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FOR THE YEARS

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Explanatory Memorandum.

In 1866 tables, in certain forms proposed by a specially appointed Statistical Committee, were prescribed by the Government of India for general adoption as appendices to the annual reports on general administration.

In 1884, at the instance of the Secretary of State for India, some of these forms, relating to agriculture, land, and tenures, were reconsidered and modified, after examination and discussion by a conference of officers of the Agricultural Departments. The modified returns comprised eight tables, which were compiled for the first time for the year 1884-85 and published under the title of 'Returns of Agricultural Statistics of British India'. These tables were prepared and published annually until 1887-88, when a re-arrangement was made of the headings of four statements dealing with area, irrigation, crops, and agricultural stock, though no modification was made in substance.

In 1891 the tables were again revised and, to some extent, recast. The revised series of 1891 has, with a few unimportant alterations, been maintained to the present time, with the exception that table B (wholesale prices) has been discontinued, other arrangements having been made to secure a record of prices.

The following schedule compares the three series of 1866, 1884, and 1891 :—

1866.	1884.	1891.
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	Irrigation.	
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