talluka, and there can be no doubt that the weaving industry everywhere has expanded. There is a general antipathy to the fly-shuttle loom, as the weavers do not think it is suitable for bodices and the borders of saris which are generally made of silk.

Wages for skilled labour have been appreciably higher of recent jears. Not too much reliance is to be placed upon the figures supplied by the Mamlatdár. For some years past the real wage for ordinary labour has been tour annas, or twelve per cent. better than it was thirty jears ago.

Cultivation has expanded almost to its utmost possible limit and there is a tendency to grow more and more cotton at the risk of a shortage of food stuffs.
1.-7. Prices have risen very considerably, the increase as a rule has been 30 or 40 per cent. save for cotton in which it is 25 per cent. or more. This means that so much less jovari or bajri has to be sold to realise the assessment or that so much more money is afforded by the export crops. How far the war in Europe will affect prices or modify India's position in the world's markets remains to be seen. It seems safe to predict that a fall in the price of cotton will be counterbalanced by a rise in the price of food-grains; when the war is over and the first feelings of exhaustion which will follow in its immediate wake have disappeared, there will undoubtedly be a great forward movement in industries and trade which this part of the country cannot fail to share.

The value of land as ascertained from sales and leases indicates that different treatment is to be accorded to the different groups in the Taluka, for the western villages have made little or no progress; those in the centre show an improvement by nearly 75 per cent.; some of the soutbern villages have done exceptionally well. However, the incidence of the assessment on the rent is rather higher here than it is in the other Tálukas for which I have to submit proposals.

As against all this must be set the losses through plague and the great liability to famine. (The rayats in Badámi bave far less stamina and power, whether physical or material, to resist famine. A bad season causes far greater distress in the billy country and the sandy valleys than in the black soil plains. Against the rise in value of local products must be set the increased cost of living and of agriculture. Rice is not a staple food-but those who do eat it pay more for it. Clothes are more expensive. The price of cattle bas risen greatly.
However, there can be no doubt that the people are better off than they were at the beginning of the Settlement. The great increase in the number of shops shows that trade has quickened and that the amount of money in the Taluka has greatly increased. The assessment is as a rule collected easily onough but here and there, chiefly outin the west, cases of poverty or contumacy occur.

## New Groups.

21. For new groups I have only one suggestion to make that all the villages along the Malaprabha, from Idgal in the west, to Belur and Jalihal in the east, be put on the same footing. This means that the first group will consist of 26 villages, i.e., the 13 of which it now consists, 11 transferred from Group II, and two (ldgal and Lingdhal) from Group III. The new group is homogenous and the villages which I propose to place in it are out and out the best and most prosperous in the groups in which they now are situated. The proposal moreover is amply justified by a comparison of the sale and rental values of the different groups which will result from this readjustment:-


Note,-Salea are quoted for 1909-13, leases for 1919.
I must admit that I thought that some slight cbange might be desirable amiong the villages which have a proximity to the three great markets of Bagalkot, Goledgud and Kerur-but on further investigation 1 abandoned the idea. The villages lying between Katgeri Station and Guledgud are far more
liable to famine than others further south in the same group, while in the immediate environment of Guledgud debt seems too heavy to justify any. increase of the assessment. The proximity of the manufacturing town has notbeen an unalloyed benefit to the rayats. Certain other batches of villages seemed to enjoy greater material prosperity than the average of the Táluka but there seemed to be no case for making a fresh group anywhere. Along the Malaprabha the condition of the peasantry is far superior to that obtaining elsewhere. Communications are not of great importance. All the villages lie near good markets in Ramdurg or Dharwar District; the busbandry is good and those villages which I propose to add to group I, all have the advantage of very. good soil.

## Khalsat Lands in Inám Villages.

22. This is a subject to which reference is not usually made in a Settlement Report. While on tour in this Taluka, I ascertained that there are 1,289 acres of Government land bearing an assessunent of Rs. 844 scattered over 15 Inam villages. The largest areas seem to lie in Narenur ( 160 acres), Halkurki (192 acres) Jamankatti (141 acres) Dhanaksirur (1.93 acres) and Khyad (199 acres). Enquiry led me to believe that these were mostly walikarki service lands which long ago have been made kbalsat, but for some reason or another they were not included in the sanad confirming the tenure of the Inámdars concerned. At Dhanaksirur and Khyad the lands wore chaurat Inam of the Jalihal Deslgat. The revision of 1885 was not made applicable to any of these lands. In Khyad however, which is otherwise an unsurveyed village, the Government lands were measured in 1906 and the maximum rate raised from Rs. 1-3:0 to Rs. 1-4.0 to bring it into line with revised rates in force in the neighbouring Government villages. Apart from this one village, the rates seem to be those proposed by Sir George Wingate though oue or two villages such as Akargal and Guberkop are placed at Rs. 1-3-0 when the Government villages with which these would be grouped are an anna lower. Chik-Mulangi at Rs. 1-5-0 shows influences of a Dharwar Settlement. With the one exception of Dhanaksirur into which the rates were introduced as late as 1867, in all the others the Settlement seems to have taken effect between the years 1856 and 1861. Apparently there is no garden or rice land among these scattered fields. Under the orders of the Settlement Commissioner, I am going to propose new rates for these villages, but wish here to assign them to their proper groups. Dhanaksirur, Khyad and Chilk-Mulangi naturally fall into the first group. Nandihal from its position falls into Group III. Probably this too would be the best place for Narenur, a very
 poor village which lies between Groups II and III. The rest which are marginally noted all fall into Group II. The revenue history of these villages forms Appendix $0^{3}$. It is quite in keeping with that of
the Government villages.
These lands were all classified and measured under the Revenue Survey and the quastion of making a partial or complete check of the areas and classification, such as was carried out in the Government villages at the time of the Revision Survey, was referred to the Settlement Commissioner, who was of opinion that the amount at stake was too small to justify the trouble involved. The recent revision at Khyad showed that the existing figures could be accepted as being sufficiently accurate.

Proposals for Rrvised Assessment.

## A.-Dry Orop.

23. In view of the great increase both in prices and the value of land and the great improvement in communications, some enhancement of the assessment can be legitimately expected. I would however deprecate a large increase, for one bad season is a great strain on the rayats' resources. The rates, therefore, which I am going to propose are well within the capacity of the rayats to pay
in ordinary seasons. When crops fail they will of course get the benefit of the suspension rules.

Group 1.-This now has 26 villages, 13 rated at Rs. 1-8-0, eleven at Rs. 1-4-0 and two at Rs. 1-2-0. For this group, I propose a maximum dry crop rate of Rs, 1-10-0. This is the rate which was sanctioned in 1906 for the adjoining villages of Ron and Navalgund Talukas. The similarity between the two tracts needs merely to be mertioned. The increase which is 21.83 per cent. for the whole group will work out at a trifle over 8 per cent. for the old villages of the group; at 30 per cent. for those which are promoted from Group II, while for Idgal and Lingdhal the percentage is as high as 44 per cent. The latter village was, I hold, quite erroneously placed in Group III at a former Settlement, and in view of its lenient treatment in the past it cannot complain now. The case of Idgal is different. It is close to several good markets, and the very high rate for leases justified the enhancement. It will be seen that the proposed rate of Rs. 1-10-0 means a rise of two annas for the old Nargund villages. This is not a great euhancement, but it is in my humble opinion adequate, as some of the villages rather to the west of the group, notably Hire-Mulangi and Hire-Tadsi and Bennur, are not at all prosperous. There is a very marked difference between. them and the more fertile and thriving villages near Govankop. The limit of enhancement desirable in a group may safely be taken to be the amount which its poorest member can afford.

Group II.-This will now consist of 98 villages. The maximum rate is at present Rs. 1-4-0. In the absence of a suitable soil, cotton and wheat do not occupy a large area in this group. Khariff crops predominate and the advantage in prices is thus confined to bajri and jovari. The villages, however, are generally well situated in respect of markets and have an excellent system of communications. The rate which I propose is Rs. 1-6-0, an increase of two - annas, or ten per cent. It will seem to be a very small enhancement but it is as much as it is desirable to impose. Due regard must be paid to the liability to famine. The profits of agriculture as evidenced by the information as to -sales and leases are comparatively small. There is little scope for trade, and there is little possibility of an expansion of caltivation. Fully two-thirds of these villages grow less than the normal area of cotton for the Táluka. The soil is poor and the rate which is proposed will be as much as will be easily collected.

For the third Group, i. e. the 26 villages in the west, I propose no increase. The present rates should continue. The stagnation of this part of the Táluka has already been noted. (The climate is bad, the mousoon is treacherous.) The population indeed shows a considerable increase but the general condition is bad. The amount of waste land is larger here than in other parts of the Taluka, and, though there may be some demand for it, the petitioners rarely come of a good cultivating class-most of the lands are sought by Waddars and Lamanis or the like. Prickly pear is worse there than usual and communications are not only bad but almost unsusceptible of improvement owing to the great expense that any such project would entail. There is an air of decay and of delapidation about the villages that forbids any enhancement. Some of the villages no doubt are more prosperous and apparently have a good proportion of richer soil, but it will generally be found that these villages have a very large area of Inắm lands, and curiously enough the chavrat lands of the Haligeri Desai are among the most fertile in that part of the Taluka.

The Government lands in Inám villages will take the rates for the groups to which they were assigned. This means a rise of $29 \cdot 55$ per cent. for those in Group I, 22 per cent. for those in Group II and $4: 86$ per cent. for those in Group III. The last figure is very low because Narenur already bears the rate which it would receive if these proposals are accepted, while at Nandibal the enlancement is only 2 annas. The total increase for these villages is $23 \cdot 19$ per cent. The appendix dealing with these lands is marked as $Q^{\infty}$.

1. Rice.-The total area of Government Rice land at present in the Táluka is 394 acres with an assessment of Rs. 1,164. Of this the irrigated rice, i. e., that under tanks or honds is 146 acres, assessed at Rs. 794 (soil rate Rs. 265 ; water rate Rs. 529). 251 acres at Rs. 370 might be termed unirrigated rice.
(The irrigated rice, to deal with it first, is confined to land under the tanks of Kendur, Parvati (two) and the hond at Govanki. I have personally seen all these lands and the General Duty Circle Inspector has inspected all the pats. The conclusion which is inevitable is that the Govanki rice land, must be removed from that category and classed as dry crop. No rice has grown there for many ' years. The terraces have gone and the hond is in discepair. The tank behind the hond has silted up. This accounts for two acres and Rs. 10. At Parrati, I would reduce the water rate on the lands under the Ganjikeri by half a class, as the tank is leaking. This would involve a loss of Rs. 16 to Government. The lands under the big tanks at Paravati can bear the rate they now carry for rice though the rate they bear in a year when the water fails is in my humble opinion too heary. I would suggest that they bear ordinary dry rates if the tank water fails. The loss to Government would be little and the advantage to the rayats very considerable. (At Kendur the irrigated lands have long been in a bad condition. The chief reasons are a malarious climate, the ravages of an ever increasing number of pig from the hills above the tank and the uncertainty of the water-supply.) I have consulted the Superintendent of Land Records, Southern Division, and drastic as the proposal perhaps appears, it has the approval of the Superintendent. The rice lands near the band of the tank might be left untouched but the water rate on the lands further away calls for reduction by half a class or one and a half classes. A great deal of this land which was put down as first class for water rarely grows much more than onions, garlic or vegetables. The most remote lands now get no water and are mostly waste, being covered with babul, date palms and prickly pear. These I would convert to dry crop. The pat which leads water to them has fallen into disrepair, and is likely to remain so. The population of Kendur which used to he 825 in 1881 is now 512 only. It seems politic to reduce the rates on this waste land and thus invite cultivation. If later on the rayats, can be induced to repair the channels and bring the land into order for growing rice or vegetables, so much the better. Government can reserve the right of levying a rate under section 55 of the Land Revenue Code in such a coutingency. The water classification which $I$ am proposing is based upon a study of all the available crop records of Kendur and a detailed personal inspection of the lands. Altogether there are 167 acres of rice land at Kendur, of which 78 acres at Rs. 521 are Government and 89 are Inám with an assessment of Rs. 551. My proposals would. reduce the area of the Government rice lands by two acres and the assessment by Rs. 106. The Inám lands. would get greater benefit still. The rice area would be cut down to 39 acres and the assessment reduced to by Rs. $234_{0}$ I think the best justification of this course is the fact that most of the Inám rice land which would be converted to dry crop is waste though judged by its assessment, which is from Rs. 4 to Rs. 6 per acre, it ought to grow two crops of rice every year. Some of the patelki lands bere have been forfeited for arrears within my memory and probably more arrears have accumulated by now. I do not know whether the judi would be reduced, but there seems to be a case for such a course. There is one tank which ought to be assessed for a water rate, and proposals are accordingly submitted. I refer to the Mabakuteshvar Hond at Nandikeshvar. It would seem that there was a water rate here formerly which was abolished in pursuance of Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 7087 of 1907. The bandhara which I have seen is sufficiently pakka and the supply of water adequate for the lands to be assessed for a water rate of $3 \frac{1}{3}$ classes-which means Rs. 39 on 14 acres of rice land-an increase of Rs, 12. It appears that some confusion occurred in giving effect to the Resolution quoted above, with the result that the water rate on the Mahakut Hond at Govanki, which might well be abolished, was retained, whereas the
hond of the same name at Nandikeshvar received an exemption which cannot easily be justified. The old rate at Nandikeshvar had been R's. 89, but the present condition of the lands, their inaccessibility and the limited supply of water do not warrant more than the rate now proposed.

The irrigated rice area is now returned at 251 acres with an assessment of Rs. 370. This I would reduce to 201 acres at Rs. 284 . Some 14 acres have been raised to the irrigated catagory at Nandikeshvar. The remaining 37 are scattered over many villages, and the proposals for their reduction is based purely on the fact that they do 'rot as a general rule grow rice. Only those lands have been selected which seemed to call for some action. Most of such rice lands throughout the Táluka might well disappear from the Akarbands. They consist as a rule of small patches in the hills, and depend more often than not for their water on a spring that flows for a brief period in the monsoon. Some, few e.g., those at Murdi, Balgeri, Kerur and Khanapur samat Parvati have the advantage of being above or below a small tank, but it is difficult to call it irrigated rice. By the conversion to dry crop of these $\mathbf{3 5}$ acres, there will be a loss of Ks. 31 in Revenue. Under the Government Resolution abolishing the patasthal rates quoted above, the patasthal bagayet at Shivpur consisting of a few gunthas should in the abseuce of a proper bandhara be treated as rice land.

## II.-Gardens.

(A) Mrotasthal garder.-The area of these is 263 acres assessed at Rs. 380. I tried so far as I could to visit them and probably saw three quarters. At least balf the wells are out of repair and by no means all the rest are worked. Under the revision the assessment will be Rs. 426. There were no cases that called for any special treatment. No new wells have been subjected to any increase save in the ordinary dry orop rate. .
(B) Patasthal Garden.-The Government area is returned at 175 acres assessed at Rs. 812. It is situated at Tolachgud (46 acres, Rs. 346), Timsagar ( 77 acres, Rs. 187), Kendur ( 37 acres, Rs. 197), and Govanki ( 6 acres, Rs. 43) and Parvati (8 acres Rs. 36) The rates at Parvati and Timsagar may be continued without any alteration. The garden at Govanki is in the same position as the rice there and so I would propose that it should be removed from that catagory in the Akarband. The area of the patasthal bagayet at Tolachgud is increased by one acre. There is some complaint on the part of the occupants of the lands at the end of the pát that they do not get enough water. They certainly have to wait a long time for their water, but it seems questionable whether these occupants are making the best use of the water they do receive. This alleged shortage is not to my mind caused by any deterioration in the supply or fall in the level of the pats so much as by the action of several rayats who have built wells close to the pat. No reduction in the assessment is proposed; on the contrary it is regrettable that these new wells cannot be heavily taxed. There is no reason to dilate upon the Kendur gardens. They are just as unhappy as the rice lands, perhaps more so because those of them that have a good command of water grow nothing save a few cocoanuts along the edges of the pats. When I visited the gardens I saw perhaps a patch or two of cane and plantain. The shatas of the gardens are retained by the rayats purely for the unearned yield of the cocoanut trees. They do not attempt to grow any other crops. I would reduce rates here considerably, and as the pats further away from the bandharas are out of repair and the lands generally waste would enter the latter as dry crop. This would reduce the Government patasthal bagayet from 37 acres to 18 and the assessment from Rs. 197 to Rs. 71 . The Inám patasthal bagayet at Kendur measures 41 acres assessed at Rs. 186. Of this 17 acres assessed at Rs. 75 are waste. Muoh of the Inám garden lies far away from the tank, which accounts for the large reduction that $I$ would suggest in this respect-namely 16 acres in area and Rs. 137 in assessment-leaving 25 acres assessed at Rs. 49. As was the case with the rice under the Mahakuteshvar Hond at Nandikeshwar, I would suggest the propriety of imposing a water rate of $3 \frac{1}{2}$ classes on 8 acres of garden there which would bring in Rs. 24. This is now classed as dry crop.

The total Government Patasthal Bagayet therefore of the Taluka would thus work out at 150 acres with an assessment of Rs. 671 . The present rates for Patasthal Bagayet and rice are Rs, 8 per acre. These are ardequate ; in view of a deficiency in the supply of water, some slight reductions have been proposed:

## Result of the Revision.

24. The financial result of the second revision will be as follows :-


The incidence of the assessment per acre is detailed below :-

|  |  | Present Rates, | Proposed Rates. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |
| Group I | ... | 0,1510 | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 3 & 3\end{array}$ |
| Group II | ... | $0^{0} 98$ | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 10\end{array}$ |
| Group III | ... | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 7 & 9\end{array}$ | 078 |
| For all Government villages |  | 0 9 8, | 0107 |

By way of Appendix $\mathbf{R}$ a list is submitted of the chief papers relating to former settlements of the Taluka.

In conclusion, I have the honour to suggest that the rates herein proposed should be guaranteed for the usual period of 30 years.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,

- Your most obedient servant,
G. C. SHANNON,

Assistaut Settlement Officer,
Bijápur.

APPENDIX A.
Statement ahowingnRainfall recorded at Badami, Dietrict Bijapur, for the yoars 1885-1901.

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## APPENDIX A.

Stalement showing Rainfall recorded at Badami, District Bijápur, for the ytars 1902-1912.



## APPENDIX $C$.

Statement showing the Villages in which the principal Weekly Baears are held in the Bádámi Táluka of the Bijapur Collectorate.

| Number. | Tillages. |  | Days on which Bazar is held. | Weekly anler. |  | Ohief articles traded in. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Artiolen | Amount. |  |
| 1 | 2 |  | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | Badami |  | Monday | Jowari, bajari, rice, Italian-millet ( Na vani), varai, pulses and vegetables. | Re. $420$ | Jowari, rice and bajari. |
| 2 | Nilgund |  | Thursday | Jowari, salt, and chillies. | 33 | Jowári. |
| 3 | Guledgud |  | Wedneeday | Jowári, bájari, maize, rice, wheat, oilseed, Italian-millet, pulees and vegetsbles. | 8,143 | Jowari, rice wheat and turdal. |
| 4 | Kerur |  | Tuesday | Jowari, bajari, pulses, wheat, oilseed, Italianmillet and vegetables. | 639 | Jowari and bajari. |
| 5 | Belur |  | Satarday | Jowári, rice, wheat, pulses, Italian-millet and vegetables. | 210 | Jowári. |
| 6 | Govankop |  | Monday | Jowári, bájari, rice, wheat, palses, varai and Italian-millet. | 530 | Jowari, wheat, rice, tur and kulith. |
| 7 | Hebli |  | Tuesday | Jowari, bájari, gram, wheat, rice and pulses. | 2,050 | Jowári, bájąi, wheat and gram. |
| 8 | Mudkavi |  | Ssturday | Jowari, bajari, wheat pulses, rice, Italianmillet and vegatables. | 264 | Jowári and bájari. |

## APPENDIX D.

Detail of Population according to ocewpation by percentages for Bádámi Talnka, as por the Imperial Census of 1911.

| Aerioumural Pordlatio. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nontagrioujtoral Population. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having laterest in land. |  |  |  |  | - Labounara |  |  | Total agricultaral popalation. | Crafte. | Unskilled labour. | Othery. | Total Non. agricultural Yopulstion. |
| d occupants cultivating. | Land occupante cultivating. | Tenants and sharers caltivating. | Otherse | Total. | Farm servanta. | Field labourert and crop watchera. | Total. |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1{ }^{-}$ | 2. | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 921 |  | 62,63 |  | 63,551 |  | 8,803 |  | 72,354 | 24,685 | 1,157 | 10,006 | 35,848 |
| 0.85 |  | 57. |  | 5873 |  | $8 \cdot 14$ |  | 66-87 | 22.81 | $10 \%$ | $9 \cdot 25$ | 83'13 |

## APPENDIX E.

Detail of Population according to religion and edweation in the Bádámé Táluka.

| Sex. | As per <br> Imperial Censua of 1911 OL 1011. | Percentage on total <br> Popalation sble to read or learning. | Relieion. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | - Hindu castes |  |  |  |  |  |  | Musalmán mecta |  | Christians, | Jaing. | Others. |
|  |  |  | Bráhmins, | Dhangara | Bersds. | Lingtyats. | Marathas. | Maheran. | Others. | Shaikhs. | Others. |  |  |  |
| 1 | $8 *$ | 8 | - 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| , ... | 54,768 | 8.78 | 1,238 | 11,199 | 4,565 | 16,832 | 650 | 290 | 15,486 | 2,771 | 1,252 | 384 | 93 | $\cdots$ |
| Nos | 68,438 | 0.41 | 1,186 | 10,436 | 4,165 | 16,743 | 695 | 885 | 15,417 | 8,745 | 1,165 | 484 | 65 | ... |
| Total ... | 108,202 | 480 | 2,424 | 81,685 | 8,750 | 88.575 | 1,845 | 675 | 30,908 | 5,516 | 2,417 | 818 | 164 |  |

## APPENDIX F.

Statoment showing the Agricultural Stock of the Bádami Táluka of the Bijápur Collectorate dwring the years 1886-87 and 1918-14.


## APPENDIX G.

Statement showing births and deathe in the Government villages of the Badami Taluka of the Bijapur. District for the years 1903 to 1912.

|  | Years. | Births. | Dcatbs. | Population according to last imperial cenau. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 |  | 3 | 4 |
| 1903 | ... | 2,911 | 3,564 | 7 |
| 1904 | ... | 3,191 | 5,208 |  |
| 1905 | ... | 3,088 | 2,739 |  |
| 1906 | $\cdots$ | 3,160 | 2,197 | 92,790 |
| 1907 | ... | 3,122 | 2,178 | 2,70 |
| 1908 | ... | 3,475 | 1,980 |  |
| 1909 | ... | 3,165 | 2,996 |  |
| 1910 | ... | 3,370 | 2,016 |  |
| 1911 | ... | 3,512 | 4,471 | 93,816 |
| 1912 | ... | 3;506 | 2,994 | \} 93,816 |
| Average for the years 1903 to |  | 3,250 | 3,032 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

## APPENDIX G.

Statement showing shops, indwstries, etc., in the Government villages of the Badami Tábuka of the Bijdpur District.

| Shoprs. | Liquor shops, | Hand induatrica. |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{-}$Mechanical power. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Oil pressee. | Cotton looms. | Woolen looms. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Silt } \\ .100 \mathrm{~ms} \end{gathered}$ | Gins. | Gins | Bice husking machine. | Cotton presses. | Flour. |
| 515 | 7 | 35 | 6,043 | 63 | - | " | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | *** | 2 |

## APPENDIX H.

Statement of schnois logether woith their average attendance in the year 1885-86 and 1913-14 for the Badami Taluka of the Bijápur District.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Namber } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { villageas } \end{gathered}$ | Tàaka. | LOOAL BOARD EOHOOLS. |  |  |  | Municipal Sohoors |  |  |  | Private Schools. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boym, |  | Girls. |  | Boye |  | Girls, |  | Eoys. |  |
|  |  | Number of schoole. | Avorage attendance | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { schools. } \end{aligned}$ | Average atteadance. | Number of schuole. | Average attendance. | Namber of schools. | Avarage attendance. | Anmber of schools. | Averase attendance. |
| 1 | $2{ }^{\prime}$ | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 20 | 1885-s6. Badami ... |  | . ${ }^{\prime}$ | 2 | ** | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | *** | ** | ** |
| 52 | 1913.14. Do. ... | 39 | 1,364 |  | 100 | 8 | 381 | 2 | . 90 | 16 | 864 |

APPENDIX 1.
Statement showing the proportion of Govermment occupied and Inim lands oultivated by oocupante and sub-temants, stc., in the year 1912-13 in the Badami T'aluka of the Bijápur District.


Statement showing welle, Budkis, Tanks and other sources of water-supply in the Badaimi Táluka of the Bijäpur Collectorate for the years 1886-87 and 1912-13.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Xumber } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { villages. } \end{aligned}$ | $\sim^{\text {a }}$ Year. | Whils, Budite and the itix. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tanke. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Otitr Sourorb, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pror Irrigation. |  | For drinking supply of human beinga but not for irrigation. |  | For cattle and washing and other purposes but not for irrigation or drinking appply of hamen beinga. |  | In disure. |  | For Irrigation. |  | For dsinking supply of hnman being solely. |  | For cattle and warhing and other purposes but not for irrigation or drinking supply of hamas beinga. |  | In diruse. |  | For Irrigation。 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { For drinking } \\ \text { mapply of } \\ \text { human befing } \\ \text { solely. } \end{gathered}$ |  | For cattle and washing and other parpoees but not for irrigation or drinking enpply of humen beings |  | In disuse. |  | 号 |
|  |  | Pakka. | Reche. | Pakke. | Kacha. | Pakks. | Kachan | Fallen in or in dis. repair. | Other causes. | Pakka. | Ksoha. | Pakka. | Eache. | Pokka. | Eacha. | Fallen in or in dis. repair. | Other causes. | Pakks. | Eacha. | Pakka. | Kacha. | Pakka. | Kachen | Fallen in or in dis. repair. | Other causes. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | $\bigcirc$ | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 10 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 28 | 28 | 24 | 25 | 23 | 97 |
| Not avail | 1886-87 ... | 108 | 94 | 112 | 65 | 35 | 24 |  | 11 | $\cdots$ | 1 | 15 | 24 | 7 | 48 | 1 | 1 | $\cdots$ |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 180 | 1912-18 ... | 162 | 76 | 234 | 102 | 11 | 16 | 86 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 63 | 15 | 13 | 46 | . $\cdot$ | 28 | 1 | $\bullet$ |  | $\cdots$ | 1 | 4 | 1 | $\cdots$ |  |

Statemont showing the daily average wages for Agrioultural and other labour, year by year, from 1884-85 to 1912-13, for the Badámi Táluka of the Bijápur District.


## APPENDIX K.

Statement showing the selling ralue of dry crop lands in the villages of the Bádámi Taluka of the Bijápur District, in the years 1888-1892.


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APPENDIX K-continued.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{K}^{1}$.

Statement showing the selling value of dry crop lands in the villages of the Badams Táluka of the Bijdpur District, in the years 1898-1902.


APPENDIX K ${ }^{1}$-eontinued.


APPENDIX K':
Statemient ahowing the selling value of dry crop lawde in the villages of the Bádámi T'dwka of the Bijápur District, in the years 1909-1915.


APPENDIX K ${ }^{2}-$ continued.

| Rerial No. in Appandix 0 | Name of village. | Arca of land sold. | Assessment. | Sale price. | No, of times the assangment reprewented by the price. | Bemarks, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group II-continued. | A. g. | Re. a. p. | R., |  |  |
| 67 | Kaknur. | 1810 | 1180 | 200 | 17.39 |  |
| 69 | Kardiguds S. Nilguacd | 109 | 700 | 1,000 | 142.85 |  |
| 70 | Katápur | 786 | 400 | 800 | 76.00 |  |
| 71 | Katgeri' mo. | $\begin{array}{ll}20 & 83\end{array}$ | 1880 | 2,800 | J51.35 |  |
| 72 | Katkinhaill | 1020 | 400 | 200 | 50.00 |  |
| 78 | Kolwadi mom | 718 | 280 | 140 | 56.00 |  |
| 24 | Kendnr me | 638 | 800 | 100 | - 33.33 |  |
| 75 | Kerar : | 181 | 780 | 250 | $33 \cdot 33$ |  |
| 76 | Khánapur, S. Keruq | 1920 | 700 | 50 | 714 |  |
| 77 | Khańpur, S. Parvati | 1520 | 700 | 275 | 39.23 |  |
| 78 | Konkankop -.. | 205 | 700 | 100 | 14.18 |  |
| 85 | Katkanker | 513 | 800 | 200 | 66.66 |  |
| 83 | Lakhamepur mememememer | 1135 | 500 | 800 | 80.60 |  |
| 84 | Layadgundï . ... | 11 32 | 554 | 200 | 8780 |  |
| 85 | Lingapur | 91 | 400 | 200 | 50.00 |  |
| 88 | Malgi' ... | 120 | 600 | 200 | 38.33 |  |
|  |  | 6 29 | 800 | 100 | 38.33 |  |
| 89 | Mallapar $\quad$... | 732 | 400 | 100 | $25{ }^{\prime} 00$ |  |
| 91 | Mangalgudd - ... | 782 | 480 | 800 | 111-13 |  |
| 94 | Mattikatio . | 1287 | 800 | 200 | 25.09 |  |
| 95 | Murdi $\quad .$. | 3031 | 600 | 800 | 150.00 |  |
| 96 | Muahtigeri - .. | 1980 | 400 | 100 | 25.00 |  |
| 97 | Mattalgeri - ... | 28.7 | 1200 | 850 | 29.16 |  |
| 98 | Nagral S. Badami ... | 827 | 400 | 200 | 50-00 |  |
| 100 | Naglapur ... | $6 \cdot 31$ | 280 | 100 | 4000 |  |
| 102 | Nasaganni ... | 816 | I 120 | 100 | 57.14 |  |
| 108 | Navalholi $\quad$. | 98 | goo | 408 | 44.44 |  |
| 104 | Nelwigi - ... | 48 | 800 | 200 | 66.66 |  |
| 105 | Nilgand ' - | 108 | 400 | 800 | - 200.00 |  |
| 108 | Nirlakeri - | 1818 | 1100 | 100 | 9.09 |  |
| 107 | Padankatti ... | 1117 | 1000 | 800 | -80.00 |  |
| 109 | Patadkalle $\quad .0$ | 989 | 969 | 1,800 | 137.98 |  |
| I10 | Rangeamudew ... | . 84 | 4108 | 590 | $107 \cdot 14$ |  |
| 118 | Shivapur -.. | $816^{\circ}$ | 600 | 100 | $16 \times 6$ |  |
| 118 | Timmapur S. Nilgand | 719 | 200 | 50 | 25.00 |  |
| 120 | Tognuebi m | 00 | 800 | 180 | 63.00 |  |
| 122 | Ugalwat -.. | 625 | 800 | 200 | $68 \cdot 68$ |  |
| 124 | Yergop $\quad .$. | 2012 | 1600 | 1,000 | 6080 |  |
|  | Average per aore, 8 R4t. 21 | 74828 | 8995 | 25,610 | 6414 |  |

## APPENDIX K'-oonchuded.

| Serfal No. in Appendis $\theta$ | Name of village. | $\Delta$ rea of land cold. | Acreesment | Sele pricen | No. of times the amessment repremanted by the .price. | Remarke. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group 1II. | A. $g$. |  | B. |  |  |
| 125 | Aniguddi ... ... | 24. 20 | 2100 | 150 | 714 |  |
| 126 | Anawal -... | 6 84 | 5.80 | 200 | 36.86 |  |
| 187 | Batturkid ... ...0 | 20.38 | 15.0 | 300 | 20.00 |  |
| 128 | Belliklindi ... ... | 145 | 400 | 100 | 25.00 |  |
| 129 | Chanampur *.0 ... | 55. 28 | 2600 | 1,150 | 45.28 |  |
| 130 | Fakir-Budihal ... $\quad$ - | 21.0 | - 1080 | 600 | 57.14 |  |
| 132 | Havalkhod . ... ... | 1811 | 800 | 50 | 6.25 |  |
| 188 | Jangwad .... ... | 1836 | 540 | 200 | 38.09 |  |
| 185 | Kadimatii ... .. | 486 | 880 | 100 | 28.67 | . |
| 188 | Kalmads ... ... | 28.18 | 15008 | 200 | 18.38 |  |
| 189 | Kardigudda S. Anawal .... | 1584 | 10108 | 600 | 56.25 |  |
| 141 | Nagnor | $27 \quad 19$ | 2200 | 850 | 15-90 |  |
| 148 | Oblspar . ..0 ... | $85 \quad 17$ | 2600 | 500 | 19:23 |  |
| 144 | Rajnal ... ... | $10 \quad 22$ | 1000 | 200 | 20.00 |  |
| 145 | Rokkulketti ... ... | 1221 | 600 | 800 | 50.00 |  |
| 180 | Yendigeri $\quad . \cdots$... | 1021 | 680 | 600 | 9230 |  |
|  |  | 81981 | 194148 | 6,600 | 2872 |  |

APPENDIX L.
Statemont ahowing mortgage palue of dry crop lands in the willages of the Bádám; Talkka of the Bijapur District, in the year 1888-1892.


APPÉENDIX $\mathrm{L}^{1}$.
Statoment showing martgage value of dry erop lands in the villages of the Bádimi Tálwka of the Bijápur District, in the yeare 1898-1902.


APPENDIX $\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{1}^{\prime}-\text { continued. }}$


## APPENDIX L!

Statement showing mortgage value of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Baddami Taluka of the Dijapur District, in the years 1909-1913.


## APPENDIX M.

Statemeut showing leases of dry crop lands in the villages of the Bádámi Táluka of the Bijapwr District, in tha years 1888-1892.


## APPENDIX M ${ }^{1}$.

Stalement showing leases of dry crop lands in the villages of the Bádámi Tálwka of the Bijapur Distriet, in the years 1838-1902.

| Serial Namber in Appendix Q. | Name of Village. | Area of land leased. | - . Assessment. | Rente. | Percentage of xent represented by the assessment. | Semarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Growp I. | A. g. | Re. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  |  |
| 1 | Alur | 787 | 880 | 4000 | 21.25 |  |
| 3 | Belar | $63 \quad 84$ | 5400 | 250 | 21.58 |  |
| 9 | Hebbali | $47 \quad 39$ | 470 | 25100 | 18.73 |  |
| 11 | Hire-Tadsi | $20 \quad 21$ | 2800 | 55.40 | $50 \cdot 68$ |  |
| 13 | Idgal | 6310 | 5040 | 20910 | 23.97 |  |
| 15 | Jaknur | 50 | 6880 | 8600 | 18.06 |  |
| 16 | Jalihal | 9 ll | 100 | 16414.8 | 6.06 |  |
| 19 | Katarki | 5631 | 60.0 | 37200 | $16 \cdot 13$ |  |
| 22 | Niralgi | $6 \quad 28$ | 4184 | $\begin{array}{lll}39 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 12.39 |  |
| 23 | Sulia | $44 \quad 21$ | 450 | 19860 | 22.63 |  |
| 26 | Wadwatti | 421 | 580 | 2500 | 22.00 |  |
|  |  | 83013 | 81994 | 1,641 58 | $19 \cdot 47$ |  |
| Growp $I T$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 27 | Adgal . ... | 630 | 380 | $50 \quad 0$ | $7 \cdot 00$ |  |
| 35 | Badami $\quad .$. | 16434 | 100100 | 47800 | 21.05 |  |
| 37 | Banknari ... | 1937 | 1980 | 600 | 32.50 |  |
| 44. | Chimalgi | $7 \quad 3$ | 700 | 1200 | 58.33 |  |
| 52 | Hangargi | 227 | 600 | 16 0 0 | 37.50 |  |
| 60 | Hulgeri $\quad$... | 538 | 580 | 20 0 0 | 27.50 |  |
| 65 | Kadapstti, S. Kerur ... | 22. | 1180 | 27. 90 | 41.72 |  |
| 67 | Kaknar . | 2383 | 2300 | $\begin{array}{lll}23 & 2 & 0\end{array}$ | 81.78 |  |
| 71 | Katageri | 6326 | 6200 | 77120 | 74.92 |  |
| 73 | Kelawadi ... | 55 | 3200 | 45110 | 70.04 |  |
| 75 | Kerar $\quad$... | $12 \quad 3$ | 1100 | 4200 | $26 \cdot 19$ |  |
| 76 | Kbanapur, S. Kerur ... | 97 | 900 | $\begin{array}{lll}9 & 9 & 0\end{array}$ | $94 \cdot 11$ |  |
| 81 | Kutkankeri ... | 78 | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 50 | 11.00 |  |
| 82 | Lakkaskop $\quad$-. | $45 \quad 22$ | 3900 | 7500 | 52.00 |  |
| 88 | Malgi $\quad .$. | 2611 | 1200 | $20 \quad 0$ | 60.00 |  |
| 89 | Mallapur $\quad$... | 5916 | 1600 | 2400 | 66.66 |  |
| 92 | Manglur $\quad .$. | 5127 | 4600 | 5466 | 84.60 |  |
| 93 | Maninagar $\quad$-0. | 37 | 3600 | 80 0 0 | $45 \cdot 00$ |  |
| 94 | Mattikatti -o.e- | $57 \quad 28$ | 4300 | 80 - 0 | 53.50 |  |
| 101 | Nandikeshwar | 4118 | 4000 | 8680 | 46.24 |  |
| 116 | Teggi | $20 \quad 10$ | 1900 | 4980 | $42 \cdot 70$ |  |
| 2.28 | Yenkanchi | $18 \quad 11$ | 14120 | 3180 | 46.83 |  |
|  | Average per acre $1.81 . .$. | $777 \quad 20$ | 561140 | 1,41715 0 | 39.63 |  |
| Group III. |  |  |  |  |  | - |
| 126 | Anawal | $65 \quad 28$ | 5700 | 102120 | 65.47 |  |
| 127 | Batkurki | 1925 | 1580 | 3140 | $49 \cdot 60$ |  |
| 181 | Hanmapar | $57 \quad 17$ | 2800 | $\begin{array}{llll}33 & 7 & 0\end{array}$ | 68.78 |  |
| 149 | Umtar | 1818 | 800 | 1400 | 49.60 |  |
| 150 | Yendigeri | 393 | 8700 | $120 \quad 0$ | 80.83 |  |
|  | Average per acre 1.52... | 19811 | 14080 | 30170 | $46 \cdot 61$ |  |

## APPENDIX $\mathrm{M}_{3}$

Statement showing leases of dry crop lands in the villages of the Bádámi Taluka of the Bijapur Dis'rict, in the yoar 1313.


APPENDIX M $^{2}$-contiuned.


## APPENDIX N.

Statement showing the prices prevalent in the Badami Táluka from 1850 to 1913.

| Years, | Seers of 80 tolas and Chatake of 5 tolas per rapee |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Remarta. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jownal. | Baarh | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rice } \\ \text { (cleaned). } \end{gathered}$ | Wheat. | Tur-dsl. | Gram. | Linseed. | Safflower. | Cotton with seed. | Jowarf Kadbl. |  |
| 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | E | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | $11{ }^{\text { }}$ | 12 |
| 1850-1850, average . | $\begin{array}{cr}\text { 8. } & \text { ch. } \\ 48 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cr}\text { 8. } & \text { ch. } \\ \text { 4. } & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { 8. ch. } \\ \\ 80 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { 8. } & \text { ch. } \\ 28 & 0\end{array}$ | 8. oh. | 8. oh. | S. ch | 8, ch. | n. ch. | R19, an. p. |  |
| 1861-1871, average . | 290 | 310 | 1010 | $18 \quad 2$ | $\ldots$ | 180 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1872-1882, 日verage . | 24.10 | $29 \quad 19$ | 118 | 1410 | $\cdots$ | 130 | $\cdots$ | ** | ** | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1888-1887 mol |  |  | In | Ormation | not avail | able. | ${ }^{*}$ | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1888-1889 mom | 288 | 231 | $10 \quad 15$ | 178 | 164 | 151 | 125 | 246 |  | 018 |  |
| 1889-1890 | 250 | 245 | 1014 | $18 \quad 10$ | 127 | 1212 | 1110 | 9118 | 76 | 0 - 4 |  |
| 1600-1801 | 28 5 | 268 | 1010 | 185 | 14 14 | 16 4 | 126 | 2614 | 710 | 080 |  |
| 1891-1802 | 20.4 | 2018 | 8 8 | 10 5 | 118 | 1019 | 109 | $80 \quad 7$ | - 0 | 1010 |  |
| 1892-1893. | 2818 | 2810 | 90 | 90 | 816 | 109 | 08 | 146 | 75 | 129 |  |
| 1683-189 | 2713 | $25 \quad 12$ | $10 \quad 6$ | 184 | 186 | 1812 | 96 | $80 \cdot 6$ | 82 | $0 \leqslant 10$ |  |
| 18941805 | 258 | 94 $9^{-}$ | 97 | $10 \quad 18$ | 10 4 | 168 | 10 4 | 888 | 80 | 0810 |  |
| 1895 .." | 2814 | 28 - | 108 | $20 \quad 4$ | - 26 | 138 | 96 | $17 \quad 14$ | 68 | 0 - 8 |  |
| 1896 ** |  | $20 \quad 6$ | 018 | 140 |  | 1816 | 911 | 157 | 610 | 0114 |  |
| 1888-1896, average | 268 | 2818 | 100 | 171 | 118 | 14.6 | 10. 8 | 207 | 77 | $\bullet$ |  |
| 1897 .... ... | 12.8 | 131 | 811 | 80 | 7 4 | 80 | 79 | 1019 | 519 | 1150 |  |
| 1898 ma | 21.15 | 228 | 100 | 112 | 116 | 118 | 1111 | 107 | 85 | 049 |  |
| 1699 .0. .-f | 1914 | 808 | 108 | 14.4 | 18 15 | 1418 | 1018 | 21.18 | 1015 | $0 \leqslant 11$ |  |
| 3900 me. | 10 | 10 4 | 810 | 88 | 76 | 85 | 62 | 128 | 62 | 0100 |  |
| 1801 -4 | 1118 | 120 | 010 | 715 | 618 | 912 | ** | ** | $\cdots$ | 085 |  |
| 1002 ** | 1814 | 168 | 10 14 | 88 | 110 | 1128 | ** | $\cdots$ | ** | $0 \% 0$ |  |
| 1803 .m | 8711 | 2718 | 1018 | 187 | 83 | 111 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 080 |  |
| 1804 .6. | 878 | 875 | 3011 | 1518 | 1110 | 18.7 | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | 080 |  |
| 1905 ** * | 8012 | $10 \quad 1$ | 97 | 185 | 10. | 198 | $\cdots$ | 40 | $\cdots$ | 0111 |  |
| 1897-1805, aycrage | 1014 | 28.2 | 914 | 18 9 | 110 | 1218 | 811 | 101 | 718 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1006 ... | 1311 | 18 4 | 86 | 64 | - 8 | - 8 | $\cdots$ | :* | - | 0148 |  |
| 1907 ... | 161 | 108 | 80 | 97 | 90 | 912 | $\cdots$ | **' | ... | 0 8 0 |  |
| 1008 mem | $18 \quad 12$ | 1215 | 78 | 7 \% | 6 II | 85 | - | ** | ** | 0107 |  |
| 1000 - ... | 1815 | 1412 | 728 | 77 | 0 (1) | 14 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | m | $1 \leqslant 10$ |  |
| 1010 ... | 177 | 1710 | 8 8 | $\theta 1$ | 89 | ** | $\bullet$ | *** | ** | $1 \leqslant 0$ |  |
| 1011 ... | $17 \quad 7$ | 17 D | 8 B | 128 | 10.10 | ... | 4 | $\cdots$ | ** | 0168 |  |
| 1812 ... | 18.6 | 180 | 70 | 719 | 713 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 100 |  |
| 1018 ... | 140 | 1818 | 08 | - 8 | 88 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | ${ }^{*}$ | $\therefore$ |  |
| 1006-1018, average . | 1415 | 1814 | 711 | 811 | 814 | 814 | $\cdots$ | ** | ${ }^{*}$ | '*' |  |

## APPENDIX 0.

Revenue Stabement for 140 Villages situated in the Bádámi Taluka of the Bijdpur Collectorate into which the Survey Sottlement was introduced in 1885－1886．

| Preara | Occupial land paying asmemament to Government． |  |  |  |  |  | Unoceupled asmessed aralle Governmant land． |  |  | Land，the ERvence of whidh is altenated entirely or partially（ In 年m） |  |  | Tatal hand，Covernment oceupled noocou pled and Inam． |  |  |  |  | 点 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Bemisaliona daring the year． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | 良 | $\stackrel{\text { 蓇 }}{ }$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ， 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | $\delta$ | 8 | 7 | $\theta$ | 0 | 10 | 11 | 14 | 18 | 14 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 18. | 19 |
| ， |  | 8. | Re． | Ba | B． | Rs． |  | Re． | Ra， |  | Re． | Ra． | A0res． | Ra | Rs． | R8． | B9． |  |
| 1480－80 | ${ }^{90,890}$ | 68，076 | 8，108 | $\cdots$ | 0，108 | 87，869 | 38，058 | 11，949 | $\ldots$ | 79，608 | 82，940 | 20，P63 | 215，956 | 1，00，280 | 778，832 | $\ldots$ | ＂＊ |  |
| －36－87 | 100，200 | 66，777 | 0，10 | ．． | 0，108 | 00，072 | 20，762 | 0，140 | 1，116 | 78，469 | 88，956 | 20，966 | 212，411 | 1，08，289 | 82，743 | 289 | $\stackrel{+}{ }$ |  |
| 497－88 | 100，214 | 68，041 | 220 | $\cdots$ | 210 | 07，882 | 2s，802 | 7，818 | 1，010 | 78，370 | 32，482 | 20，956 | 242，216 | 1，08，878 | 88，787 | 78 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 108－60 | 211，983 | 09，508 |  | ．．． | － | 68，689 | 28，727 | 7，208 | Oso | 78，586 | 32，889 | 30，980 | 219，547 | 1，08，140 | 90，409 | 78 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 180.90 | 113，504 | 69，475 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | m | 60，475 | 20，407 | 6，810 | 801 | 78，809 | 31，870 | 21，321 | 212，310 | 1，07，885 | 01，597 | 78 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 100．01 | 115，194 | 70，057 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 70，087 | 18，795 | 8，766 | 781 | 78，383 | 91，645 | 21，840 | 918，819 | 1，07，368 | 22，148 | 78 | $\cdots$ |  |
| p01－09 | 115，932 | 70，184 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 70，134 | 18，708 | 8，780 | ＂＊ | 78，290 | 31，450 | 21，707 | 218，525 | 1，00，319 | 01，541 | 91 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 709．09 | 118，628 | \％，174 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 70，174 | 18，814 | B，600 | 417 | 78，288 | 31，589 | 21，744 | 218，424 | 1，07，252 | 98，986 | 79 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 698－96 | 110，845 | 70，687 |  | $\cdots$ | 1 | 70．066 | 17，185 | 8，195 | 390 | 78，268 | 81，847 | 21，810 | 212，519 | 1，07，209 | 02，872 | 79 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 104．08 | 188，867 | 71，805 | $\cdots$ | ．＂ | $\cdots$ | 1，895 | 18，479 | 6，529 | 88 | 78， 120 | 20，810 | 28，986 | 219，200 | 1，05，797 | 94，923 | 79 | $\cdots$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 396－90 | 119，849 | 7，571 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 7，871 | 16，080 | 4，311 | 604 |  | 20，403 | 89，883 | 218，217 | 1，06，315 | 68，058 | 79 | ．＇＊ |  |
| 398．07 | 120，809 | 71.887 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＂ | 7，867 | 18，733 | 4，050 | 908 | 78，220 | 20，408 | 29，880 | 218，250 | 1，05，973 | 03，845 | 8，874 | ．．． |  |
| 397.98 | 120，166 | 72，809 | － 0 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 71809 | 0.718 | 2，801 | 101 | 77，219 | 29，468 | 23，780 | 207，119 | 1，04，168 | 05，070 | 1，205 | － |  |
| \％0．00 | 120，356 | n，878 | 19 | $\ldots$ | 18 | 72.867 | 0，889 | 2，868 | 248 | 78，083 | 29，445 | 28，715 | 208，017 | 1，04，180 | 95，830 | $202{ }^{2}$ | 2 |  |
| 109－1000 ．．． | 120，804 | n， 078 |  | $\cdots$ | 4 | 71，870 | 0，387 | 2，816 | 101 | 78，123 | 29，444 | 23，717 | 209，015 | 1，04，184 | 95，889 | 4，620 | 2 |  |
| 100－01 | 120，804 | 71，880 | $\cdots$ | $\infty$ | ．．． | 71，880 | 0，495 | 2，859 | 1，184 | 78，123 | 20，448 | 23，715 | 9 8,018 | 1，04，185 | 96，609 | 24，478 | 2 |  |
| 01.08 | 120，044 | 7，898 | 80，180 | $\cdots$ | 50，190 | 21，718 | 9，445 | 2，791 | 868 | 78，124 | 88，469 | 23，77 | 208，018 | 104，128 | 96，883 | 18，346 | 22 |  |
| 302－03 | 120，647 | 72，014 |  | ．．． | b | 7，900 | 0，007 | 2，704 | 265 | 78，140 | 30，420 | 28，716 | 207，705 | 1，04，039 | 96，880 | ．．＇ | 2 |  |
| 108.04 | 120，013 | 7，889 | 61 | ．．＂ | 61 | 71，049 | 0，018 | 2，750 | 2，468 | 78，019 | 30，230 | 28，000 | 207，881 | 1，04，848 | 87，204 | 6，808 | 204 |  |
| 30.08 ．．． | 120，400 | 71，819 | 1，086 | $\infty$ | 1，088 | 70，788 | 0，25s | 2，808 | ers | 7，085 | 80，204 | 28，899 | 307，645 | 1，04830 | 88，283 | 58，786 | $841^{\prime \prime}$ |  |
| 208－08 | 180，976 | 7，818 | 14，207 | m | 14，267 | 6sic | 0，776 | 2，507 | 4，801 | 78，028 | 80，101 | 27，887 | 208，164 | 1，04，810 | 84，838 | 73，700 | 84，783 |  |
| 0007 | 180，197 | 71，718 |  | ．． | 8 | 2，705 | 0，898 | 2，845 | 4，040 | 73，023 | 80，156 | 29，836 | 207，612 | 1，05，419 | 09，400 | 7，018 | 8 |  |
| 107.09 | 180，838 | 72，000 | 60 | $\cdots$ | 60 | 71，888 | 8，078 | 2，618 | 5，098 | 7，014 | 30，419 | 29，889 | 207，478 | 1，04，700 | 90，208 | 12，878 | 727 |  |
| 108．ce | 121，088 | 72.389 | 962 | $\cdots$ | 264 | 72，198 | 7，688 | 2，154 | 8，109 | 77,014 | 30，10 | 24888 | 207，421 | 1，04，605 | 97，195 | 10，644 | 1，008 |  |
| 100－10 | 191，040 | 72，200 | 135 | $\cdots$ | 185 | 99，074 | 7，500 | 161 | $\cdots$ | 77，914 | 20，593 | 22，817 | 807，414 | 1，04，885 | 94，043 | 67，798 | 679 |  |
| nu－11 | 13.4008 | 19，860 | 820 | $\cdots$ | 380 | 52，080 | 8，987 | 2，065 | $\cdots$ | 77，918 | 90，188 | 28，679 | 807，263 | 1，04，480 | 04.709 | \％${ }^{\text {es }}$ | 178 |  |
| HLS | －128，706 | 18，431 | 885 | $\cdots$ | 885 | 7n， 609 | 6，628 | 1，907 | $\ldots$ | 7，768 | 80，187 | 29，408 | 206，080 | 1，04，646 | 9，095 | 748 | 0 |  |
| n2－18 ．．． | 188，092 | 73，581 | 258 | $\cdots$ | 165 | 78， 108 | 607 | 1，765 | ＊＇ | 77，784 | 80，179 | 28，498 | 208，807 | 2，04，58\％ | 96，984 | 8，717 | ．．＊ |  |

## APPENDIX $0^{1}$.

Revenue Statement fortroo Villages situated in the Bádáme Taluka of the Bijápur Collectorale into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1874-1875.

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## APPENDIX $\mathbf{O}_{2}$.

Revenue Stalement for 8 Fillages situated in the Bádami Taluka of the Bijapur Collectorate into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1887-88.

1 Jalihal, 2 Gonal, 8 Mangivr, 4 Hosur, 5 Navalholi, 6 Nasagunui, 7 Hebli and 8 Chik-Nasbi.


## APPENDIX $0^{3}$.

Revenue Statement for (15) Inam Villages situated in the Badami Táluka of the Bijupur Collectorale into sohich the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1887-88.


APPENDIX Q.



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## APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}^{\mathbf{1}}$

Statement showing the population and area and assessment of Government unoccupiea land, in the Badami Tailwka of the Bijdpur District.


APPENDIX $Q^{2}$-continuea.

|  | Name of Village * |  |  | Population | Unocoupied Government land. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Arean. | $\Delta_{\text {sseasmen }}$ |  |
|  | 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |
|  | Growp II. | ontd. |  |  | A. g. | Re. .a. |  |
| 50 | Hanamneri . ... |  | ... | 82 | $9 \quad 4$ | 18 |  |
| 51 | Hanamsagar ... | ... | .. | 239 |  |  |  |
| 52 | Hangargi ... | ... | ... | 880 | 3453 | 928 |  |
| 53 | Hardolli |  |  | 15,249 |  |  |  |
| 54 | ${ }_{\substack{\text { Hansanar } \\ \text { Helur }}}^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | $=1,318$ | 1629 | $\stackrel{5}{5}$ |  |
| 55 56 | $\underset{\text { Helur }}{\text { Hire Budihal }}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | .. | - 751 |  |  |  |
| 56 57 | Hire Budihal Hira-Nasbi | ... | -. | 585 | $1 \begin{array}{ll}1 & 17\end{array}$ | 18 |  |
| 58 | Hosur ... | $\ldots$ | . | 1,788 | 15 61 | 1012 |  |
| 59 | Hrlasgeri ... | . | . | 193 | 6121 |  |  |
| 60 | Hulgeri ... | .. | $\cdots$ | 752 | ...... | ...."* |  |
| 61 | Hallikeri . .. |  |  | 309 | 39.121 | 732 |  |
| 62 | Injinwari ... | ... |  | 150 |  |  |  |
| 63 | Kabbalgeri . $\quad$ - | ... | ... | 265 | 193488 | $73 \times 0$ |  |
| 64 | Kadpatti, S. Katgeri | - $\cdot$ | ... | Uninhabited. | 1124 | 70 |  |
| 65 | Kadpatti, S. Kerur | ... |  | 134 |  |  |  |
| 68 | Kagalgomb ... | ... | -.. | 1,155 | 584 | 08 |  |
| 67 | Kaknur ... | ... |  | 866 | $56 \quad 25$ | 294 |  |
| 68 | Kallapur ${ }^{\text {Kardigudd }}$ s** | -.. | .. | 208 | 18011 | 422 |  |
| 69 | Kardigudd, S. Nilgund | ... | ... | 408 | 912 | 012 |  |
| 70 | Katapur. ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 438 |  |  |  |
| 71 | Katgeri ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 1,310 | 114 | 04 |  |
| 72 | Katkinhalli ... | -.. | ... | 286 |  |  |  |
| 73 74 | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Kelavdi } \\ \text { Kendur } & \text {... } \\ \text { are }\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 545 | 27 4 | 42 |  |
| 75 | Kerur $\quad$ … | ... |  | -5,793 | $\begin{array}{rr}322 & 6 \\ 26 & 37\end{array}$ | 20012 |  |
| 76 | Khanapux, S. K ${ }_{\text {erur }}$ | ... | $\cdots$ | -227 | 10139 | 8112 |  |
| 77 | Khanapur S. Parvati | ... | $\cdots$ | 212 | 101 |  |  |
| 78 | Konkankop ... | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 617 | 2 29 | 112 |  |
| 79 | Kottanhalli ... | ... | ... | 208 | 036 | 02 |  |
| 80 | Kulgeri ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 430 |  | ...... |  |
| 81 | Kutkankari. .. | ... | $\ldots$ | 1,065 | ...... | ....... |  |
| 82 | Lakkagkop ... | $\cdots$ | ... | , 210 | ....... | ....... |  |
| 83 | Lakhamapar... | ... | ... | 361 | ...... | ....... |  |
| 84 85 | Layadgundi ... | ... | ... | 628 | ...... | ...... |  |
| 85 | Lingapur ... | ... | . | 270 | ....... | ...... |  |
| 86 | Majre-kallapar | ... | ... | 87 | \% $26 \times 29$ | 4.8 |  |
| 87 88 |  | ... | ... | 199 | $23 \quad 22$ | 54 |  |
| 88 89 | $\begin{array}{ll} \text { Malgi } \\ \text { Mallapar } \end{array}$ | ... | ... | 342 | $23 \quad 24$ | 20 |  |
| 89 90 |  | ... | ... | 302 | 2216 | 40 |  |
| 90 91 | Mamatgeri ... <br> Mangalgudda | ... | ... | 398 | $78 \quad 37$ | 348 |  |
| 91 92 | Mangag | ... | $\cdots$ | 614 | - ....0 | ...... |  |
| 93 | Maninagar | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 409 804 | $\cdots 9$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 94 | Mattikatti ... | $\ldots$ |  | 484 | $\begin{array}{lll}33 & 32 \\ 38\end{array}$ | 38 |  |
| 95 | Murdi . ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 440 | 99 | 112 |  |
| 96 | Mushtigeri ... | ... | ... | 949 | $22 \quad 6$ | 38 |  |
| 97 | Muttalgeri ... | ... | ... | 1,206 | $110 \quad 14$ | 248 |  |
| 98 | Nagral S. Badami | ... |  | 81 | 1322 | 28 |  |
| 99 | Nagral, S. Patadkal | ... |  | 611 |  |  |  |
| 100 | Naglapur ... | ... | ... | Uninhabited. | 118 | 254 |  |
| 101. | Nandikeehwmar | ... | .. | 1,220 | 6431 | 188 |  |
| 103 | Navalholi | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 84 126 | ...... | ...... |  |
| 104 | Nelavigi ... | ... |  | 207 |  |  |  |
| 105 | Nilgund $\quad$... | . |  | 1,971 | 726 | 010 |  |
| 106 | Niralkeri ${ }^{\text {Pa }}$..- | $\cdots$ | ... | 948 | 14020 | 518 |  |
| 107 | Padankatti ... | $\cdots$ | .. | 479 | ...... |  |  |

APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}^{1}$-continued.

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Assistant Settlement Officer.

APPENDIX $Q^{\mathbf{2}}$.

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Effect of Revision Settlement proposals on

weernment occupied land in Inam Tillages.

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Assistant Settlement Oficer, Bijípur.

## APPENDIX R.

The principal papers dealing with form er Settlements are :-

1. Captain Wingate's Report of 1853 (Printed at Bombay Education Scciety's Press in 1853).
2. Report on Navalgund Taluka of Dhárwar District.-Selection No. CCCCLXXIINew Series-Pages 148-149 and pages 168-183.
3. Mr. Fletcher's Report of 1886.—Seleation No. CLXXIX—New Series.
4. Mr. Fletcher's report of $\mathbf{1 8 8 7}$.-Selection No. CCXIII—New Series of $\mathbf{1 8 8 7}$.
G. C. SHANNON,

Ascistant Settlement Officer, Bijapur.

Below No. C:-300, dated 3rd November 1914, from Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Bijäpur, forwarding proposals on Revision Settlement of the Badámi Taluka.

No. C.-2339 or 1915, .<br>Oppice of thet Collector of Bija'pur;<br>Bijápur, 9th January 1915.

Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, S. D., Belgaum.
2. The soil conditions of the Bädami Taluka differ in a very great degree from those of the rest of the District, nearly $\frac{8}{4}$ ths of the area consisting of a sandy red soil of poor quality, with the exception of a narrow strip of black 'soil to the extreme south of the Taluka, bordering on the Malaprabha river and some portion on the north. Consequently (only a generous and, seasonable rainfall enables the land to produce anything like a decent crop, and as the major portion of the taluka is a Kharif-growing tract, the taluka is more dependent on the early rains which are seldom regular. Thus during the past 15 years the taluka has suffered more vicissitudes than probably any other part of the Karnatic.) A referenoe to Appendix A will show that the season was not, on the whole, well distributed for several years, viz., 1891, 1896, 1900, 1904, 1905 and 1908, and as respects the Kharif some of these as well as the past 3 or 4 years have been very unfavourable. On the whole, so far as the period of the ourrent settlement is concerned, it can be safely said that almost every third year has not been a good year for the táluka. For these reasons any proposals recommending a sudden increase in assessqment would, in the Colleotor's opinion, be out of place,
3. Notwithstanding the inferiority of the soil and the irregular seansoñabe conditions, the ares under cultivation has steadily expanded and the number of pucca wells for irrigation has increased. The tialuka is better off in point of communications than any of the adjoining tálukas of the District. Population, too, has increased except in certain villages. Prices have risen as elsewhere. Sale and lease values have steadily increased. These facts amply justify a slight re-adjustment in the present rates, at any rate, in some of the groups. The only unsatisfaotory points are the decrease of plough cattle (paragraph 11), and, as affecting the supply of manure, the great fall in sheep and goats.

44 Mr. Shannon proposes to transfer to Group I, 11 villages from the present Group II and 2 form Group III and to raise the rate for the new Group so formed to Re. 1-10-0. These villages from a homogenous strip of black soil along the Malaprabha which is the most fertile part of the taluka, and, as they are in all respeots similar to the yillages of the Dhárwár District on the other side of the river for which the said rate has already been sanctioned in 1906, they may well carry the same rate. The increase proposed for the existing Group I villages is only 2 annas and for the 11 Group II villages comes to 6 annas. Lingadhal and Idgal of Group III have at present a rate of Re. 1-2-0. Lingadhal was apparently misplaced in that Group (page 40, paragraph 19) and properly belongs to Group I. Idgal was, however, deliberately put in the lowest Group whioh has not as a whole advanced, and the few statistics of sales and leases in Appendix $K$ and MI did not appear to show suoh deoided progress as to justify an inorement of 8 annas. Further particulars have therefore been obtained from Mr. Shannon (oopy enolosed) from which it appears that nearly
a third of the Government land in Idgal is leased, and that the rental is very profitable, the incidence of assessment on rent is only 15.92 per cent. while it is double of that in the whale group ( 30.98 -vide page 43) It would therefore seem that Idgal could bear the proposed increase, but as the average would go up from Rs. 0-1-11 to Re. 1-1-2 (or $5 \frac{1}{4}$ annas)-vide Appendix Q , it is in the undersigned's opirion desirable to transfer Idgal to Group II raising its maximum assessment by 4 annas only. It will thus be linked to the Group formed by Timmapur, Khánapur and Kallápur, to the average assessment of which its own approximates rather than to that of Group I villages.
5. As regards Group II, though the tract suffered from famine and plague, the villages are generally well situated. They are close to good market places and have good means of communication. Some of the villages around the trading centres of Guledgudd and Kerur are better off than the others, but Mr. Shannon has very clearly explained the necessity of their being left as they are, and the Collector fully concurs with him. The proposed moderate increase of 2 annas for this group is sufficient. As regards Group III which has not advanced, the Collector agrees that the present rate should be continued.
6. The proposal to treat the Khálsat lands in Inam villages in the same way; as land in the neighbouring Government villages of similar quality, will remove an obvious anomaly and has the Collector's full concurrence.
7. Mr. Shannon's recommendations as to the treatment of the rice and garden lands are made after detailed local inspection and accord with Mr. Kabraji's personal observation. They should therefore, the Collector thinks, be sanctioned.
8. Under these circumstances; the rates proposed by Mr. Sbannon with the single modification indicated above appear to be justified, and the Collector recommends that they may be sanctioned and guaranteed for the usual period of thirty years.

(Signed) J. K. N. KABRAJI, Collector of Bijápur.

Through
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Poona.

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APPEEDIX to COLLECTOR of BIJA'PUR'S No. C-2339 of 9ri JANUARY 1915.
Leases Idgal village, Government lands only.


Inoldence of amesement on rent 15.98 par cente
Total ares of Covarnment land 674 acres, and asosoment Ren 561.
So dred of the land is leased.

Refrefece No. 1056-S.S. of 1914.
Poona, 23̣rd January 1915.
From

C. N. SEDDON, Esquirw, I.C.S.,<br>Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records;

To
The COMMISSIONER, Southern Division.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward Mr. G. C. Shannon's Reports on the Revision Settlements of the Bagalkot, Hungund and Badámi Talukas of the Bijápur District together with the Collector's forwarding endorsements. The three Tálukss may be dealt with together. Had it not been for the war and its effect on cotton prices the whole matter would have been one of great simplicity; for there are no difficult problems of rates and grouping, the land is almost all dry crop, and there is hardly any rice or garden. I propose to consider the position as it would have been but for the slump in cotton. I will then brielly discuss the present situation with cotton almost an unsaleable commodity.
2. Mr. Shannon's proposals alter the present grouping very little. I will take the Talukas in order and begin with Bagalkot:-
(a) The first group consists of Bagalkot alone at Re. 1-10-0. The rate is to be raised to Re. 1-13-0, and to the group are to be added the tro villages of Malapur and Goliskop, now in the group II, at Re. 1-6-0.
(b) The second group is to be composed of the other two villages of the present group II at Re. 1-6-0; 3 villages of old group IV at Re. 1-2-0, and 49 villages of old group III at Re. 1-4-0. These 54 villages are to have a rate of Re. 1-8-0, and the new group thus constituted forms the whole south of the Taluka, except the villages of Bagalkot, Malapur and Goliskop.
(c) The third group is formed of $46^{*}$ villages of the old group IV now rated at Re. 1-2-0-that is to say, the whole of old group IV except the three villages mentioned above-and Tolmati. These villages form the east and centre of the Táluka, and Tolmati is properly included with them. Their rate is to be Re. 1-6-0.
(d) The fourth group is the rest of the Taluka, and corresponds to old group $V$ at Re. 1 leaving out Tolmati. It is to be rated at Re. 1-4.0. It contains 14 old Athni villages whose rate should be the same as that of Parsalgi in the Athni Taluka. A reference to the Athni Report will show that the rate proposed for Parsalgi is Re. 1-4-0.
3. I think these proposals are, at all events in the main, correct and should be approved. Mr. Kabraji accepts them exoept as regards the first group and except for some critioism regarding the third group. He would leave Bagalkot as now at Re. 1-10-0. As to the Collector's oriticism (paragraph 3 of his endorsement) regarding the proposed third and fourth groups, I think there is some misunderstanding on his part. It is true that the actual average assessmenti of the fourth group (Re. 0-13-4) is higher than that of the third (Re. 0-12-7). But there is nothing extraordinary in this and no need for "reotifying" it. It means that the soil is better in the fourth group; and this is not surprising seeing that that group inoludes the villages of the Krishna Valley. The higher maximum rate of group III is not enough to counterbalance its lower average classification. And the Collector proceeds to reoommend the reduotion of the third group rate from Re, 1-6-0 to Re 1-5-0 -an operation which would accentuate what he considers an anomaly and
produce a result the exact opposite of what he appears to want. The fact, however, is that there is no anomaly and nothing to be rectified; the rates proposed, the classification existing, and the results of combining the two, 'are natural and proper.
4. Mr. Shannon's proposals for Hungund are very simple. They are:-
(a) To remove 13 villages, now in group I, to group II.
(b) To raise rates from. Re. 1-4-0 to Re. 1-8-0, from Re. 1-1-0 to Re. 1-6-0, and from Re. 1 to Re. 1-4-0 for the three groups.
And in the case of Badámi Mr. Shannon simply puts all the Malaprabha villages in group I and otherwise leaves things as they are. He raises the rates from Re. 1-8-0 to Re. 1-10-0 and Re. 1-4-0 to Re. 1-6-0 for the first two groups, and leaves the third group as it is at Re. 1-2-0.
5. Now as regards Hungund the Collector agrees with the Settlement Officer completely except in one particular. He would raise the rate of the first group to Re. 1-10-0, on the ground that it should have a higher increment than the other two groups : he thinks this rate would result, too, in a fairer and more satisfactory incidence of assessment per acre; he observes that this incidence is a good deal less in group I than in group II, whereas in his opinion it " may well be the same if not more.". There is the same idea here as in the case of the Bagalkot groups, and I have already explained that the average assessment per are (which is what is meant by incidence) depends on classification as much as on maximum rates, and there is no reason why a higher maximum rate should necessarily produce a higher average assessment. Putting this objection on one side, however, the proper maximum rate for group I of Hungund can furnish matter for debate and I will discuss it further directly.
6. Mr. Kabraji agrees entirely with the proposals 'regarding Badámi, except that he would prefer to raise Idgal from the third group to the second only and not to the first, on the grounds that otherwise the rise 44 per cent. would be somewhat high, and that there are certain neighbouring villages with which it could well be placed.
7. Where the Collector and the Settlement Officer agree, I am of opinion that their proposals may be accepted. Such tests and such personal observations as I have been able to make, confirm me in this opinion, and I confidently recommend it for your acceptance and the approval of Government. There remain only the very few points where the Collector suggests some modification of the Settlement Officer's proposals. They are :-
(a) That Bagalkot, Goleskop and Malapur should be rated at Re. 1-10-0 and not at Re. 1-13-0.
(b) That group III in Bagalkot-should be Re. 1-5-0 instead of Re. 1-6-0.
(c) That group I in Hungund should be Re. 1-10-0 in place of Re. 1-8-0.
(d) That Idgal in Badámi shouid be put in group II at Re. 1-6-0 instead of group I at Re. 1-10-0.
On these suggestions I would make a few brief remarks:-
I have had a consolidated map of the three Tálukas prepared as I did for the three Kánara Tálukas that were under consideration last year. This map enables one to see the grouping better, and will, I hope, be useful.
8. With regard to (a) I am unable to agree with the Collector. Every argument that justifies an increase elsewhere justifies one at Bagalkot, and the two adjoining villages naturally go with Bagalkot. It is no unusual thing to rate the ohief town higher than other places. Bagalkot is flourishing greatly; and as a market town and the centre of all local trade and with a flourishing Railway. Station, I think it would be quite wrong to leave it as it is and raise other places. I have no doubt that the Settlement Officer's proposals are fair and reasonable.

As to (b) I have already remarked that there is some misapprehension. The rate suggested by Mr. Shannon cannot be objected to on the groundegiven, and may be accepted.

Item (c) is, as I have observed, a doubtful point. But if my map be consulted it will be seen that it is not easy to justify a rate of Re. 1-10-0. I do not say for a moment that the imposition of such a rate would in itself be unfair. But no argument has beenn advanced strong enough to explain how we could charge Re. 1-10-0 for a small group situated as these villages are. They cannot fairly be rated higher than group II of Bagalkot. There is no rate higher than Re. 1-8-0 except Bagalkot and its suburbs and the favoured riverside villages in the south of Badami. I recommend that the Re. 1-8-0 rate be approved.

Item (d) is perhaps also not quite olear. However, Idgal is of course a riverside village, and I think it should go with the rest of the riverside villages into group I of Badámi. Statistics show that rents are high and there is no question of over-assessment.
9. It will thus be seen that I recommend that Mr. Shannon's proposals as to grouping and rates should be accepted as they are, and do not think it is even necessary to make the very slight modifications that the Collector has suggested. It is however now the practice to work out the changes at so much in annas and pies per rupee of present assessments. I attach an appondix showing how these work out. The actual rates will be very slightly lowered for Bagalkot and its two suburbs and very slightly raised for the Hungund first group which is in the direction that Mr. Kabraji would approve. This new method is very advantageous. It simplifies our calculations and it expresses the ohanges in a way that every ráyat can at once underatand; he does not know-and I am not surprised-what it means to raise a so-called maximum rate from Re. 1-4-0 to Re. 1-9-0, but he understands exactly what four annas in the rupee means.
10. There is of course very little rice land in these Talukas-61 acres in Bagalkot, 412 in Hungund and 394 in Badámi. Mr. Shannon wishes to reduce these figures to 14, 222 and 357, and to make the balance dry-crop-which in fact it is. I agree ; on the facts as they are it is inequitable to assess as rice lands what does not grow anything but dry crops. There are two other proposals. 14 a acres of rice land at Nandikeshwar, Táluka Badámi, were classed as patasthal, and rightly so, but the patasthal somehow got reduced by mistake; Mr. Shannon wishes to re-impose it. As a water rate is fair and can be legally imposed, I think the proposal is the simplest way of meeting the case. There are also some lands at Kendur and Parvati, Táluka Badámi, classed as rice which Mr. Shannon wishes to relieve by altering the classifioation: he advises, for the Kendur lands, "reduction by half a class or one and a half classes," and in the case of Parvati" "would reduce the water rate on the lands under the Ganjikeri by half a olass as the tank is leaking." The object is to reduce the assessment beoause the water-supply is poor and rice is usually not grown.

- Perhaps the suggested remedy may be accepted. I have nothing much to say against it, but I have no admiration for the old classification methods and hardly anybody understands what it means to reduce a water class. If land cannot grow rice I should class it straight away as dry crop; and if, an improvement in the water-supply ocours, a suitable water rate can always be imposed. Such procedure could be understood by anyone, and is much more satisfactory in my opinion than tinkering with obscure and unintelligible water classes.

11. Finally, there are a few acres of garden land. No alteration is suggested in the case of motasthal, of whioh there are 258 acres in Bagalkot, 407 acres in Hungund, and 263 aores in Badami. There is no patasthal in Bagalkot, but 58 acres in Hungund and $17 \overline{5}$ acres in Badámi. Mr. Shannon reduces all the 58 acres in Hungund either to rice or dry crop, reduces 25 aores in Badámi, and wishes to add a water rate of $3 \frac{1}{3}$ annas on 8 acres of land at Nandikeshwar where the patasthal was struck off, as observed above The result is that bagayat assessment, now Rs. 2,072, will become Rs. 1,968 . The proposals may be approved.
12. There are a good many Inám villages in these tálukas. Practically all have been survejed long ago, but the Inamdars do not consent to the intro-
duction of settlement rates and so no proposals are submitted for them. It seems a great pity that this should be so, and I assume that efforts have been made to persuade the Inamdars. In some of these Inám villages there are Khalsa fields and Mr. Shannon has fixed aseessments for them.
13. I must now consider the present cotton situation. Mr. Shannon wrote when the price of this commodity had been for some time at a much higher level than the figures of thirty years ago. There had been a slight drop quite recently no doubt, but there was no reason to suppose that this was any more than one of the inevitable fluctuations always known to ocour, and no reason to think that it meant any permanent reduction. Accordingly, a higher level of cotton prices is an assumption underlying all Mr. Shannon's proposals. It is not so easy to determine the exact increase of prices, but that it has been very considerable does not admit of doubt. Mr. Shannon gives figures for Bagalkot indicating a rise of 48 per cent. since the period of 1888-1896. Possibly further investigation would reduce this figure somewhat. To quote from the Resolution of the Government of India on Mr. Datta's Report:-"with the year 1805 Indian prices entered upon a new phase. Prices rose rapidly to unprecedented heights and so far. there is nothing to suggest the probability of a reversion to the levels of former years."
14. However, even before Mr. Shannon's Reports were ready, the war had brought cotton prices down with a run. I am informed that cotton is now not merely depreciated in price but practically unsaleable at any price, and that consignments sent from Hubli to Bombay to find purchasers have been returned to Hubli unsold. The question is whether this fact should lead us to modify our settlement proposals, and what form such modilication should take.
15. I venture to say that nobody can possibly tell what the price of ootton will be a year hence or even a month hence. At all events, however cleverly one might guess, one could not be so reasonably sure as to base any satisfactory settlement proposals upon the figures one might fancy. Cotton is a necessity, and the normal demand for it must again arise. That might conceivably result in an unnatural temporary inflation of prices to something much higher even than the level of 1911. But surely such inflation would only be temporary.
16. In these circumstances there are, it seems to me, two alternatives. We can either make a short term settlement and reconsider the matter at the end of three, or five, or ten years; or we can, if necessary, give a percentage suspension or remission just so long as the slump in cotton lasts. Which alternative should be accepted, it is for Government to decide, and it is with much diffidence that I venture to express an opinion. But I prefer the second alternative, and for the following reasons. Short term settlements are contrary to the fixed policy of Government. I need not labour this point because the thirty years' settlement has been approved ever since the Joint Report was written, and the reasons for its adoption are well known. I do not think there is sufficient justification for upsetting a fixed policy and the confidence of the whole cultivating and land-holding classes. And then, what period should be fixed for a short Settlement? If it were five years-even in one year's time, for all we know, cotton may be as dear as ever, or wheat or jowári may rise so much in price that it may pay to substitute them for cotton, and Government will suffer unnecessary loss for four years. Or we might find our five years rates too heavy and some further tinkering'would be necessary. And, again, I do not know how to frame proposals for a temporary Settlement based purely on cotton prices. The cultivation of this particular crop does not follow our Táluka Divisions, and in every Táluka there are places not much affected by cotton prices. I am at a lossin fact how to advise Government as to what rates we should fix and how we should group for a short cotton Settlement. Besides, the cotton problem is not confined to a few Talukas just coming under settlement, revision, Government will be obliged to deal with the case over a very big area indeed; and they might meet the difficulty in Bagalkot, Hungund and Bádảmi, by whatever plans they approve for general adoption. For these reasons I am respectfully of opinion that we should assume that normal prices are as they were a short time ago, and should fix our assessments
accordingly at the rates recommended, leaving the temporary cotton problem to be met by suspensions or remissions ; or, indeed, by such expedients as Government may decide to adopt for Khándesh, Dhárwár, Gujarát and other cottongrowing tracts.
17. Mr. Shannon may be congratulated on his Reports. The three Tálukas do not, it is true, present any difficult features; they are indeed remarkably free from complications. But conditions have been completely and thoroughly investigated, and Mr. Shannon has submitted very readable and interesting Reports. His recommendations are judicious and inspire confidence. I believe, Sir, they will meet with the approval of yourself and of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) C. N. SEDDON, Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

Appendist referred to in paragraph 9 of the Settlement Commissioner's remarks on Bádámi, Hwngund and Bagalkot Revision Settlement Reporte.


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C. N. SEDDON,

Settlement Commisaioner and
Director of Land Records.

No. 1778 or 1915.
From

H. S. LAWRENCE, Esiquire, I. C. S., -<br>Acting Commissioner, Southern Division ;

To
Thi CHIEf SECRETARy to GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Bombay.
Belgaum, 21st April 1915.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith the proposals for the Revision Settlements of the Bágalkot, Bádámi and Hungund tálukas of the Bijápur District.
2. The proposale of the Settlement Officer, Mr. Shannon, are accepted by the Settlement Commissioner, Mr. Seddon, to the effect that the assessments be increased as follows :-

|  | Taluks. |  | From | To | Per cent. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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The increases on groups vary from nil on group III of Bádámi to 26.7 on group II of Hungund. It is for consideration whether these increases are on the one hand justified and on the other hand sufficient.
3. The general conditions are similar. (The three talukas form the southern tract of the Bijapur District, and were in former days notoriously liable to famine, with a rainfall that has varied in Bádámi from 1 inch in 1876 to 41 inches in 1878, and in Hungund from 9 inches to 73 inches in the same years.) The average incidence throughout the three talukas is from 21 to 26 inches.

Previous to the advent of the railway in 1884, years of insufficient or ill-distributed rainfall caused famine with a terrible mortality and the disorganisation of agriculture. In reoent years, though several seasons have been unfavourable, the people have escaped the horrors of famine, and no disorganisation of agriculture has resulted. This statement is proved by the fact that after 1876-78 lands were thrown out of occupation to the extent of 8,000 acres in Bágalkot, 28,000 acres in Bádámi and 13,000 acres in Hungund; whereas the Revenue history in Appendir 0 shows that the area of unocoupied land has in the last 30 years continuously decreased, and in the worst year not more than 600 acres were relinquished. The people have learnt to migrate to the great cities wbere labour is in demand, and the modern development of industry has in fact practically solved the problem of faintiö.
4. The olief factor in this change has been the railway connecting Hubli and Hotgi near Sholápur, a distance of 209 miles ; and the railway has now been supplemented by an excellent net work of good roads. The means of conveyance has been changed from pack bullooks to carts; formerly it was impossible to bring grain or fodder to the remote parts of these tálukas ; now, whether for import or for export, almost every village is within ready access of the great marketa.
5. The principal market of exports is Bágalkot ; and there are subsidiary markets, within these tálukas, at Guledgudd and Kerur, and on the fringe outside the talukas in Dhárwár, at Navalgund and Ron, and in the Native State of Rámdurg; the prices of Bágalkot may, however, be taken as the atandard. These show increases of 59 per cent. in the last 25 years in jowari and cotton, the chief products, and increases varying from 26 to 86 per cent. in all other produots; and the new facilities of communication magnify to a still higher degree the increases in the remote villages.

An instance of the value of the new roads is afforded in the case of the Bádámi táluka. A new industry has sprung up in the transport of kadbi by cart-load to great distances into tracts which were formerly inaccessible. The northern tálukas of Dhárwar place two-thirds of their area under cotton and wheat and have a constant demand for kadbi. This is supplied from Bádámi, and prices have risen from Rs. 6 per 1,000 lbs. between 1898-1905 to Rs. 12 between 1906-1912.
6. While these facts point to a great and general improvement of the conditions of life, there are certain tracts which have not been benefited. It is obvious that in order to take advantage of an increase of prices there must be a surplus of produce for sale, and Mr. Shannon has been careful to distinguish the small areas which have not participated in the general prosperity.
7. I now come to a consideration of the Revenue history of the talukas individually, and will summarise the facts as briefly as possible :-

Bagalkot.-Population increased from 82,000 to 105,000 between 1581 and 1901, and owing to plague then remained stationary.

| Agricultural stock. |  |  | Increases per cent. | Decreases per cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plough cattle | ** | ... | 5. | ....:' |
| Milk cattie | - 0 | -•• | 12. | ..... |
| Càrts | ... | - | 77 | ... |
| Calves | ... | ... | . $1 .$. | 27 |
| Sheep | *. | $\cdots$ | -80.0. | 43. |

Unocoupied land has fallen steadily from 14, 800 acres to 2,000 acres. Remissions have been found necessary in two jears only, to the amount of Rs. 68,000 . No coeroive processes have been employed.

The sale value of land has trebled, and the assessment varies from 14 per cent. of the cash rental in groups II and IV to 16 per cent. in group III and 21 per cent. in groap $I$.

Bádámi.-Population increased from 86,000 to 108,000 or 25 per cent. Between. 1901 and 1911 there was considerable mortality from plague, chiefly amongst women.


Unoccupied land has fallon from 34,000 to 6,000 acres. Remissions, ohiefly in one year, Rs. 30,000 . Coeroive processes were employed in 48 cases, with the forfeiture of some 700 acres.

Sale value has risen 50 per cent., and the assessment varies from 15 per cent. in group I to 21 per oent. in group II and 31 per cent. in group III.

Hungund.- Population has increased by 38 per cent., from 80,000 in 1881 to $1,10,000$ in 1911. Some 10,000 deaths occurred from plague.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Plough cattle | -0. | 6. |  |
| She buffaloes | ... | 29. | ....09* |
| Carts | -. | 1520 | ....... |
| Sheep | ... | -...... | 50 |

Unocoupied land has been steadily taken up and has fallen from 8,400 acres to 700 acres.

Remissions of Rs. 45,000 were almost entirely in the year 1001. Coercive precesses were nil.

The sale value of land has more than doubled in group III, trebled in group II, and is fourfold in group I.

The proportion of the assessment to the rental varies from 12 per cent. in groups I and II to 19 per cent. in group III.
8. It is very satisfactory that unimpeachable evidence is now available on the proportion of the profits of cultivation which is absorbed by the assessment. Formerly this point was in doubt ; it is now established beyond questior by the Record-of-Rights.

Mr. Shannon has examined numerous leases, and where he has been able to ascertain that the conditions were affected by exceptional circumstances, such as the repayment of debt, an agreement as to the improvement of the soil, or domestio circumstances, has rejected those cases. He has collected these statistics from a very large number of villages in each group and has thus founded his conclusions on a sure basis.

Now, in the settlements of the greater part of India a landlord considers himself fortunate if his net rental is equal to the assessment. This cortainly need not be taken as a guide in a rayatwari settlement, but the faot is worthy of consideration when superior holders complain that two and three times the assessment is not sufficient for their net profit; and in the case of these talukas we find the profitsdvarying throughout from three to eight times tho assessment.
9. Mr . Shannon mentions a complaint that these rentals are unduly enhanced by competition and have proved ruinous. He has, however, informed me further that his enquiries failed entirely to establish the truth of the allegation.

The area annually cultivated is as under:-

| - |  | Acres |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bágalkot | -80 |  | $\cdot$ |  |  |
| Badami | ..* | ... |  |  | Per head of popalation. |
| Hungund | -** | P.9 | ** |  |  |

These figures do not indicate that the pressure of population on the soil is such as to cause unfair competition.
10. Government will, however, no doubt require an assurance that these high rentals do not represent the investment of capital and that there is no danger of the taxation of improvements. I venture to emphasize the point. which should, I submit, be fully discussed in all revision reports.

Let us take an acre assessed at 8 annas in a village where the assessment is 20 per cent, of the rental, i. e. the rental is Rs. $2-8-0$. The assessment is raised 25 per cent., to 10 annas, and let us assume that Rs. 10 have been spent on the improvement of the field. If we deduct 8 annas of the rental as the interest on this improvement at 5 per cent., we have an assessment of 10 annas on a rental of Rs. 2 of unimproved value, $i . e, 31$ per cient.

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I have consequently obtained the following further remarks from Mr. Shannon :-
"The capital outlay has been nearly entirely confined to weeding and clearing scrub. This we know may be taken to cost Re. 15 per acre in the case of land in bad condition. Furthermore periodical weeding is almost an inherent charge in cultivation of black soils. After a few years of lazy cultivation enough grass will grow to spoil the best of fields."
"The capital invested in weeding moreover is often entirely recouped in a few years. .Much of the outlay has been of a negative nature, i.e., long term leases under which the lessor often receives no more than the bare assessment on the land while the lessee in return for the profits which he derives is bound to clear the land and restore it free of weeds to the owner."
" It is obviously not correct to include these weeding leases while ascertaining the rental value of lands. On the other hand, care was taken not to include any high rentals which were alleged to be due to improvements effected. Though the question of taxing improvements was not specifically investigated, constant enquiry was pursued as to the causes of the high rents."
11. One minor point is perhaps worthy of note. Mr. Shannon and the Collector are apprehensive of the loss of manure owing to the decrease of sheep and goats, and Mr. Shannon indicts the policy of the Forest Department. Now, the maximum number of sheep and goats in these three talukas in a former census was 96,000 , and in the recent census it had fallen by 30,000 ; whereas cattle exceeded $1,60,000$. The manurial value of goats is very small in comparison with that of other agricultural stock, and the decrease is negligible. Morepver, it has not been sufficiently recognised that the decrease is probably temporary, due to the exceedingly bad seasons in respect of fodder which characterised the years 1911 and 1912.

The loss of these animals is, however, important from another point of view, namely, the reduction of food for the meat-eating population and of wool for the industry of weaving kamblis. This matter is under separate consideration.
12. Finally, there is the question raised by Mr. Seddon of the effect of the present position of cotton prices. Cotton constitutes 25 per cent. of the cropped area in Bágalkot, 16 per cent. in Bádámi and 36 per cent. in Hungund, with areas respectively of $79,000,39,000$ and $1,00,000$ aores. In 1900, before the great rise in the values of cotton, the areas were respectively $50,000,21,000$ and 60,000 . It has thus increased from less than one-sixth to over one-quarter of the total area. During these 15 years the price per naga of 1,344 l lbs. at Hubli (whence reliable figures have been supplied by Messrs. Ralli Brothers) has ruled as shown in the following statement :-

| 1900 |  |  |  | Rs. | 8 | p. |  |  |  | Rs. | a. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1901 |  | $\cdots$ | - | 127 | 8 |  |  | ... | .. | 122 | 0 | 0 |
| 1902 | * | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 8 | 8 | 0 | 1909 | ... | : | 115 | 0 | 0 |
| 1903 |  | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 102 | 0 | 0 | 1910 | ... | - | 155 | 0 | 0 |
| 1904 |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 132 | 0 | 0 | 1911 | -. | ... | 165 | 0 | 0 |
| 1905 |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 96 | 0 | 0 | 1912 | $\ldots$ | ... | 145 | 0 | 0 |
| 1906 |  | $\ldots$ |  | 131 |  | 0 | 1913 | ... | -0. | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| 1907 |  | - |  | 119 |  | 0 | 1914 | - | ... | 131 | 0 | 0 |

and the present price is Rs. 103-8-0.
These figures show that previous to 1906 cotton has frequently been as low as it is now, and while the area will no doubt be reduced, it will still remain a profitable crop to the cultivator. Moreover, there is the compensation of the rise of the price of wheat, and wheat oan be grown in a very large proportion of the area now under cotton.
13. The large increase in cotton prices began from 1906, and a statement of leases contained in Appendix :M/1 gives the percentage of the assessment

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to the rental for the years 1898-1902. This statement enables us to estimate the profits of oultivation previous to the sudden enhancement caused by the recent inflation of cotton prices. The percentage was even then very moderate in most groups varying in Bágalkot from 23 to 33 , in Bádámi from 20 to 46 and in Hungund from 23 to 52.
14. It is clear, therefore, that this Revision Settlement can be considered on the general conditions of the agricultural situation of this tract without reference to the future of the cotton industry. Had cotton prices remained as they were last year, there could have been no hesitation in recommending the; full increase of 33 per cent. in the Bágalkot and Hungund tálukas, and a smaller enhancement in Bádámi owing to the smaller interest of that táluka in cotton. But, owing to the uncertainty of the cotton position, the full increase, otherwise due to the State, may be foregone.
15. On the other points discussed by the Settlement Commissioner, I have the honour to conour with $\mathrm{Mr}_{\mathrm{w}}$ Seddon.
16. Mr. Shannon has colleoted the materials necessary for these reports with much care and industry, and has examined the figures in the light of a close personal acquaintance with the country. I consider that his proposals have been framed with judgment and moderation, and I have the honour to recommend them for the sanction of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H. S. LAWRENCE,

Aoting Commissioner, Southern Division.

## Revenue Survey and Assessment.

## Bijapur.

Revision settlement of the Bagalkot, Bádámi and Hungund tálukes.

# GOVERN MENT of BOMBAY. 

Revgiug Difartarnt.<br>Resolution No. 1255.<br>Bombay Castle, 2nd February 1916.

Letter from the Commiseioner, S. D., No. 1778 dated 21st April 1915—Submitting, with his remarks, together with the letter from the Setllement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. 1056-S. S. dated 23rd January 1915, the papers specified below containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Bagalkot, Badami and Hungund talukas of the Bijápur district:-

Letter from Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Bijápur, No. C.-30\& dated 3rd November 1914.

Memorandum from the Collector of Bijapur No. C.-2338 dated 23rd December 1014.

Letter from the Colleotor of Bijapar No. C.-2338 dated 31st March 1975.
Letter from Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., Absistant Settlement Officer, Bijapur, No. C.-300 dated 3rd November 1914.

Memorandum from the Collector of Bijápur No. C.-2339 dateă 9th January 1915.
Tetter from Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Bijapurfa, No. C.-301 dated Srd November 1914.

Memorandum from the Collector of Bijapar No. C.-2337 dated 31st December 1914.

Memorandum* from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 2064 dated 7th May 1915.
Letter* from the Collector of Bijapar No. C.- 2337 dated 24th May 1915-Submitting, together with a letter* from Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., Assistant Colleotor, Bijapur, No. S.C-321 dated 10th April 1915, patitions* of objectioss received from the rayata of the Hungund, Bagalkot and Bádámi tálukas regarding the revised rates proposed for the second revision settlement.

Memorandum* from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. 1056-S.S. dated 14th June 1915.
Memorandum* from the Commissioner, S. D; No. 2748 dated 23rd Jnne 1915.
Letter* from the Collector of Bijápur No. C. 2337 dated 9th June 1915.
Memorandum* from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. 1056-S.S. dated 14th June 1915.
Memorandum* from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 2749 dated 23rd June 1315.
Resolution.-These papers contain the proposals prepared by Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., for the revision settlement of the talukas of Bágalkot, Ifungund and Bádámi in the Bijápur district.
2. There is a general unanimity among the officers who havo oriticised the proposals that they are in the main suitable and sound. It will consequently be unnecessary to examine in detail the various faots which bave been brought out in the reports. Mr. Shannon shows that tho three tálukas have prospered to a considerable extent during the currency of the expiring settlement, though this remark appligs in a higher degree to Hungund and Bagalkot than to Bádámi. Yopulation has increased notwithstanding the ravages of piague, the area of Government unocoupied land has decreased considerably, wbile the sale value of occupied land has risen threefold in bagalkot and Hungund, and to the extent of fifty per cent. in Bádámi. The statistios of rent show a high

[^0]level relatively to the assessment. One cause of anxiety and hesitation on the part of the Settlement Officer and, to a greater degree, of the Settlement Commissioner and the Commissioner, S. D., has been the fear lest the drop in the price of cotton which ocourred on the outbreak. of the war should be permanent. As the area of cotton in these tálukas is large and has considerably increased in late years, it is clear that, had the decline in prices continued, the possibility of the prosperity of these talukas being affected thereby would have had to be considered More recrnt stitistics however show that the price of cotton has risen once more to the level which has been common in recent years, and, as far as can be seen at present, it seems improbable that there will ever be a very' marked decline. Goverament therefore consider that the possivility of this contingency may be disregarded.
'3. $\mathrm{AOn}_{\mathrm{o}}^{\mathrm{q}}$ full consideration therefore of the views which have been recorded in these reports, Government are pleased to direct that the following. groups and maximum rates for dry crops siould be sanctioned :-

4. Mr. Shennon's proposals to reduce the area classed as rice land by eliminating from this category lands, which do not possess the facility for growing rice, are approved, as well as the adoption of the rate of Rs. 8 per acre. The same remarks apply to his proposals for dealing with motasthal and pátasthal lands, including the assessment to water rate for rice and patasthal lands irrigated from the Mahakuteshwar Hond at Nandikeshwar in the Bádámi taluka.
5. The reduction of the water classification in the villages of Kendur and "Párvati in the Bádámí táluka is approved.
6. The petitions of objections do not disolose any grounds which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.
7. The revised rates should be notified before the olose of the current " revenue year and they should be levied from the revenue year 1916-17. § The ; guarantee should be for 30 years.
8. The thanks of Government are due to Mr. Shannon for the care and industry with which the reports have been compilod.
G. A. THOMAS, $\therefore$

Deputy Secretary to Government.
G. R. No. 1258, R. D., dated 2nd February 1916.

To
The Commissioner, S. $\mathbf{Z}$.,
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The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,
The Director of Agriculture,
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# INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SECOND REVISION SETTLEMENT OF BAGALKOT TALUKA INCLUDING THE BILGI PETE OF THE BIJAPUR DISTRICT. 



From

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To
The COLLECTOR of BIJA'PUR.

Bijápur, 3rd November 1914.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit the report called for in Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 812 j, dated 1st September 1913, with proposals for t e Second Revision Settlement of Bágalkot Táluka.
2. Bágalkot Táluka, which may be taken to include Bilgi Petha, eontains 174 villages, 113 being in the taluka proper and 61 in the petha. (Of the former number, 83 are Government and 25 inám. The petha has 52 Governmęnt and 9 inám villages. The area of the 140 Govern ment villages is $550 \frac{1}{2}$ square miles; that of the inam is 133 square miles.) This report deals only with the Government villages as none of the Inámdár agrees to accept a Survey Nettlement. All the inam villages are surveyed save Muttat in the táluka proper.

The present Revision Settlement was made in two parts and sanctioned-
(a) as to 126 Government viilages by Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 290, dated 11th January 1884;
(b) as to 14 Government villages, forming the Galgali Samat of Bilgi Petha, by Government Resolution, Revenue Departmont, No. 7056, dated 4th September 1884.

These villages had been a part of Athni Táluka, Zilla Belgaum.
These Settlements expired on 31st July 1914, but wero extended for one year by Governınent Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 11503, dated 20th December 1913, pending these proposals.

## Position, Physical Features and Soils.

3. The petha lies to the north-west of the táluka. Both are bounded for their entire northern length by the river Krishna which separates them from Jamkhandi State, and the Bijápur, Bágewádi and Muddebihál Tálukas of this district ; on the east and the south Bágalkot is bounded by Hungund and Bádámi Tálukas, and on the west by Mudhol and Jamkhandi States. But for an arm which protrudes some distance to the north-west into Jamkhandi State, the taluka and petha together are compact and almost oblong in form. The best description of their geography and natural features is in the Distriet Gazetteer, which I quote :-
("Aspect.-To the east and north-west the valley of the Krishna is an open well-tilled black soil plain with several rich villages. This alluvial traet, broken here and there by a knoll, stretohes south till it meets either with the main range or with some outlying spur of the line of sand-stone hills, which touches on the river at a few points and is generally 4 to 5 miles distant.) This range with its spurs and intervening valleys, some alluvial others sandy; ocoupies a great part of the north-west of the sub-division as far south as bagalkot. Beyond Bágalkot a brcad alluvial plain stretches sotath as far as Sirur, and east almost to the Malaprabha, occupying with few breaks a space of nearly 14 square miles. In the north-east of the sub-division between the meeting of the Ghataprabha and Krishna and the town of Bágalkot runs west and east a range of iron-charged clay-stone hills which are more rugged, less disposed to

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run in flat-topped ranges, and much more difficuit of passage than the sand-stone hills. These clay-stone hills are much weathered and seem to have supplied one element in the mised soil which is found on the banks of the Ghataprabha.
"Soill.-South of the Ghataprabha, which above the town of Bágalkot bas a nearly due west and east course, to a narrow alluvial strip succeeds a tract where bluish clay slate alternates with alluvial land. In the north, where the Gbataprabha meets the Krishna, several islands are formed by branches of the Krishna. As it draws near the hills, the black soil of the sub-division gradually passes into red and grows poor."'

A part from the two rivers, the Krishna and its tributary the Ghataprabha, the only other perennial stream is that which passes from Kalaskop to the Ghataprabha near Kaladgi. In many places the water-supply is very bad, especially in the plain to the east and in the high valley that forms the centre of the taluka and petha. The villagers of Sirur and Benkatti-go six miles daily fur several months in every year to the Kamalgi ford for their water; those of Khajidoni and Janmatti are similarly situated in regard to the Ghataprabha, while the position at Tolmatti and Sunag is not a whit less enviable.

## Communications.

4. In the number of roads perhaps the táluka is better off now than it was 30 years ago. Two provincial roads pass within its borders. Of these, one comes in from Belgaum on the south-west and traverses its whole southern length. 'The other is the Hubli-Sholapur Road. This runs due north and south and divides the táluka into two almost equal parts. The District Local Board moreover keeps up two roads, one from Bilgi westwards, the other from Bagalkot to Beur. Of less importance are these maintained by the Taluka Local Board from Bágalkot to Bennur and to Herkal, and from Kaladgi to Mudhol and Bilgi. Of these, three are expensive to keep in good order. The last nan.ed might be abandoned but for the sentiment that attaches to Kaladgi, once a zilla. Of the provincial roads, that in the south is in very good order; it is metalled and bridged throughout. Judging from Mr. Fletcher's report, the Hubli-Sholajpur Road is generally better now than it was 30 years ago. Then it was hardly passable in heavy weather. Now if we except the six miles nearest the Krishna, which were very bad last year, the surface is very good and fit for traffic in all weathers. The Ghataprabha ford is still untouched and the traffic on this road would justify the expense of a pavement.

The Bilgi-Konnur Road is of recent construction (1908), and has deteriorated with every passing year, which is a pity, as there is almost enough tratic from Jamkhandi eastwards to justify a reasonable expenditure on its maintenance at least as far as Galgali. The Bágalkot-Beur Road is fair of its class; it is metalled but not culverted. It was constructed in 1896-97 and 1904-05.

It is not possible to over-estimate the value of these roads. They bear all the produce of the country from Lokapur on the south-west, Konnur and Mudbol in the north-west, the whole of Hungund in the east and nearly all Bádámi on the south to the market and railway at Bágalkot town. Above and beyond trade, there is a very considerable passenger traffic east and west in the absence of a railway. It will be noticed that with few exceptions all these roads converge on Bagalkot. Apart from them, the internal communications of the taluka are not good, though the rayats do not complain. The country tracks in the black soil region to the east and in the petha are impassable after rain. In other parts such tracks are stony and rough.

The Madras and Southern Mahrítta Railway, which was opened for traffic in 1884, has three stations in the táluka, at Bägalkot, Sitimani and Kadlimatti. In the absence of markets and feeder roads the utility of the two last named is almost entirely restricted to passenger traffio. I have already indicated the importance of Bágalkot Station. From it are exported the cotton, oil-seeds and wheat of four talukas of this district and some part of the Nizam's Dominions
adjoining Hungund and Muddebihal ; it receives in turn imports for distribution over the same area. It was interesting to notice the extent to which the railway is used for bazár traffic between Bágalkot and the northern parts of the taluka. There is no other mariset of any importance for those villages and certainly no other means of travelling to Bágalkot except by train, for neither roads nor country tracks worth the name are to be found north of Bennur or near the hills along which railway runs. With the construction of the railway trale routes have changed, at least in the western parts of the táluka. Produce that used to go by road down to Kumta and the coast parts now goes east to the railway at Bagalkot for transmission to Bombay or Goa.

## Markets.

5. It is curious that this táluka should have so few markets. In all only four villages appear in Appendix C, to which I might add Girsagar, an inám village with a small bazár. Of course, the great market is at the táluka headquarters. Saturday is the bazár day and the figures of the sales are put rather under a lákh of rupees by the Mámlatdár. This seems to be unduly high. It represents the total sales of the week. The most noticeable feature about Bágalkot is the briskness there every day. Bágalkot is the great market between Gadag on the south, Bijapur on the north; to the east and west it has no rivals, not at least nearer than Hubli. Its position is peouliarly fortunate; it is approached by a good system of roads. It possesses a good water-supply and a railway station. I have no doubt that if it were the head-quarters of the district, it would be as large a market as Bijápur. Of the bazárs, Kaladgi is the most considerable. In Mr. Fletcher's report its sales are put at Rs. 25,000 a week. Since then Kaladgi has ceased to be the zilla and it is sinking into all that obsourity that was presaged for it. Indeed of the merchants only one or two remain. Its cattle market was not noticed by Mr. Fletcher. It is one of the most important bazirs in the district now for this one reason: Bilgi and Galgali are unimportant as their bazars are a mere weekly meeting of the hawkers of Bágalkot. Bagalkot is the chief market for the Whole táluka; people go in by train to it from Sitimani and the villages on the Krishna. . It draws the rayats of northern Bádámi also, for it is cheaper than Guledgud. Indeed very large proportion of the groceries of Guledgud find their way to that town by road after being handled by the Bagalkot dealers first.

## Trade and Industrics.

6. I have been supplied by the Trafic Audit Department of the Madras and Southern Mahritta Railway for the exports of Bágalkot Station for two years during the present Sottlement :-

| 1805 | ... | $\ldots$ | 13,526 | tons |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1912 | ... | ... | 21,252 | $\%$ |
| Increase 64 per centh |  |  |  |  |

I regret that the Railway authorities could not give mo details for the principal commoditios handled. These figures compare very favourably with those quoted for Gadas Station by Mr. G. Monteath in his report on the recent Settlement of that tailuka. I have already stated that the other Railway stations, Sitimani and Kadlimatti, being ill-served by roads and not being near any market towns, have no trade importance.

A further proof of the expanse of trade can be obtained by a study of the income of Bigalkot Municipality. I quote figures for three periods:-

|  |  |  | Octroi. | Hoane-tax | Other. | Totar. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Re. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1884-1888 |  | $\cdots$ | 9,688 | 2,904 | 2,323 | 14,915 |
| 1897-19,1 | $\ldots$ | $\therefore$ | 13,075 | 4,593 | 6,540 | 24,208 |
| 1910-1914 | . | $\cdots$ | 17,753 | 6,926 | 16,716 | 40,395 |

I think that Bágalkot is a tolerably well-conducted municipality and its octrin figures can be accepted as representing the trade of the town. In considering these statistics it must be borne in mind that the schedules for octroi and house-tax have no doubt been revised and some fresh imposts have been levied, but these cannot explain a way the rise of 65 per cent. which has occurred between the last two periods under comparison. Plague was severe twice in the last period which is some set-off to the famine of 1900-1901. The receipts for municipal tolls are now double what they were 15 years ago.

In dealing with the trade of Bágalkot more generally I have been forced to gather my statistics as to its volume very largely from the municipal figures. I have however been able to obtain some facts of value from the railway station, tbough the classification there maintained renders their figures weil nigh useless. It is exceedingly difficult to gauge the consumption of Bágalkot town, but I understand that in 1913 rather over a lákh of maunds of cotton (cleaned) left the station for Bombay and Sholápur. I am inclined to believe that this is about the average of recent years as the toll receipts of the town, which are levied chiefly on cotton carts, have been very steady since $1: 10$, The exports of food-grains chiefly to Bellary and Sholápur reached the total of 77,000 maunds, to which wheat only contributed $2,60^{\circ}$ maunds. The oilseed exports were $7 \pm, 000$ maunds, the chief of which are linseed and sesamum. These are the chief commodities despatched to stations on for ign railways. The labour of compiling statistics for local trafic mas shirked by the Audit Department, and I have not the staff for it.

The chief imports are rice- 43,000 maunds from Bejwáda and Guntur; less than half of this is consumed in Bágalkot town, some $\quad \mathbf{6 , 0 0 0}$ maunds is forwarded to Bilgi Petha, Muddebihál and Hungund Tálukas and Mudhol State. In a similar manner sugar, jaggery, salt and groveries of all sorts are received by rail from Nippáni, Bombay and the Konkan, but re-exported by road over the area I have just mentioned.

There is no need to elaborate the point. It is perfectly obvious what a great assistance the railway as at present constructed is to the merchants of Bágalkot. They handle nearly all the trade from lingsugur to Mudhol, and not a little of Bádami. Inside their own táluka their control is nearly absolute, as only a very small portion indeed of the cotton and oil-seeds of the remote parts of Bilgi Petha are sent to Bijápur and Jamkhandi. Their capital is mainly their own. Apart from grain and cotton, they have a large interest in gold and silver, and brass pots. The silk trade is perlaps declining, as the Ilkal and Guledgud merchants have latterly dealt direct with Jangipur; formerly Bágalkot had almost a monopoly of the silk-supply to the weavers of the district. Probably the Lingáyats and Bhattiyas are the most prosperous traders in the town; the latter generally come oxly for the cotton season.

Turning to Appendix G-1, we find that there are now three gins and five presses in Bágalkot town, the oldest of which is West's Paten؛ Press, dating back to 1888. Many of the others are of recent erection. At Kaladgi also and Beur and Bilgi there are small new gins. All the pressed cotton that leaves the Bágalkot town is pressed at Bagalkot as there is no other press in the south of the district. Only a quarter to a half of the cotton is machineginned, as foot ginning is cheaper, and though the cotton so treated is worth slightly less in the market, the seed is always preferred for sowing purposes.
7. Weaving is not carried on in Bágalkot to the same extent' as in Hungund and Bádámi ; and the little that is found is of poor quality. Most of the weavers live in Bágalkot and Sirur. The looms now number 672. There were 395 at the introduction of the Settlement. Kambli looms are of greater comparative value; and in spite of restrictive forest policy, the blanket weavers are increasing, particularly in the valley of the Ghataprabha near Kaladgi where some colonies of kurabs live almost entirely by this industry.

Bágalkot geology is interesting, though it disoloses little mineral ore that is worth working. The iron industry of Janmatti is defunct. Stone quarrying is a trade that might be further exploited. There is a good sand stone near Bágalkot and at Sorkop, both near the railway. The slate of Shellikeri
and the blue slabs of Talgibal are in some request. However, the important development in this direction of recent years is the opening up of lime stone quarries just outside Bágalkot town to supply lime to the Tata Hydro-Electric works at Lonávla. Over 10,000 tons, generally in the cride stone, were despatched to the works between September 1913 and March 1914. It is, of course, only a seasonal trade though the firm which is exploiting the quarry hopes to obtain a foothold for the lime in the Bombay market.

- Population.

8. Statistics of the population are given in Appendices $\mathbf{D}$ and E. The total population of the taluka in 1881, that is rather before the present Settlement was introduced, was 96,156 . It is now by the last census 127,434 , the increase being between 32 and 33 per cent. The figures for Government villages only are-

| 1881 | ... | 81,812 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1891 | ... | 94,163 |  |  |  |
| 1901 | -** | 104,830 |  |  |  |
| 1911 | ... | 104,560 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Táluka } \\ \text { Petha }\end{array}\right.$ | ** | $\begin{aligned} & 69,008 \\ & \mathbf{3 5 , 5 5} \end{aligned}$ |

The total increase for the Government villages in the three decades is nearly 28 per cent. A curious fact of whioh I cannot offer any explanation is that while the whole taluka and petha both show increases of approximately 7 per cent. during the last 20 years, the Government villages alone seem to be 11 per cent. more populous now than they were then. It means a very severe loss in the inám villages.) Perhaps it is that some of the latter to the east of the railway line were badly affected by scarcity in 1911 at the time of the census.

The proportion of non-agricultural and agricultural classes is 27.88 and $72 \cdot 12$ per cent. The latter seems unduly high, but I have no doubt that a large number of the people who do coolie work in Bágalkot town are qlassed as agricultural population, as they often have a tiny holding in a neighbouring village. Bágalkot town itself has experienoed many vicissitudes of population. It lost heavily over the famine of 1876 and in 1881 the population stood at 12,850. Between 1881 and 1891 it made up all the leeway; no doubt the opening of the railway and the obange in the district head-quarters helped to effect this. The progress was sustained till 1901 when the population was 19,020, but plague has repeatedly taken a heavy toll and the returns of the 1911 census show a shrinkage to 17,294 . Kaladgi has lost 40 per cent. of its population since 1881 and the cause is obvious.

The incidence of the population per square mile in Government villages was 149 in 1881. This had risen in 1911 to 190. Considering the fertility of parts of the taluka, this cannot be regarded as heavy. (There is a large area of inhospitable land, and also n large proportion of inam Iand, which militates sgainst good cultivation and expansion of the population.)

## Births and Deaths.

9. Vital statistics for the ten years ending 1913 are shown in Appendix G. The average number of births is 3,395 and of deaths 2,841 . Only once in 1904 does the tital of the latter exceed that of the former. The most remarkable feature of this particular appendix is the great rise in the number of births in the elovi g years of the decade. Plague was bad from 1902 to 1905 . Immediately it is alsent there is nothing short of a bound in the number of births, the increase being a round thousand, a figure which is maintained or even exceeded. The plague figures are worth quoting. The total loss to date is 9,498 for Governuent villages, taluka and petha together, of which Bagalkot town is responsible for 4,219 . Down to the census of 1911 the figures were only 3,439 or 3 per cent. for the taluka and petha (Government villages) and 2,949 or 13.5 per cent. for Bagalkot town on the 1901 census. From a long acquaintance with the district I have no hesitation in saying that the people of Bagalkot have
only themselves to thank for much of their heavy losses. Not only do they turn a deaf ear to reasonings and exhortations on the value and efficacy of inoculation, but the silk spinners, Mussalmáns and lower classes of Hindus, who live in the Jain Peth and near the Katgar Agashi, are peouliarly obstinate and refuse to leave their infected dwellinge. The average number of deaths from all causes is the .lowest in the southern part of the district, though the population is the largest.

## Education.

10. Appendix H received from the Deputy Educational Inspeotor gives the details for schools, in which those in inám villages are included. It shows a total of 48 schools for boys and 6 for girls maintained by the District Local Board, which have average daily attendance of 1,787 and 136 pupils. The Municipality of Bágalkot has also four boys' and one girls' schools with 835 and 120 pupils daily present. Private schools number 24 with 558 pupils. Any comparison with the position in 1884 is vitiated by the fact that Mr. Fletcher's figures only include 128 villages. But it seems pretty plain that there has been a large increase at least in the number of Government schools. The number of private schools has slightly contracted, though the attendance has undoubtedly risen.

Appendix $E$ shows that the percentage of the total population that can read or is learning to do so is 5.01 , which compares very indifferently with Mr. Fletcher's figure, 6.9. It ought to be noted that the latter was based on enquiries of the Revenue Survey and whether the standard then accepted was lower than that set for the Imperial Census seems open to question, for the number of pupils in the District Local Board schools has risen out of all proportion to the increase in population. The numbers in Bágalkot munioipal schools include 174 boys at the English school which teaches up to the 6th Standard.

## Rainfall and Orops.

11. The climate of Bágalkot is the best in the district. It is the coolest taluka in the hot weather and free from fever at all times. There are two rain gauges, one at Bágalkot and the cther at Bilgi, and the amounts measured at these two stations for the past 28 years, are detailed in Appendix A. It will be seen that Bágalkot has, an average fall of $22 \cdot 14$ inches, while Bilgi gets a trifle more. Nearly half this comes during the north-east monsoon. The kharif monsoon is only expected to yield 6 . inches. The remarks of Sir George Wingate are well worth quoting: "The hills approach the Ghataprabha much more closely than they do the Krishna and it is probably due to this circumstance and to its position on the south or monsoon side of the range that the valley of the former river receives a better supply of rain than that of the latter situated to the north of the hills. The extended plains of deep fertile soil along the banks of the Krishna have unfortunately a very precarious climate and the crops there are very liable to suffer from defioiency of rain, though not, I think, to the same extent in this táluka as in some of the villages of the Athni District situated higher up the river.
"A great portion of the land of this táluka is poor. In the valley of the Ghataprabha the Bágalkot and Kaladgi plains contain a large proportion of black soil of a quantity well suited to the climate as it requires but little rain. (A great deal of the black soil in the plain of the Krishna on the other hand is of the compact indurated variety termed 'karal' and requires abundant rain for the full development of its productive powers.) It seldom receives a suflicient supply and the crops upon it are in consequence much more liable to failure than those raised on the more easily saturated black lands of the Ghataprabha. With the exception of the plains of the Krishna and Ghataprabla there is little good land in the district. The soil of the whole central part sloping from the chain of hills separating the valleys of these rivers and also that of the villages along the Badámi border is poor and stony." I might add that though Bilgi can boast a slightly heavier average rainfall than Bagalkot, for the last ten years the petha has been most unfortunate, and once or twice when the monsoon was good, promising crops were spoilt by a withering east wind in the cold
weather. (The Krishna valley soil is richer than that of the Ghataprabha and the potential crops of the petha are therefore more valuable, but the potentiality very rarely materialises, and the petha is actually the poorest part dealt with in this report.)

As in Hungund, the rabi orops are in excess of the kharif ; the black soil is capable of hearing either in a ncrmal season. But in view of the great value of the late crops and the heavier rainfall towards the eud of the monsoon, nearly two-thirds of the taluka is sown with late crops. The details of the land under various orops in percentages on the gross oropped area are given in the subjoined table. They are inclusive of inám land and inám villages, and refer to the five years 1908-09 to 1912-13:-

|  |  | Kbaris |  | Rabi. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jowári | -.. | $\ldots$ | 21-38 | 30.12 |
| Bajri | ... | $\cdots$ | 4.75 | - |
| Wheat | ... | .. | ... | $4 \cdot 35$ |
| Coarse grain | - | ... | 0.96 | ... |
| Pulses | ... | - | 7.03 | 1.29 |
| Oil-seeds | ... | $\cdots$ | 0.62 | $2 \cdot 30$ |
| Cotton | ** | ... | $\cdots$ | 25.34 |
|  |  | ... | 84.74 | 6¢ $\times 0$ |

Such statistics form Appendix B. The Director of Agriculture very kindly supplied me with similar figures for a period of five years at the beginning of the Settlement. There is nothing very egregious in a comparison of the two periods save a fall of 2,300 acres in the area under wheat and a. large increase of nearly 15,000 acres ( 24 per cent.) in the cotton field. Though the total oropped area is now 6,700 acres larger than it was at the end of the eighties, the areas of jowari-and bajri are absolutely stationary, so too is that of the pulses, though the areas under the various members of the group exhibit slight changes. Oilseeds show what is for them a considerable deerease which falls mostly on castor and safllower; the latter, of course, is due to the shrinkage of the wheat field. So the irresistible conclusion here, as in the other two talukas on whioh I am reporting, is that cotton has to some extent ousted jowari and wheat from the better soils. The newly occupied land is nearly all of poor quality as the average assessment on the 14,000 aores land in Government villages lying waste in $1884-85$ was only $4 \frac{1}{2}$ annas per acre, while the 2,000 aores now waste bear an average assessment of $3 \frac{1}{2}$ annas. Cotton, of course, will not grow in such land as this.


#### Abstract

The rotations are quite normal. (As a rule, the red soils are manured every year and grow bájri or more generally klarif jowári year after year, Black soils take cotton and jowari in alternate years, and manure is never used before a cotton orop. Tur and matki are grown in rows in the kharif jowari or bajci, while gram at times finds a place among the wheat, but is generally sown separate. Of oil-seeds, linseed is rather commoner than safflower, but neither is more than a row crop, generally with wheat or rabi jowari. sir George Wingate was unfavourably impressed with the husbandry of Bágalkot, holding it inferior, generally speaking, to that of Bádámi : "(In a few populous villages," he writes, "ohiefly in the neighbourhood of Bagallot, the fields are clean and well kept : but generally and especially in the valley of the Krishna they are very much the reverse. Many of the rayats in tuese parts employ their cattle during the fair season in conveying produce for hire from one part of the country to another, and I am inelined to attribute in part to this practice the neglected condition of many of the tields.") The construction of a railway has done muoh to reduce the amount of carting, but there is atill quite a noticeable


traffic in sugar, ohillies and tobacco from Nippáni aoross country through Bilgi to Bácalkot. The keenness of the demand for carts at Bagalkot can be gathered from the fact that a cart from Bagalkot to Hungund costs Rs, 5 in the busy times of year, while from Hungund to Bágalkot the hire is only Rs. 4. (Agriculture has however improved and even the inám lands on the Krishna hank are now being weeded. The lands are cleanest in the black soil to the east of Bágalkot ; the most slovenly parts are beyond Kaladgi and around Bilgi.)

## Agricultural Stock.

12. Appendix $\mathbf{F}$ gives the details of the agricultural stock for the táluka and petha separately. A special cattle census was held last November for this report. In the absence of the villages in the Galgali Samat, from the reports submitted by Mr. Fletcher it is best to effect a comparison with the totals given in Taluka Form No. 34 for 1886-87, the year of its introduction :-

|  |  |  | Táluks proper. |  | Petha Bigi. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Fercentage. |  | Percentage. |  |
|  |  |  | Increase. | Decrease. | Increase. | Vecreaso. |
| Plough cattle |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 5 \cdot 57 \\ 58 \cdot 49 \end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | $5 \cdot 82$$1,157 \cdot 14$ | $\cdots$ |
| Cattle for breeding | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Pack and other cattle | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $29 \cdot 49$5.07 | ... | 34.557.19 |
| Cows | ... | $\ldots$ |  |  |  |  |
| She-buffaloes | $\cdots$ | ... | 41.06 | 2161 | 57716 | 40.91 |
| Cow calves | ... | $\cdots$ | ... |  | $\stackrel{\dddot{27}}{40}$ |  |
| Buffalo calves | $\because$ | $\ldots$ |  | $33 \cdot 56$34.07 |  | $\cdots 356$ |
| Horses | $\because$. | ... | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots 1071$ |  |
| Donkeys | ... | $\cdots$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \cdot 65 \\ & 53.63 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\dddot{42} 08$12.77 |
| Sheep | ... | ... | $\cdots$ |  | ... |  |
| Goats | $\ldots$ | ... | $8 \cdot 04$ | $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4.80 \\ 20.87 \end{array}$ |  |
| Small ploughs | $\cdots$ | ... | $\begin{array}{r} 10.55 \\ 134.08 \end{array}$ | $\ldots$ |  |  |
| Farm carts | ... | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |

From this table, which refers to Government villages only, it will he seen that plough cattle show a slight increase. If the inám land situated in Government villages be included, the area of occupied land to be worked by each pair of cattle for the taluka and petha together works out at the high rate of $45 \cdot 9$ acres. From the Statistical Atlas of 1906 the area cropped for each pair of cattle in 1901 was only 34.3 . The wide inám lands of the petha are not always cultivated by cattle stabled in Government villages and so the real incidence is lower than that I have indicated. Moreover, the plough cattle of the whole táluka then (1901) were fewer than they now are. The number kept for breeding shows a large increase, particularly in the petba, where in 1886 there were only 21 such animals, if the return be at all trustworthy. Pack cattle show a decline which is only natural after the construction of the railway. Neither in taluka nor petha is the loss of cows very severe, and is more than balanced by a large increase in the number of the more valuable and more profitable she-buffaloes. (Some of the villages on the Krishna bank west of Sitimani enjoy a good reputation for the excellence of this class of cattle; The deficit in young stock, to which the young buffaloes in Bilgi alone are an exception, is unwarranted in the light of statistios for the full-grown cattle. However, there is not much land available or suited to the rearing of young stock in the táluka or petha. The hills are particularly bare of vegetation and there is a large area of bluck soil.

The worst feature about the table of increases and decreases is the great loss of sheep. These have steadily declined for a long time past. In 1886 they numbered 20,083 in the Government villages, 15,638 .in 1894-95, and now there are only $\mathbf{1 0 , 1 6 0}$. The causes contributory to this decline are those
which are mentioned in the report on Bádámi-an increasing keenness in agriculture, which will not tolerate trespass among the crops, and exclusion from the forests. Under the reclassification of the forest in 1907 the pasture area available for goats and sheep was reduced from 37,987 acres to 9,220 . acres. Besides this there has been an increase of the cultivated area of 6,700 acres, while the forest of one sort or another has absorbed nearly 5,700 acres in 1885. The chief loss to the táluka lies in manure and wool and the skins, though it is curious to note that the kambli-weaving industry is gaining ground in the villages near Kaladgi.

The rise in small ploughs is not very great, and in the petha the rayats must find the shortage an inconvenience. In some villages on the Krishna bank it is a wonder that the lands are ploughed in time, and yet there is an abundance of bábul on the river banks. The old large plough for four or more bullocks is fast disappearing and the few left are generally to be found on the banks of the Krishna. Everywhere else the soil when once broken up can be kept clean with a lighter implement. The increase in carts is particularly noticeable in the táluka which must have heen very badly off in this particular in 1886-87. The petha at that time had 200 more carts than the táluka and so such a large rise was not to be expected.

To summarise the position, the present state of the agricultural stock of the taluka and petha compares not altogether unfavourably with that of 1886-87. The returns, however, of 1894-9a show rather a less pleasant picture. In that year the stock in the district were at their highest, when the effects of the great famine were well obliterated and the "ragi famine" (1896-97) and plague were still to cone. Since 1894 plough cattle and cows have fallen by over 2,200 each. Their young stook then totalled 17,866; now they muster 9,547. Goats are lower now than then and small ploughs have declined by over 1,600 . For some reason the she-buffaloes at that time were very low indeed, and were actually less than in 1886-87. They alone show a great rise in the past 20 years.

## Occupants and Tenants.

13. In Appendix I will be found the usual details of cultivation by tenanls and occupants. The figures for this and the other tálukas are based on the Record-of-Rights and are I think pretty accurate. I have not separated the taluka and petha. If there is any difference between the two, it is that the latter has a larger proportion of inám than the táluka. (The percentages of land cultivated under different conditions is shown below :-
$L$
4.-Government Land.

This has only one striking feature: the amount of land held in partnership by occupants or Inámdărs and another person is very large. Only in the Navalgund report is so high a figure to be found. I cannot explain it, but would note that a great deal of land has apparently passed to this oategory in the last 30 years, or else we now for the first time know of it as these figures are based on the Record-of-Rights. (Tuat so small a portion of the inám land is cultivated in person is due to the very large ares of the Deshgit estate in

Bilgi Petha. (Be it said to the credit of the Desais that at least two of them to my knowledge possess some of the best plough cattle in the petha, but their estates are too large by far and too scattered to be cultivated by their servants only. Cash rents for inam lands show a decline by no less than 9 per cent. most of whioh has been transferred to the lands held in partnership by the Vatandár and others. Probably the recent investigation into the holders of the Girsagar Deshgat lands will account for this change.

## Water-supply.

14. The information supplied by the Director of Agriculture about the various sources of water-supply is given in Appendix J. It refers to the whole of the táluka, and shows an increase of 112 per cent. in the number of wells, chiefly kachha, for irrigation, but it would not take much to obtain this result as Bágalkot has less garden than either Bádámi or Hungund. Drinking water wells, whether pakka or kachha, show very little increase. Much has been done to improve the facilities, both in the shape of wells and tanks, for watering and washing eattle in the period to which the statistics in Appendix $\mathbf{J}$ refer (1886-1912).

Irrigation from tanks is unknown in Bágalkot. The táluka contains two big tanks, Muchkhandi and Sirur. The former was constructed at considerable expense in the early eighties and was abandoned as it has silted up. The channels are just traceable in the fields near Bégalkot. Sirur tank is in total disrepair. Another tank at Kalaskop was, undertaken as a famine work in recent years, but never completed. (In the villages away from the rivers the drinking water-supply in Bágalkot is peculiarly bad, and 1 do not think that any one whose duty it was to improve it bas ever realised the fact in time to do so before receiving orders of transfer. The eastern plateau is badly off, as wells are deep and the rock is often hard trap, which is not water-bearing. In the centre of the táluka is a stretch from Tolmatti to Janmatti without a single well.) This includes several large and fertile villages in which there is no alternative, when the water in the Subedar tank dries up, but to go to the river Ghataprabha, for apparently the villages are situated in what was once the bed of a lake or inland sea, and there is a layer of black soil of impenetrable depth imposed upon a waterless trough of hard red muram.

## Orop Experiments.

15. I much regret that not a single crop experiment in this taluka is traceable for the last 122 years or more. So far as I could see from the printed records published by the Agricultural Department only one experiment was made about 12 years ago, but it was not accepted by the Director of those days. Any comment on the incidence of the assessment on the net or gross yield of the crop is deferred to paragraph 24.

## Prices.

16. In Appendix $\mathbf{N}$ will be found the prices for the more important grains at Bágalkot and Bilgi from the year 1851 to 1913, with that hiatus from 1882 to 1858 which is common to all my reports. Up to 1882 I have taken the figures from the earlier report by Mr. Fletcher; those for the more recent years have been supplied by the Director of Agriculture. The hiatus I regret, but I have been unable to make it good, and the period is one of great importance for this report. Mr. Fletcher, however, has given the prices upon which his proposals are based and so comparison is possible. It will be seen generally that the further back that we go the greater is the divergence between prices at Bilgi and Bágalkot. Fortunately these differences are now so old that no explanation seems necessary. The prices for the past seven years have been remarkably uniform if we make the necessary allowance for freight. Nowadays Bilgi prices are unimportant, and are only a reflection of those prevailing at the larger market on the railway.

It is unnecessary to give more than a summary of Appendix $N$ here: As in other reports, years of abnormal prices are omitted except in the case of cotton. I quote, for Bágalkot only, the price per rupee in seers of $\mathbf{8 0}$ tolas :-

|  |  |  | Jowéri. | Bajri. | Whest. | Gram. | Dal. | Bice. | Linseed. | Saf. <br> flower. | Cotton. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1871-1882 | ... | ... | $25 \cdot 10$ | 23.10 | 15.00 | 14.00 |  | $9 \cdot 12$ |  |  |  |
| 1888-1896 | $\ldots$ |  | 24.8 | 21.8 | 16.9 | $18: 10$ | $10^{\prime} 13$ | $10 \cdot 7$ | $8 \cdot 6$ | 18.1 | 8-14 |
| 1897-1905 | $\ldots$ | ... | 21.4 | 193. | $13 \cdot 1$ | 12.12 | $9 \cdot 1$ | $10 \cdot 1$ | $8 \cdot 9$ | 17.13 | $7 \cdot 6$ |
| 1906-1913 | ** | - | 14.02 | 14.8 | 8.14 | 10.9 | $8 \cdot 9$ | 7.15 | 6.8 | $10 \cdot 15$ | $5 \cdot 9$ |
| Percontage rise between 18711881 and i906-1913 |  |  | 44.88 | $38 \cdot 62$ | 47.5 | 24.55. | - $\cdot$ | 18.59 | - $\cdot$ | ... | * |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percentaga rise between 18881889 and 1906-1913 |  |  | 37 | 323 | 461 | 224. | 234 | 24 | 301 | 391 | 37 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Being unable to get the figures for the few years immediately prior to the opening of the railway, it is impossible for me to gauge its effect upon prices at once, but it does not seem to have made jowari and bajri so very much dearer at once. Writing in 1883 Mr . Fletcher states that the country was passing through a period of exceedingly low prices, and it will be noted that wheat and rice at least continued to be cheaper even in 1885-1896 than in the closing years of the original Settlement. The middle two lines of the tabular statement given above shows that here, as in the other talukas under report, a great change came over prices in 1906, and though Bágalkot had two good seasons in 1909-10 and 1910-11, the fall in prices was not such as might have been anticipated.
17. The price of cotton, which is quoted in Appendix $N$, is one that is strange to any one who has served in the Karnátak, where cotton is seldom sold with the seed and the general quotation is for cleaned cotton. I am not able to get prices for the period previous to 1883 for the taluka. I have to make an approximation of those given in the secoad revision report upon Navalgund (Selection CCCCLXXII, New Series). From them I gather that, as a rule, at Naval_und the price of cotton with seed is generally about three annas better for a maund of 28 pounds than it is at Bagalkot. Judged by that standard, there has been a rise of 92 per cent. between the average prices prevailing from 1874-75 to 1883-84 and those prevailing for ten years from 1903 at Bágalkot. I do not claim any accuracy for this figure, but coupled with the rise of $37 \frac{1}{8}$ per cent., which is based on the Direetor of Agriculture's statistics, the inference is that cotton is far more valuable than it was. The rayats themselves admit that its price has doubled. The local unit-24! pounds of clean cotton-used to sell at Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 ; now for some years past it has averaged to Rs. 80. It has been as high as Rs. 112. It is to be regretted that no reliable information was available among the various local dealers. The big firms like Messrs. Ralli Brothers did not open an agency at Bágalkot till 15 years ago. Enquiry in Bijajpur was also fruitless. There was no reconoiling the prices obtained here and those given by the Director of Agriculture.
18. A comparison of the increases which have occurred since 1888 in all the tálukas of the Southern Division will show that that at Bágalkot is the least of the three. Prices always have been rather higher there than elsewhere, and now that the railway tends to bring them all to a level, the other talukas show greater percentage increases. However, that at Bágalkot is sufficient to justify an enhancement of the assessment. The sssessment in all thess talukas is largely paid out of the ootton and wheat. Indeed I know by experience as Práut Offieer that in Hungund it was almost an understood thing that whatever else was sold to realise the assessment, no tagai ever was paid till the cotton was disposed of in May. In bágalkot the position is not dissimilar. Of course, a rise in the price of bajjri and jowari is not of much use to the rayat. These are no more sustaining when their price is 12 seers for a rupee than when it is 24. It only means that so much less has to be sold to bring in that sam which is needed to pay the assessment. It is to wheat and cotton that the
rayats look for ready money. These have both increased greatly in value, and if the area under wheat kas slrunk, that under cotton has greatly expanded.

## Wages.

19. 'The Mámlatdár of Bágalkot and the Mahálkari of Bilgi have supplied me with tables of daily wages for their respective charges. Both might be oalled sketchy. The táluka list begins in 1885 and omits 1903-1907, while that for the petha only goes back to 1892. Skilled labour is not quoted for Bilgi. In Bágalkot the skilled artizan has had an uneven wage. The years 1888-1890-91 saw him earning annas 10 a day, and though annas 12 is quoted for 1894 and 1895 , as a general rule the skilled artizan rarely earned more than annas 8 a day till 1911, when his worth suddenly adyanced to annas 12. Ordinary labour has been at 4 or 3 annas all the time if we except the famine of 1901-02. Agricultural labour is now 3 annas. It has been higher, noticeably in 1894 when it went to 4 annas. It fell to 2 annas or thereabouts in $1897-58$ for five years. Uf course, Bágalkot town has a large demand for labour, possibly in excess of the supply. In the coiton season wages, especially for men, run very high in the gins up to annas 6 a day. It would seem, too, that in the villages round Bágalkot it is very difficult to get field labourers. As better wages are obtainable in the large town, the agricultural labourer will do one or at best two hours' work in the fields and then go to Bágalkot. What I have said about the increased wages now demanded by a farm servant in Hungund is equally true of this táluka. He has now to be paid double what he earned before the "ragi famine" of 1896-97. Enquiry into the position of labourers showed that men now often preferred to have no land at all to having only a small holding insufficient to support his family. As a labourer he is free to go wherever wages are best; but if he has land heifeels that it is a tie or even a hindrance.

## Revenue History.

20. The revenue history of the táluka and petha which is given in Appendices $\mathbf{O}$ and $0-1$ is quite satisfactory. The total occupied area has increased by 11,308 acres or $7 \cdot 30$ per cent. and the revenue by Rs. 4,068 .

It will be seen that though no remission on the introduction of the new rates was granted to the 14, villages of the petha which were settled along with Athni Taluka, in the other villages a sum over Rs. 32,400 was remitted on this account, being $1 \frac{8}{4}$ annas of every rupee of the revised assessment. This was spread over the first tiree years of the Settlement. For some 12 years there were no outstandings worth mention, but since 1897 the story is different. The total arrears appear to be Ris. 87,917-6-6 of which Rs. 25,000 are in respect of the famine year 1901, while Rs. 36,200 was suspended in 1908-09 and nearly every rupee of it was subsequently collected.

Apart from the remissions granted for the first three years of the Settlement, the total sum remitted for sundry reasons amounts to Rs. 71,416-12-9. Of this no less than Rs. 68,145 are in respect of two admittedly bad years, 1902 and 1906, the former year accounting for just over half a lákh of rupees and the latter for Rs. 17,746. Otherwise the remissions since 1906 have been quite trivial. I do not pretend to be able to explain the fact that half a lákh is finally remitted in respect of the year 1902 when the outstandings for that year are under Rs. 1,100, unless the remissions were granted at once. A new Form $O$ is on the anvil and perhaps it will be possible for Settlement Offeers in future to represent the actual position at the close of each year with greater accuracy. The famines have only caused very slight and passing checks to the extension of the land coming under occupation. We find that in 1906 about 300 acres and in 1900 about 200 aores were thrown up. All this and more has since been taken up and the ocoupied area is now higher than it ever was before. In Appendix Q-1 the waste area is given as 1,991 acres bearing an assessment of Rs. 429, or rather under 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas an acre, which means it is barely worth cultivation. Some of it lies in the villages along the hills that run from Bágalkot north to the Krishna river, but by far the largest expanse, measuring 482 acres, is at Sirur in the south-east corner of the táluka, and it is very poor soil indeed.

The Mámlatdár reports that during the last five years no land has been forfeited in the taluka or petha, nor has any fine under section 148 of the Land Revenue Code been inflicted. Notices only number 161 during that period, though no information was available for the year 1910-11. 'I'his, of course, means that the present assessment is collected with extraordinary ease, and indeed it is. With the modern suspension rules, we have arrears always with us, but never in Bágalkot are they of any importance. Any trouble that ever occurs is, as a rule, out in the far north-west of the petha or else round Beur, though in the latter case it is not from inability so much as from a hope that the price of cotton will rise.
21. The tagái indebtedness of the táluka on July 31st, 1913, was Rs. 50,939 , and the yearly demand is Rs. 16,961, which means that there is not much pressure on the rayats in this quarter. During the four years 1908-09 to 1912-13 only lis. 552 principal and Rs. 201 interest were remitted out of the tagai advances, a large portion of which was due to a resettlement of the accounts.

## Values of Land.

22. In Appendices $K, L$ and $M$ is information about the values of land. Appendix $K$ refers to sales, Appendix L to simple mortgages and Appendix M to leases. They are only concerned with dry, crop-lands as there is no pátasthal garden or rice worth mention in the taluka. As in other reports, the statistios cover three periods, 1888-1892, 1898 to 1902 and 1909 to 1913. The information for the first two periods was supplied by the District Registration Office, that for the last I gathered in the villages from the Record-of-Rights. The leases for the last period belong exclusively to the year 1913-14 as they alone - were everywhere available. Making the táluka and the petha together, the following table shows the changes that have occurred in the value of land as evidenced by the three classes of transactions named above during the period of the present Settlement:-

|  | 1888-1892. |  | 1898-1902, |  | 1809-1918. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rato } \\ \text { per acre } \end{gathered}$ | Ratio of assessment to pale or lease value. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rate } \\ & \text { par acre. } \end{aligned}$ | Ratio of asse8sment lease value. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rate } \\ \text { per acre. } \end{gathered}$ | Ratio of assubsment is male or lease value |
|  | Rs. |  | Rs. |  | Rs. |  |
| Sales | 19.02 | 3.90 | 29.66 | $2 \cdot 42$ | 53.83 | 1.23 |
| Simple mortgages... | 14.62 | 5.55 | $20 \cdot 68$ | 3.77 | 30.42 | 2.51 |
| Lease9 | 280 | 30.62 | $3 \cdot 39$ | 25.58 | $5 \cdot 30$ | $14 \cdot 89$ |

This shows that the sale value of lands has nearly trebled, that twice the anount of money can be raised now by way of simple mortgage, that the rental value has marly doubled, and that the assessment now absorbs only a half as much as it formerly took out of the rent. In his report Mr. Fletcher gave mine sales for the years 1878 to 1882 . These gave an average value of Ks. ti 8 , pr acre, or just one-eighth of what it now is. But there ean be no comparis'n of the values as then the country was just recovering from the great fimine. I am discarding possessory mortgages altogethor as atiording evidener of the value of land in this report, so I need not quote Mr. Fletcher's valuation on this point. His list of leases refers almost in its entirety to inam lavds, and so is uniortunately useless.
23. T'o show how far this increase in value has been shared hy all parts of the taduka and petha, it will be necessary to allot the sales and leases to the groups of the existing Settlement. These groups are shown in map A, to which referenoe is solicited.


Dealing with sales first, it will he seen that during the last 30 years the agricultural land of Bágalkot town is worth nearly four times as much as it origiually was. The increase in value in the immediate environs of Bágalkot is almost equally large. In the valley of the Ghataprabha (group. III) it is also very marked, being as high as 242 per cent. The price given per acre in 1888 seems to be curiously low, while that for the present day is strictly normal or perhaps lower than one might expect from the data for the rest of the táluka. In the other groups the increases are very considerable though not so great as those already mentioned. In the upper part of Krishna valley (group V) land has increased in value by 143 per cent., while in group IV, the high ridge which forms the centre of the taluka, sale-prices are now $12 y$ per cent. better than formerly. As in other tálukas, I endeavoured only to choose those sales which were admittedly genuine, and at the same time avoided extremes, though it was difficult to find many instances in which a considerable parcel of land, was sold for a really low figure. This, of course, narrowed the range of prices, but it has increased the value of the statistics. It was impossible to adopt this course for the information supplied by the District Registrar. It is surpising to find how very little land has been sold in or near. Bagalkot in recent years. There is less of the conditional sale than would he expected, while the purchasers in outright sales were usually big sávkárs who paid long prices for good lands. This is a clear indication that even men of the capitalist class regard land as a sound investment. The ordinary eultivator never has a chance of buying land near Bágalkot. But all over the táluka and petha land is worth a great deal more tban it is in Hungund or the best parts of Bádámi. The very rapid rise in the concluding years of the present Settlement is to be noted. It is true that the second quinuuennivm was a period of famine, and the rate of increase was naturally retarded. Appendix $N$ will show, too, that the rise in the price of all grain and oil-seed and cotton has been far greater since 1906 than it was befcre that year.

C24. In regard to leases the most prominent features are the levelness in the value per acre throughout the five groups and the evenness in the share of the rent that is necessary to pay the a sessment. The fourth sroup in the taluka has the lowest rental value, which is due to the fact that it has a large proportion of hills and poor red suil, while the agriculture in sume villages of this group out in the west is far from good. The assessment bears a very low proportion to the rent in all groups save the first. In Eagalkot rents are not as high as would be expected from the saleprice of lands, while (in many other parts, noticeably near Kaladgi and in some villages of the Rrishna valley, the rents seemed unduly heavy- ihe explanation given by the ray ats seems to be sound. In Bagalsot ihere is ample oppottunity for a mau to carn his living ly other means than farming land and the demand for labour, siilled or uiskilled, is so constant and the wages so good that men whose own holding is not sufficient for their main-]

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tenance prefer to eke it out with work of sorts to taking land on lease from others. There is a large area of inám land in Bagalkot muoh of which belongs to priestly Brahmins, a non-cultivating class. This factor tends to lower the rent also of all agricultural land in the town. The cultivating olasses can obtain as much as they want to cultivate; there is no competition for fields to drive them into offering high rents. If he cannot obtain the lease of land on terms that are quite safe and remunerative to himself, a rayat will work for daily wages in preference to accepting the responsibility of a high rent, which may not be forthcoming if prices fall or the monsoon is , unfavourable. On the contrary, in the agricultural parts the very high rents are oooasioned by the high prices of wheat and outton and also by a competition among the rayats. Agriculture is their only occupation and when a man's own lands are inadequate he has to take up land on lease, and it is not uncommon for the owners virtually to auction the right of oultivation, There vere the same caroptatints that men bad been ruined by these leases, but there were no signs that rents are declining. It seems therefore desirable to remember the rents immediately around Bágalkot in any endeavour to ascertain the true yield of lands. There are no factors such as a malarious climate or bad roads to hindar cultivation at the taluka head-quarters. There is no dearth of manure, nor would the municipal tolls and cesses be sufficient oause for the high incidence of the assessment on the rent. The maximum rate for dry-orop land is 4 anoas higher at Bágalkot than anywhere else. This and the disinclination of the cultivators to take up lands at competitive rates are the reasons why the assessment takes nearly quarter of the rent in Bagalkot, when it is about oneseventh elsewhere.
.25. It will be seen that I have omitted any reference to torvattis or non-possessory mortgages from the tabular statement given at the top of paragraph 23. These deeds are very curiously distributed over this district. They were rare in Bádámi, very rare indeed in Hungund, but much commoner in Bágalkot, or to be more accurate in certain definite parts of Bágalkot. In Appendix Lexamples are given from all parts of the táluka, but out in the eastern part and round Kaladgi there seomed to be numbers of such documents. Chitkinkop and Devlapur in the east were particularly over-burdened with this form of encumbrance. (There is one particular sávtár in Bágalkot who advances money in these villages. It is generally a complicated transaction, which began years ago with a casual losa of a small sum, but compound interest at a high rate has increased this to a large figure. In some of those eastern villages this was almost the sole form of debt.) I hive not given these mortgages a place in the above tabular statement first as the amount which is advanoed per sare on land in the different groups shows almost insignificant variations. In the second place the transactions took too much probing. Many were ancestral heirlooms and the present debtors were not sure of dates of former loans.
26. Civil Court sales I have omitted for reasons fully set out in my other reports. Mortgages with possession are also eliminated from Appundix $L$ as sugh deeds have been killed by the Deccan Agricultural Relief Act. Nowadays in its place has sprung up the "Vishvas Kharidi". This I have endeavoured to exclude from Appendix $K$ by rejeoting all sales that were not adnittedly absoluie. In the Reoord-of-Rights there is such an abundance of materials at hand, and the polioy of rejection lightened the task of selection. The "Vishvas Klaridi " itself is incapable of furnishing any evidence of the valie of land. It is humanly speaking impossible to get to the bottom of a number of trausactions sufficient to classify in any way. Their past history will not stiad scrutiny or elsè is too bewildering. In any case the differonces in the conditions attached to the deeds are an obstacle to compiling them so as to form an appendix. It is almost justifiable to reoall in this connection that near Bigalkot rayats do not regard these conditional sales as sales at all. When asked if they have sold land, they reply elliptically...... "but there was an orsi agreement", the sale-deed being of no consequence whatever ia their chinion.

The incidence of the assessment upon the gross yield still calls for comment. It is impossible to estimate this with any accuracy. In cases where the rent is paid in'kind the assessment was not a heavy item in the expenses of cultivation. (In the case of cash rents it is extraordinarily diffioult to ascertain what the cultivator hoped to obtain for himself. The general answer would show that he would be satisfied with the fodder on a jowári crop and enough grain to pay for his actual labour. In the case of a cotton or wheat crop he looked for his labour and a little more. I cannot believe this. The risk involved is too great if, such allegations areat all true. Last year was not a good year for the rayats, but they all had something over when the rents were paid. I do not think that the assessment ever takes more than 5 to 10 per cent. of the gross crop when there is a normal harvest. If we halve the incidence of the assessment upon the rent and take the result (i. e., $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.) as its incidence upon the gross yield, (we are met by the objection that the rayat may be giving up a great deal more than half the crop to the owner which is quite possible; probably he does not give so much more that the assessment would work out at one-tenth of the total yield. In cash rents the rayat studiously under-values his crops. He will omit the row crops and the kadba as part of the entire yield. The clearest indication to the comparative lightness of the assessment is obtained from the readiness with which rayat will pay a large sum of cash in addition to half the orop as rent of a field.

## The Current Settlement.

27. In the first of the maps appended to this report the present groupingand rates are given. Here, as elsewhere in the Karnatak, the system of partial remeasurement and reclassification was employed. It needs no description here. I have summarised it in my report on Bádámi Táluka, while the whole subject has been set out by Mr. Fletcher in paragraphs 2-5 of his report on this tájuka.

The general considerations upon which the present grouping`and rates were based were the communications and accessibility to the railway. Climate, too, seems to have been noticed, but only slightly. Some slight changes are necessary, but there is no doubt that the present grouping is far better than. that which had preceded it.

On my tour I did not come across much complaint about the classification, save the well-known objection on the score of "karal". But this was seemingly advanced as an argument against any enhancement of the assessment, rather than as a plea that any particular field or group of fields were over-rated.

## Summary.

28. As in my other reports, I think it will be useful to summarise the information so far set out and thereafter to indicate what changes are desirable in the groups and to propose new rates.

The railway had just been opened when the new Settlement was introduced, and the rates were framed in anticipation of increased prosperity on this account. I have tried to show from railway and municipal statistics how greatly the trade of Bágalkot has benefitted. The exports to foreign railways have risen by 64 per cent., while the town octroi has nearly doubled. Communications, which are not so good as they should be, have been greatly improved. The number of feeder roads leading into Bagalkot is very creditable. The population has risen by 28 per cent. in spite of plague, and though daily wages show no real improvement, agricultural labourr'rs are scarce and demand much higher remuneration than formerly. Any increase in wages is, of course, at its best a twó-edged argument, as it not only iudicates that the labourer thinks that he is entitled to a greater share of the prolits, : but also that the cost of living is greater. Industries are doing well. The nesvers perhaps earn no more, but the number of looms has nearly doubled. The gins of Bágalkot town are an entirely new feature and it only needs.
a little enterprise on the part of the Manicipality to develope trade and industries still further in this direction. There has been a general rise of 20 to 40 per cent. in the prices of home-grown commodities. With this has gone a considerable extension of the area under cultivation and an increasing fondness for cotton and other crops which bring in ready money. It is not surprising therefore to find that round Bagalkot the price of land is nearly four times as high as it was, and that all over the talluka and petha it is more than doubled. The inference from leases tends to the same conclusion, though it is to be remembered that near Bágalkot the rents are not in keeping with the sale-prices, and in more purely agricultural parts they are often abnormally high.
29. On the opposite side must be set the losses from famine and plague. The ragi famine of $1896-97$ is a familiar date round Bágalkot. Plague has been particularly severe, too, at the head-quarters of the táluka. In stock the chief or only important loss is in sheep. Agriculture, too, costs more wages, for farm servants have risen, manure is more expensive and bullocks and ploughs cost more either to purchase or to hire. Still the increase in the daily hire of a plough and a pair of bullocks is slight in comparison with the great increase in the value of crops. The cost of living has undoubtedly risen greatly; probably the purchasing power of the rupee has fallen to 12 annas compared with 30 years ago.
30. There are two railway projects which are not very favourably viewed by the merchants of Bagalkot-one is the proposed line from Bágalkot westwards through Mudhol and Jamkhandi to join the present Poona-Bangalore line near Kudchi, the other is the extension of this line eastwards to Hungund or Ilkal. The former would divert all the trade of the northerly and westerly villages to other markets such as Kaladgi, Mudhol or Jamkhandi, while if the other project is carried out Bungund would usurp the place of Bágalkot as the depot for the south-east tsluka. So far as I have been able to ascertain priority will be accorded'to the Jamkbandi line which happens to be the less damaging to Bágalkot town, though of very great assistance to the villages in the western parts of the petha. When they will be undertaken is for others to say, but even the prospeot of their construction is a vital factor in considering the new rates to be imposed on the taluka and petha. The completion of the two projeots would mean that Bágalkot would sink into mediocrity as a trading centre. The railway which is now under construction from Gadag to Wádi Junction is viewed with equanimity in Bagalkot. The head-quarters of the district were transferred from Kaladgi in this taluka to Bijápur just as the present Settlement was introduced. Kaladgi and one or two villages in its immediate vicinity still look rather forlorn and shorn of their former glory, but beyond this the change does not seem to have greatly affected the táluka. Probably Bágalkot town has gained in the long run.

## Proposed New Groups.

31. In the matter of groups I do not propose to make any very violent olanges, though some slight modifications seem necessary. The first change I would advocate would be to include Tolmatti, which is now in the lowest (1t-anna) group, with the villages which lie immediately on its east and west, i.e., the present 18 -anna group. I cannot understand its present position unless it is due to the chronic searcity of water which this village has to saffer. As this misfortune is by no means confined to Tolmatti, and is not less severe in Janmatti, it can hardly be an adequate explanation for the apparent anomaly. Again, the prosperity of Beur, Hallur and Bhairanmatti, combined with a tolerably certain rainfall and greatly improved communications, indicates that theso three villages might well be transferred from the present fourth group (18 annas) to the existing third group ( 20 annas). Bagalkot and the four villages immediately to the north and north-east have rates which are now six and two annas higher than the rest of the Ghataprabba valley in which they lie. The extreme smallness of the holdings in the two villages of Kadampur and Salgundi, and the fact that most of the rayats in them seek coolie labour in Bagalkot town, incline me to include these with the other villages of the
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Ghataprabha valley. The other two villages, Goliskop and Mallapur, are practically parts of Bágalkot; the former is uninhabited and all the lands are held by Bagalkot sávkárs and rayats. I would put these two villages under the same rate as Bagalkot. If Mr. Fletcher's scheme of grouping, which was based on the proximity to the railway and the market, had been logically followed through, Murnal and Virápur should have carried the additional rate which was sanctioned for Goliskop and the three villages immediately around Bagalkot. I examined them with great care, but came to the conclusion that 'the rayats of Murnal and Virápur are now too deeply in debt) to carry this extra burden.
32. The result of these proposals is to break down the present second group by adding two villages to the first group and two to the third; the fourth group surrenders Beur, Hallur and Bhairanmatti to the third and in their place receives Tolmatti from the fifth group. I must own to a temporary inclination to recommend that the special rate on Bágalkot be removed, but it does not seem altogether feasible or desirable. In recent Settlements outside this district not wholly dissimilar grouping has been accepted, and so that at Bagalkot might continue with the modification suggested above. The only anomaly now left on the map is the position of Sangapur near Beur. It is a poor village with poor soil. It has far more the characteristics of the neighbouring inam villages of Bil-Kerur and Bodnaikandinni and the village of Timmapur lying beyond them. These two inam villages cut it off from its proper group.

## Proposed New Rates.

## A-Dry-crop Land.

33. Group I-Rs. 1-13-0.-This group will consist of three villages, of which one (Bágalkot) has a maximum dry-crop rate of Rs. 1-10.0. The other two are at present rated at Rs. 1-600. The increase at Bagalkot comes to 11.50 per cent. and in the other two at a little under 32 per cent. The enbancement at Mallípur and Goliskop may be large, but these villages have great advantages in their proximity to the market, gins, presses and railway station and may well expect the same rate as Bagalkot. The increase in the latter village is not very great, but agriculture is not so keen here as elsewhere, and the expenses attending upon cultivation are probably higher than in a smaller village. The rate is nearly the same as that of Gadag: It is easily the highest in this district.

Group II-Rs. 1-8-0.-This consists of 54 villages, of which three have a rate of Rs. $1-2-0$ at present, two have a rate of Rs. 1-6-0 and the rest a rate of Rs. 1-4-0. The proposal involves an increase of approximately 20 per cent. on the 49 villages, about 9 per cent. on Salgundi and Kadampur, and rather over 33 per cent. for Beur, Bahiranmatti and Hallur. The increase for the whole group is 22.82 per cent. This can well be met by the rayats of the Ghataprabha valley. They have the advantages of good roads and a good climate and a very good market on the railway, and may be benefitted still further in the near future by the construction of a line to Kudchi, which would bring them still nearer the coast.

Group III-Rs. l-6.0.-This corresponds roughly to the old fourth group, which was rated at Rs. 1-2-0. There, is one viliage, Tolmatti, freshly inserted here. It has now a rate of Re. I. For the bulk of the villages the enhancement is about 22 per cent., while at Tolmatti it is 37 per cent. Tolmatti has esoaped very lightly so far and has really no valid grievance if it is put on a level with the villages lying. immediately east and west of it. The limit of enhancement is 66 per cent. for a single village and this has not been exceeded. These villages have a fairly good climate and but for communications and the distance from Bágalkot could almost be grouped with the villages of the Ghataprabha valley.

Group IV—Rs. 1-4-0.-This is identical with Mr. Fletoher's fifth group with the exclusion of Tolmatti and the inclusion of the old Athni villages. These all have the same rate, Re, 1 , so that the increase works out at $24 \cdot 97$
per cent. for the whole group and a fraction higher or lower than this for each village. This group includes most of the petha. The soil is very fertile, though it wants heavy rain and that is often short. The distance from markets is also considerable, though some of the villages are not unfavourably placed in regard to Jamkhandi, 'lhe agriculture is perbaps some of the keenest in the Southern Division. In this group lie the best of the deep soils which are yearly inundated by the Krishna. I believe that in another district a proposal has been made for special rate upon such riparian lands. Feasible as such a course is, its legality seems open to question, for the imposition of any such special rate would be akin to changing the classification of the soils which has been definitely settled. Apart from this view of the case/in this district the vast majority of these lands along the south bank of the Krishna from Kolur to Sitimani are held in inám by a succession. of Desáis, and the yield to Government would fall far short of expectation.) Eastwards of Sitimani the quality of the soil near the river deteriorates and a special rate would be an invidious distinction. In Hungund the question hardly arises, as the area submerged is far smaller. In Bágalkot and Bilgi such lands carry nearly the full rate as a rule, and in some cases they already have a chad of one to four annas. If any thing is to be done, I would suggest that the chad be doubled. It is not feasible to propose a special rate for the villages concerned as only half or quarter of the lands, perhaps parts only, of certain survey numbers are flooded. It would be impossible to make a special group under such conditions.

## B—Rice and Garden Lands.

34. The present rate for rice land is Rs. 8 per acre. The area of rice is only 61 acres with an assessment of Rs. 149. Of this, 16 acres at Sirur might be described as irrigated. They bear an assessment of Rs. 70. The tank leaks badly and no rice or kindred crop worth mention has been grown for many years. The system of irrigation under which water passes from the tank to a well and thence to a hond and thence to the páts is too elaborate for any success in the rice crop. I would without hesitation recommend the conversion of this rice land into jirayat land. The expense of repairing the tank would be out of all proportion to the revenue that would acorue. Tha unirrigated rice land measures 45 acres, and of it very little produces rice. The railway line has been carried along the edge of the tank at. Niralkeri and a couple of culverts divert the hill-water that used to fill the tank. Though the assessment on this land is low, rice-growing is out of the question, and so I can but suggest a conversion to dry crop land. No rice has been grown at Talsigeri for many years. It is of doubtful expedience to encumber an ákarband with this detail. At Kundargi a private dam, which held up the water for growing some 26 acres of rice in Government land, was breached a dozen years ago and subsequent repairs have been unsuccessful. A rittle rice still is grown with fair regularity. I would reduce the area from $\because 6$ acres at Rs. 51 to 14 acres assessed at Rs. 26 : That indeed is all the rice land in the táluka that deserves to be retained as such.

## Palasthal Garden.

Neither the taluka nor the petha contains any pátasthal garden. Muchkhandi tank used to irrigate a little land round Bigalkot and a special rate was levied, but this is now ancient history, and the pats are just traceable in the field.

## Motasthal Garden.

The motasthal garden measures 258 acres now assessed at Rs. 287, which under these proposals would come to Rs. 343. The majority of these wells are worked and in one or two places some new wells have been built, but these have n't been subjected to any new rate, nor have the old compound gardens at Kaladgi been removed from this category, though they well might, as few, if any, are worked. As the rates for these old bungalow gardens are very low, the relaxation of the chad cannot be called imperative.

## Financial Result.

35. It remains to summarise the financial result of the proposed changes :


The total increase is therefore Rs. $\mathbf{2 6 , 6 0 8}$ or $23 \cdot 05$ per cent. The incidence per acre vorks out as follows:-

36. Appendix R contains a list of the most important papers referring to former Settlements of the táluka and petha.
37. In conclusion, I have the honour to request that the proposed rates may, if approved by Government, be sanctioned for the usual period of 30 years.

I have the lionour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
G. C. SHANNON, Assistant Settlement Officer, Bijápur.

APPENDIX 1.


Nota.-For years previous to 1890 one cent of rain coratituted a raing cas. Since tinen ten ocnts bave been fised as the minimam.

APPENDIX A-continued.
Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Bágalkot, District Bijapur, for the years 19CZ-1912.

| Year, | $\begin{gathered} \text { Forly rin } \\ \text { (Jat January to 1oth } \\ \text { Apri). } \end{gathered}$ |  | Ante-monsoon (11th April to 4th June). |  | Monsoon kharif (5th Jane to 14th August). |  | Monsoon rabl ( 5 th Angust to 81st Ootoborj. |  | Late raing(22nd October toS1st December). |  | Total. |  | Remarkg. |
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|  | Fall. | Ralny dayn | Fall. | Raing daya | Fall. | Rainy daye. | Fall. | nainy daye. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall, | Reiny days, |  |
|  | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Inches. | No. | Inohes, | No. | Incher. | No. | Inches. | No. |  |
| 1302 | 0.29 | 1 | $2 \cdot 38$ | 4 | 6.84 | 13 | 8.68 | 18 | 4.21 | 5 | 22.39 | 39 |  |
| 3908 . ... | 0.02 |  | $0 \cdot 44$ | 1 | $8 \cdot 24$, | 16 | 14.72 | 26 | $1 \cdot 12$ | 4 | 2454 | 47 |  |
| 1904 ... | 0.18 | 1 | 0.92 | 4. | 3•47 | 8 | 9.61 | 12 | $0 \cdot 45$ | 1 | 14.61 | 26 |  |
| 1905 | 0.04 | , | 443 | 11 | $6 \cdot 36$ | 14 | 3.02 | 10 | 0.01 |  | $18 \cdot 86$ | 85 |  |
| 1906 | 0.34 | 1 | $1 \cdot 12$ | 3 | 7.00 | 14 | $7 \cdot 61$ | 19 | $4 \cdot 65$ | 5 | $20 \cdot 72$ | 42 |  |
| 1907 |  |  | 1.05 | 4 | $7 \cdot 74$ | 17 | $9 \cdot 13$ | 11 | 0.75 | 2 | 18.67 | 34 |  |
| 1908 | $0 \cdot 15$ | $\cdot 1$ | $2 \cdot 40$ | 4 | $8 \cdot 62$ | 13 | 7.54 | 16 | 0.04 |  | 13.75 | 34 |  |
| 1909 | $0 \cdot 57$ | 2 | $3 \cdot 19$ | 8 | $1 \cdot 21$ | 5 | 16.18 | 20 | 1.55 | 3 | $22 \cdot 70$ | 36 |  |
| 1910 | 0.05 | ... | $0 \cdot 74$ | 3 | $5 \cdot 86$ | 10 | $9 \cdot 96$ | 18 | 4.85 |  | 21.46 | 38 |  |
| 1911 |  |  | $2 \cdot 69$ | 5 | $6 \cdot 36$ | 18 | $4 \cdot 11$ | 11 | 170 | 2 | 14.86 | 81 |  |
| 1912 | 0.38 | 1 | 1.35 | 5 | $5 \cdot 62$ | 16 | 12.75 | 18 | $1 \cdot 40$ | 3 | 2150 | 48 |  |
| $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { A verage, } & 1902 & \text { to } \\ 1912 & & \text {... } \end{array}$ | $0 \cdot 18$ | 1 | 1.88 | 4 | 5.67 | 13 | $9 \cdot 39$ | 16 | 1.89 | 3 | $19 \cdot 01$ | 87 |  |
| Average for 27 years . | 0.40 . | - | 8.08 | ..' | 5.99 | ** | 10.24 | ... | $2 \cdot 41$ | ... | 22.14 | ... |  |

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APPENDIX A-continued.
Stalement showing Rainfall rccorded at Bilgi, District Bijapur, for théyears 1586-1001.

| Y ${ }^{\text {ars. }}$ | Early rain (1st Janaary to 10th April). |  | Ante-monsoon (11th April to gith June). |  | Monecon Eharit (5th June to 14th Angnet). |  | Monsoon rabi (15th Auguat to 21at October). |  | Late rains (22nd October to 81st December). |  | Totsl. |  | Romarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall | Rainy days. | Tall. | Reiny days. | Fall, | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy day. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. |  |
|  | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inohes. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. |  |
| 1886 | -.. | ... | $5 \cdot 37$ | 8 | 7.86 | 23 | $12 \cdot 28$ | 18 | $2 \cdot 60$ | 6 | 27.61 | 55 |  |
| 1887 | $\cdots$ | - | $3 \cdot 29$ | 9 | $0 \cdot 11$ | 25 | 17.62 | 22 | 2.09 | 12 | $29 \cdot 11$ | -68 |  |
| 1888 | $0 \cdot 22$ | 2 | $0 \cdot 14$ | 3 | $0 \cdot 61$ | 19 | $12 \cdot 07$ | 19 | 2.07 | 5 | 20.11 | 48 |  |
| 1889 | $0 \cdot 30$ | 1 | $3 \cdot 10$ | 4 | $5 \cdot 40$ | 18 | 17.90 | 84 | 0.48 | 2 | $27 \cdot 18$ | 54 |  |
| 1890 | 0.07 | $\cdots$ | 2.82 | 6 | $5 \cdot 46$ | 11 | $9 \cdot 37$ | 15 | $8 \cdot 09$ | 8 | $25 \cdot 31$ | 40 |  |
| 1891 | 8.08 | 2 | $2 \cdot 14$ | 5 | $3 \cdot 27$ | 8 | 8.28 | 16 | $0 \cdot 70$ | 1 | $17 \cdot 47$ | 32 |  |
| 1892 | 0.08 | ... | 3.25 | 5 | $12 \cdot 48$ | 21 | $20 \cdot 75$ | 21 | $6 \cdot 19$ | 7 | 42.75 | 54 |  |
| 1893 | 2.93 | 3 | $5 \cdot 02$ | 8 | 7.97 | 18 | $12 \cdot 78$ | 16 | $2 \cdot 63$ | 3 | 8184 | 48 |  |
| 1894 | 1.25 | 2 | 4.93 | 9 | $9 \cdot 35$ | 12 | 11.91 | 11 | 3.39 | 5 | 30.83 | 39 |  |
| 1895 | 0.07 | ... | $4 \cdot 64$ | 8 | $4 \cdot 70$ | 9 | 13.06 | 14 | 1.44 | 2 | 23.91 | 33 |  |
| 1896 | 0.21 | 1 | $4 \cdot 69$ | 9 | 3.59 | 11 | $2 \cdot 23$ | 5 | 0.75 | 4 | 11.47 | 80 |  |
| 1847 | 0.07 | ... | $3 \cdot 30$ | 9 | 4.95 | 6 | 9.59 | 18 | 0.82 | 2 | 18.79 | 35 |  |
| 1898 | 0.03 | ... | $3 \cdot 36$ | 6 | $5 \cdot 22$ | 11 | $9 \cdot 21$ | 15 | $3 \cdot 30$ | 3 | 21.18 | 35 |  |
| 1899 | ... | ** | $5 \cdot 00$ | 6 | $3 \cdot 92$ | 6 | 14.48 | 14 | 075 | - | $23 \cdot 40$ | 26 |  |
| 1900 |  | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 4.26 . | 10 | 7.99 | 14 | $7 \cdot 04$ | 14 | 0.75 | 2 | 20.04 | 40 |  |
| 1901 | $1 \cdot 10$ | 2 | 5.75 | 7 | $2 \cdot 80$ | 11 | $8 \cdot 42$ | 12 | 0.41 | 1 | 18.48 | 33 |  |

Note. $\rightarrow$ For yoara previona to 1890 one cent of rain constituted a rainy day. Since then ten cente have been fixed as the mininum.

APPANDIX A-concluded.
Statement showing Rainfall recorded at Bilgi, District Bijapur, for the years 1902-1312.

| Year. | $\underset{\substack{\text { Early rin } \\ \text { (1st January to } \\ \text { April). }}}{\text { 10th }}$ |  | Ante-monsonn <br> (1)th April to 4th June). |  | Monsoon kharif (Eth June to 14th August). |  | Monsoon rabi (15th Angust to 21st October). |  | Late rains (22nd Ontober to 31at December). |  | Total. |  | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raing } \\ & \text { day@. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { days. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rainy } \\ \text { daya. } \end{gathered}$ | Pall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { day. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | Rainy daya. | Fall. | Rainy daga* |  |
| - | Inches. | No. | Inches. | No. | Incher, | No. | Inoher, | No. | Inohes. | No. | Inches. | No. |  |
| 1902 ... | 0.50 | 2 | 5.97 | 5 | 4.23 | 8 | 6.39 | 14 | 6.07 | 12 | 23.16 | 41 |  |
| 1903 ' ... | ... | ... | 0.37 | 1 | 4.74 | 13 | $16 \cdot 13$ | 24 | 1.07 | 4 | $22 \cdot 31$ | 42 |  |
| 1904 ... | ... | ..0 | $0 \cdot 63$ | 2 | $3 \cdot 35$ | 10 | $8 \cdot 92$ | 9 | 0.61 | ... | 12.91 | 21 |  |
| 1905 | ... | ** | 1.42 | 7 | 1.92 | 4 | $4 \cdot 32$ | 10 |  | $\cdots$ | $7 \cdot 66$ | 21 |  |
| 1906 | 0.26 | 1 | 1-12 | 3 | 5.02 | 10 | $7 \cdot 48$ | 15 | 3.03 | 4 | 16.91 | 33 |  |
| 1907 | ... | ... | 3.08 | 7 | $8 \cdot 79$ | 20 | $6 \cdot 66$ | 11 | 0.50 | 1 | 19.03 | 89 |  |
| 1908 |  | ... | $2 \cdot 85$ | 1 | $3 \cdot 22$ | 8 | $13 \cdot 20$ | 14 |  | ... | $19 \cdot 27$ | 23 |  |
| 1909 | 0.50 | 2 | 3.08 | 5 | $1 \cdot 10$ | 7 | $13 \cdot 13$ | 16 | 0.30 | 1 | $18 \cdot 11$ | 31 |  |
| 1910 | $\ldots$ | ... | 0.22 | 1 | 4.78 | 11 | 14.23 | 21 | 3.11 | 5 | $22 \cdot 35$ | 38 |  |
| 1911 | 0.09 | 8 | 4.19 4.73 | 4 | 3.23 | 11 | 3.89 10.21 | 13 | 0.37 1.11 | 1 | 11.97 | 29 |  |
| 1912 | 0.92 | 8 | $4 \cdot 73$ | 7 | $7 \cdot 10$ | 14 | $10 \cdot 21$ | 16 | $1 \cdot 11$ | 3 | 24.07 | 43 |  |
| $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Average, } & 1902 & \text { to } \\ \text { 1912. } & & \cdots \end{array}$ | 0.21 | 1 | 2.51 | 4 | 4.32 | 10 | 9.51 | 15 | - 1.43 | 3 | 1798 | 33 |  |
| Average for 27 years. | 0.43 | ... | $3 \cdot 27$ | ... | $5 \cdot 35$ | . $*$ | $10 \cdot 80$ | .." | - 1.87 | ** | 21.73 | ... |  |

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## APPENDIX C.


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## APPENDIX D.

Detail of Population aocording to occupation by percentages for Bagalkot Tailuka (including the Bilgi Potha) as per the Inporial Census of 1911.

| Agricaltural Population. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Non-agrioultural population. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having interest in land. |  |  |  | - Labourera, |  |  | Total acricaltaral population. |  |  |  |  |
| Land Land <br> occapants <br> not culti- <br> vating. <br> oultipativant <br> oulting  | Tenants and sharera oultiveting. | Othern, | Total. | Farm servants. | Field <br> labourers and crop Watchers | Total, |  | Craftm | Un. skilled Laboar. | Others, | Total non-agricultaral popalation. |
| 18 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |  | 18 |
| 3,278 |  |  | 66,636 |  | 25,376 |  | 91,912 | 21,086 | 875 | 18,611 | 85,622 |
| $2 \cdot 57$ |  |  | 6921 |  | 1991 |  | 72-12 | 16.51 | 0.69 | $10 \cdot 68$ | 27•88 |

## A.PPENDIX F.

Detail of Population according to Religios and Education in the Bdaalkot Táluka (including the Bigli Petha).

| Sex. | As per Imperial Census of 1911. | Percent age on <br> total <br> popala- <br> tion <br> able to <br> $\underset{\text { learning }}{\text { read }}$ <br> learning | Religion. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Hindu Castes。 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cbristiana. | Jains. | Others. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Musalm | n Sectr |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Shaike. | Others |  |  |  |
| 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | - 13 | 14 | 15 |
| Males ... | 63,634 | 878 | 2,680 | 9,60 | 4,280 | 20,138 | 1,690 | 1,304 | 17,534 | 4,721 | 1,854 | $28^{\prime}$ | 116 | 8 |
| Femalen ... | 68,800 | 0.25 | 2,553 | 9,828 | 4,463. | 19,560 | 1,563 | 1,569 | 17,738 | 4,780 | 1,637 | 12 | 101 | 1 |
| Total ... | 127,484 | 5001 | 8,178 | 19,488 | 8,693 | 39,698 | 3,253 | 2,878 | 85,272 | 9,501 | 3,291 | 88 | 217 | 4. |

## APPENDIX F.

Statement showing the Agricultural Stock of the Bágalkot Táluka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijápur Collectorate during the years 1886-87 and 1909-10.


APPENDIX G.
Statement showing Births and Deaths in the Government villages of the Bágalkot Táluka (including Bilgi Petha) of the Bigípur District for the years 1904 to 1913.


APPENDIX G1.
Statement showing Shops, Industries, etc., in Government villages of the Bágalkot Táluka (including Bilgi Petha) of the Bigapur District.


APPENDIX H.
Statement of Schools together with their average attendance in the year 1884-85 and 1918-14 for the Bágalkot Táluka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijápur District.

| Number of Villages. | Taluka. | Local Board Schools. |  |  |  | Manielpal Schools. |  |  |  | Private Schools. |  | Remaris. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boys. |  | Girls. |  | Boys, |  | Girls. |  | Boys. . |  |  |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ninmbor } \\ & \text { of of } \end{aligned}$ | Averago attond. ance. | Number of Sohools, | Average attendance. | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Sohools. } \end{array}$ | Average attendanco. | Number of. Schools. | Average attendance. |  | Avernge attendance. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 18 | 18 |
| 21 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1884-85--Bagalkot and Bilg! } \\ & \text { Potha. } \end{aligned}$ | 27 | $\cdots$ | 1 | $\ldots$ | ** | - | *' | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 64 | 1919.14 do. do. | 48 | 3,787 | 0 | 136 | 4 | 603 | 1 | 120 | 28 | 858 | * |

## APPENDIX I .

Statement showing the Proportion of Government occupied and Inam lands cultivated by oceupants and sub-tenante, \&c., in the year 1912-1913 in the Bagalkot Taluka (including the

Bilgi Petha) of the Bijápur District.

|  | Distriot, | Totel numbers cultivated by occupants of Inémdäre. |  | Total numbers caltivated by occapants or Inémdáre in partnership with others |  | Total numbers cultivated by sub-tenante on money rent. |  | Total nambert cultivated by sut-tenants for produce of grain 'rent. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Waste } \\ \text { numbera } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Param } \\ \text { pot } \\ \text { nambers. } \end{gathered}$ | Total Numbers. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Govern. ment. | Indm. | Government. | Inán. | Government. | Inám. | Government. | Inam. |  |  | Government. | Inám. |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 18 | 13 | 14 |
| 140 | Bijápur (Bágalkot Taluks). | 8,537 | 3,396 | 1,780 | 744 | 1,445 | 2,682 | 962 | 777 | 195 | 469 | 13,388 | 7,580 |

APPENDIX $J$.
Slatement showing Wells, Bulkis, Tanks and, other sources of wa'er-supply in the Bagalkot Thiuka (ineluding the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijápur Colleclorate for the ye ars 1856-S7 and 1912-13.


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Figures showing the average soages for agricultural and otker labour from the year 1884-85 to 1913.

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Statement showing the daily average wages for agricultural and other labour year by year from 1892-93 to 1912-13. for the Belgi Petka is the Bágalkot Tábuka of the Bijápur District. -


## APPENDIX K.

Statement showing the selling value of dry orop lands in the villages of the Bágalkol Taluka (including the Bilgi Pelha) of the Bijapur District, in the years 1883-1592.


APPENDIX K-continned.


## APPENDIX K ${ }^{1}$.

Slatement showing the selling value of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Bagalkot Táluka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijápur District in the years 1898-1902.


APPENDIX K ${ }^{1}$-continued.


## APPENDIX $\mathbf{K}^{3}$.

Statement showing the selliug value of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Bagalkot Táluka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijápur District, in the years 1909-1913.


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APPENDIX $\mathrm{K}^{2}$-continued.


APPENDIX K²-concluded.

| Serjal No. in Appendix 0 | Name of Village. | Ares of land sold. | A ssessmento | Sale price. | No. of times the assessment sepresented by the price. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group IV-concladed. | A. 8. | Rs. Ao p. | Rs. |  |  |
| 122 | Gudadinni $\quad .$. | 885 | 7120 | 3,000 | 129.03 |  |
| 124 | Hadribal ... | 108 | 140 | 200 | 160.00 |  |
| 125 | Hire-Hanchinal ... | 1118 | j0 80 | 500 | 47.62 |  |
| 120 | Kandgal ... ... | 281 | 900 | 275 | 30.55 |  |
| 127 | Kolur | 1022 | 800 | 800 | 100*00 |  |
| 128 | Kontikal ... ... | 201 | 1800 | 1,100 | 84.62 |  |
| 129 | Kop.S. Rolli ... ... | 1528 | 280 | 200 | 80.00 |  |
| 180 | Korti | $85 \quad 7$ | 2200 | 2,000 | -90.90 |  |
| 138 | Rabkavi - ... . ... | 868 | 2940 | 8,300 | 112.82 |  |
| 138 |  | 1624 | 1180 | 600 | 27.27 |  |
| 188 | Timmapar, E. Roll | 1011 | $108^{\circ} 0$ |  |  |  |
| 187 | Teggi ... | 584 | 300 | 100 | 38.38 |  |
| 140 | Yettinbatti * $\quad$ cos | 62 | 400 | 200 | 50.00 |  |
|  | Average per acre, 48-26 ...e. | 34734 | 223108 | 16,795 | 75-15 |  |

## APPENDIX L.

Statement showing mortgage value of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Bágalhot Taluka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijapur District in the years 1888-1892.


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APPENDIX I-concluded.

| Scrial No. in Appen div Q. | Name of Village. | Area of land mortgaged. | Assemment. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mortgage } \\ \text { debta } \end{gathered}$ | No. of times the asseanment reprerented by the mortgaged debs. | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group IV. |  | Re, a. p. | Bs. |  |  |
| 118 | Gsigali | - 865 | $38 \quad 00$ | 1,400 | 38.88 |  |
| 119 | Gani ... ... | 3891 | 3100 | 650 | 20.97 |  |
| 126 | Kandgal ... ... | 3229 | 2180 | 540 | 25-12 |  |
| 128 | Kotikal * ... . $\quad$ - | 2820 | 2200 | 800 | 18.64 |  |
| 185 | Sanna ... :.. | 117 | 1000 | 200 | 2000 |  |
|  | Average per aore, 20.98 mm | 14712 | 12080 | 8,190 | 25.6t |  |

## APPENDIX L².

Statement showing mortgage valke of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Bágálkot Táluka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijapur District in the years 1898-1902.


APPENDIX L1.-concluded.


## APPENDIX Ls.

Etatement showing mortgage value of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Bágalkot Taluka (including the Belgi Petha) of the Bijápur District in the years 1909-1913.


## APPENDIX L-continued.


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## APPENDIX M.

Statement showing leases of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Bagalkot Taluka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijápur District, in the years 1898-1892.


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APPENDIX M-continwed.

| Serial num. ber in Appen$\operatorname{dix} \mathrm{Q}$ | Name of Village. | Area of land leesed. | Ascessment. | Rents. | Percentage of rent represented by the assescment. | Remarige, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group IV. | A. g . | Rn. a. p. | Hs. as p. |  |  |
| 108 | Bedardinni - ... | - 24 | 1900 | 9400 | 20.21 |  |
| 114 | Chandapur ... mer | $17 \quad 12$ | 11120 | 2500 | 47-00 |  |
| 115 | Chik-Hanchinal ..- | 4126 | 4000 | 12700 | 81.50 |  |
| 116 | Dhavaleshwar ..- | 2214 | 2000 | 11280 | 17.77 |  |
| 118 | Galgali ... | 7211 | 72.8 | 30800 | 23-58 |  |
| 119 | Gani . .en | 887 | 880 | 1500 | 23.88 |  |
| 120 | Garadadinni ... | 4914 | 4000 | 10400 | 38.46 |  |
| 124 | Hadrihal ... | 1615 | 900 | 2400 | 87.50 |  |
| 125 | Hire-Hanchinal ... .... | 250 | 1900 | 4100 | 46.34 |  |
| 182 | Rabsavi $\quad$-a | 186 | 12.6 | 5400 | 22.84 |  |
| 183 | Bolii ... ... | 3516 | 2500 | 7900 | 32.65 |  |
| 186 | Tokkelki ... | 825 | 4.0 | 10.00 | 40.00 |  |
| 137 | Teggi ... ... | 3017 | 19 4 0 | 5380 | 85.98 |  |
|  | Average per acre, 3.88 ... | 86027 | 2950 | 1,045 00 | 28.23 |  |

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{M}^{1}$.

Statement showing leases of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Bagalkot Táluka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijapur District, in the years 1898-1902.


## APPENDIX M²-continued.

| Serial <br> No. in <br> Appendix Q. | Name of village |  | Area of land lessed. | Assessment. | Rents, | Percentage of yent represented by the asseament | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 107 | Group IV. |  | - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Rerspop. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Re. a. p. } \\ 2500 \end{array}$ | 56.00 |  |
|  | Badgandi |  | 17 | 1400 |  |  |  |
| 108 | Bullur | cos | 21 | 2100 | 5500 | 88.18 |  |
| 118 | Galgali | - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 889 | $8{ }^{\circ} 0$ | 4000 | 20.00 |  |
| 119 | Gani | $\ldots$ | 206 | 1600 | 5200 | 30.77 |  |
| 122 | Gudadinni | *** | 685 | 600 | 2200 | $27 \cdot 27$ |  |
| 125 | Hire-Hanohiual | ** | 250 | 19 0-1 | 3500 | 54.28 |  |
| 127 | Kolur | ** | 2434 | 1700 | 19000 | 8.95 |  |
| 132. | Reblkavi | -." | 1618 | 2000 | 7280 | 2759 |  |
| 137 | Teggi | ... | 4212 | $23 \quad 0$ | 7200 | 31.94 |  |
|  | Average per aóre, 3.08 |  | 1681 | 14400 | 56380 | $25 \cdot 55$ |  |

## APPENDIX $\mathrm{M}^{2}$.

Statement showing leases of dry-crop lands in the villages of the Bágalleot Ta'nka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijapur District, in the year 1913.


APPENDIX M3-continued.


APPENDIX M2-concluded.

| Serial <br> Num- <br> - ber in <br> Appea <br> $\operatorname{dix} \mathrm{Q}$. | Name of Village. | Ares of land leased. | Ansessment/ | Rents, | Percentage of rent rupresented by the sesessment. | Reinarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Group IV-continued. | A. g. | R.s. n. p. | Re. a. p. |  |  |
| 122 | Gudadinni | 819 | 800 | 40.00 | 2000 |  |
| 123 | Gudbal ... | 828 | 220 | 600 | 35.42 |  |
| 125 | Hire-Hanchinal ... ... | 176 | 1500 | 4000 | 37.50 |  |
| 126 | Kandgal ... | 180 | 1100 | 100.00 | 11.00 |  |
| 127 | Kolur ... - ... | 1237 | 1000 | 4500 | 28.22 |  |
| 128 | Kontikal ... | 3539 | 2300 | 10000 | 28.00 |  |
| 130 | Korti . ... | 2237 | 2300 | $140 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | 16.43 |  |
| 131 | Mattaldinni ... | 710 | 280 | 1080 | 22.81 |  |
| 132 | Rabkavi ... | 2430 | 2100 | 14000 | 15.00 |  |
| 138 | Rolli | 2020 | 800 | 10000 | 8.00 |  |
| 135 | Sonna tre | 8125 | 2100 | 10000 | 21.00 |  |
| 137 | Teggi | 429 | 1500 | 5200 | 28.85 |  |
| 138 | Tijomapur .... | 1610 |  | $150 \quad 0$ | 933 |  |
|  | Average per acre, 6.01 eno | $559 \quad 19$ | 41310 | 2,803 80 | 14•73 |  |

## APPENDIX N.

Statement showing the rrices prevalent in the Bagalkot Táluka from 1Sõ1-0ั2 to 1913.

| Teare | Scens of 80 toles ind chatalas of 5 toles por rapee. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Per mannd } \\ \text { of } 9,200 \\ \text { toleq }\end{array}\right]$Jnwari <br> kidbl. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Re- } \\ \text { marics. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jowart. | Bdjri. | Rices. | Wheat. | Tardal. | Gram. | Linseod. | Safliower | Cotton <br> with seed. |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 8 | $\bullet$ | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | $\bigcirc$ | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | 8. oh. | 80 oh. | $\begin{array}{\|cc\|}\text { 8. } & \text { ch. } \\ 17 & 0\end{array}$ | 8. ch. 830 | 8. cth. | $\begin{array}{cc}\text { 8. ch. } \\ \text { 20 } & 0\end{array}$ | g. ch. | 8. cho | f. ch. | Rs. a. p. |  |
|  | 280 | 220 | 80 | 180 | ... | 100 | $\cdots$ | ..- | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 18:1-72* to 1881-88 | 2510 | 2310 | 918 | 150 | $\cdots$ | 14 0 | "' | *- | ..' | $\cdots \cdots$ |  |
| 18821888 |  |  |  | Iufo | malion $n$ | at availab |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1888-90 ... | 28 8 | 1816 | 1011 | 187 | 183 | 14 It | 109 | 179 | 81 | 000 |  |
| 3480-90 ... | 305 | 21 1 | 1111 | 188 | 1015 | 186 | - 7 | 1510 | 88 | 078 |  |
| 1APO-01 ... -* | 88 | 24 | 8 | 813 | 1818 | 8 | 100 | 17 | 10 | 0102 |  |
| 1891 -98 $\quad .$. | 196 | 1914 | 96 | 105 | 1010 | 127 | 104 | 167 | 93 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 0 & 18\end{array}$ |  |
| 1892.08 ... ... | 1818 | 811 | 90 109 | 48 | 91 | 119 | 811 | 18. | 09 | 040 |  |
| 1809-04 -.. | 2618 | 342 | 109 | 1814 | 111 | 140 | 98 | 21. |  |  |  |
| 1891-96 ... ... | 22.15 | 28.6 | 014 | 198 | 011 | 16 | 88 |  | 1014 | 042 |  |
| 3888 ... | 978 | 848 | 1010 | 1918 | 90 | 12 9 |  | 131 | 811 | $050$ |  |
| 1806 ... | 900 | 17 4 | 107 | 18 B | 97 | 180 | 815 | 187 | 85 | 011 |  |
| J898.99 to 1890 (Avorage). | 288 | 218 | 107 | 169 | 1013 | 1310 | 96 | 181 | $8{ }^{1} 14$ | .....* |  |
| 1807 ."0 .". | 1214 |  |  |  | 94 | 81 |  | 108. |  |  |  |
| 1838 ** | 2012 | 1718 | 100 | 10 | 1 | 115 | 2 | $20 \%$ | 0 |  |  |
| 34890 | 17. | 182 | 1018 | 188 | 182 | 1816 | - 15 |  |  | $0 \leqslant 1$ |  |
| 1000 ... | 10 0 | 108 | 98 | 87 | 77 | 812 | 6 | 1812 | 61 | 054 |  |
| 1931 ... ... | 12. 18 | 181 | $\theta 8$ | 818 | 613 | 101 | 68 | 118 | ... | 084 |  |
| 1009 ... ... | 1510 | 16 s | 107 | 80 | 111 | 1113 | 618 | 188 | $\cdots$ | 068 |  |
| 10,13 ... ... | 2412 | 2011 | 0 | 184 | 814 | 184 | 910 | $1715 \quad 711$ |  | 029 |  |
| $1804 \times$ | 2810 | gt 6 | 11 - | 1815 | 117 | 1519 | 1112 | 224 | 89 | $\begin{array}{lll} 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 9 & 0 \end{array}$ |  |
| 1808 | 227 | 17 ' | 018 | 181 | 10 | 18 4 | 918 | 189 | 612 |  |  |
| 1897-1908 (A vorage). | 81 | .198 | 10 t | 181 | 91 | 1918 | 89 | 1718 | 76 | .....* |  |
| 1000 m | 180 | 1212 | 811 | 81 | 8 - | 109 | 715 | 014 | 618 | 0111 |  |
| 1097 on .n | 178 | 1618 | 81 | 07 | 80 | 10.8 | 81 | 910 | 68 | 048 |  |
| 1008 -m mis | 1511 | $12 \%$ | 76 | 77 | 612 | 715 | 74 | 105 | -7 | 0811 |  |
| 1800 .00 .. | 1810 | 142 | 81 | 88 | 73 | 915 | 74 | 1314 | 516 | 0188 |  |
| 1010 ** ...0 | 189 | 1614 | 810 | - 8 | 8 - | 11 s | 58 | 187 | 412 | 0118 |  |
| 1011 *** | 180 | 272 | 87 | . 110 | 110 | 1814 | - 0 | 118 | 48 | 0109 |  |
| 1018 -m | 198 | 2811 | 75 | 89 | 85 | 110 | 415 | 812 | 62 | 1.10 |  |
| 1918 m | 1910 | 185 | 71 | 80 | 715 | 1018 | ... | *** | -* | **** |  |
| 4006-1918 (4verage) | 142 | 148 | 718 | 814 | - 2 | 109 | 68 | 1015 | 59 | **** |  |

Noze-Prose from 1 wos roprenent averages for caleadar yeara.
Omittod thres yomat for the great famino for all articlen.
Omitilug yars i8si-98 and $1893-93$ for whot and 1892
Omitting 1900 for jowari, bajri, whent and Gram.
Onitting 1901 for jowari, whoat, turdel and meliower.
Omitting 1002 for whont.

## APPENDIX N.

Statement showing the prices prevalent in the Bilgi Petha from 1851-52 to 1913.

have in this oinitted three fears for the great famine for all artioles, and 189\%, 1900 for fowiri, bujri, wheat, turda
and gram ;and 1801 for wheat, turdal, gram and safflower ; 1902 for wheat, 1908 for jowari while stribing averagem owing to bat
or abyornal seabons.

## APPENDIX 0.

Rerenve Statement for 1\&6 Tillages situated in the Bagalkot Táluka of the Bjiápur Colloctorate into which the Survey Settlement was introdwced in $188 \pm 80$.

| Yam. |  |  |  |  |  |  | comen |  |  |  |  | Rasn | mat | $\frac{8}{8}$ |  | Renuto |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\left[\begin{array}{l} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{array}\right.$ |  | \|icters |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\bigcirc$ | $\bigcirc 10$ | n | ${ }_{18}$ | 13 | 16 | 16 | ${ }_{16}$ | ${ }^{17}$ | ${ }^{18}$ |  |
|  |  | Rea | re. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | mo |  |  |
|  | $\pi$ | m, 06 |  | ccels |  | \|res, | 8980. |  | ¢508 | 28, $0^{2}$ |  |  | ${ }^{1,2,3,31}$ | - | $\cdots$ |  |
|  | 820 | 10,0,46 | .... | , 682 | s,as8 | 12,72 | \%oos | ${ }^{\text {cimes }}$ |  | 2,587 | ${ }_{38,292}$ | \%iveos | 2,1,4642 | … | $\cdots$ |  |
| ${ }_{188} 8_{88}$ | me.40 | 2,01.43 |  |  | 1,0,4030 |  | 2,901400 | ${ }^{\infty}$ ¢,, \% | nn6 7 2,04 | 2,911 | \%;,85 | 1,ic,e7 |  |  |  |  |
| 19 \%e9 | 10, 190 | 1.10 |  | - | 1,0,0021 |  | ${ }^{1,9818}$ | \%, it |  | 26,88 | 28,20 | L, |  | "' |  |  |
|  | wo.s.si |  |  | - |  |  | ${ }^{1,4,4048}$ | \%, |  | \$2,85 | 23,96 |  |  | ".' | - |  |
|  | J0, ${ }^{\text {sio }}$ | 1,20291 |  |  |  | (0,em | , 18 |  | 508 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 1eens | waopes | 1,2, |  | - ... | 128, 2 ss | 0.089 | 1.200 | 200 8 E5, 21 | \% 2 | 20,81 | 23.88 | 75 | 1,2,0es | - | -- |  |
|  | 11.124 | 1,020 | - | - .- |  |  | 1.24 | 98,7e | 728 72,07 | 39,29 | 28,887 | 1,7,934 | 1,9,24 |  | - |  |
|  | 182023 | iv, |  | $\therefore .$. | (10, |  | ${ }^{12094}$ |  |  |  | 20,68 |  | Lex, | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 1seery .- | 129278 | 120 |  | - .- | 1,0, 2,00 |  | ${ }^{820} 2383$ | \%3 96x | *3 7 \%,28 | 83,30 | 28385 | 1,n, 1.85 | 1,37, | 208 |  |  |
|  | (182, 123 | 1,2,207 |  | $\cdots$ |  | ${ }^{2,2080}$ | ${ }^{108}$ | 90.e8, | (ex 7,80 | sa,30 | 20,806 | , | 1,38,702 | 1,903 |  |  |
| mearice | 120,809 | 1,0,200 |  | . | 1,0,209 |  |  |  | cest 72.80 | 88,94 | 20, 5 ce | 1,7,8, | 18.8091 |  |  |  |
|  | ta,938 | 1, 1 ,, 48 |  | - -. | 2,0,003 |  |  | d | ,69 | з,34 | 20,64 | 1,7,311 |  | 20,0 | ,122 |  |
|  | 122,061 | 1,0,0000 |  | - ... | 2,races |  | 33 |  | 980] 7,588 | \%.38. | 20, ses | 1,2,387 | 1,3718 |  | 0,42 |  |
|  |  | 1,0, |  |  |  |  |  |  | (1) | ¢ |  | $\mid$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | 185,800 | 1,0, |  | -. | 1,0,989 |  | \%os.110 |  | \%98 72.280 | 38,28 | 21,046 | 1,8, 2,8 | $1.1000 \times 8$ | (.008 | 2.85 |  |
|  | (120380 | , |  | $\cdots$ |  | 2,evo | Estas |  |  |  |  |  | 1, 1.8.24 | 1,07 |  |  |
| 30:Ts | us, se | ${ }_{\text {l,a,2\% }}$ |  | ... |  |  | \%t,400 |  | \%ex | \% | siless |  |  | 3,000 |  |  |
|  | 123,sem | 1,0,316 |  | -.. | 1.0.s, | 2,000 | - |  | 2000 72,50 | \% 89 | ${ }^{821,085}$ | 1,7e, $2 \times$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | - |  | 2,100 | ${ }^{\circ}$ |  | Soic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $1{ }^{1}$, 51 | 1.0.4.83 | ... - |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{4} 178$ | e, 0 \% | 20.100 |  |  |  |  |  |

## APPENDIX $0^{1}$.

Revenue Slatement for 14 Villages situated in the Bagalkot Taluka of lhe Bijapur Collestorate into whish the Survey Settlement was introdwced in 1S80-S6.


APPENDIXQ.


## Q.

on Government occupied land.



## APPENDIX Q-continued.




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Assistant Settlement Oficer.

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}^{1}$.

Statement showing the population and area and assessment of Government unoccupied land in the Bágalkot Taluka (including the Bilgi Petha) of the Bijápur District.


APPENDIX Q ${ }^{2}$-continued.

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APPENDIX $Q^{1-c o n c l u d e d .}$


## APPENDIX R.

The principal papere concerning former Settlements are-

1. Captain Wingate's Report of 1853 (printed at Bombay Education Society's Press in 1853).
2. Mr. Fietcher's Beport of 1886-Selection No. CLXXVI—New Series.
3. Seleotion No. CLXXXI-New Series-Report on Athni Táluka, Belgaum District.
G. C. SHANNON,

Assistant Settiement Oficer, Bijapur.

Below No. C.-302, dated 3rd November 1914, from Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Bijaipur,forwarding proposals for the Second Revision Setllement of Bágalkot Taluka.

No. C.-2338 of 1914.
Office of tee Collector of Bija'pur:
Bijaipur, $\frac{23 r d}{24 t h}$ December 1914.
Forwarded with compliments.
2. The Collector having gone into Mr. Shannon's proposals with him before the report was drafted, is able to concur generally in them, and has therefore very few remarks to offer.
3. Mr. Kabraji would support the few changes in grouping proposed by Mr. Shannon (paragraph 31), which work out satisfactorily enough except in the case of the new group III which will have a lower incidence than the new group IV (paragraph 35). It will, however, be observed that this occurred also in the present Settlement. It could perhaps be rectified by lowering the proposed rate for group IV from Rs. 1-4-0 to Rs. 1-3-0 or Rs. 1-2-0. It will, however, be seen (paragraph 23) that the sales and leases yield nearly the same values for this group (old group V) as for group II (old group III), and a rate of Rs. 1-8-0 has been proposed for the latter, so there is the less reason for reducing the rate (Rs. $1-4-0$ ) proposed for the former. The only alternative then would be to fix the rate for group III at Rs. 1-5-0 instead of Rs. 1-6-0, and the Collector is inolined to recommend this course in view of the fact that the sale and lease values are lower than for the last group and of the further facts stated by Mr. Shannon that the villages are badly off for communications, besides being at a distance from Bagalkot. This would also reduce the increase in Tolmatti from $37 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. to 31 per cent.
4. As regards the first group comprising the town of Bagalkot and two other villages close to it , Mr. Shannon has proposed a rate of Rs. 1-13-v, which is an increase of $\mathbf{3}$ annas in the case of Bagalkot and of 7 annas in the cases of the other two. It will, however, be observed (paragraph 23) that, as it is, the ratio of assessment to rent for Bágalkot is $24 \cdot 21$ per cent., whereas it is between $14 \frac{1}{2}$ and 15 per cent. in the other groups. The lease value, too, is no more than in the other groups and is actually less than in two lower groups. The high sale values by themselves scarcely furnish a basis for an inorease, since they imply that for a capital of Rs. 172 per acre invested, the return as rent is about Rs. $5 \frac{1}{4}$ or just 3 per cent. only. On the other hand, there is nothing to indicate that agriculturists in Bágalkot share in the rise of the prosperity of the town. What they can eara by working as labourers must be left out of consideration. The Collector is, therefore, on full and further consideration, inclined to leave the rate for Bigallisot as it is. The other two villages to be included in this group will have their rate raised from Rs. 1-6-0 to Rs. 1-10-0, and that seems enough.
5. Mr. Shannon's proposals as regards rice and garden lands are wellreasoned and should, the undersigned thinks, be sanctioned.

(Sizned) J. K, N. KABRAJI, Colleotor of Bijápur.

No. C.-2338 of 1915.
From

J. K. N: KABRAJI, Esq. Collector qf Bijápur;

To

> THi 8ETMLEMENT COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR of LAND RECORDS, POONA.

Bijápur, 31st March 1915. Sir,

As I find I must explain further some of my remarks on the Revision Settlement Report of Bágalkot Táluka, I have the honour, with the permission of the Commissioner, S. D., to address you this supplementary letter for favour of further transmission.
2. In the first place, I would like to say with reference to the remarks in paragraphs 3 and 5 of your letter No. 1056-S.S., dated 23rd January last, that there was no misunderstanding on my part as regards the table of incidence of assessment. I know quite well that the average incidence will work out high or low in each group according as the soil is good or bad. But I do think that some use should be made of the table to check results. It is not, I take it, put into the report for nothing or as a mere curiosity, but it serves a distinct purpose, and it goes to show, as I have contended in paragraph 3 of my remarks on the Bágalkot report, that the proposed rate for the 3rd Group needs to be reduced. The sale and lease values in Group III being lower than in the lowest group, the villages being badly off for communications and at a distance from the prinoipal markets, and the soil average being also poorer as shown by the table of incidence, I sabmit there is little reason to raise the rate of the 3rd. Group to more than Re. 1-4-0 (the rate proposed for the 4th Group) or at most Re. 1-5-0.
3. Your paragraph 8,-In my report I have tried to show that apart from Bagalkot being a centre of trade, there is nothing to indicate that profits of agriculture have risen there in the same proportion as they have in the rest- of the táluka. The rate for Bágalkot will still remain the highest in the táluka, even if it is unohanged, and I think the difference of two annas above the next group sufficiently takes into account its only advantage over the other groups.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant,<br>J. K. N. KABRAJI, Collector of Bijápar.

Reference No. 1056-S.S. of 1914.
Poona, 23rd January 1915.

## From

C. N. Sẹddon, Esquirh, I.C.S., Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records;

To

The COMMISSIONER,<br>Southern Division.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward Mr. G. C. Shannon's Reports on the Revision Settlements of the Bagalkot, Hungund and Badámi Tálukas of the Bijápur District together with the Collector's forwarding endorsements. The three Tálukas may be dealt with together. Had it not been for the war and its effect on ootton prices the whole matter would have been one of great simplicity; for there are no difficult problems of rates and grouping, the land is almost all dry crop, and there is hardly any rice or garden. I propose to consider the position as it would have been but for the slump in cotton. I will then briefly discuss the present situation with cotton almost an unsaleable commodity.
2. Mr. Shannon's proposals alter the present grouping very little. I will take the Tálukas in order and begin with Bagalkot:-
(a) The first group consists of Bagalkot alone at Re. 1-10-0. The rate is to be raised to Re. 1-13-0, and to the group are to be added the two villages of Malapur and Goliskop, now in the group II, at Re, 1-6-0.
(b) The second group is to be composed of the other two villages of the present group II at Pe. 1-6-0; 3 villages of old group IV at Re. 1-2-0, and 49 villages of old group III at Re. 1-4-0. These 54 villages are to have a rate of Re. 1-8-0, and the new group thus constituted forms the whole south of the Taluka, except the villages of Bagalkot, Malapur and Goliskop.
(c) The third group is formed of 46 villages of the old group IV now rated at Re. 1-2-0-that is to say, the whole of old group IV except the three villages mentioned above-and Tolmati. These villages form the east and centre of the Táluka, and Tolmati is properly included with them. Their rate is to be Re. 1-6-0.
(d) The fourth group is the rest of the Táluka, and corresponds to old group $V$ at Re. 1 leaving out Tolmati. It is to be rated at Re. 1-4-0. It contains 14 old Athni villages whose rate should be the same as that of Parsalgi in the Athni Taluka. A reference to the Athni Report will show that the rate proposed for Parsalgi is Re. 1-4-0.
3. I think these proposals are, at all events in the main, correct and should be approved. Mr. Kabraji accepts them exoept as regards the first group and except for some criticism regarding the third group. He would leave Bagalkot as now at Re. 1-10-0. As to the Collector's criticism (paragraph 3 of his endorsement) regarding the proposed third and fourth groups, I think there is some misunderstanding on his part. It is true that the actual average assessment of the fourth group (Re. 0-13-4) is higher than that of the third (Re. 0-12-7). But there is nothing extraordinary in this and no need for "rectifying" it. It means that the soil is better in the fourth group; and this is not surprising seeing that that group inoludes the villages of the Krishna Valley. The higher maximum rate of group III is not enough to counterbalance its lower average classification. And the Colleotor prooeeds to recommend the reduction of the third group rate from Re, 1-6-0 to Re. 1-5-0 -an operation which would accentuate what he considers an anomaly and
produce a result the exact opposite of what he appears to want. The fact, however, is that there. is no anomaly and nothing to be rectified; the rates proposed, the classification existing, and the results of combining the two, are natural and proper.
4. Mr. Shannon's proposals for Hungund are very simple. They are:-
(a) To remove 13 villages, now in group I , to group II .
(b) To raise rates from Re. 1-4-0 to Re. 1-8-0, from Re. 1-1-0 to Be. 1-6-0, and from Re. 1 to Re. 1-4-0 for the three groups.
And in the case of Badámi Mr. Shannon simply puts all the Malaprabha villages in group I and otherwise leaves things as they are. He raises the rates from Re. 1-8-0 to Re. 1-10-0 and Re. 1-4-0 to Re. 1-6-0 for the first two groups, and leaves the third group as it is at Re, 1-2-0.
5. Now as regards Hungund the Collector agrees with the Settlement Officer completely except in one particular. He would raise the rate of the first group to Re. 1-10-0, on the ground that it should have a higher increment than the other two groups: he thinks this rate would result, too, in a fairer and more satisfactory incidence of assessment per acre; he observes that this inoidence is a good deal less in group I than in group II, whereas in his opinion it " may well be the same if not more." There is the same idea here as in the case of the Bagalkot groups, and I have already explained that the average assessment per aere (whioh is what is meant by incidence) depends on classification as much as on maximum rates, and there is no reason why a higher maximum rate should necessarily produce a higher average assessment. Putting this objection on one side, however, the proper maximum rate for group I of Hungund can furnish matter for debate and I will discuss it further direetly.
6. Mr. Kabraji agreess entirely with the proposals regarding Badami, except that he would prefer to raise Idgal from the third group to the second only and not to the first, on the grounds that otherwise the rise 44 per cent. would be somewhat high, and that there are certain neighbouring villages with which it could well be placed.
7. Where the Collector and the Settlement Officer agree, I am of opinion that their proposals may be accepted. Such tasts and such personal observations as I have been able to make, confirm me in this opinion, and I confidently recommend it for your acceptance and the approval of Gọvernment. There remain only the very few points where the Collector suggests some modification of the Settlement Officer's proposals. They are :-
(a) That Bagalkot, Goleskop and Malapur should be rated at Re. 1-10-0 and not at Re. 1-13-0.
(b) That group III in Bagalkot should be Re. 1-5-0 instead of Re. 1-6-0.
(c) That group I in Hungund should be Re. 1-10-0 in place of Ke. 1-8-0.
(d) That Idgal in Badámi should be put in group II at Re. 1-6-0 instead of group I at Re. 1-10-0.
On these suggestions I would make a few brief remarks:-
I have had a consolidated map of the three Tálukas prepared as I did for the three Kánara Tálukas that were under consideration last year. This map enables one to see the grouping better, and will, I hope, be useful.
8. With regard to ( $a$ ) I am unable to agree with the Collector. Every argument that justifies an increase elsewhere justifies one at Bagalkot, and the two adjoining villages naturally go with Bagalkot. It is no unasual thing to rate the chief town higher than other places. Bagalkot is flourishing greatly; and as a market town and the centre of all local trade and with a Hourishing Railway Station, I think it would be quite wrong to leave it as it is and raise other places. I have no doubt that the Settlement Officer's proposals are fair and reasonable.

As to (b) I have already remarked that there is some misapprehension. The rate suggested by Mr. Shannon cannot be objected to on the groundsgiven, and may be accepted.

Item (c) is, as I have observed, a doubtful point. But if my map be consulted it will be seen that it is not easy to justify a rate of Re. 1-10-0. I do not say for a moment that the imposition of such a rate would in itself be unfair. But no argument has been advanced strong enough to explain how we could charge Re. 1-10-0 for a small group situated as these villages are. They cannot fairly be rated higher than group II of Bagalkot. There is no rate higher than Re. 1-8-0 except Bagalkot and its suburbs and the favoured riverside villages in the south of Badami. I recommend that the Re. 1-8-0 rate be approved.

Item (d) is perhaps also not quite clear. However, Idgal is of course a riverside village, and I think it should go with the rest of the riverside villages into group I of Badámi. Statistics show that rents are high and there is no question of over-assessment.
9. It will thus be seen that I recommend that Mr. Shannon's proposals as to grouping and rates should be accepted as they are, and do not think it is even necessary to make the very slight modifications that the Collector has suggested. It is however now the practice to work out the changes at so much in annas and pies per rupee of present assessments. I attach an appondix showing how these work out. The actual rates will be very slightly lowered for Bagalkot and its two suburbs and very slightly raised for the Hungund first group which is in the direction that Mr. Kabraji would approve. This new method is very advantageous. It simplifies our calculationg and it expresses the ohanges in a way that every ráyat can at once understand; he does not know-and I am not surprised-what it means to raise a so-called maximum rate from Re. 1-4-0 to Re. 1-9-0, but he understands exactly what four annas in the rupoe means.
10. There is of course very little rice land in these Tálukas-61 acres in Bagalkot, 412 in Hungund and 394 in Badámi. Mr. Shannon wishes to reduce these figures to 14, 222 and 357, and to make the balance dry-crop-which in fact it is. I agree ; on the facts as they aree it is inequitable to assess as rice lands what does not grow anything but dry crops. There are two other proposals. 14 acres of rice land at Nandikeshwar, Táluka Badámi, were classed as patasthal, and rightly so, but the patasthal somehow got reduced by mistake; Mr. Shannon wishes to re-impose it. As a water rate is fair and can be legally imposed, I think the proposal is the simplest way of meeting the case. There are also some lands at Kendur and Parvati, Táluka Badámi, classed as rice which Mr. Shannon wishes to relieve by altering the classification : he advises, for the Kendur lands, "reduction by half a class or one and a half classes," and in the case of Parvati" would reduce the water rate on the lands under the Ganjikeri by half a olass as the tank is leaking." The object is to reduce the assessment beoause the water-supply is poor and rice is usually not grown. Perhaps the auggeated remedy may be accepted. I have nothing much to say against it, but I have no admiration for the old classification methods and hardly anybody understands what it means to reduce a water class. If land cannot grow rice I should class it straight away as dry crop; and if, an improvement in the water-supply ocours, a suitable water rate can always be imposed. Such procedure could be understood by anyone, and is muqh mone satisfactory in my opinion than tinkering with obscure and unintelligible water classes.
11. Finally, there are a few acres of garden land. No alteration is suggested in the case of motasthal, of whioh there are 258 acres in Bagalkot, 407 aores in Hungund, and 263 acres in Badámi. There is no patasthal in Bagalkot, but 58 acres in Hungund and 175 acres in Badami. Mr. SLannon reduces all the 58 acres in Hungund either to rioe or dry crop, reduces 25 acres in Badśmi, and wishes to add a water rate of $3 \frac{1}{2}$ annas on 8 acres of land at Nandikeshwar where the patasthal was struck off, as observed above. The result is that bagayat assessment, now Rs. 2,072, will become Rs. 1,968 . The proposals may be approved. -
12. There are a good many Inám villages in these, tálukas. Practically all have been surveyed long ago, but the Inamdaris do not consent to the intro-
duction of settlement rates and so no proposals are submitted for them. It seems a great pity that this should be so, and I assume that efforts have been made to persuade the Inamdars. In some of these Inám villages there are Khalsa fields and Mr. Shannon has fixed assessments for them.
13. I must now consider the present cotton situation. Mr. Shannon wrote when the price of this commodity had been for some time at a much bigher level than the figures of thirty years ago. There had been a slight drop quite recently no doubt, but there was no reason to suppose that this was any more than one of the inevitable fluctuations always known to occur, and no reason to think that it meant any permanent reduction. Accordingly, a higher level of cotton prices is an assumption underlying all Mr. Shannon's proposals. It is not so easy to determine the exact increase of prices, but that it has been very considerable does not admit of doubt. Mr. Shannon gives figures for Bagalkot indicating a rise of 48 per cent. since tho period of 1888-1896. Possibly further investigation would reduce this figure somewhat. To quote from the Resolution of the Government of India on Mr. Datta's Report :-" with the year 1805 Indian prices entered upon a new phase. Prices rose rapidly to unprecedented heights and so far there is nothing to suggest the probability of a reversion to the levels of former years."
14. However, even before Mr. Shannon's Reports were ready, the war had brought cotton prices down with a run. I am informed that cotton is now not merely depreciated in price but practically unsaleable at any price, and that consignments sent from Hubli to Bombay to find purchasers have been returned to Hubli unsold. The question is whether this fact should lead us to modify our settlement proposals, and what form such modification should take.
15. I venture to say that nobody can possibly tell what the price of cotton will be a year hence or even a month hence. At all events, however cleverly one might guess, one could not be so reasonably sure as to base any satisfactory settlement proposals upon the figures one might fancy. Cotton is a necessity, and the normal demand for it must again arise. That might conceivably result in an unnatural temporary inflation of prices to something much higher even than the levol of 1911. But surely such inflation would only be temporary.
16. In these circumstances there are, it seems to me, two alternatives. We can either make a short term settlement and reconsider the matter at the end of three, or five, or ten years; or we can, if necessary, give a percentage suspension or remission just so long as the slump in cotton lasts. Which alternative should be accepted, it is for Government to decide, and it is with much diffidence that I venture to express an opinion. But I prefer the second alternative, and for the following reasons. Short term settlements are contrary to the fixed policy of Government. I need not labour this point because the thirty years' settlement has been approved ever since the Joint Report was written, and the reasons for its adoption are well known. I do not think there is sufficient justification for upsetting a fixed policy and the confidence of the whole cultivating and land-holding classes. And then, what period should be fixed for a short Settlement? If it were tive years-even in one year's time, for all we know, cotton, may be as dear as ever, or wheat or jowári may rise so much in price that it may pay to substitute them for cotton; and Government will suffer unnecessary loss for four years. Or we might find our five years ${ }^{2}$ rates too heavy and some further tinkering would be necessary. And, again, I- do not know how to frame proposals for a tem porary Settlement based purely on cotton prices. The cultivation of this partioular crop does not follow our Táluka Divisions, and in every Táluka there are places not much affected by cotton prices. I am at a loss in fact how to advise Government as to what rates we should fix and how we should group for a short cotton Settlement. Besides, the cotton problem is not confined to a few Talukas just coming under settlement revision. Government will be obliged to deal with the case over a very big area indeed; and they might meet the difficulty in Bagalkot; Hungund and Rádámi, "by whatever plans they approve for general adoption. For these reasons I am respectfully of opinion that we should assume that normal prices are as they were a short time ago, and should fix our assessments
accordingly at the rates recommended, leaving the temporary cotton problem to be met by suspensions or remissions'; or, indeed, by such expedients as Government may decide to adopt for Khándesh, Dhárwár, Gujarát and other cottongrowing tracts.
17. Mr. Shannon may be congratulated on his Reports. The three Tálusas do not, it is true, present any difficult features; they are indeed remarkably free from complications. But conditionshave been completely and thoroughly investigated, and Mr. Shannon has spubmitted very readable and interesting Reports. His recommendations are judicious and inspire confidence. I believe, Sir, they will meet with the approval of yourself and of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) C. N. SEDDON,
Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

Appendis referred to in paragraph 9 of the Seltlement Commisaioner's remarks on Bádämi,
Hwngund and Bdgalkot Revision Settlement Reports.


Notk.-The increases are worked out to the nearest 3 pies,
C. N. SEDDON,

Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

No. 1778 of 1910.
From

H. S. LaWRENCE, Esquiri, I. C. S., Acting Commissioner, Southern Division<br>-

To
The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Bombay.
Belgaum, 21st April 1915.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith the proposals for the Revision Settlements of the Bágalkot, Bádámi and Hungund tálukas of the Bijápur District.
2. The proposals of the Settlement Officer, Mr. Shannon, are accepted by the Settlement Commissioner, Mr. Seddon, to the effect that the assessments be increased as follows :-


The increases on groups vary from nil on group III of Bádámi to 26.7 on group II of Hungund. It is for consideration whether these increases are on the one hand justified and on the other hand sufficient.
3. The general conditions are similar. The three talukas form the southern tract of the Bijapur District, and were in former days notoriously liable to famine, with a rainfall thát has varied in Bádámi from 1 inch in 1876 to 41 inches in 1878, and in Eungund from 9 inches to 73 inches in the same years. The average incidence throughout the three talukas is from 21 to 26. inches.

Previous to the advent of the railway in 1884, years of insufficient or ill-distributed rainfall caused famine with a terrible mortality and the disorganisation of agriculture. In recent years, though several seasons have been unfavourable, the people have escaped the horrors of famine, and no disorganisation of agriculture has resulted. This statement is proved by the fact that after 1876-78 lands were thrown out of occupation to the extent of 8,000 acrés in Bágalkot, 28,000 acres in Bádámi and 13,000 acres in Hungund; whereas the Revenue history in Appendix $O$ shows that the area of unoccupied land has in the last 30 years continuously decreased, and in the worst year not more than 600 aores were relinquished. The people have learnt to migrate to the great cities where labour is in demand, and the modern development of industry has in fact practically solved the problem of famine.
4. The chief factor in this change has been the railway connecting Hubli and Hotgi near Sholípur, a distance of 209 miles; and the railway has now been supplemented by an excellent net work of good roads. The means of conveyance has been ohanged from pack bullooks to carts; formerly it was impossible to bring grain or fodder to the remote parts of these talukas; now, whether for import or for export, almost every village is within ready access of the great markets.
5. The principal market of exports is Bágalkot ; and there are subsidiary markets, within these tálukas, at Guledgudd and Kerur, and on the fringe outside the tálukas in Dhárwár, at Navalgund and Ron, and in the Native State of Rámdurg; the prices of Bágalkot may, however, be taken as the standard. These show increases of 59 per cent, in the last 25 years in jowári and cotton, the chief products, and increases varying from 26 to 86 per cent. in all other produots ${ }^{\text {and }}$ and the new facilities of communication magnify to a still higher degree the increases in the remote villages.
$\cdots$ An instance of the value of the new roads is affordet in the case of the Bádámi táluka. A new industry has sprung up in the transport of kadbi by cart-load to great distances into tracts which were formerly inaccessible. The northern tálukas of Dhárwár place two-thirds of their area under cotton and wheat and have a constant demand for kadbi. This is supplied from Bádími, and prices have risen from Rs. 6 per 1,000 lbs. between 1898-1905 to Rs. 12 between 1906-1912.
6. While these facts point to a great and general improvement of the conditions of life, there are certain tracts which have not been benefited. It is obvious that in order to take advantage of an increase of prices there must be a surplus of produce for sale, and Mr. Shannon has been careful to distinguish the small areas which have not participated in the general prosperity.
7. I now come to a consideration of the Revenue history of the talukas individually, and will summarise the facts as briefly as possible :-

Bágalkot.-Population increased from 82,000 to 105,000 between ' 1881 and 1901, and owing to plague then remained stationary.

| Agricaltaral stock. |  | Increase per cent. | Decreases per cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - |  |  |  |
| Plough cattle | ... | 5- | ...... |
| Milk cattle | ... | 12. | .. |
| Carts | ... | $77 \cdot$ | ....... |
| Calves | ... | ...... | 27. |
| Sheep |  |  | 49. |

Unoccupied land has fallen steadily from 14,800 acres to 2,000 acres. Remissions have been found necessary in two years only, to the amount of Rs. 68,000 . ${ }^{-}$No coeroive processes have been employed.

The sale value of land has trebled, and the assessment varies from 14 per cent. of the cash rental in groups II and IV. to 16 per cent. in group III and 21 per cent. in group I.

Bádámi.-Population increased from 86,000 to 108,000 or 25 per cent. Between 1901 and 1911 there was considerable mortality from plague, chiefly amongst women.

| Agricultaral stock, |  |  | Increases | Decreases |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Milk cattle |  | -* | 30. |  |
| Carts | . | $\cdots$ | 88' | .*** |
| Young stock | -* | $\ldots$ |  | 39. |
| Sheep and goats | ** | -* |  | 40 |

Unoccupied land has fallen from 34,000 to 6,000 acres. Remissions, ohiefly in one year, Rs. 30,000 . Coercive processes were employed in 48 cases, with the forfeiture of some 700 acres.

Sale value has risen 50 per cent., and the assessment varies from 15 per cent. in group I to 21 per cent. in group II and 31 per cent. in group IIT.

【Hungund. $\downarrow$ Population has inoreased by 38 per cent., from 80,000 in 1881 to $1,10,000$ in 1911. Some 10,000 deaths occurred from plague.


Onoccupied land has been steadily taken up and has fallen from 8,400 acres to 700 acres.

Remissions of Rs. 45,000 were almost entirely in the year 1901. Coeroive processes were nill.

The sale value of land has more than doubled in group III, trebled in group II, and is fourfold in group I.

The proportion of the assessment to the rental varies from 12 per cent. in groups I and II to 19 per cent. in group III.
8. It is very satisfactory that unimpeachable evidence is now available on the proportion of the profits of cultivation which is absorbed by the assessment. Formerly this point was in doubt ; it is now established beyond question by the Record-of-Rights.

Mr. Shannon has examined numerous leases, and where he has been able to ascertain that the conditions were affected by exceptional circumstances, such as the repayment of debt, an agreement as to the improvement of the soil, or domestic circumstances, has rejected those oases. He has collected these statistios from a very large number of villages in each group and has thus founded his conglusions on a sure basis.
(Now, in tixe settlements of the greater part of India a landlord considers himself fortunate if his net rental is equal to the assessment. This certainly need not be taken as a guide in a rayatwari settlement, but the fact is worthy of consideration when superior holders complain that two and three times the assessment is not sufficient for their net profit; and in the case of these talukas we find the profits varying throaghout from three to eight times the assessment. )
9. Mr. Shannon mentions a complaint that these rentals are unduly enhanced by competition and have proved ruinous. He has, however, informed me further that his enquiries failed entirely to establish the truth of the allegation.

The area annually cultivated is as under :-


These figures do not indicate that the pressure of population on the soil is such as to cause unfair competition.
10. Government will, however, no doubt require an assurance that these high rentals do not represent the investment of capital and that there is no danger of the taxation of improvements. I venture to emphasize the point, which should, I submit, be fully discussed in all revision reports.

Let us take an acre assessed at 8 annas in a village where the assessment is 20 per cent. of the rental, i.e., the rental is Rs. $2-8-0$. The assessment is raised 25 per cent. to 10 annas, and let us assume that Rs. 10 have been spent on the improvement of the field. . If we decuct $\Delta$ annas of the rental as the interest on this improvement at 5 por oent., we have an assessment of 10 annas on a rental of Ra. 2 of unimproved value, i. e., 31 per cent.

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I have consequently obtained the following further remarks from Mr. Shannon:-
( "The capital outlay has been nearly entirely confined to weeding and clearing scrub. This we know may be taken to cost Rs. 15 per acre in the case of land in bad condition. Furthermore periodical weeding is almost an inherent charge in cultivation of black soils. After a few years of lazy cultivation enough grass will grow to spoil the best of fields."
"The capital invested in weeding moreover is often entirely recouped in a few years. Much of the outlay has been of a negative nature, i. e., long term leases under which the lessor often receives no more than the bare assessment on the land while the lessee in retarn for the profits which he derives is bound to clear the land and restore it free of weeds to the owner."
"It is obviously not correct to inolude these weeding leases while ascertaining the rental value of lands.) On the other hand, care was taken not to include any high rentals which were alleged to be due to improvements effected. Though the question of taxing improvements was not specifically investigated, constant enquiry was pursued as to the causes of the high rents."
11. One minor point is perhaps worthy of note. Mr. Shannon and the Collector are apprehensive of the loss of manure owing to the decrease of sheep and goats, and Mr. Shannon indicts the policy of the Forest Department. Now, the maximum number of sheep and goats in these three talukas in a former census was 96,000 , and in the recent census it had fallen by 30,000 ; whereas cattle exceeded $1,60,000$. The manurial value of goats is very small in comparison with that of other agricultural stock, and the decrease is negligible. Moreover, it has not been sufficiently recognised that the decrease is probably temporary, due to the exceedingly bad seasons in respect of fodder which characterised the years 1911 and 1912.

The loss of these animals is, however, important from another point of view, namely, the reduction of food for the meat-eating population and of wool for the industry of weaving kamblis. This matter is under separate consideration.
12. Finally, there is the question raised by Mr. Seddon of the effect of the present position of cotiton prices. Cotton constitutes 25 per cent. of the cropped area in Bágalkot, 16 per cent. in Badámi and 36 per cent. in Hungund, with areas respectively of $79,000,39,000$ and $1,00,000$ acres. In 1900, before the great rise in the values of cotton, the areas were respeetively $50,000,21,000$ and 60,010 . It has thus increased from less than one-sixth to over one-quarter of the total area. During these 15 years the price per naga of $1,344 \mathrm{lbs}$ at Hubli (whence reliable figures have been supplied by Messrs. Ralli Brothers) has ruled as shown in the following statement:-

| 1900 | - |  | Rs. 127 | a. 8 | p. | 1908 |  |  | Rs. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1901 | ... |  | 88 | 8 | 0 | 1909 |  |  | 125 | 0 |  |
| 1902 | $\ldots$ |  | 90 | 0 | 0 | 1910 |  | - | 155 | 0 | 0 |
| 1903 | ... | ... | 102 | 0 | 0 | 1911 |  | ... | 155 | 0 | 0 |
| 1904 | . | ... | 132 | 0 | 0 | 1912 | $\cdots$ | ... | 145 | 0 | 0 |
| 1905 | ... |  | 96 | 0 | 0 | 1913 |  |  | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| $19 \cup 6$ |  |  | 131 | 0 | 0 | 1914 | ... |  | 131 | 0 | 0 |
| 1907 | ... | ... | 119 | 0 | 0 |  | . |  |  |  | 0 |

and the present price is Rs. 103-8-0.
These figures show that previous to 1906 cotton has frequently been as low as it is now, and while the area will no doubt be reduced, it will still remaid a profitable crop to the cultivator. Moreover, there is the compensation of the rise of the price of wheat, and. wheat can be grown in a very large proportion of the area now under cotton.
13. The large increase in cotton prices began from 1906, and a statement of leases contained in 'Appendix $M / 1$ gives the percentage of the assessment
to the rental for the years 1898-1902. This statement enables us to estimate the profits of cultivation previous to tho sudden enhancement caused by the recent inflation of cotton prices. The percentage was even then very moderate in most groups varying in Bágalkot from 23 to $3 \underset{\text { zas }}{ }$ in Bádámi from 20 to 46 and in Hungund from 23 to 52 .
14. It is clear, therefore, that this Revision Settlement can be considered on the general conditions of the agricultural situation of this tract without reference to the future of the cotton industry. Had cotton prices remained as they were last year, there_could have been no hesitation in recommending the full increase of 33 per cent. in the Bágalkot and Hungund talukas, and a smaller enhancement in Bádámi owing to the smaller interest of that táluka in ootton. But, owing to the uncertainty of the cotton position, the full increase, otherwise due to the State, may be foregone.
15. On the other points discussed by the Settlement Commissioner, I have the honour to concur with Mr. Seddon.
16. Mr. Shannon has collecied the materials necessary for these reports with much care and industry, and has examined the figures in the light of a close personal acquaintance with the country. I consider that his proposals have been framed with judgment and moderation, and I have the honour to recommend them for the sanction of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H. S. LAWRENCE, Acting Commissioner, Southern Division.

## Revenue Survey and Assessment.

Bijápur.
Revision settlement of the Bagalkot, Bádámi and Hungund tálukas.

GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

## Reveiue Departurnt.

Resolution No. 1255.
Bombay Castle, 2nd February 1916.
Letter from the Commissioner; S. D., No. 1778 dated 21st April 1915-Submitting, with his remarks, together with the letter from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Reoords No. 1056-S. S. dated 23rd January 1915, the papers specified below containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Bágalkot, Badami and Hungund talukas of the Bijápar district:-

Letter from Mr. G. C.s Shannon, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Bijápur, No. C.-30 dated 3rd November 1914.

Memorandum from the Collector of Bijápur No. C.- 2338 dated 23rd December 1014.

Letter from the Collector of Bijgpar No. C.-2338 dated 31st March 1915.
Letter from Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Bijapur, - No. C.-300 dated 3rd November 1914.

Memorandum from the Collector of Bijápur No. C.-2339 dated 9th January 1915.
Jetter from Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., Assistant Settlement Officer, Bijapur, No. C.-301 dated Srd November 1914.

Memorandum from the Collector of Bijápur No. C.-2337 dated 81st December 1914.

Memorandum* from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 2064 dated 7th May 1915.
Letter* from the Colleotor of Bijapur No. C.-2 2387 dated 24th May 1915-Submitting, together with a letter* from Mr. G. C. Shannon, I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Bijápur, No. S.C.- 321 dated 10th April 1915, petitions* of objections received from the rayats of the Hungund, Bágalkot and Badámi tálukas regarding the revised rates proposed for the second revision settlement.
Memorandum* from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. 1056-S.S. dated 14th June 1915.
Memorandum* from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 2748 dated 23rd June 1915.
Letter* from the Collector of Bijapur No. C.- 2337 dated 9th June 1915.
Memorandum* from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records No. 1056-S.S. dated 14th June 1915.
Memorandum* from the Commissioner, S. D., No. 2749 dated 23rd June 1915.
Resolution.-These papers contain the proposals prepared by Mr. G.e. Shannon, I.C.S., for the revision settlement of the tálukas of Bágalkot, Hungund and Bádámi in the Bijapur, district.
2. There is a general unanimity among the officers who havo oriticised the proposals that they are in the main suitable and sound. It will consequently be unnecessary to examine in detail the various faots which have been brought out in the reports. Mr. Shannon shows that the three tálukas have prospered to a considerable extent during the currency of the expiring settlement, though thiq remark applies in a higher degree to Hungund and Bágalkot than to Badami. Population has increased notwithstanding the ravages of plague, the area of Government unoccupied land has decreased considerably, while the sale value of occupied land has risen threefold in Bágalkot and Hungund, and to the extent of fifty per cent. in Bádami. The statistics of rent show a high
level relatively to the assessment. One cause of anxiety and hesitation on the part of the Settlement Officer and, to a greater degree, of the Settlement Commissioner and the Commissioner, S. D., has been the fear lest the drop in the price of cotton which occurred on the outbreak of the war should be permanent. As the area of cotton in these talukas is large and has considerably . ip creased in late years, it is olear that, had the decline in prices continued, the . possibility of the prosperity of these tálukas being affected thereby would have had to be considered. More recent statistics however show that the price of cotton has risen once more to the level which has been common in recent years, and, as far as can be seen at present, it seems improbable that there will ever be a very marked decline. Government therefore consider that the possibility of this contingency may be disregarded.
3. On a full consideration therefore of the views which have been recorded in these reports, Government are pleased to direct that the following groups and maximum rates for dry crops should be sanctioned :-

| Bágalkot.— |  |  |  |  | Rs. | a. | p. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 13 | 0 |  |
| Group II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 8 | 0 |  |
| Group III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 6 | 0 |  |
| Group IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 4 | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hung̀nd.- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Group I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 8 | 0 |  |
| Group II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 6 | 0 |  |
| Group III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 4 | 0 |  |
| Bádámi_- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Group I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Group II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 6 | 0 |  |
| Group III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 | 2 | 0 |  |

4. Mr. Shannon's proposaits to reduce the area classed as rice land by eliminating from this category lands, which do not possess the facility for growing rice, are approved, as well as the adoption of the rate of Rs. 8 per aore. The same remarks apply, to his proposals for dealing with motasthal and pátasthal lands, including the assessment to water rate for rice and pátasthal lands irrigaţed from the Mahakuteshwar Hond at Nandikeshwar in the Bádámi taluka.
5. The reduction of the water classification in the villages of Kendur and Parvati in the Bádámi taluka is approved.
6. The petitions of objections do not disclose any grounds which would lead Government to modify the orders now passed.
7. The revised rates should be notified before the close of the current revenue year and they should be levied from the revenue year 1916-17. The guarantee should be for 30 years.
8. The thanks of Government are due to Mr. Shannon for the care and industry with which the reports have been compiled.

> G. A. THOMAS,
> Deputy-wecretary to Government.
G. R. No. 1258, R. D., dated 2nd February 1916.

To
The Commissioner, S. D.,
The Collector of Bijapur (with the petitions of objection),
The Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records,

With an intimstion thas the papers are being printed in the form of selections from the records of Goy ernment and thas, when ther ere
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The Accountant General, will be forwarded to them.
The Public. Works Department of the Seoretariat.
G. O. Shannón, Esq., I.C.S.,

The Government of India (by letter).
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INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE SECOND REVISION SETTLEMENT OF MALSIRAS TALUKA OF THE SHOLAPUR DISTRICT


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Camp Sangola, 5th May 1920.

## From

## G. Y. MIRIKAR, Esquire, <br> Assistant Settlement Officer, Taluka Malsiras ;

To
The Collector of Sholapur.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit my proposals for the Second Revision Survey Settlement of the Malsiras Taluka of the Sholapur District.
2. The taluka boundaries have undergore no change during the current lease. There are in all 69 villages in the taluka, of which 57 are Government, and 12 are Inam. My report deals with 57 Government villages only. Out of the 12 Inam villages (1) Bijwadi, (2) Sangam, (3) Tambwe, (4) Newre, (5) Tandulwadi and (6) Bacheri are yet unsettled and the remaining (7) Karunde, (8) Kothale, (9) Pimpri, (10) Ganeshgaon, (11) Nimbgaon and (12) Kolegaon, though due for revision, require revision measurement and classinication operations. None of these 12 Inam villages therefore are included in this report as advised by the Superintendent, Land Records, Central Divisior.
3. The current settlement in the 57 villages was introduced in the year and under the authority quoted below and was guaranteed up to the Revenue year 1920-21.
No. of villeges.

## Position and Physical features.

(4. The Malsiras Taluka is the westernmost portion of the Sholapur District.) In the north it is bounded by the Nira River beyond which is the Indapur Taluka of the Poona Collectorate: : in the east by the Bhima River and parts of the Karmala, Madha and Pandharpur Talukas. The south-east portion of this taluka adjoins the Sangola Taluka. In the south-west and west are the Mahadev (Singnapur) hills of the Man Taluka of the Satara Collectorate and in the west is the Phaltan State. The Taluka Head-quarter is nearly in the centre.
(The lands slope gently towards the Nira and Bhima Rivers which meet at Narsinghpur (Indapur Taluka) near Sangam in the extreme north-east.)

There is a great dearth of water in this taluka even for drinking purposea. The sub-soil water cannot be reached at practicable depth. Flowing water is rarely seen, as most of the streams are liable to ary up from the season of cold weather and travellers have to foresee their demand of water to quench their thirst and to keep water with them while en route to and from Pandharpur and Singnapur which are pilgrim centres.)

The Nira river also dries up in the dry season. The River Bhima only is with a perenrial flow but as it flows only on the boundary line of the taluka it is useful for only a very limited number of villages of this taluka which are on its banks.

## Soil.

5. The taluka consists of an undulating plain more level and richer in soil towards the boundaries of the two rivers and more broken in surface and more sterile along the foot of the hills. Some part is stony. The soil is not retentive of moisture. On the whole, the taluka is rocky and treeless and the undergrowth is scanty

## Climate and Rainfall.

6. Appendix A gives the figures of rainfall recorded at Malsiras, Akluj and Piliv for the last 11 years. Statistics of the last few years are also available for Dharmapuri, Mandwe, Islampur and Bhamburdi where rain guages have recently been established by the Public Works Department (Irrigation), Malsiras.

A comparison of these statements will show that the distribution of rainfall is generally equal everywhere in the taluka except at Akluj and Piliv. At Akluj the rainfall is less and at Piliv it is more than at Malsiras.

I have also obtained the details of the record of rainfall at the adjoining four Taluka Head-quarters, viz., Indapur, Man, Sangola and Pandharpur ; and from this it will be seen that the rainfall at Pandharpur is comparatively more than at any of the adjoining talukas. Although Dahiwadi is a hilly taluka, it has the least rainfall.

The climate is dry and hot and the rainfall scanty and uncertain. At Malsiras during the last 11 years ending 1919, the fall varied from 41.77 inches in 1916 to 8.71 inches in 1912. The average rainfall is 19.24 irches.

As regards distribution of the rainfall, it is clear that the late rains are more important, and its total amount is generally double that of kharif. Naturally rabi crops preponderate in this taluka and this will clearly be seen from the crop statistics.

The taluka is excessively liable to famine and the cause of it is the failure or unseasonableness of the rainfall.

## Crops.

7. Appendix B gives details of crops.

The principal crops are jowari and bajri. The relative proportion of these crops varies according to the season of the year's rainfall. Jowari is usually sown with safflower as an inter-crop. The jowari covers 59.73 per cent. of the gross cropped àrea as compared with 50 per cent. at the time of the First Revision. Bajri covers only 14.42 per cent. of the gross cropped area as compared with 18.7 per cent. at the time of the First Revision. This shows that rabi crops are grown over larger area than in the past.

The average areas under wheat, rice and cotton are shown below:-

| Crop. | Area in acres. | Pereentage on gross <br> cropped area. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Wheat | 2,265 | 1.03 |
| Rice | 112 | 0.05 |
| Cotton | 4,386 | 2.00 |
|  |  | 1,516 |
| Wheat | 504 |  |
| Rice | as compared to | 0.6 |
| Cotton | 1,096 | 0.2 |
|  |  | 0.4 |

at the time of the original Survey. Cotton has expanded in the villages noted below :--

[^1]At the time of the First Revision the fallow land in the Malsiras Taluka on the gross cultivated area was $\mathbf{1 2 . 3}$ per cent. and now it is $\mathbf{2 0 . 1 7}$ per eent. on the sane. Probably one of the reasons seems to be that some people find it advantsgeous to keep their land fallow and to accept work on the Canal works and this to obitain more money than they would ordinarily get from agriculture: secondly owing to the rise in the cost of cultivation people find it convenient to keep lands for grazing for sheep and goats. In the undulating "Mal " lands much area necessarily remains uncultivated.

The area under safflower is shown under the head "dyes" as safflower is classed under "IX Dyes" in the Revenue Accounts Manual by Mr. Anderson on page 152.

## Irrigation.

8. Appendix B-I gives the details of irrigated crops. Figures of the last 5 yeais are given from which it will be seen that the area irrigated in 1917-18 is greater than any of the years shown in the statement. The only source of irrigation is wells. There are no Government or private canals. Out of the average area under wheat ( 2,265 acres) shown in Appendix B, the average ares irrigated for wheat is 2,132 acres. Rice and sugarcane are irrigated on a very small scale. The average area under cereals ard pulses irrigated is 11,305 acres.

## Communicalions.

9. The taluka is traversed by only one good metalled road which runs throughout the whole of its length connecting Pandharpur on the east with Poona in the west. This is a provincial road. Another road also starting from Pandharpur leads to Satara and passes through only the south-eastern portion of the taluka; This road is maintained by the District Local Board. It is not, however, of much use to the villagere in the Malsiras Taluka. There are also three branch roads :-
(1) Velapur to Akluj - distance 7 miles.
(2) Malsiras to Akluj leading to Tembhurni.
(3), Malsiras to Dahiwadi.

No new roads have been constructed during the expiring lease.

## Bazars.

10. The only trade centre in the taluka which seems to be of some moderate importance is Akluj. It is 7 miles from Malsiras. It is only the grain market. Just outside the taluka is the important market of Pandharpur. Villagers in the extreme east have access to Pandharpur, the distance being only from about 15 to 20 miles. Weekly markets are held within the taluka at Akluj, Natepute and Malsiras. Jowari, bajri and safflower oil form the chief exports and the imports are the usual groceries together with rice and.various kinds of clothes. A great deal of minor produce such as fodder of all kinds, fuel, vegetables, etc., finds a ready sale at Pandharpur itself and also along the roads frequented by the pilgrims who pass to and from Pandharpur.

Many of the cultivators have to take their grain to merchants at trade centres at the time of the payment of the amount of assessment. The grain marchants seeing that the agriculturists are in urgent need of money to defray Government dues, ask for grain at lower rates. This involves extra expenditure upon the agriculturists in addition to the troubles of bagging and carting the grain.
11. There being no Railway Station in this taluka, I am unable to give figures of actual import and export of this-taluka.

## Manufactures and industries.

12. The taluka is purely agricultural. There are no factories in the taluka. Details will be found in the Appendix E. There are 129 hand looms preparing blankets which are largely exported and 64 hand looms preparing lugris, etc., for local sale. There are no gins or cotton presses. There are only two flour mills at Akluj: but they are for some part idle.

## Population.

13. According to the classification adopted in the census of 1911, 73.26 per cent. of the people are agriculturists. The non-agriculturists population consists of weavers and others.

The actual figures of population of the 57 Government villages under report are as follows :-
1857.1858.
41,436

The above table will show that at the beginning of the First Revision Settlement (1890) the population showed an increase of $39 \cdot 1$ per cent. as compared with that of the Original Settlement. It increased from 57,630 to 59,639 in one year : but during the census of 1901 the number came down to 40,578 and at the census of 1911 again it rose to 59,211 . The considerable fall in the population in the year 1901 may be attributed to the emigration on account of the great famine of 1899.

From 1911 to the end of 1919, the number of births is 21,652 and the number of deaths is 26,654 . Thus the total population may now be taken to be 54,209 . The taluka suffered severely from the attack of Influenza of 1918 and the decrease is due to this disease.

## Health.

14. Plague visited the taluka only once in the year 1917 and is responsible 'for 1,480 deaths. At the very first warning of the rat epizotic the people readily evacuated and removed themselves to healthy localities-ordinarily to their own holdings-thus making themselves more able to work on their own land.

Influenza and fever took away 9,205 souls in 1918. Fever seems to be a regular yearly visitor to this taluka.

## Schools and education.

15. During the period of settlement, the number of Government schools for boys has risen from 17 to 40 . The average attendance in 1914 was 1238.7. In the last year it was 1165.0. In 1900 there was only one Girls' School. Now there are two. The average attendance in Girls' School in 1914 was 70.2. It was 62.7 in the last year. There are no private schools. A large number of villagers have no school within practicable distance of them and people having had no interest in Education, do not care to have schools in their own villages.

> Live and Dead stock.
16. Figures of the latest census (1919-20) are given in Appendix D. In the same table figures of 1909-10 and 1915-16 are given for comparison. It will be seen from the figures that there has been a remarkable decrease in the number of plough cattle, milch cattle and young stock. This is clear from the following table :-


Every item except carts shows decrease. Even the sheep and goats have decreased though they cost nothing to keep but on the other hand affords a regular source of profit.

It is clear that the agricultural plough cattle hàve decreased by nearly 30 per cent. since the time of the lst Revision. (In 1915, the number was 13,601. It is $\mathbf{1 3 , 2 3 5}$ at present. The difference of 366 is insignificant). There are natural facilities for grazing in this tract and people keep cows to rear young stock and it is cows and the buffaloes who suffer most in a severe famine. Judged from the stand point of agricultural earning it must be admitted that the tract has suffered a set back in point of plough animal which it will take years to recoup. These circumstances will adversely affect the prosperity of the agricultural class in this tract. This fact must have some determining influence on the proposals of revised rates.

The number of carts has increased more than cent. per cent. as the cartmen find ready and high paid cash labour in the irrigation department to bring earth and murum for the embankment of the Nira Right Bank Canal. They have thus the double advantage of their carts, first for the conveyance of their agricultural produce to their respective homes and secondly for the said labour work.

Ploughs have also decreased by $28 \cdot 14$ per cent. ; the reason may be due to the fact that wooden ploughs are now-a-days being replaced by iron ploughs which on account of their durability and utility have become popular. Besides the iron plough has become one of the mediums for the agriculturists to carry on their business of leasing out the same to other poor agriculturists and making money.

## Water supply.

17. There are only two rivers-the Nira to the north and the Bhima bounding on the east. The latter only is perennial. These rivers are far below the surrounding land and not available for irrigation. There is the confluence of the two rivers Nira and Bhima near the alienated village of Sangam.

There are some streams rising in the hills close to the boundary of the Taluka in the south, but they dry up very early in ordinary years. Irrigation from Bhudkis is freely used in good years.

The following comparative table will show the comparison between the number of wells at the beginning of the expiring settlement and at the end of the expiring settlement.

| For what use. | lat Revision. | 1919. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Irrigation | 1,313 | 2,045 |
| Drinking | 54 | 172 |
| Out of repair | 501 | 534 |
|  | 1,868 | 2,751 |

Irrigation wells have increased. This shows the industry of the people. The irrigated area is 11,418 acres.

## Value of land.

18. All the sales that could be found in the Record of Rights Registers during the last five years have been tabulated and given in Appendices G and G-1. Transactions which did not appear to be genuine have been excluded.

The value of dry crop lands in the villages of the first group ranges from 22 to 81 times the assessment. The special high value of lands sold at Wagholi is due to the proximity of the Bhima River which when flooded enrickes the soil and thus bumper crops are yielded. As regards Bhamburdi the lands are contiguous to Nira Right Bank and hence they fetched high value.

The exceptionally high value of lands in the villages of Mandki and Girvi is as per my local inquiry due to the richer quality of soil.

A comparison between the dry crop sales in the two groups will show that lands in thè second group are sold on an average for smaller considerations.

In the case of Bagayat lands in villages of the Mandwe (first group) and Bhamb (second group) the selling value of lands is exceptionally high.

The selling value of lands in the villages of the second group seems to be comparatively smaller than that in the first group. At the time of the first Revision. Settlement the selling price was nearly 19 times the assessment. Information tabulated from the Record of Rights shows that in the dry crop lands the selling value is now $44 \cdot 11$ times and in the case of Bagayat lands $81 \cdot 03$ times the assessment on an average. This cent. per cent. rise in the selling value is no doubt due to general rise in prices of articles. It is in some respects due to the probability of the land coming under the command of the Nira Right Bank Canal and the rise in the selling value of lands in Group II is specially due to this very cause, as the Canal is to pass tbrough this group; there may be bogus transactions to deceive Sawkars; but they have not come to light during personal inquiry. Hence the facts as they stand in the Record of Rights have been accepted. The price in land has abnormally increased which justifies the raising of assessment as proposed later on.

## Leases.

(Leases in the Taluka are usually of the following three kinds:-
(1) For cash.
(2) For a fixed amount of grain.
(3) For a definite share of gross produce $\frac{1}{2}$ share in the case of dry crop and $\frac{1}{3}$ rd in the case of Bagayat Lands.
(a) Majority of Kabjedars cultivate their lands themselves by employing hired labour of necessity) Information regarding leases has been collected from crop register and tabulated in Appendices H. and H-I.
(b) The usual rents in this taluka are crop share rents but these are useless for settlement purposes and have been omitted. Cash rents have therefore been taken into accounts in compiling the Appendices. The letting value in the case of dry crop lands is 3.36 times the assessment. Index Numbers have been calculated and given in Appendices H. and H.-I. to unify the statistics, about leases. "Index No." for each village has been found by taking the assessment per acre on land of 8 annas soil valuation (i.e., the average soil) in the village and multiplying it by the figure expressing the average rent in multiples of assessment for that village in rupees and annas. This average rental value of soil of middle quality may safely be taken as half the rental value of soil of the maximum (10 as.) quality which may not even exist in the village. But it gives us the fair "maximum rates" for the village lands as fixed by the transactions of the people themselves. These indices show that the existing assessment is moderate, viz. (Rs. 1-4-0 $+1-3-0$ against a fair maximum of Rs. $2-0-8+2-8-1$ ) and even if it is substantially increased it will not exceed half the net rent. A reference to Appendix $H$ will show that in the case of dry crop lands the letting value of villages in Group II is comparatively higher than that in villages in Group I. In the case of Bagayat lands it is nearly twice that in villages in Group I.
(c) At the time of the Revision Settlement the average land was sublet at three times the survey assessment.

## Prices.

20. In Appendix I are shown the prices of the principal products of the taluka, jawari and bajri covering an area of 60 and 14 per cent., respectively. The graph attached to the Appendix gives an unbroken sequence from 1847-48 of the prices of the two principal food grains-jawari and bajri. There are certain years, in which owing to the failure of crops the prices went up to abnormal heights; this is specially noticeable - in 1897, 1900, 1918 and 1919. But apart from the exceptional figures there is a marked upward trend of prices which has all the
signs of permanency. The following table compares the average prices for different periods :-

| Period. |
| :--- |
| From 1887 to 1895 (8 years) |
| 1905-1917 (13 years) |

The prices are exceptionally high owing to the failure of crops in 1918 and on account of the war conditions. Prices of some more crops are given in addition to those mentioned above and a reference to Appendix I, will show that there is a general rise in prices for all crops.

Wages.
21. The Mamlatdar has furnished statistics of wages for the last 32 years. From these records it appears that the ordinary wage at the time of the lat Revision was below 3 annas. It continued to be so till the year 1908. The rate rose to annas 4 in 1913. There is a steady rise from 4 annas to 6 annas at present. The wages are specially heavy on account of the construction work of the Nira Right Bank Canal in progress in this taluka. Many labourers employed on this work do work by contract system (completing some fixed amount of work in one day) and thus get annas 10 to 12 a day including bonus for extra work. This rise is an addition to the cost of cultivation. This increase in the cost of labour is a good reason for keeping enhancement well below the rates which the increase in the price of produce would allow. The high wagest paid by the irrigation department attract the agricultural class who instead of cultivating their own holdings lease them out on agreement to receive half produce or even prefer in some cases to leave their land fallow.

## Revenue History.

22. The area of the unoccupied assessed waste land is now 704 acres 22 gunthas assessed at Rs. 206 while at the beginning of the lease there were only 358 acres assessed at Rs. 59-14-0 (please vide Appendix M). In the year 1889-90 it was 288 acres assessed at Rs. 43 (please vide Appendix P, page 21 of the Selections from the records of the Government of Bombay No. CCXLVII New Series).

Appendix M will show that the assessed unoccupied area was insignificant till 1896-97. Then the succession of bad years commenced with the result that in 1901-02 the area reached the figure of 7,761 acres. This increase was due to the forfeitures of land for arrears. The area showed a decline to 469 acres in 1906-07 because the lands were again brought under cultivation for good seasons. The area is now 704 acres and 22 gunthas. It seems that it is of the poor description and is not needed by the people.

There is no change in the unoccupied waste land in the second group.
At the beginning of the expiring lease (1891-92) the land revenue demand was Rs. 90,214 . In $1918-19$, it was Rs. $1,01,816$. A reference to Appendix K will show that remissions have been very considerable against the years 1901-02, 1905-06 to 1911-12 and 1915-16 and 1916-17. During the last 14 years total remissions amounted to Rs. $3,14,210$-the annual average demand being Rs. 97,969. Coercive measures had at times to be resorted to, for the recovery of land revenue.

The statement shows that remissions were given in 13 years out of 28 , while there were authorized arrears in 22 years out of 28 . The tract is thus
always liable to famine and bad years and heavy suspensions and remissions are required. The revenue history reflects the series of bad years through which the tract has passod and is still passing. The year 1918-19 was worst and its effects. are not yet over. Unless the tract enjoys regular irrigation, it is clear that there is no likelihood that it will enjoy a satisfactory revenue history. It is evident that in judging of the adequacy of any proposed rates, the unhappy revenue history must carefully be borne in mind.

## Grouping.

23. In the original and Revision Settlements the taluka was divided into two groups. The southern 12 villages were formed into a separate group (II). The main reason of two groups has been explained in the First Revision Settlement report as follows :-
"But some small disadvantage must still be allowed to exist (in the villages in Group II) on the score of greater uncertainty of climate and the rough difficult conformation of the village lands." The same argument holds good under the present circumstances and hence no change in grouping is necessary. Maps showing old and new grouping are attached.

## General Remarks.

24. The prices have abnormally increased. The selling value of lands has also increased. The indices in Appendix. H shows that the present assessment is moderate. On the other hand wages have doubly increased and consequently cost of cultivation has also increased. There is no improvement in communications. Agricultural cattle have decreased. The Revenue History is unsatisfactory on account of the successive bad and dry seasons and the result is that the remissions have been heary.

It is however impossible to avoid arrears, remissions and forfeitures or relinquishment of land during famine however light the assessment may be. It was not very hard to recover the assessment in normal years as will be seen from the(Appendix K) authorized outstandings in the year 1916-17 when there was sufficient rainfall. This shows that in a good year, the revenue of two years can be easily recovered. It can therefore be easily deduced that the pitch of assessment is not so high. Looking to the general rise in prices, moderate increase in the assessment will be justified, after making an allowance for the rise in the cost of cultivation.

## Maximum sates.

25. The present maximum rates are Rs. 1-4-0 for villages in Group I and Rs. 1-3-0 for villages. in Group. II.

In view of the remarks made in the above paragraphs, it is for consideration whether the existing rates should be increased. The following points will, I believe, be useful in deciding the question.

On the north, the Malsiras Taluka is surrounded by the villages in the Indapur Taluka with the Nira River between. The Second Revision Settlement was introduced into the Indapur Taluka in 1912-13. The rates sanctioned for the villages adjoining Malsiras are Re. 1-0-0 and Rs. 1-2-0 only. A rate of Rs. 1-4-0 was first sanctioned for these villages but it was found very high. Lower rates were therefore proposed and sanctioned by Government. The existing rate in the Malsirias Taluka is already Rs. 1-4-0.

On the southern side of the Malsiras Taluka, there is the Man Taluka of the Satara District with the Signapur Hills between. The villages of the Man Taluka stand on a plateau. The position of the villages in the Malsiras Taluka near the hills is quite different. The existing rates in the adjoining villages in the Man Taluka are Rs. 1-7-0 and Rs. 1-4-0. In the villages in the Malsiras Taluka near the hills, the existing rate is Rs. 1-3-0.

The construction of the Nira Right Bank Canal is in progress and it is believed that the work will not be completed for more than 10 to 15 years. Even 20 years will be required to enjoy the produce from irrigation.

The Barsi Light Railway line also is to be extended from Pandharpur to Lonand vid Akluj and Malsiras, etc., and the work will be taken up in hand shortly. These two factors, when complete, will tend to improve the material, condition of the people considerably.

In view of the above considerations, there will appear no necessity for increase in the existing rates for the present but taking into consideration the existing condition and the existing prices, and values, and taking into consideration the share of the produce which Government how receives as compared to the one received at the time of the beginning of the expiring lease, I am inclined to increase the assessment in such measure as will give Government a share approximately equal to that which it formerly received. There has been no change in the customary share paid by a tenant to his landlord. It still remains at one-half or one-third according to the kind of the land. It is very clear that Government now receives a very much smaller share of the produce. It is tharefore obligatory that the increase must be based on the rise in prices. I therefore propose to increase the rates as under:-

| Group. | Villages. | Proposed maximum |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | 45 | rate. |
| II | $\mathbf{1 2}$ | $1-6-0$ |
|  |  |  |

## Rice Assessment.

There are only 105 acres under rice. The maximum rate is Re. 6. The area is very small and it may be allowed to stand.

## Assessment on Garden lands.

The patasthal assessment has been abolished by Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 8,523, dated 18th October 1905. The area irrigated by wells is 9,903 acres. At the last settlement no differenciation was made between the maximum rates for dry crop and garden lands under wells. Accordingly under the present proposals the maximum rates for garden lands are identical with those for dry crop lands.

The financial effect of the new rates is given in summary of the Appendix I. The increase in the revenue of 57 villages is Rs. 9,637 or 10 per cent.

## Period of guarantee.

26. There are some reasons for which I should like to propose a short period of guarantee. They are that there will be changes by the opening up of the Barsi Light Railway and irrigation by Nira Right Bank Canal, which will quite alter the condition of the large tracts of the taluka. Besides the uncertain course of prices which still continues is also another reason for consideration. But as these improvements will not take. place within 20 years, I recommend that the period of guarantee should be usual of thirty years.

I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servant, G. Y. MIRIKAR,<br>Assistant Settlement Officer, Taluka Malsiras.

APPENDIX A.
Information obtained from the Irrigation Department, Malsiras.
Rainfall recorded at Malsiras Taluka in the' Sholapur District during the years 1914 to 1919.


Rainfall recorded at Islampur, Taluka Malsiras, District Sholapur, during 1916 to 1919.

| $\begin{array}{ll} 1018 & \text {. } \\ 1017 & \cdot \\ 1918 & \cdots \\ 1019 & . . \end{array}$ | 1.51 18 00 | No re | rd. 2.01 2.48 2.06 | 6 11 5 | 16.86 <br> 1.11 <br> 1.20 <br> 5.00 | $\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ 10 \\ 4 \\ 11 \end{array}$ | 9.25 12.48 3.51 9.04 | 20 28 12 16 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.01 \\ & 1.75 \\ & 1.51 \\ & 1.85 \end{aligned}$ | 19 7 4 3 | $\begin{array}{r} 84 \cdot 92 \\ 10 \cdot 76 \\ 8 \cdot 97 \\ 18.35 \end{array}$ | 64 58 88 35 | The ralngauge at Bhsmburdi was established by the Executive lingincer, Malalras, In April 1016. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | 1-69 | 0 | $7 \cdot 45$ | ${ }^{*} 22$ | 24.06 | 50 | 84-28 | 76 | $13 \cdot 62$ | 38 | 82.00 | 100 |  |
| Average . | +56 | $\dagger 8$ | t2.48 | +7 | 6.24 | 12\% | $8 \cdot 57$ | 10 | 3.403 | 8 | $20 \cdot 50$ | 471 | tAverage of 3 yeara only. |

Rainfall recorded at Mandwa, Taluka Malsiras, Disirict Sholapur, during 1918 to 1919.

| $\begin{array}{ll} 1918 & \cdots \\ 1919 & . . \end{array}$ | 0.00 0.00 | 0 0 | 5.81 1.60 | 5 | 67 8.08 | 1 7 | 3.07 13.58 | 8 14 | $2 \cdot 30$ $1 \cdot 85$ | 5 3 | $\begin{aligned} & 12 \cdot 75 \\ & 20 \cdot 66 \end{aligned}$ | 28 29 | The raingauge wha established by the Executive Enginear, Malalras, in 1918. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total . | 0.00 | 0 | $7 \cdot 41$ | 14 | $4 \cdot 30$ | 8 | 17-55 | 22 | 4.15 | 8 | 38.41 | 52 |  |
| Average .. | $0 \cdot 60$ | 0 | 3.70 | 7 | $2 \cdot 15$ | 4 | $8 \cdot 77$ | 11 | $2 \cdot 07$ | 4 | 16.70 | 28 |  |

Rainfall recorded at Dharampuri, Taluka Malsiras, District Sholapur, during the years . 1917 to 1919.

| $\begin{array}{ll}187 & . \\ 1918 & . \\ 1019 & .\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.84 \\ & 0 \cdot 00 \\ & 1.08 \end{aligned}$ | 4 0 1 | 8.00 4.29 8.14 | 2 8 4 | 0.14 1.26 4.75 | 4 4 9 | 10.71 4.86 8.47 | 21 6 12 | 1.40 1.64 1.20 | 5 4 2 | 10.09 11.54 18.64 | 30 28 28 | Do. do. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total .. | 1.02 | 5 | 10-43 | 14 | 6.15 | 17 | $23 \cdot 54$ | 30 | 4.23 | 11 | 46.27 | 88 |  |
| Average .. | 64 | 2 | $8 \cdot 48$ | 5 | 2.05 | 6 | $7 \cdot 85$ | 13 | 1.41 | 4 | 16.42 | 29 |  |

Rainfall recorded at Akluj, Taluka Malsiras, District Sholapur, from 1909 to 1919.


## APPENDIX A-coned.

Information obtained from the Director of agriculture. Rainfall recorded at Akluj, Taluka Malsiras, District Sholapur, from 1909 to 1919-contd.

| Yen. | Early fam lot June to 30th April. |  | Ante monsoon 11th April to sth Juns. |  | Monsoon 5th June to 14th August. |  | Monsoon, Rah, 15th August to 218t Ortober |  | Late ralns $2 \%$ nd October to 8ist December. |  | Total. |  | Remartas |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. | No. of rainy days. | Fall. | No. of ralny daye. | Fall. | No. of ralny dayb. | Pall. | No. of ralay days. | Fall. | Ho. of rainy daya. | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { ralny } \\ & \text { days. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1018 | 1.18 | 0 | 1•78 | 4 | 8.05 | 16 | $2 \cdot 80$ | . 8 | 0.05 | 1 | 7-68 | 29 |  |
| 1014 | 0.04 | 1 | 0.85 | 6 | $5 \cdot 18$ | 21 | $4 \cdot 85$ | 25 | 1.09 | 8 | 12.56 | 61 |  |
| 1015 | 0.88 | 6 | 0.78 | 7 | 6.76 | 18 | 11.90 | 26 | 5.03 | 7 | 23-88 | 66 |  |
| 1018 | 0.04 | 1 | 1.54 | 6 | 8.54 | 30 | 10-89 | 35 | 6.81 | 19 | 27-82 | 97 |  |
| 1017 | 0.69 | 8 | $1 \cdot 88$ | 6 | 3.61 | 11 | 10.25 | 40 | 2.17 | 8 | $18 \cdot 60$ | 68 |  |
| 1018 | 0.12 | 2 | 1.72 | 9 | $0 \cdot 68$ | 7 | 2-08 | 11 | 1.88 | 4 | 7.81 | 88 |  |
| 1919 | 0.00 | 5 | 0.00 | 7 | 6.20 | 18 | 7-66 | 16 | 0.61 | 4 | 15.43 | 45 | - |
| Total | 1.54 | 10 | 10•23 | 08 | 53-30 | 201 | 86-84 | 220 | 20.36 | 67 | 187 -38 | 581 |  |
| Avarage. . | 0.18 | 2 | 2776 | 6 | * 85 | 18 | 7-80 | 20 | 2.40 | 8 | 17.30 | 58 |  |

Rainfall recorded at Malsiras, Taluka Malsiras, District Sholapur, during the years 1909 to 1919.

| 1200 | 0.00 | 0 | 8.88 | 0 | 2.68 | 7 | 11.11 | 17 | 0.00 | 0 | 16:97 | 80 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1010 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.84 | 2 | 0.95 | 18 | 18.73 | 18 | 2-86 | 4 | 24-88 | 87 |
| 1011 .. | 0.07 | 0 | 2.10 | 2 | $6 \cdot 56$ | 14 | $2 \cdot 23$ | 6 | 0.78 | 8 | 11.82 | 25 |
| 1018 .. | 0.00 | 0 | 1.97 | 8 | 2. 28 | 11 | 3.26 | 10 | 1.04 | 8 | 8.71 | 27 |
| 1018 .. | 0.00 | 0 | $8 \cdot 91$ | 7 | 8.16 | 6 | 2.00 | 5 | 0.00 | 0 | 9.96 | 18 |
| 1916 | 0.00 | 0 | 1-82 | 6 | 7.80 | 14 | $9 \cdot 61$ | 13 | 1.68 | 5 | 20.35 | 37 |
| 1015 .. | 0.61 | 2 | 0.67 | 8 | 8.68 | 15 | 12.00 | 10 | $5 \cdot 98$ | 7 | 28.91 | 46 |
| 1016 | 0.82 | 2 | $2 \cdot 70$ | 3 | 18.88 | 18 | 10.17 | 27 | 0.20 | 13 | 41.77 | 55 |
| 2917 | 0.96 | 2 | 1 1.66 | 5 | $2 \cdot 21$ | 5 | 14.84 | 25 | 1.84 | 4 | 21.02 | 41 |
| 2018 | 0.00 | 0 | 8.94 | 7 | 1.08 | 8 | $8 \cdot 40$ | 8 | $2 \cdot 11$ | 4 | $10 \cdot 57$ | 22 |
| 1910 | 1.25 | E | 2.48 | 5 | $7 \cdot 68$ | 12 | $7 \cdot 80$ | 11 | $1 \cdot 11$ | 4 | 10.22 | 38 |
| Total .. | 8.71 | 6 | 28.75 | 48 | $65.41{ }^{\circ}$ | 118 | 92-18 | 140 | 98.04 | 48 | -11.67 | 369 |
| Average .. | 0.84 | 2 | $2 \cdot 16$ | 4 | 5-98 | 11 | $8 \cdot 88$ | 14 | 2-45 | 4 | 10.24 | 84 |

Rainfall recorded at Piliv, Akalkot State ( 18 miles from Malsiras southwards) from 1909 to 1919.


## APPENDIX A-contd.

Rainfall recorded at Indapur, Poona District, for the years 1909 to 1919.


Rainfall recorded at Pandharpur, District Sholapur, for the years 1909 to 1919.


Rainfall recorded at Sangola, District Sholapur, for the years 1909 to 1919.


## APPENDIX A.-concld.

Rainfall recorded at Dahiwadi (Man), District Satara, for the years 1909 to 1919.

| Your. | Tarly rata. <br> 1at June ${ }^{\circ}$ <br> 10th April. |  | Ante-monsacon, 11th April to th June. |  |  |  | Monmoon Rabl, 16th August to 2let October. |  | Late rainn, 23nd October to 31st Decamber. |  | Total. |  | Remarica. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Yall. | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{No} \text { of } \\ & \text { raing } \\ & \text { dasy. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { raing } \\ & \text { dayse. } \end{aligned}$ | Pall. | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { No. of } \\ \text { roiny } \\ \text { dayy. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Espl | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { rainy } \\ & \text { dimy. } \end{aligned}$ | Fen. | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { no. of } \\ \text { rating } \\ \text { dinyi. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Thl. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No. of } \\ & \text { rainy } \\ & \text { dinyo. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1000 | 0.20 | 1 | 5.70 | 8 | \%28 | 6 | 15.08 | 10 | 0.18 | 1 | 23-38 | 35 |  |
| 1910 |  | . | $1 \cdot 28$ | 2 | 10.45 | 18 | 18.98 | 19 | 3.04 | 8 | 28.70 | 42 |  |
| 1011 | 0.02 | $\cdots$ | 8.70 | 4 | 4.82 | 11 | 8-02 | 7 | 0.74 | 8 | 12.20 | $25^{\circ}$ |  |
| 2012 | . | $\cdots$ | 0.68 | 1 | $4 \cdot 08$ | 11 | 6.87 | 10 | 2.40 | 8 | 18.48 | 25 |  |
| 1018 | - | . | 4.18 | 0 | $0 \cdot 15$ | 10 | $4 \cdot 28$ | 8 | $0 \cdot 12$ | 1 | 14.65 | 25 |  |
| 1014 | . | $\cdots$ | 0.26 | 1 | 6.84 | 19 | 0.86 | 10 | 1.52 | 4 | 14.08 | 84 |  |
| 1015 | 0.08 | $\cdots$ | 2. 98 | 6 | 5.52 | 14 | 9.61 | 12 | 1-02 | 4 | $10 \cdot 48$ | 95 |  |
| 1016 | 1.86 | 9 | 4-87 | 4 | 11.75 | 2 | 9.48 | 16 | 5.55 | 11 | 83.01 | 67. |  |
| 1017 | 0.88 | 5 | 4. 16 | 4 | 0.99 | 5 | 6.68 | 15 | 5.20 | 5 | 16.85 | 34 |  |
| 1018 | $0 \cdot 28$ | 1 | 6.04 | 5 | 1.19 | 4 | $8 \cdot 65$ | 7 | 2.50 | 5 | 12.60 | 28 |  |
| 1018 | 0.60 | 2 | 5.81 | 5 | 2.80 | 8 | 0.05 | 10 | 0.83 | 2 | 18.65 | 27. |  |
| Avarage | 0.81 | 1 | $8 \cdot 40$ |  | 5. 16 | 12 | 7-84 | 12 | $2 \cdot 18$ | 4 | 18.89 | 83 |  |

Camp Sangadhi, 5th May 1920.

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## RMEARE.

## Maloinas Taluha, Distrid Sholopur.

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1 poo-Raln suffotent for kharif sowngs but as it beld off afterwands cropa ware below normal. For rabl ralnfall sumelant and timely but Chikts discase again reduced outturn to a conslderable eriont. The season whe thus unsathefactory and the outturn only
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area sown with rabl dry crops-yidided two annas and wot crops 6 annas.
1018-Batnfill less than half the normal. Trimely and suffctent rajn in the beeinning Induced large sowings of tharif but owing to want of latar rains capps did not come to much. Rabl rainewere timely at first but later on they failed and the outtron of both
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1015-Total min, much above average. It was well distributed, timely and sumpicent except in August whan the kharif erops suffered for by the copioun rains in of tabl crops and thatr condition good. Soth kharir and raw crops ylalded well-above 8 annas.
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APPENDIX
Details of Cultivation and Crops in the Villages of the Malsiras



## APPENDIX B-I.

Showing area in acres irrigated for different sources of irrigation and average of orops under them in 57 Government villages of Malsiras Taluka of the Sholapur District.


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- APPENDIX C.

Details of population according to the occupation as per census of 1911 for Malsiras.

| Agricultural population. |  |  |  | Non-agricultural population. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Haping intereat in land. |  | Labourera. | Total. |  |
| Tenanta and anbsharera. | Other land holders. |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 25,784 | 1,203 | 22,634 | 49,621 | - 18,126 |

APPENDIX D.
Agricultural Stock of the 57 Government villages in the Maleiras taluka during the year 1920.

-Nots-A aimale are reckoned as calven up to the time they commence work If male or are mature to breeding, if femele.

- APPENDIX ${ }^{*}$ E.

Shops, industries, elc., in the villages of the Mälsiras taluka, Sholapur District.

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Wells, Bhudkis, Tanks and other Sources of Water supply in the 57 Government villages of the Malsiras Tabuka of the Sholapur District for the year 1919.


## Abstract of Appendis $F$.

| Dintriot.$1$ | Details. <br> 2 | Weils, Bhadkin and the like. |  | Tanks. |  | Other Soureen |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Pakka. | Kachar. | Pakka, | -Kaoha. | Pakta. | Kachas. 8 |
|  | For irrigation .. | 698 | 1,349 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
|  | For drinking supplyiof human beinge but not for jrrigation. | $141$ | $31$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | For cattle and washing and other purposes, eto. | 9 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
|  | In diause .. | 448 | 88 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Total .. | 1,292. | 1,482 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 2 |
|  | Totals recorded at the previour eettlomenta. | 476 | 1,206 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 |

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## APPENDIX G.

Statement showing the selling value in Dry crop lands sold in the villages of the Malsiras Taluka of the Sholapur District.



APPENDIX G-I.
Statement showing the selling value in Bagayat lands sold in the villages of the Malsiras Taluka of the Sholapur District.
(The figures indicate sales during the last five years only).

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## APPENDIX H.

Leases of dry crop lands in the villages of the Malsivas Taluka of the Sholapur District (57 Government villages).
(The figures indicate leases during the last five years only.)

| Serial No. in Ap. pondiz L. | Name of village. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ares of land } \\ & \text { leased. } \end{aligned}$ | - ${ }_{\text {Ascessment. }}$ | Rents. | Multiple of the assessment represented by rent. | Indices, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Groun No. I. Akluj | A. g. <br> 2,642 <br> 15 | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Re. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,423 & 1 & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rll} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4,956 & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{8} \end{array}$ | $3 \cdot 48$ | 2-2-9 |
| 2 | Umbre P. Dahigaon | - 22729 | 174 8 | 60100 | 8.44 | 2-2-5 |
| 3 | Umbre P. Velapur | $!$.. |  | . | . |  |
| 4 | Yeliv | 22530 | 131120 | 29830 | $2 \cdot 24$ | 1-4-0 |
| - 5 | Etshiv | 24734 | 15020 | 340150 | $2 \cdot 27$ | 1-6-8 |
| 6 | Kalambuli: | 6931 | $510^{\circ} 0$ | 12500 | $2 \cdot 45$ | 1-8-6 |
| 7 | Kurbawi | 3877 | 36268 | 1,195 00 | 3.23 | 2-0-3 |
| 8 | Kondbewi | 40925 | 110154 | 457.00 | 4.08 | 2-8-9 |
| 9 | Khaive | 25733 | 16611 | 71380 | $4 \cdot 29$ | 5-5-10 |
| 10 | Khudus | 44320 | 130150 | 26900 | 2.05 | 1-4-6 |
| 11 | Kharndali | 50332 | 22220 | 44100 | 1.88 | 1-3-9 |
| 12 | Girani | 41123 | $20214{ }^{-4}$ | 620.0 0 | 3.07 | 1-4-8' |
| 13 | Gurnale |  | " | . $\cdot$ |  | . |
| 14 | Chakore | 41535 | 224 日. 8 | 087120 | 3.06 | 1-4-7 |
| 15 | Jambul | 30424 | 213145 | 60100 | $2 \cdot 80$ | 1-12-0 |
| -18 | Tondle | $38 \quad 29$ | 1760. | 6800 | 3.91 | 2-7-1 |
| 19 | Dasur | \| $68 \quad 30$ | - 38 3-0 | 16800 | $4 \cdot 39$ | 2-11-11 |
| 20 | Dahigen | 13041 | 53300 | 1,136 44 | $2 \cdot 13$ | 1-5-4 |
| 21 | Dharmapuri | 5120 | 240811 | 808100 | $3 \cdot 35$ | 2-1-6 |
| 22 | Natepute | 1623 | 9148 | 4100 | $4 \cdot 33$ | 2-11-4 |
| 23 | Palasmandal | 2550 | 1010 | 42210 | $2 \cdot 62$ | 1-10-2 |
| 24 | Paniv | . 23020 | 14700 | 3550 | $2 \cdot 41$ | 1-8-2 |
| 25 | Pirale | 34827 | 21688 | 66900 | $3 \cdot 09$ | 1-14-31 |
| 28 | Purandavade | $22 \quad 20$ | $15 \quad 110$ | $96 \quad 0$ | 6.35 | 3-16-5 |
| 27 | Phondshiras | 1,888 6 | 7011410 | 2,697 10 0 | $3 \cdot 40$ | 2-2-0 |
| 28 | Bahgarde | 21727 | 12700 | 30400 | $2 \cdot 39$ | 1-7-11 |
| 30 | Bondle | 19834 | 6688 | 2770 | $4 \cdot 16$ | 2-9-7 |
| 32 | Bhamburdi | 1,043 0 | 592. 74 | 3,11740 | $5 \cdot 26$ | 3-4-7 |
| 33 | Mahlung | 69424 | 443120 | 1,309 00 | 2.94. | 1-13-5 |
| 35 | Madwe | 58789 | $\begin{array}{llll}171 & 0 & 8\end{array}$ | $387 \quad 0$ | $2 \cdot 26$ | 1-6-7 |
| 36 | Malairas | 675 | 4569 | 2250 | 4.98 | 3-1-9 |
| 40 | Lavang | - 35231 | $\begin{array}{lll}198 & 2 & 0\end{array}$ | 646120 | $3 \cdot 29$ | 2-0-11 |
| 41 | Lonand | 34930 | 7300 | 12800 | 1.75 | 1-1-6 |
| 44 | Vieori | 7020 | 24112 | 8800 | 3.55 | 2-3-6 |
| 45 | Velapur | . 1,337 33 | 821.117. | 1,981 120 | - 3.78 | 2-5-11 |
| . | Total, Group No. I. | $16,162 \quad 20$ | 7,906 121. | 6,228 30 | $\cdots$ | - |
|  | Average per acre | $\cdots$ | 064 | 140 | $3 \cdot 27$ | 2-0-8 |

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## APPENDIX Hi.

Leases of Bagayal Lands in the villages of Malsiras Taluka of the Sholapur District ( 57 Government villages).
(Only leases doring the last fivt years have bein included.)


APPENDIX I.
Prioes prevalent in the Malsiras Tahska of the Sholapur District from 1890-91 to 1919 (as plotted in the accompanying diagram).

| Year. |  | Rate per rupee in sears and ohhataks. (One sear is equal to 80 tolas). |  |  |  |  | Jwari Kadbi price per maund of 3,200 tolat. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jwari. | Wheat. | Tur dal. | Gram. | Ground nut. | Bajri. |  |
|  | S. ch. | S. ch. | S. ch. | S. oh. | S. ch. | 8. oh. | . Res t. p. |
| 1880.91 | $21 \quad 15$ | 1810 | $15 \quad 2$ | 19 6. | $\cdots$ | $20 \quad 9$ | 083 |
| 1891-92 | 224 | $12 \quad 12$ | 11.15 | 139 | $\cdots$ | 18 O | 01110 |
| 1892-93 | 17.4 | 1310 | $10 \quad 9$ | 123 | . | 176 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 7\end{array}$ |
| 1893-84 | $17 \quad 10$ | 1411 | $13 \quad 10$ | 1611 | -' | $18 \quad 5$ | 0511 |
| 1894-95 | 250 | 161 | 122 | $18 \quad 12$ | $\cdots$ | 1812 | 0 0 6, 8 |
| Average | $20 \quad 13$ | 139 | 1211 | 162 | .. | $18 \quad 10$ | 08 |
| 1805-98 | 25 I | 169 | - 108 | $13 \quad 13$ | . | $24 \quad 7$ | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 10\end{array}$ |
| 1896-97 | $18 \quad 14$ | 138 | 113 | 150 | . | 16 6 | 130 |
| 1897.98 |  | This | being a | famine | year is. | excluded. |  |
| 1898-98 | $16 \quad 12$ | 126 | $10 \quad 4$ | 136 | $\cdots$ | ,15 12 | $0 \quad 87$ |
| 1899-00 | 169 | $13 \quad 12$ | 98 | 13.10 | $\cdots$ | 153 | - 0 - 7 |
| 1800-01 |  | This | being a | famine | year is | excluded. |  |
| 1901-02 | 130 | 711 | 78 | 10. 7 | 0.1 | 13, 10 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 710\end{array}$ |
| .1902-03 | 169 | 810 | $10 \quad 11$ | 12.2 | 64 | . 1812 | 084 |
| 1903-04 | $38 \quad 2$ | 104 | 95 | 12.4 | 71 | $27 \quad 15$ | 0 1 5 |
| 1904-05 | 275 | 162 | $13 \quad 2$ | $17 \quad 12$ | 810 | 288 | $0 \quad 310$ |
| Average | 218 | 126 | 104 | 139 | 7.0 - | 18 8 | 078 |
| 1905-06 | 170 | 1413 | 112 | $13 \quad 13$ | 89 | 158 | 070 |
| 1806 | 126 | $9{ }^{\circ} 0$ | 815 | 912 | 67 | $12 \quad 14$ | 191 |
| 1807 | 1612 | $9 \quad 4$ | $9 \quad 10$ | 915 | 510 | 176 | 0 O 3 |
| 1908 | 1112 | 84 | 610 . | 715 | 512 | 11 | 015 |
| 1909 | $19 \quad 9$ | 910 | 711 | 91 | 6. 9 | 16 | 0 6 |
| . 1918 | 15.13 | $9 \quad 14$ | 96 | 109 | 610 | 16 `15 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 13 & 3\end{array}$ |
| . 1011 | 158 | 911 | 1115 | $12 \quad 15$ | 510 | $15 \quad 5$ | 1113 |
| . 1912 | $10 \quad 13$ | 73 | 96 | $9 \quad 13$ | $5-4$ | 913 | 38810 |
| . 1013 | 115 | 72 | 83 | 112 | $51^{*}$ | 109 | 1118 |
| ¿1914 | 1212 | 6.13 | 611 | 85 | 54 | 120 | $2 \begin{array}{lll}2 & 10 & 3\end{array}$ |
| 1015 | 170 | 78 | 63 | 811 | 56 | $16 \quad 2$ | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 7\end{array}$ |
| 1916 | 196 | 9 15 | 86 | 115 | 60 | 15 6 | 0 \% 2 |
| 1917 | 141 | $9 \quad 10$ | 71 | 10 6 | .. | 108 | 0 0 11 |
| Average | $14 \quad 15$ | 92 | 98 | 10.4 | 59 | 1313 | 1210 |
| 1018 | 612 | 515 | 50 | 76 | 510 | 50 | 129 |
| 1919 | 410 | 37 | 36 | 49 | * | 48 | 277 |
| Average | 511 | $4^{\prime} 11$ | 43 | 6. 0 | -• | 412 | $1 \begin{array}{lll}13 & 2\end{array}$ |

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APPENDIX I-continued.
Prices prevalent in the Sangola Taluka of the Sholapner Collectorade during the years 1890-91 to 1919.

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## APPENDIX I-continued.

Proces prevaient in the (Man) Dahiswadi Taluka of the Satara. District during the years 1890.91 to 1919.


APPENDIX I-continued.
Price prevalent in the Indapur Taluka of the Poona Collectorate from the year 1890-91 to 1919.

| Yoar. | Rate per rupee in seers and chhataks. (One seer is equal to 80 tolas). |  |  |  |  |  | Jwari-Kadbi price per maund of 3,200 tolas. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jwari. | Wheat. | Tur dal. | Gram. | Ground. nut. | Bajri. |  |
|  | 8. oh. | S. ch. | 8. ch. | s. ${ }^{\text {c }}$ ch. | s. ch. | s. ob. | Reara. p. |
| 1890-91 | 239 | 15 0. | 131 | 1710 | .. | 17 | 088 |
| 1891.02 | 249 | 118 | 11.8 | 140 | . | $15 \quad 10$ | 0102 |
| 1892-98 | 193 | 014 | 99 | $12 \cdot 15$ | . | 17 B | 081 |
| 1893-94 | 19.5 | 1015 | 133 | $17 \quad 2$ | . | $1710{ }^{\circ}$ | 0 O 3 |
| 1894-95 | 231 | 1315 | 117 | 187 | .. | 178 | 0129 |
| Average of 5 years | 2115 | 124 | .11 12 | 160 | . | 173 | 098 |
| 1805-96 | $\begin{array}{cc}24 & 14 \\ 18 & 4\end{array}$ | 15 | -14 | 148 |  | $\begin{array}{rr} 20 & 3 \\ 14 & 14 \end{array}$ | 072 |
| 1896-97. |  | $12 \begin{array}{lc}12 & 7 \\ & \text { This }\end{array}$ | $10 \cdot 11$ | $13 \quad 2$ |  |  | 0126 |
| 1897-98 | 18 |  |  | ine jear i | s excluded | from this. |  |
| 1898-99 | 16 | 112 | 94 | 13 | $\cdots$ | 159 | 078 |
| 1899-1900 | 1611 | 12 | 914 | 1213 |  | . 153 | 071 |
| 1900.01 |  | ${ }^{\text {This }}$ | being a fa | mine year | axcluded | from this. |  |
| 1901-02 | 1211 | 79 | 11 | 10.6 | $\bigcirc 15$ | 13.3 | 236 |
| 1902-08 | 1611 | 714 | 1010 | $12 \quad 2$ | 72 | 15 9 | 128 |
| 1903.04 | 3210 | 96 | 90 | $12 \quad 3$ |  | 184 | 010 - |
| 1004.05 | 27 | 14 | 1210 | 1614 | $8 \cdot 2$ | 2215 | 0122 |
| Avorage of 8 yoars | $20 \quad 13$ | 113 | 915 | 133 | .. | 17 1\% | 01311 |
| 1905-06 | 180 | 150 | 112 | 1412 | 810 | 16 | 11 |
| 1808 |  | 814 | 812 | 93 | 63 | 127 | 262 |
| 1807. | 17 | 84 | 98 | 105 | 60 | 17 | 124 |
| 1908 | 12 | 715 | 68 | 712 | 67 | 11 10 | 2 |
| 1808 | $17 \cdot 10$ | 91 | 77 | 10 6 | 76 | $15 \quad 5$ | 089 |
| 1910 | 16 | 813 | 9. 10 | $10 \quad 15$ | © 10 | 1515. | 0118 |
| 1911 | 16 | 88 | 13.4 | 139 | 514 | 147 | 0146 |
| 1912 | 1011 | 614 | 99 | $10 \quad 5$ | 5 | 99 | 1147 |
| 1913 | 11 | 6 6 | 82 | 10 Il | 54 | 911 | 16 |
| 1914 | 12 | 612 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 1114 | 11110 |
| 1015 | 1614 | 611 | 62 | $8 \quad 13$ | 68 | 1313 | 082 |
| 1918 | 191 | 88 | 72 | $10 \quad 14$ | 612 | $13 \quad 6$ | 073 |
| 1017 | 1410 | $\cdots 8$ | 615 | 101 | 312 | 1113 | 043 |
| Average of 13 yoars | 152 | 87 | 88 | 107 | 6 s | 13.5 | 115 |
| 1018 |  | 5.5 |  |  | 56 |  | 091 |
| 1919 |  | 46 | 30 | 414 | 210 | 415 | 2117 |
| $A^{\text {vorage of } 2 \text { yours }}$ | 59 | 413 | $\leq 7$ | $61{ }^{\circ}$ | 40 | 57 | 1104 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Y. MLP | RIKAR, |  |
| x $\times$ 48-8 |  |  | Asaist | So | ment Off | r, Ta | Malsiras |

APPENDIX I-concluded.
Prices prevalent in the Pandharpur Taluka of the Sholapur Collectorate
from the year 1890-91 to 1919.

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APPENDIX K .
Collection of assessment on Government land in the 57 Government villages of the Malsiras Taluka of the Sholapur District.

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Effect of Revision Settlement proposals on Government


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Summary of dry crop rates regarding the effect of Revision Settlement proposals on Government land in the Malsiras Taluka of the Sholapur District.

| Proposed group. | Number of villages (in batches according to the.existing grouping). | Current dry crop rate of each batch. | Proposed dry orop rate for group of each batch. | Increase per cent. | Increase per rapee (to nearest quarter anna). |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 , | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| I . <br> II  | 45 12 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { s. } & \text { p. } \\ 1 & 6 & \\ 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 1 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | 10.00 10.84 | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$ |

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## APPENDIX M.

Population and area of Government unociupied land in the Malsiras Taluke of the Sholaper Distriet.


APPENDIX M-contd.


The following papers contain the correspondence relating to the expiring settlement.
Selections from the Records of the Bombay Government No. CCXLVII-. New series.

Below No. R.S.-27 of 12th May 1920 from the Assistant Settlement Officer, Taluka Malsiras.

No. S.R.V.-8 of 1921.<br>Sholapur, $\frac{10}{11^{\mathrm{t}}}$ March 1921.<br>Forwarded with compliments to the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records, Poona.

2. I have no remarks to offer on paragraphs 1 to 5 of the Report.
3. Paragraphs 6 and 7. Rainfall and crops. A statement of rainfall prepared for this and adjoining talukas shows that the average rainfall at Malsiras was less by $2^{\prime}-36^{\prime \prime}$ than that reported at the time of the proposals of Revision Settlement in 1890. At Akluj the rainfall was less by $2^{\prime}-21^{\prime \prime}$ "while at Pilio it was more by $3^{\prime}-42^{\prime \prime}$. It will appear that the rainfall was not equally distributed. It will be also seen from the Appendix that the average kharif rainfall during June, July and August is less than the rabi rainfall from August to October. If.the rains that commence in the beginning of June had not shown long breaks the kharif crop-area would have been $\frac{1}{3}$ if not more of the total cropped area. Theso early rains, if insufficient for kharif cultivation, are of no use except for the preparation of lands for rabi sowings and consequently the ryots are obliged to depend principally on rabi crops. The proportion of kharif and rabi crops given at the time of the last settlement (1890) was 26 to 61 in every hundred acres but the ratio has now fallen to 18.61 ; This goes to indicate that the first falls are irre gular and not well distributed and the frequent and long breaks make it difficult to sow kharif crops in time. Good rainfall in the beginning of the season has several.advantages. . The early growth of grass is assured and saves a lot of -trouble to the agricultural classes so far as cattle are concerned. The decrease in the number of plough-bullocks by 30 per cent. can also be partially attributed to the irregular distribution of rainfall. Similarly the increase in fallow from 12 to 21 per cent. is due more or less to this cause. The poor lands called "Mal" require more or less continuous rainfall as they cannot retain moisture long. Lands with deep black soil or those with Tals, have the eapacity to retain moisture for several days but the Mal lands soon get dry as heat causes quick evaporation. This is principally the reason why as early rains were irregular, the percentage of kharif has decreased as compared to rabi and the percentage of fallow has nearly doubled.
4. The reason ascribed by the Assistant Settlement Officer, viz., that people find it more convenient to keep lands for grazing than to cultivate them, does not seem to be a sound one. The taluka is not famous for its grazing grounds and there are no good kurans in the taluka. This is obvious from the figures of livestock given in paragraph 16 of the report. The decrease of nearly 30 per cent. in the number of plough-bullocks, of 27 per cent. in that of cows and buffaloes and of over 58 per cent. in horses and ponies, does not bear out the Assistant Settlement Officer's opinion in paragraph 7 that people find it more convenient to keep lands, for grazing. To my mind, the real fact is that the insufficiency of early rains makes it difficult for ryots to cultivate all Mal or light soil lands. In a few cases or in parts adjoining Sangola Taluka the lands might have been kept for grass ; but even in such cases they are to be shown under cropped area according to the instructions on the village form No. XIII of the Revenue Manual if these lands are specially kept for grass.
5. Paragraphs 8 to 12. No remarks.
6. Paragraph 13. Population. In making his calculation about the present population Mr. Mirikar overlooks the fact that the Nira Canal works are being carried out for the last five or six years and there is a probability of the population having increased by 5, 6 thousands if not more.
7. Paragraphs 14 and 15. - No remarks.
8. Paragraph 16. There is a substantial decrease under all the heads which is a somewhat serious factor in the agricultural economy of the taluka.
9. Paragraph 17. No remarks.
10. Paragraphs 18,19 and $20:-$ In spite of the adverse factors noted above, the great rise in the value of land is a most noticeable feature. It is due to the construction of the Nira Right Bank Canal which, when completed, will change the face of the country. That the Canal water will be available for almost all these villages is a fact which must not be ignored. Moneyed men are shrewd business men and naturally invest their money in business that promises good profit. Owing to the recent world wide war almost all trading classes made good profits in business and Malsiras Taluka is no exception to it. Rightly calculating that the lands would yield bumper irrigation-harvests when the Canal will give water, the merchants and trading classes of Malsiras have begun to invest in land and the value of land has naturally gone up. I consider this increment in land-value is due to extraneous and speculative causes and not to any great intrinsic increase in profits from cultivation except to the extent of rise in prices. The rise in prices has been enormous but it does not benefit the actual cultivator or tenant so much as it benefits ! he landlord and middleman, first because, the tenant pays the rent in kind, second because there has been a cent. per cent. increase in wages and third because prices of other necessaries of life have similarly gone up. I have no objection to the grouping since the original survey there are two groups formed for the settlement of the taluka and I propose to retain them.

## 11. General Remarks.

Land revenue is recovered in this taluka without difficulty if the year is not bad. The signs of general agricultural prosperity however are not very prominent. The population has not increased to an appreciable extent, cattle and agricultural recourses show a decrease and 20 per cent. of the cropped area is lying fallow. There have been nearly 4 lacs of remission during the guarantee period, and remissions had to be given continuously for eight years. The demand for tagai has of late years become heavy.

Against these considerations are the facts of an enormous increase in the value of land and a tremendous increase in prices. How far these increases benefit the real cultivators and tenant is a doubtful question. But we are not solely concerned with that issue as it is not tenants who pay the assessment but the khatedars and landlords. The landlord's half-share of the Bhagoni is now worth to him considerably more than what it was a few years ago, and I see no reason why he should not contribute to the state a proportionate increased assessment. At the same time, we must remember that considerable tracts of land are still in the hands of bonafide agriculturists, that the prevalent high grain-prices will benefit these classes only in proportion as they have surplus grain to sell in the market and that side by side with rise in the price of grain, there is rise in the price of cloth, sugar, oil and all other necessaries of life for which the agriculturists have to pay double the former price if not more.

The conclusion I come to is this. The taluka is passing through a transitional stage. For want of adequate rainfall and facilities of transportation, the taluka has not prospered to the extent that it should and could have prospered in view of the increase in prices. Both these shortcomings are going to be shortly remedied. The Nira Right Bank Canal ought to be completed in ten years time if not earlier and the Pandharpur-Lonand Railway ought to be constructed during the same period. It is in my opinion useless to fix the settlement for another period of 30 years as the state would thereby lose considerably after the Canal and , the Railway are constructed. I would recommend a guarantee only for ten years as the increase in the rates, that can be justified at present, will be hopelessly inadequate ten years hence. If Government, are inclined to accept this recommendation, I propose that the increase of 10 per cent. proposed by the Assistant -Settlement Officer be accepted only for ten years and the Settlement be revised again at the end of that period. The objections received from the rayats of 8 villages are submitted herewith. They were all called and personally interviewed when my camp was at Malsiras and a patient hearing was given to the objections of a well represented body. It was explained to the people that in view of very good prices realised by agricultural produce and the enhancement in land-values, their objections were of little importance.

Below Sholapur Collector's No. S.R.V.-8 of 10th-11th March 1921.

No. S.T. 235.<br>Poona, 6th April 1921.

## Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner, C. D.

2. The following remarks are offered on the Assistant Settlement Officar's. report.

Paragraph 13.-The actual populatiofn on 18th March 1921 seems to have been 50,926 . It is not to be denied. that the Influenza mortality of 1918, which amounted to $1 / 6$ th of the whole population, was awful.

Paragraph 16.-This traffic in hiring out iron ploughs is very noteworthy. It is the first time the undersigned has ever heard of it, and shows how improved implements will come within the reach of the very poorest by quasi-co-oparative arrangements.

Paragraph 18.-Exception may be taken to the statement that the high rental value and sale value is due to the "superior quality of soil." This high value is shown to exist in multiples of the assessment, and the assessment (based on classification) takes full account of the difference in qualities : not perhaps quite the whole of the difference but a great deal of it. When we find exceptionally high value in a particular tract as expressed in multiples of assessment, it does not mean that the classification was quite all wrong. It may possibly mean that the soil has greatly improved since the original classification (which is very doubtfil), or far more likely it implies that the commercial facilities in those villages, and some other advantages in climate or situation, have concentrated the demand for land upon them. The remedy for this of course is proper grouping. The taluka is very much too roughly grouped. There is no practical difference between the average value in Group I and Group II, but there are very marked differences in blocks of villages. This will be dealt with when we come to the grouping.

The Nira Canal is not surely only a "probability." It has got so far that we may regard it as now a certainty, at least as certain as anything else in the coming settlement period and the new Railway is still less an uncertainty.

Paragraph 21.-Prices having risen 200 per cent. at least and wages having risen 100 or more but not nearly 200 per cent., Mr. Mirikar says that this increase in cost of labour is a good reason for keeping the enhancement well below the rates which the prices of produce would allow. If wages have not risen quite as much as prices, then the residual profit of agriculture is plainly more than ever. This would seem to indicate that Mr. Mirikar proposes to take prices of produce as the main base of his estimate of the enhancement. But surely he would even himself be horrified at a proposal to increase the rates by 200 per cent. and he must be aware that there can be no question of such an increase under the 33 per cent. limiting pledge. The question really before him is whether we shall entance by the full 33 per cent. or not. This is a question which he has not really tackled at all. In paragraph 21 Mr . Mirikar says that the agricultumal class lease out their lands and go a way to earn higher wages somewhere else. Even so, I presume that they have got to lease them to other members of the agricultural class who do not go arway, since non-agriculturists or absentees do not perform much cultivation.

Paragraph 22.-The revenue history is a history of great leniency. Even with the reduced population, and in spite of the 13 years out of 28 being classed as "poor to very bad " still the price of land has gone up to an astonishing extent. The explanation of the phenomenon is perfectly simple. It is only this : that the rupee has fallen in value and purchasing power to something like half or perhaps less than half in some respects of the value it formerly had. Consequently most of the values expressed in rupees, whether of grass or milk or corn or bricks or land, are simply multiplied by two or more, and conforming to this movement if the assessments were multiplied by the same amount or doubled in their nominal amount, they would still remain much the same in their intrinsic burden, and the same would be the percentage of the profits which they claim for the State. It
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would require powerful arguments on the facts which Mr. Mirikar has given to upset a case for increasing these assessments (on the general principles of settlement) by 100 per cent. With all allowance for the probability that this great inflation of prices will not continue indefinitely and from the natural desire not to sheer any sheep too close, we might possibly reconcile ourselves to an enhancement of something between 60 and 80 per cent. But then there is the 33 per cent. pledge and if that is seriously still to be maintained, although it was originally given with a reservation against the'possibility of a sudden and universal change in the value of money, we need not go into any facts or statistics of this case; but the obvious conclusion is that if we cannot enhance more than 33 per cent. then at least that enhancement is the absolute minimum which can possibly be recommended. The undersigned cannot at all accept the recommendations of Mr. Mirikar. The difference between the groups is even now only 1 anna in maximum rates, which is almost the same thing as confessing that there is not really any difference between the groups at all, but a dividing line which means very little has been drawn merely for the sake of doing something. The rate should be raised on the dry crop to Rs. 1-10 in the case of both groups together, or if a second group is maintained, for which I see no necessity whatever, its proper rating would be Rs. 1-9-4, which we might agree to call Rs. 1-8-0 as a measure of leniency. This will mean an increase of something like 28 to 30 per cent. and not 33 per cent.
3. Coming to the fetw acres of rice now assessed at Rs. 6, there can be little doubt that, in such a taluka where the crop is rarely grown, in those parts where it does succeed it has exceptional value, and there is no reason whatever why there should be no increase in the rate. The only reason giver? by Mr. Mirikav is that "the area is very small." The inference from this fact is that increase should certainly be made unless we are going to deal very unfairly with the exceedingly fortunate cultivator who does grow rice. It is recommended that the rice rate should be raised to Rs. 9, and even then it will be a light charge upon the rental profits of this cultivation, and will have no appreciable effect upon the percentage of increase over the whole taluka. But in recommending the general increase for Group I and Group II together which is well inside 33 per cent. it must be pointed out that there are some villages which all statistics and circumstances show are enjoying a very much higher range of land values than the other villages in the taluka. These villages form the true "highest group" of the taluka. The settlement officers, who divided the taluka into the present groups, did so more or less at a venture, and showed how much they thought of the importance of the division by fixing the difference between the maximum rates at the maximum amount of one anna per acre, which means on most of the land a difference of about one pice per acre. In other words they really admitted that there was not any difference at all. But now we have left it to the people for the last 30 years to assess themselves. We have in no way influenced the prices they have paid when purchasing land, and the rents they have agreed to pay when leasing them. We now find that there are certain villages well marked out as being in advance of their neighbours. If we were seeking to make groups on a priori grounds we might the rrise about climate, communications, gemeral excellence of methods of husbandry, education, and so on. But the realised and accomplished value of land overrides all theories by providing us with actual facts, and we now find that the division in the taluka into the existing two groups is not in true relation to the facts. There are some villages in Group I which are valued by the people who know far better than anybody else-that is by the sellers and purchasers, and lessors and lessees of the land-at an even lower rate than many villages in Group II. Unless we are to abandon the sound theory that land is to be assessed with reference to its proved and ascertained profits or rental value, then we must abandon the old grouping.
4. Of the villages in Group II only one, and that only slightly, falls below the general average of the taluka in respect of leases and selling rates, and that village Girvi is the most northern and most nearly approaches the central and northern plain of riverbank villages. In Group I, on the other hand, there are about a dozen which exhibit lease and rental figures considerably belono the average of either group. Allowing for the fact that the' assessment is higher by the microscopic sum of some fraction of an anna per acre in Group I, it seems that there are two groups of villages in the river side plain which might be singled out as inferior to the rest of the taluka, and those are Dahigaon, Pirale, Phondsiras, Ekshiv, Palasmandal
on the north-west, and Mahalung, Lavang, Khandali and neighbours on the northeast. Yet none of these are over-assessed, and in none is the difference so well defined and serious as to justify us in carving out a separate group based solely upon these statistics. The conclusion to which the Settlement Commissioner comes is that the 10 per cent. increase proposed by the Assistant Settlement Oficer, or rather 10 per cent. in Group I and $10 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in Group II, is far too small; and that there is no reason for keeping the two groups distinct. He would propose that both the groups should be amalgamated and rated at Rs. 1-10, an increase of 30 per cent. in Group I and 36.84 per cent. in Group II, which is approximately 33 per cent. over both groups together and doe; not violata the 33 par cant. pledga.
5. The Collector in his review fully admits that upon present prices and selling values there could be no question of taking so small an incresse as 10 par cent. buthe regards the maintenance of prices as uncertain and considers that there may be a very great improvement in the taluka within the next 10 years. He would even support a 33 per cent. increass if there were a prospsit of gcest deterioration instead of improvement. With all this the undersignel quite agrass. The Collector then goes on to say that it is in his opinion useless to fix the sestlement for another 30 years. We have the 33 per cent. limit, and we have the 30 years' settlement. If we are to disregard one or other of them, the Settlement Commissioner would certainly not support the Collector's propossal of a 10 par cent. increase. If we are not to have the 30 years' period, then it is certain that (since we are only to settle for a short period) we should take the increase which it is admitted prices and rental values justif $y$ at least upto the limit of 33 per cent., which is what the undersigned recommends. The only possible excuse for taking less than the 33 per cent. would be the conviction that it could not be maintained throughout 30 years, because prices, etc., would certainly fall. The Settlement Commissioner wonld not like to vouch for any such prophecy: there is no certainty. But if we are only going to settle for 10 years then we need not hesitate. Let us put on the 33 per cent. knowing that if prices do come down within 10 years we can then bring our assessment down. As he has emphasised in other cases it is always and everywhere open to Government to reduce rates even if in the first plaçe it guarantees them for 30 years. That guarantee has in past years practically been interpreted as a guaranteeragainst enh ancement, not as a guarantee against reduction. The position then is that to-day the 33 per cent. is justified times and times over; but neither we nor any one else can foresee what the ccindition will be $15,20,25$, or 30 years hence. We can introduca rates and guarantee them against increase for 30 years, still leaving ourselves a free hand to decrease them as soon as circumstances demand it. The only sentiment which might be urged is that Government would be very slow and reluctant to make a reduction and might not make it until after serious esonomic harm had been done. Why should we admit that there is any foundation for such a sentiment? We have before us, in the present report and in previous settlement reports published statistics of prices and rents in Malsiras. We have also a more perfect machinery to-day than ever before for recording prices of produce; and rents and sale values, and it would notrequire a month's investigation to establish the fact that there had been a general fall or that there had been no change. Land going oat of cultivation, popular outcry, and inability to collect the revenue are always there as alarm signals directly the assessment takes too large a share of the total rent. Therefore it is recommended that we cannot make such an enormous abatement of the just public demand upon the rental value of this taluka as to accept an increase of only 10 per cent. (or an average of about 1 anna per acre) in face of admittod increases ir prices of produce and values of land of roughly 200 per cent. We ought to take 33 per cent. and guarantee it against increase for 30 years with the well understood (or even definitely expressed) reservation that as soon as it seems that these rates press heavily, a fresh investigation of values will be made, and a reduction made in the assessment, even before the assessment has begun to take a full half of the unearned rent.
6. In some talukas the very doubt ful economic future of cotton may give us pause. But in this taluka we have to deal only with Bajri and Jowari. There is very little else grown and no crops are grown for export. The value therefore
of land and the prices of produce have little or nothing to do with Exchanges or Foreign Markets. There are a few talukas so entirely independent.
F. ANDERSON,

Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records.

Below memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Director of Land Records' No. S. T.-235, dated 6th April 1921, on the Revision Settlement proposals of the Malsiras Taluka, Sholapur District.

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Submitted.
2. As explained by the Assistant Settlement Officer this report deals with 57 Government villages only. Of the 12 Inam villages, six are unsettled and the remaining six are to be resurveyed and reclassified in accordance with the orders in Government Order No. 2653, dated 3rd March 1917, and the Superintendent, Land Records, Central Division, will take them up in their turn. The facts are quite clear and simple and there is no dispute about them. The only issue for determination is whether the views of the local officers should prevail who recommend a small increase of 10 per cent. or those of the Settlement Commissioner Mr. Anderson, who recommends a full 33 per cent. increase.
3. Revenue officers, who deal with a tract peculiarly liable to famine and scarcity owing to its climatic conditions, will often hesitate to recommend any increase of assessment even in the face of the strongest reasons for a full increase. Misled by a generous and sympathetic instinct they forget that generosity must be subordinated to justice.

Mr. Anderson has shown conclusively that there need be no hesitation in imposing the maximum increase. The land is fully occupied, the very light assessment is paid with ease in good years and in bad years remissions and suspensions are liberally granted. Prices and values have risen enormously. The existing assessments are now very much below any reasonable standard. To leave them alone or to impose a merely trifing increase would be unjust and impolitic.

Money is urgently wanted in a hundred directions merely for maintaining the efficiency of the administration, let alone its improvement and development.

The stability of provincial finance and with it the success of the Reformed Constitution in this Presidency will be imperilled if the just claims of the State at revision settlements are to be lightly foregone on grounds that will not bear scrutiny and criticism.
4. I agree with Mr. Anderson that the present arrangement of two groups in this taluka with a difference of only 1 anna in their maximum rates is useless and should come to an end and that there should be one single group for the whole taluka which should now be rated and assessed on a maximum rate of Rs. 1-10-0.
5. I agree with Mr. Anderson that the settlement may be made for a 30 year period and recommend that it may be introduced, if possible, before the 31st July 1921 in order that the new rates may be levied in the revenue year 1921-22.

The petitions of objections call for no remarks.
(Signed) F. G. PRATT,
Commissioner, C. D.

Second revision settlement of the Malsiras taluka.

## GOVERNMENT of BOMBAY.

# Revenue Departmbnt. 

Resolution No. 1767.
Secretariat, Fort, Bombay.

## Dated the 5th July 1921.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, C. D., No. L.N.D./S.2/1 dated 7th June 1921Submitting with his remarks the papers specified below* containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Malsiras taluka of the Sholapur district.
-Letter from the Agsistant Settlement Officer, taluka Mainiras, district Sholapor, No. R.S.-27 dated 12th May 1920 with acoompaniments. Memorandum from the Colleotor of Sholapar No. S.R.V.-8 deted 11th March 1921. Memorandum from the Settlement Commissioner and Direotor of Land Recorda No. S.T.-235 dated 6th April 1921.

Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of the Malsiras taluka of the Sholapur district. The Assistant Settlement Officer himself says that 'it is very clear that Government now receives a very much smaller share of the produce. It is therefore obligatory that the increase must be based on the rise in prices.' He has himself shown that the rise in prices since the last settlement is 280 per cent. : yet he proposes a rise of only 10 per cent. in the assessment. The Commissioner, Central Division, and the Settlement Commissioner propose an increase of 33 per cent. This is the most which is possible under the present rules, and it is certainly the least which is reasonable in the circumstances. The proposal made by the Settlement Commissioner and the Commissioner, Central Division, to have only one rate for dry crops and gardens and to fix the maximum rate at Rs. $1-10-0$ is approved. The rice rate should also be increased by 33 per cent. from Rs. 6 to Rs. 8.
2. The revised rates should be introduced in the current revenue year 1920-21, levied from the year 1921-22 and guaranteed for a period of ten years.
3. The petitions of objections do not disclose any grounds for a modification of the orders now passed.

By order of the Governor in Council,

SHAMRAO D. MANKAR,<br>Under Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner, C. D., The Collector of Sholopur (with the petitions of objections),
The Settlement Comasissioner and Director of Land Records,

The Director of Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department, The Financial Department,
The Government of India (by letter).

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V. B. MARDHEKAR,

Superintendent, Land Records, Central Division.


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    As regards rice, it is grown close to big tals; the area has diminished owing to the embankments having been filled in. Rice is very unimportant in this dry taluka.

