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To

> JOHN NUGENT, Esquire, C. S., Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Bombay.

Poona, 15th November 1890.

## Sir,

I have the honour to submit the seventh Annual Report of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, for the year ending 31st October 1890.

The report will be somewhat late, but my absence at Simla for the Agricultural Conference at the time when the report is usually being compiled, coupled with delay in receipt of the District Returns (see para. 46), is a full explanation.
2. The post of Director was held by Ráo Bahádur Bhimbhái Kirparám till the end of April when I resumed charge. Mr. Bhimbhai paid four visits to the Government Farm at Bhadgaon in December, January, March and April. He was also present at the Chinchli Show in February and at the Nadiád Show in the same month. 1 paid three visits to the Bhadgaon Farm in May, July and August. I visited Ahmadabad in June to confer with the Commissioner, N. D., on the subject of cotton trade frauds, and again, under the orders of Government, I met Dr. Voelcker at Ahmadabad on 19th July, and with him visited Nadiád, Baroda, Kelva Máhim, Poona and Belgaum in the Bombay Presidency, Bellari and Hospett in the Madras Presidency, and on the return journey, Poona, Kalyán, Igatpuri and the Bhadgaon Farm. My tour with Dr. Voelcker was made at a most interesting season, and lasted three weeks. We were accompanied throughout by Professor Middleton of the Baroda College, and in Gujarat by Mr. K. B. Jádhav, M.R.A.C., of His Highness the Gaekwár's Service, both agricultural experts. From the 27th September till the 18th of October I was absent from head-quarters to attend the Simla Conference.
3. The department is still without the assistance of the Superintendent of Farms sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 3621, dated 26th May 1890.

The officer selected, Mr. Mollison, is expected shortly.
Ráo Bahádur Bhimbhai has, owing to over-work and anxiety, chiefly arising from his duties connected with the Crawford Enquiry, been reluctantly compelled to sever his connection with the department. Government recognized his faithful strvice not only by placing him in charge of the department during my absence at Baroda for a whole year, but by granting his request to complete his service for pension at his native place in the comparatively easy post of Treasury Officer at Surat. His loss is greatly felt. He has been succeeded by Ráo Bahádur Ichharám Bhngvándás, B.A., in the post of Personal Assistant, an officer trained by Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bhimbhái in the office of Compiler of the Gazetteer, and who was with Mr. Bhimbhái transferred to the Department, Land Records and Agriculture, on the completion of the Gazetteer in 1884.

## I.-ORGANIZATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VILLAGE RECORDS.

4. Most important steps have to be recorded towards carrying out the scheme of 1883, which is described in detail in the First Report of this Department, for the reformation of the Bhág-karkun or supervising branch of the Mámledar's staff, and for the maintenance of the Survey Record on the completion of the work of the Survey Department. The whole subject, including. the revision of the Famine Code and of the functions of the Agricultural Depart-
ment, was considered by a Committee in July. The recommendations of the Committee have been accepted. At the same time the Survey Commissioner has submitted proposals for the final winding up of his department in April 1892: The immediate steps advised by the Committee will fit in with the Cominissioner's recommendation.
5. Orders have issued directing the transfer to the Collectors of the Survey records of all the Collectorates of the Southern Division by the 1st April 1891. The transfer will be made on the plan, experimentally worked out in the tro districts of Dhárwár and Bijápur, the various stages of which have been faithfully recorded in the reports of the Agricultural Department. A selected Survey Assistant Superintendent will be appointed Divisional Inspector, and will, as Assistant to the Director, hold charge of the duties of the Agricultural Department in connection with the re-organized staff. At the same time provisional sanction has been accorded to the immediate equipment of the other Divisions of the Presidency, excluding Sind, with a better paid, more numerous, and better educated staff of supervisors, though the Survẹy maintenance branch will not be incorporated till the close of the field operations of the Survey Department in April 1892. The Bombay Presidency will therefore be soon provided with a competent Kanungo establishment, such as is entertained in other Provinces.
6. Full advantage will be taken of the facilities offered by the closure of the Survey to leaven the new staff with trained men in all its grades. The position of the Director will be that of a responsible supervisor, charged especially with the duty of preserving uniformity in the working of the inspecting staff under the control of the Collector, and of upholding the traditions of the Survey. His tours will be directed towards bringing to the notice of the Collectors dilatoriness and irregularities. The Divisional Inspector will prepare and submit proposals for future revisions of rates on expiry of current leases; will watch the correction of the Survey record and map by regular inspection of the District Head-quarter Offices in charge of the Records. He will keep a systematic check by field test on the professional, i. e. measurement and classing, work of the District Inspector, who in bis turn will be the head of the District Survey Office and will be responsible for the correctness of the Survey work of the Circle Inspectors, and for the ledgering of village statistics for use at revisions of rates and for constant inspection by Revenue officers desiring to obtain prompt intelligence of the fluctuations of any village or group of villages, indicating increasing prosperity on the one hand, or deterioration on the other. The District Inspector will further supervise the compilation of the District Statistical Forms in the Collector's office for submission with his review through the Collector to the Director, for the compilation of the Annual Returns of the Presidency, which appear in the Director's Report and are submitted to the Government of India in a condense form for incorporation in the Imperial Returns.

The whole staff from the District Inspector downwards will be strictly under the control of the Collector, who will look to the Divisional Inspector for advice on professional matters. But the check and test of the work of the Circle Inspectors in their duties as supervisors of the statistical registers of the village officers will practically devolve on the Sub-Divisional Officers and Mámledarrs in each district.
7. District Inspectors will be graded. The grades will be Rs. 100,125 and 150, so that a District Inspector, 1st grade, will receive the pay of the lowest grade of Mámledár, aad will, when qualified, be eligible for promotion in the Mámledár's grades. The post of Assistant District Inspector will no longer be retained, except in one large district (Khándesh). The pay of Circle Inspectors will be from Rs. 25 to 35 , exclusive of a permanent travelling allowance of lis. 7 per mensem. Recruitment will as hitherto be from the Survey ranks and from the Mámledárs' offices, by selection. The passed Agricultural Students of the Agricultural College will enjoy a preferential claim to appointment on the regular Revenue staff and will, after passing the Revenue departmental test, be eligible for appointment as Circle Inspector, on probation till they have passed a further special test in surveying. Those who proceed to the diploma in Agriculture will have a still higher claim to appointment in the higher grades
of the Revenue service and it is hoped will be permitted to have the same claim as graduates in Arts and Engineering, in order that they may leaven the higher grades of the regular and special branches of the Revenue Department with men whose education specially fits them for the posts of Mámledar and District Inspector, to whom agricultural knowledge is of the greatest use in their everyday work.
8. I now proceed to show the work done by the supervising staff in Bijapur and Dhárwár. By the retransfer of Mr. Price to the Survey Department in 1.889, this staff has been without the requisite supervision of a competent Survey officer, and, as will be seen, the worls of the special branch has suffered in quality.
9. Apportionment of duties of Circle Inspectors:-

November to February--Crop, waste and concurrent boundary-mark inspection.

March to May.-Complete boundary mark inspection.
June.-Compilation of taluka statistical returns.
July and August.-Checking village census and vital statistics.
September--Compilation of táluka census return.
September and October.-Miscellaneous measurement andclassing work.*
10. Crop and waste inspection nnd examination of boundary marks.-This is the taluka inspection, required by and recorded in Village Forms 2 to 4 . By special sanction the Circle Inspectors confine the boundary mark inspection to all the marks of survey numbers inspected, whether in occupied land (crop inspection), or in unoccupied land (waste inspection), the object of the crop inspection being to improve the statistics of cultivation and that of the waste inspection to detect unauthorized cultivation and encroachment. .

Statement showing percentages.

| District. |  | Year. | Villages per cent. $\rightarrow$ | Crop Ineprction. |  | Waste Insproction. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Occupied lends percentage inspected. |  | Unoccupied Lands Survey Nom. inspected per cent. |
|  |  |  |  | On Survey Numbera. | On Area. |  |
|  |  | Last - ... | 78 | 7.58 | 5-49 | 2902 |
| Dharwar |  | Present ... | 97 | $7 \cdot 73$ | $5 \cdot 63$ | $27 \cdot 17$ |
|  |  | Last . ... | 85 | 10.37 | - 8.99 | 31.29 |
| Bijapur | $\cdots$ | Present ... | 95 | 10.09 | 8.39 | 36.77 |

11. All surveyed villages are required to be annually inspected, the whole time for inspection being divided according to the size of the villages, and the number of days of halt at each being thus fixed. Last year the inspection was incomplete because, as reported, the period for inspection was curtailed. It has been practically completed during the present year.

The extent of work done, considering the larger number of villages traversed, is satisfactory. It is a standing order that all the waste should be inspected at least in four years. The year's inspection has exceeded the fixed standard. If the percentage of numbers inspected be taken on occupied and waste numbers together, it works out to 8.8 and 11.2 respectively for the two districts. On the average the daily work amounts to $6 \frac{3}{4}$ and $7 \frac{3}{4}$ survey numbers, respectively -a slightly better result than that of the previous year and satisfactory when it is borne in mind that all the marks of all the numbers were examined, i. e., on the average about 12 marks per survey number, for marks common to the selected numbers and others adjoining are included in the inspection.

[^0]The quality of the rork of the village officers, as disclosed by the inspection, does not show improvement. The inspection of waste brought to light 70 cases (Dhírwír 16, Bijápur 54) of encroachment or unauthorized cultivation, of which only 1 in Dharwir and 3 in Bijipur had been reported by the village accountants. In crop inspection 41 and 50 per cent. of the cutries had to be corrected, and 18 ner cent. in each district were found blank. The rest were correct. In the boundary-mark examination, the number of marks found by the Inspector in dis-

|  | Not shown <br> in the village <br> form as in | Shown as |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| in repair. |  |  |  |
| disrepair. |  |  |  |
| Dharwár | $\ldots$ | Per cent. | Per cent. |
| Bijapur | $\cdots$ | 61 | 31 |
|  | 45 | 31 |  | repair not noted at the village inspection, or shown as in repair proves how superficial the annual village inspection is, and to this it may be added that 526 marks in Dhirrwír and no less than 3,674 in Bijípur were incorrectly entered as in disrepair which were really in repair. It is probable that some, though not many, of these had been repaired betreen the village and the taluka inspection. On the other hand I have to notice a decided improvement in the attendance of kulkarnis at the Inspector's visit and in the punctuality of their registration. The absentees fell from 20 to 19 in Dhárwár and from 21 to 5 in Bijapur, while the number of blank entries fell from 21 and 20 respectively to 18 per cent.

12. The superior check exerciscd by the District Inspector and his Assistant, its extent and result may be exhibited as follows:-

| District. |  |  |  |  | Crop inspection. |  | Waste Insprction. |  | Boundary Mare Inspection. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Extent. | Quality. | Extent. | Quality. | Extent. | Quality. |
| Dhárwár |  |  |  |  | $3 \cdot 3$ | 85 | $3 \cdot 1$ | 95 | 3.2 | 95 |
| Bijápur |  |  |  |  | 3.0 | 65 | $4 \cdot 1$ | 99 | $3 \times 2$ | 92 |

that is, for instance, in Dharwar the superior test extended to 3.3 per cent. of the numbers tested by the Circle Inspectors and in 85 per cent. of these numbers the lower test was found satisfactory. All the circles were visited in both districts, the number of villages being 94 in Dhárwár and 115 in Bijapur. The figures of quality show large improvement, but the question left in doubt is whether the superior check was as strict as it should have been and would have been had the District Inspector felt that a Mr . Price would scrutinize his work. The only light which is thrown on this question comes from the general remarks made by the Revenue officers.

## The Collectors write:-

Iharwar.-"The total as well as the average work done this year by the Circle Inspectors is shown by the District Inspector to be greater than last year. Un the whole, I am quite satisfied with the work done, which is far more complete and methodical than the inspection work done under the old system."

Bijápur.-" The amount of work shown here contrasts favourably with that done in the previous year * * * . The above are the results as they appear on paper. But the intrinsic value of them is open to a great deal of doubt. Mr. Harvey, in his report, has drawn attention to certain noteworthy shortcomings, e.g., the general tendency to select for test fields which contain only one kind of crop; and the imperfect nature of the tests applied in the case of fields containing crops of more kinds than one * * * . But it is impossible for a Collector and his Assistants to do all that is necessary in the way of testing the work done by the Circle Inspectors. And I am convinced that the working of the department can never be made quite satisfactory, unless a special European officer is employed again, as Mr. Price was when the systera was started; unless the District Inspectors are men of higher grade, greater experience and more authority; and unless the Director of Agriculture himself can give more attention to the department, by visiting the districts in person than has been the case during, at any rate, the past year."
In Dhárwár the crop and boundary-mark inspections were tested in 28 villages by the district officers (sub-divisional). The only remark as to quality is that the work was good, but the extent of the test and its nature are
not indicated. In Bijápur the Collector's Office tested the work of 16 Circle Inspectors but no details are reported. Mr. Harvey in 11 villages tested 116 numbers for crop and boundary mark inspection in 5 circles, in three of which the work was "very bad ", in one " good " and in the last "very fair." Mr. Drew tested in 20 villages 54 numbers for crop inspection and $1: 30$ for boundary marks; but left on record no opinion as to the resalt. The District Deputy Collector visited 5 villages and tested 51 numbers for crop and boundary mark inspection, the work done being found "quite satisfactory in every case".

The Collector's remarks seem largely based on Mr. Harvey's report and adverse criticisms, with regard to which the Commissioner remarks: "Sub-Divisional Officers seem to forget that in deploring the want of adequate supervision over Circle Inspectors they are censuring themselves". I need make little further comment. The Collector of Bijapur in heading his paragraph "the working of the Agricultural Department" appears to have forgotten that by the sanction of Government in May 1889 his predecessor accepted the whole control of the special establishment and the duty of supervising it. The Collector was unfortunate in his District Inspector for part of the year, but on his removal an active and competent successor was appointed. In future the Divisional Inspector and the District Inspector will have little opportunity to check this class of work except so far as to lay down the lines on which the test should be made, and the whole responsibility of supervision will devolve on the Sub-Divisional Officers and the Mámledárs.
13. Check Census of Pupulation and Live-stock.-This work should be reviewed next in order that all the regular test work of the Circle Inspectors and the check exercised by superior officers may be considered in one place. The Circle Inspectors visitall the villages of their circles in July and august, the only time when the villagers and their cattle are mostly at their homes, and immediately after the completion of the village census by the Kulkarnis. All the entries of Village Formi No. XIII are examined in villages with a population under 500 , half in larger villages with a population not exceeding 1,000 , and one-quarter in still larger villagez. The number of villages inspected rose 17 per cent. in Dharwir, 16 in Bijápur. Some delay in commencement arose from the detention by the Mamledars of Inspectors for the compilation work, which ought invariably to be fully completed by the end of June. Work was impeded also by the absence of the Kulkarnis at the date of the Inspector's visit. As the villages are visited in order and on fixed dates, there is no reason why this impediment should be allowed. In all $46 \frac{1}{2}$ and 49 per cent. of the entries in Village Form XIII were checked in the visited villages as against 47 and 49 respectively in Dhirwír and Bijápur last year. Of the entries checks 77 per cent. and 70 per cent. respectively as against 76 and 73 per cent. in the two districts were passed as correct, $i$. e., a small improvement in Dhárwár bat falling off in Bijapur. I may add that no provision whatever is made for any such check of the village census in other districts.
14. As to vital statistics the Circle Inspectors at the time of the check census are required to make a regular test of Village Forms XIV and XIV AD, but as the results of this regular check and of the irregular check made at every visit to a village are reported direct to the Manledir for transmission to the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, no figures are available for report in this place. The subject is however important, and if Government sa desire, statistics will in future be called for. The Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Southern Registration District, acknowledges the valuable assistance of the Circle Inspectors of Bijápur and Dhárwár.
15. The census was checked in 100 villages of Dharwar but in only 2 of Bijapur by Sub-Divisional OAicers. The only remark in Dhárwír is that the work was found good, but the extent and nature of the check exercised are not indicated. On the other hand, the District Inspector and his Assistant checked $3 \cdot 1$ and 4.4 per cent. respectively in Dhárwár and Bijápur of the entries tested by the Circle Inspectors, visiting 50 villages in 33 circles out of 37 and 74 villages in 32 circles out of 38 respectively in the month; of July and August, the object being to gaide the work of each Inspector on the lines laid down rather than to make a large test.
16. From March to May the Circle Inspectors carried on the complete boundary mark inspection on the revised plan instituted last year. I have in в 1119-2
detail reported in my letter No. 1125, dated 26th June, on the remarks made by Government in the concluding sentence of paragraph 2 of the Resolution which reviewed last year's report and, I trust, have made it plain that the progress of this inspection must be shown separately from that of the inspection made concurrently with the crop and waste inspection already described. The system is detailed in paragraph 9 of last year's report, the only change being that of making the Inspectors responsible for the repair of the marks found out of repair-a change approved by the Collectors. The number of villages in which the complete inspection has been made is shown
 marginally. At this rate the whole district will be traversed in less than 10 years, i. e., with the present staff all the marks demarcating the village site, tanks, roads and unoccupied numbers, including numbers set apart for public or special purposes, and the village boundaries will be systematically inspected and repaired once in ten years. The necessity for such periodical revision is well shown by the results of the inspection. No less than 23 and $27 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the marks inspected this year were found out of repair in the two districts respectively and similarly no less than 220 and 185 encroachments were detected. The steps taken to cause repairs to be done were fairly effective. The second inspection was not completed, 37 per cent. in Dhárwár and 13 per cent. in Bijapur of the marks found out of repair at the first inspection not being reinspected. But of those re-inspected 81 per cent. in Dhárwar and $92 \frac{1}{8}$ per cent. in Bijapur were either found repaired or were repaired. The figures last year were 40 and 20 when the repairs were left to the Kulkarnis. A large number of marks demanded measurement to re-fix their position. It would be well if the Collectors insist on the completion of the non-completed second inspection before any new village is taken up next March.

The decrease in villages and work done is chiefiy due to the change noticed, but also to a prevalence of influenza.
17. It is necessary to show in detail the work done by the Inspectors as measurers and classers. This work does not decrease.

Statement showing the Measurement Work done by the Circle Inspectors.


Measurement work (Nos. 1-10)-New cases decreased by 10 per cent. in Dhárwár but increased 20 per cent. in Bijápur, the increase on the whole being 4 per cent. 'The arrears on 31st July which are usually disposed of in September and October have considerably fallen in the former and slightly increased in the latter district. The Collectors do not report the fees received for the work done under heads 1-4. There is no doubt that the orders of Government authorize the demand for payment for such work (Government Resolutions No. 1993 of 14th April 1890, Judicial Department; No. 1325, dated 16th February 1889, and No. 745, dated 29th January 1890). The point will be brought to the notice of Collectors.

The total number of cases disposed of rose by 17 and 62 per cent. in the two districts respectively and the percentage of arrears on the total number of cases for disposal has fallen by 4 and 7 respectively. This is satisfactory.
18. I think it necessary to show the statement hitherto shown for " Headquarter Office Work," because this table proves whether the work of correction is up to date or in arrears :-

Statement showing the Head-quarter Office Work.

| District. | Number ofCases receivednecessitatingcorrection inSurveyRecords. | Number of Ákarbands. |  | Number of Maps and Field Book corrected. | Number of extracts from Field Books sent to Circle Inspectors. | Number of <br> extracts <br> from Sur- <br> vey Books <br> vepplice to <br> suppenten <br> Revenue <br> Officers and <br> Petitioners. | Number of Maps sup. plied to Officers. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Corrected. | Remaining to be corrected on lst October. |  |  |  |  |
| Dhárwár ... | 51 | 102 | 14 | 911 | 962 | 71 | 200 |
| Bijápur ... | 205 | 74 | 2 | 548 | 225 | 7 | 343 |

## II.-ANALYSIS OF DIS'TRICTS WITH REFERENCE TO SECURITY FIOM FAMINE.

19. This subject was discussed at the Simla Conference. The Statistical Atlas of the Bombay Presidency was recommended as a model among others. Without anticipating the report of the Conference, I may say that it is very desirable to imitate the North-West Provinces Pargana Book in this Presidency. No province can claim to have village statistics superior to ours, but the Pargana Book annually collects the main facts of each village from the various registers into one form. 'The Survey Commissioner in Bombay keeps a similar village ledger which, however, only shows what is called the "Revenue History" in Settlement Reports. More is required. The Committee appointed by Government Resolution No. 3664, dated 27th May, in paragraph 14 of its report has shown exactly what is necessary, viz., the ledger of village statistics, year by year, required both for famine needs and for revisions of rates. The materials are at hand, but they must be compiled from the date of the last settlement in each village by the Circle Inspectors, each for his circle, so that the pargana book will be a circle book, so arranged that there will be no difficulty in transferring the ledger of any village from one to another circle book and with blank pages, as in the NorthWest Provinces, for the remarks by itinerant officers of all departments, when such officers in their tours notice any noteworthy fact and wish to record it. The circle book will serve the purposes of the Settlement Officer, and will be a most valuable record for the perusal of District Revenue Officers, especially those new to a particular charge, and will indicate deterioration, should any deterioration occur in any village or group of villages, and either show the reason or indicate the necessity for ascertaining it. Lastly, the circle book will give all the materials for the detailed analysis of districts with reference to security from famine which may be summarized in periodical editions of the Statistical Atlas, or in supplements to the Atlas. I note these remarks here for no orders are required from Government. But I believe that the circle book will be appreciated by the Collectors and their Assistants, and I only need their co-operation.
20. The Bombay Famine Code has been revised by a Committee appointed at the instance of the Supreme Government. The alterations desired by that Government were principally with respect to the "duties before famine" and have been practically met by the incorporation of the special rules for Circle Inspectors, already sanctioned, into the Famine Code.

## III.-SYSTEM OF COLLECTION OF REVENUE AND RENTAL IN PRECARIOUS TRACIS.

21. During the year no special measures have been called for under Chapter VI of the Bombay Fanine Relief Code.
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22. Fodder Reserves and Arboriculture.
23. Extension of Communication.
24. Irrigation.

## (1). Arboriculture. <br> Bäbhul Plantations.

22. A perusal of the information supplied to me under this head leads me to fear that the course which I know to be noxious and harmful is being allowed in some districts. I have repeatedly stated that though babhul is a most valuable tree, if confined to set areas, it is one of the most harmful in the presence of dry-crop cultivation, especially in the rabi season. I have in various reports annually given proofs (vide especially report of 1855-86, paragraphs 27 to 32 , and of $1886-87$, paragraph 13) and yet the tendency is apparently towards inducing cultivators to plant their headlands with bábhul. From Hyderabad it is reported that extensive avenues along roads have been planted, and cultivators, alive to their interests, are growing bibhul in parts of their fields. If this is in irrigated land, the benefit may be great, but the object of the concessions offered by Government was to induce cultivators to set apart whole fields or defined portions of fields for bábhul plantations. From Násik, a dry district, though the district officers have endeavoured to induce rayats to set apart fields for bábhul plantations, the only result reported is an increase of bablhul on the headlands of fields. This is to be regretted. Immense harm was done in Khándesh (see Report of $1885-86$, para. 29) by the misdirected influence of district officers in this direction. The result of Mr. Ashburner's experiment on the Bhadgaon Farm therein reported is evidence enough. There is only one instance of the commencement of a babbul plantation during the year on the plan of the Government offer, $i . e$. ., in the case in Bhimthadi (last year's report, paragraph 18). Orders have been issued by Government that remission of assessment may be granted as long as the land is kept-under bábhul. The Collector however has postponed the remission "till the plantation has actually been formed." It will never be formed under those terms and they do not appear to be the terms intended by Government in their Resolution No. 6232, dated 5th August 1884, which are that remission may be allowed to induce the setting apart of fields in occupation for bábhul-growing. The Malthan plantation started under the concession has been handed over to the Forest Department. The plantations on the Bhadgaon Farm in two fields of four and two acres are progressing very favourably, but the experiment is still in progress. The possibility of thus utilizing cultivable land with profit cannot be decided till the plantations begin to yield an annual return from the wood and grass. One remarkable fact has come to notice. Where the young babhul is growing near the headlands, covered with established bábhul trees, it has failed. Babhul shade is so bad that it prevents even bábhul from growing.
V.-AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTS INCLUDING FARMS.

> A.-Experimental Farms.
23. Government have been pleased to approve of in general the proposal to increase the number of experimental farms made by the Committee appointed under the Government Resulution No. 3664, dated 27th May last. The Director has also been desired to submit a detailed scheme slowing precisely how he would propose to give effect to the suggestions of the Committee. Government
have also sanctioned the appointment of Mr. Mollison as Superintendent of Farms, Bombay Presidency.

## Bhadgaon Farm.

24. The rainfall at the farm was very low again, but its distribution was very favourable to the two staples-cotton and jowiri. In spite, then, of a rabi season so dry that only the very first sown crops of that season gave any outturn at all without irrigation, the financial result was very good:-

| General area ... Experimental crops | … |  | Area cropped or fallowed. | Assessment. | Grobs Value of Produce. | Net Profit per Acre. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Acres. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. a. p. |
|  |  |  | 407 | 576 | 8,681 | 1060 |
|  |  |  | 63 | 82 | 644 | 096 |
|  |  |  | 470 | 65x | 9,3\% | 910 |

Thus, even taking into count the experimental area and debiting the assessment, a net profit of over Rs. 9 per acre was secured. The incidence of assessment on gross produce in the general area was less than 7 per cent. and on net produce a little over $13 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. These figures would have been improved if irrigation bad been resorted to for the late crops ; but experience has shown that such a course would have encouraged weeds and been harmful in future years. Advantage was taken of the absence of rain to clean 35 acres of land at a cost of Rs. 165 (included in the total cost), though from these fields there was no immediate return.

The breeding herd swallowed up a large share of the profits of cultivation as it must necessarily do. It can never pay directly to breed cattle on a Government Farm though indirectly the results justify the cost of the herd, for its surplus is distrihuted by sale in the neighbourhood and the village cattle are greatly inproved by the services of the young bulls sold from time to time. Nine such bulls were sold at an average of Rs. 58, only two of which were over three years old. These two fetched Ks. 75 a piece.

The sales of produce have met all cultivation expenses, excess keep of livestock, miscellaneous charges necessitated by sanitation and the isolated position of the farm, the cost of the Superintendent's frequent tours, and that of the clerical establishment, which is required to keep a minute record of every result obtained on the experimental as well as on the general area.

Large expenditure has been incurred during the year (Rs. 11,700) in building a new granary, quarters for the clerks, a masonry silo (Rs. 300), and in extending the cattle byres and repairing those already existing. Two per cent. of this cost in the case of new works and 5 per cent. in the case of repairs have been debited to the accounts of the year already burdened by a small sum debitable on account of previous permanent improvements.

On the whole the net cost of the farm has been Rs. 743 as against Rs. 990 in the previous year. The pay of the Superintendent (Rs. 3,000 ) is not included.

The experimental results though not numerous were important.
Sugarcane.-In sugarcane cultivation it was shown that by sowing the tops of canes, instead of cutting whole canes into sets, a saving of some Rs. 15 per acre can be effected.

Two varieties of cane from the Sabaranpur Botanical Gardens, styled Lahona and Lahima, were tried, but they compared unfavourably with the local white ( $?$ Mauritius) variety.

Wheat.-But the most important results were secured with wheat and cotton. The sixth season of experiment with soft-white and soft-red wheats seems now defipitely to prove not only that the soft varieties can be cultivated without appreciable change in colour or consistency in a district of hard wheats, but that they, as well as hard wheats from other parts of India, after one or two years of poor yield, become acclimatized and give crops of grain and straw far in excess of the best local varieties.

As regards consistency, the earlier results of the trial scemed in the soft kinds to in licate a tendency to harden, but with irrigation that tendency has disappeared and it does not seem premature to assert that in irrigated land in the Deccan it is profitable to grow soft white wheat provided it is acclimatized; and it is certain that excellent results will be obtained with hard wheats-irrigated as well as dry-if outside seed is introduced, provided a short crop for the first year can be afforded.

Cotton.-The results in cotton are more numerous. Sea Island cotton has produced a few bolls and may improve.

Four varieties of American cotton, imported in 1386 and grown for one year in Dhirwir and then transferred to the Bhadgaon Furm, hardly returned the seed in the first year, gave a very poor crop in the second, but in the third beat all other varieties, even the short-stapled Varadi. Of these importations, the one (Louisiana), with the best staple, is yet far behind the others. Two others (Memphis "Allen," and Arkansas "Upland") have a harsh coarse fibre, but the last, Memphis " Bruder," with a good strong staple, yielded the best crop ( 198 lbs clean cotton per acre). The local Varidi gave only 110 lbs .. If Louisiana improves, as is possible, choice for distribution and for new importations should apparently be made from that and from the " Bruder."

Side by side with these results, excellent returns were secured from selected Bani cotton-good staple-from the Berárs ( 149 lbs. clean cotton per acre). Another good variety from the same province, Jari, is a cold weather variety sown later and taking longer to mature. It does not seem likely to succeed in Khándesh.

It is certain that if success is secured with these better staples, a reaction in their favour will set in. The now falling price of cotton may aid the reaction: For some years everything (price, colour, utility for mixing and yield) has been in favour of the local Varadi, which Dr. Watt declares to be a hybrid, not indigenous to Khándesh or the Berárs, as hitherto it has been considered to be.

Poona Farm.
25. This farm is intended as a means of imparting practical instruction to the students of the Agricultural Branch of the College of Science. Thirteen acres of new land have been brought under cultivation. The season was poor and the greater part of the land uneven and unfruitful. No part is fit for comparative experiment. Arrowroot has again been successfully grown, but there is no market for it.

The cultivation charges on the farm.were Rs. 742. The assessment on the land is Rs. 90. The produce sold for Rs. 791. The old Botanical Gardens at Ganeshkhind are supervised by the Assistant Superintendent in charge of the Poona Farm. The sales of grass and mango grafts (Rs. 847) just suffice to cover the expenses of tending and watering the planted graft mangoes. These now number 1,500 well established grafts. The sale of mingo grafts continues. Rs. 95 were realized under this head during the year. Grafts are sold at cost price to cultivators and at a profit to others. There were $30{ }^{\prime}$ good grafts ready for sale at the close of the year.

A small dairy berd is kept on the Kirkee portion of the farm. It is a beginning in the study of milking capacities of various breeds, feeding of milch cattle, crossing to improve local breeds, and the like. But the use to the agricultural students of such a herd to teach them something about the management of cattle is also important. The Assistant Superintendent (pay Rs. 100 per mensem) gives farm-classes to the students.

## Nadiáa Farm.

26. The reports received from the Agricultural Association of the working of this private farm are still very sketchy. The management of the farm is not good. Some of the first principles of good cultivation have been neglected. The Association will be called on to improve the management, else the assessment on the land, the remission of which is allowed as long as the farm is usefully managed, will have to Le demanded. In other departments the Association has continued to do good work. It has established a museum and arranged show-exhibits in it.

It has continued its Show (as will be seen from paragraph 41 below). Its pamphlet is flourishing. Its seed store is kept up, but is not yet a success. Financially the Association is successful. Its balance is about Rs. 8,500.

## The Sind Farm (Hyderabad).

27. The Hyderabad Farm is now under the charge temporarily of the Local Board (Government Resolution No. 8422, dated 5th November 1889). The Board has not continued the experiments which were in progress at the time of the transfer, nor has it kept up the cultivation book and other registers, so that no results can be reported.

## B.-Experiments on various Indigonous and Exotic Products. <br> 1. Wheat.

28. Selected Muzaffarnagar seed wheat was again distributed in the Nára Valley of the Thar and Parkar District. The grant from Government was Rs. 1,000, and from Local Funds Rs. 500, but sanction came late, and in all only 67 maunds of fresh seed were imported, though with the Local Fund money 220 maunds of acclimatized seed were purchased and distributed. The area now under this variety is 4,100 acres, as against 2,812 acres reported last year. . Frost slightly reduced the yield this year. The following table shows the results :-

| Kind of Seed. | Area sown in 1889-90. | Total Seed sown. | Total Outturn. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A. g. | Mds. s. | Mds. s. |
| New seed imported by Gorernment | 5223 | 6320 | 24010 |
| Acclimatized seed purchased by Local Funds .;- | 16219 | 21933 | 9370 |
| Do. Government share of previous year's |  |  |  |
| Do. Jamindare's share ... | 2851 | 35732 | 1,682 26 |
| Do. Jamindár's share Add-Reapers' share | 3,607 11 | 4,738 26 | 15,040 0 |
| Add-Reapers' share ... | ...... | ...... | 2,237 19 |
| Total | 4,107 14 | 5,379 31 | 20,137 15 |
| Average per acre - ... | ..... | $52 \cdot 4$ | $4 \cdot 36$ |

Note-1 maund $=823$ libs.
2. Date-palm.
29. Seed of the Egyptian date-palin was distributed in 1888. The seedlings have been planted out, and are reported to be doing well.

Mr. Duthie, Director, Botanical Department, North India, kindly supplied 7 lbs. of seed again this year which was distributed in March and was sown between April and June. The seedlings have come up well except in Bijápur.

The Djereed date-palm seed supplied to the Commissioner in Sind in June 1889 was distributed as noted in the margin.

| Collector of Karáchi ... | .. 10 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Municipal garden at Karác | i... |
| Meer's garden at Karáchi |  |
| Gollector of H5derabad | 10 |
| Collector of Shikárpur | 0 | the plants have made good progress. In the municipal garden more than 3,400 seedlings are growing. In the economic garden at Hyderabad 545 seedlings have been planted out. Elsewhere in Hyderabad and also in Shikarpur the seed sown has germinated and the plants promise well.

## 3. Arrowroot.

30. Mr. Gogte in Dápoli (Ratnágiri) produced $8,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. of starch on 10 acres. The Commissariat demand has been very short and no other market has yet been found. . Arrowroot was grown also at Gondal and at the Poona Farm.

## 4. Indigo.

31. Junágad had 30 acres under this crop and the Mahi Kántha Agency at Sidra reports 1 bigha of indigo. Thus the endeavours to revive its cultivation in Gujarát are continuing.

## 5. Dividivi.

32. A test shipment of pods was made this year of about 38 tons, the produce of about 150 trees on the Bladgaon ,Farm for two years. The trees are along a nala bank, but if regularly planted out, would occupy about three acres. Picking the pods and filling the bags cost Rs. 22-8; bags, Rs. 28-2; railway charges, cartage, freight, Rs. 166-3; charges in Liverpool, Rs. 38-10; total
Rs. $255-7$. profit was Rs. $154-4$. This is equivalent to Rs. 26 per acre per per ton. The must be considered an excellent return. This result is cncournum, which extended cultivation of divi-divi.

## 6. Strawberry.

33. In December of 1887 about 2,000 strawberry plants were procured through the Superintendent, Botanical Gardens, North-West Provinces, Saharanpur, at the rate of Rs. 4 per 1,000 and sent to Mabábaleshvar, where they were distributed for experimental cultivation. The plants arrived late in the season and many died on the way. A poor crop has been picked, but the fruit is reported to be excellent.

## C.-Utilization of Bones for MFanure.

34. The export trade in bones is increasing. Bone-mills have come into existence to cheapen carriage by crushing to one-inch bones and by grinding to meal. In the form of bone-meal there will be no difficulty in using boncs for manure, though their precise value will have to be experimentally studied. It was decided in 1883 not to attempt to check the export directly by a heavy tax or in any other way but to trust to the gradual rise of a counter-demand for manure. This demand has not yet arisen, but the facility now for obtaining bone-meal may induce it. It is necessary that I should record the result of enquiries made.

There are 7 mills in Bombay and 1 at Thána. The latter is a large one, recently opened by Messrs. Croft \& Wells. Bones are bought by itinerant dealers, chiefly Musalmíns, who employ the low-castes of villages to collect them. These petty dealers either sell direct to exporters who employ the Bombay mills or to larger dealers. It is estimated that some 10,000 tons are annually collected. The prices paid in Bombay vary from Rs. 35 to 15 per ton, but are rising. Conversion to one-inch bones costs about Rs. $2 \frac{1}{2}$ and to bone meal abruut Rs. 5. The prevalent prices last season in England for the prepared bones were $£ 4-10$ and $£ 5$ respectively.

The imports by sea of bones to Bombay for export to England come chiefly from Cutch and Káthiáwír. The rail imports are larger. The difficulty of collection in the Konkan has so far prevented much export therefrom.
D.-Takávi Advances.

Amounts advanced in 1888-83.

| Northern Division. | Rapeos. | Contral Divioion | Rupees. | Southern Division. | Rapeos. | 8 l d . | Rapeer., |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eairs | 1,300 | Ahmainagar ... <br> Khnudeah $\ldots$ <br> Satara ... $\ldots$ <br> Sholipur $\ldots$ <br> Nabil .... .. | 10,316 | Belgaum $\ldots$ <br> Bijápur... $\ldots$ <br> Ratnágiri $\ldots$ | $\begin{array}{r} 33,320 \\ 585 \\ 320 \end{array}$ |  | $\mathbf{5 , 8 0 0}$4,550 |
|  |  |  | 15,072 |  |  |  |  |
| Panch Mahals ... | 2,400 |  | 1,816 3,262 |  |  |  | 4,045 |
| Broach . | 535 |  | 50 |  |  |  | 2,800 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 30,510 |  |  |  | 17,795 |

35. The figures show no blank district in Sind, but only Ratnagiri in the Konkan made any use of the advances offered by Government. The repayments were punctual on the whole, but in Khandesh, Ahmadnagar and Karáchi the overdue outstandings are large. Belgaum is conspicuous in the statement. Great effurts have been made by the Collector to overcome the little understood difficulties which keep the cultivator from utilizing to the full the great facilities offered. During the year ending June advances in this district were made to 142 persons. Rs. 10,730 were advanced for constructing and repairing wells and enlarging
tanks, Rs. 8,877 for clearing ficlds of deep-rooted grasses, Rs. 7,238 for raising protective embankments, Rs. 6,760 for converting dry-crop into rice land, Rs. 350 for purchasing cattle and lls. 825 for removing prickly pear in cultivated land. The details are noted to show how greatly agricultural improvements can ind should be effected by means of these advances on low interest.

Referring to his observations on the dry north-cast tálukas, the Collector says:-"I saw several wells for irrigation, also a small tank or two, lately constructed there ; lands never cultivated before, freshly brought under cultivation ; lands cleared of the natt grass; culturable land brought into existence by means of embankments constructed to intercept the alluvial deposit, washed down in the monsoon from the higher lands; stone ramps thrown up to protect good land from the action of neighbouring streams, and so forth." These improvements, but for these advances, would never have been taken in hand. The improvement in Belgaum has been effected by the interest taken by the district officers, and there seems no reason to think that similar results cannot be attained in the same way elsewhere. Notifications were posted in every chavdi and school throughout the district. "The numberless applications now received show that the matter is now to some extent attracting the attention that it deserves; but they also show that the public is to a great extent still under a misapprehension." Many applications are received for money to be expended on the payment of ancestral debts or for marriage expenses to be incurred.

The increase of work has called for an addition to the clerical staff and the appointment of three clerks to be paid out of the takdvi grant in Belgaum has been experimentally allowed for one year.

Under recent modifications in the rules under the Land Improvement $\Lambda$ ct the ordinary rate of interest has been lowered from $6 \frac{1}{4}$ to 5 per cent., and that of compound interest for any sum not paid when due, from $6 \frac{1}{4}$ to 6 per cent. $\Lambda$ corresponding lowering of interest has been sanctioned in respect to loans for the purchase of cattle, seed and implements.

The work of clearing village sites of the over-growth of prickly pear seems to have been systematically conducted in Belgaum. Within a period of five years 477 villages have been cleared up to a distance of 100 yards from the village site. In some cases the villagers have been induced to subscribe large sums and to make the clearance by hired labour.

## E.-Locust attacks of the year.

36. Locusts were harmful in Sind from July 1889 till September 1890. They lingered longest in the Thar and Párkar and Upper Sind Frontier Districts. The locusts did considerable damage. Their visits are not infrequent, but on this occasion they came at an unusual time. It is reported that they were exterminated by jowari birds. 'The Deputy Commissioner reports that the birds did not attempt to eat the locusts, but snipping them in two, left them.

Mr. Ommanney in 1883 mentioned the jowári bird or Rose Pastor ás a great enemy of the locust in Khándesh.

Locusts visited Cutch and Gujarit and parts of Kathiawir, but were not injurious. Specimens were sent to the Superintendent, Indian Museum, Calcutta, for identification. Besides the samples of locusts, samples of grasshoppers (hieroglyphus) from the Panch Maháls, Rájpipla and Broach, of Hieroglyphus furcifer, and Chilo oryzacellus from Thana, of Heteropterius from the Upper Sind Frontier and Jhálávád (Káthiáwár) and of Poecilocera picta from Jhálívád (Káthiáwár) were sent to the Indian Museum. Iieroglyphuy was reported to do damage to maize, rice and bavto. "So far as is known, they, do not migrate and can therefore scarcely be looked upon as locusts." Mr. Cotes is of opinion that it is not worth while to take special measures for destroying them. As regards Hieroglyphus furcifer Mr. Cotes writes: "The insect is a grasshopper, allied to the migratory locusts, but probably is one of those forms which do not migrate or often occur in sufficient numbers to occasion serious injury. The insect is therefore entirely. distinct from the
migratory locust. * With regard to remedies the insects being now almost all in the imago or winged stage, I don't think that much can be done beyond perhaps beating them off the crops." The rice bug from Thana is reported to have done damage. "The insect proves to be the caterpillar of a small moth, either identical with or very closely allied to, the rice stalk-borer (Chilo oryzacellus) of the United States.* *With regard to remedies, the observations of Mr. Howard in the United States, and of Mr. Wray in Perak, have shown that the insect passes the time between the harvesting of one crop and the springing up of the one in the following year in the self-sown rice, and perhaps also in the stems of large grasses which spring up in and around the fields. The careful destruction thercfore of these after the harvest by burning has been thought to be the most promising means of reducing the numbers of the pest." Ahout Poecilocera picta Mr. Cotes states that little is known about its habits but it is not expected that it will be found to occur in sufficient numbers to do any considerable damage.

## F.-Improved Agricultural Implements.

37. I have lately purchased for the Bhadgaon, Poona and Nadiad Farms "Planet Jr." horse and hand hoes. The implements have been tried on the farms and have been found useful. The Superintendent of the Bhadgaon Farm reports that the horse hoe is specially suited for cultivation for the rabi crop during the monsoon and for the interculture of cotton. In his opinion it is light, strong and cheap for its high finish. On the Poona Farm the horse hoe was used in preparing land for wheat and the hand hoe in hoeing capsicum. As regards the Nadiád trial, Sirdár Ráo Bahâdur Bechardís Viháridás writes that considering the dry nature of the soil the furrows were sufficiently wide and deep and the draught was not heavy. He thinks that the horse hoe would work still better in the wet season, but fears that " the ordinary cultivator will not be able to manage it and the ordinary smith will not be able to repair it on emergency."

Messrs. Lloyd Lawrence and Co. of Philadelphia, United States of America, who are the manufacturers of these implements, have appointed Messrs. John Fleming and Co. of Bombay their Agents for these implements. The horse and hand hoes respectively are sold for Rs. 33 and 16.

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\text { G.-Adulteration of } \text { Wheat. }
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38. The Conference on adulteration and refraction in wheat under the presidency of Her Majesty's Secretary of State appears to have led the Committee of the London Corn Trade Association to agree to limit refraction in samples of Boinbay wheat to 3 and $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. according to the time of shipment and similarly of Calcutta" No. 2 club" to 4 and 5 per cent.

Shortly afterwards a proposal to introduce Elevators was brought before Government. The proposers asked for many concessions. Grain Elevators will not easily succeed, for there is an ahsence as yet of a real demand for pure wheat. As long as the manipulation of the comparatively pure sample sold by the producer can be turned to profit by the middleman, and as long as the cultivator cannot get a higher price for cleaner wheat, the scope of Elevators does not appear large. Some of the concessions asked could hardly be granted, e.g., a guarantee of interest on capital outlay and a long monopoly.

Appendices A and B show the exports of wheat from the ports of Bombay and Karáchi since 1880. The exports from Bombay exhibit a continuing fall which commenced in 1887. On the other hand, the exports from Karíchi have Trade. increased. The reasons are climatic; a bad wheat season in the Central Provinces on the one hand and a good one in the Punjab on the other.

> H.-Cotton Saw-gins in Dharwar.
39. Last year(paragraph 28 of report) thenumber of steamsaw-gins wasshown at 15 ; one more has been added. Of the total 3 are fitted with rollers and the rest with saws in part or entirely. The oldest gins were established in 1884 at Hubli and Gadag by the Southern Marátha Ginning and Pressing Company. In the next
year Mr. Byrámji Frámji followed the Company with two more gins. The natives of the district have not been slow in following in the wake of these outsiders and have up to date erected 12 steam gin factories. The introduction into the district of the Steam Boilers Inspection Act, which enjoins the employment of second class engineers in charge of portable engines, seems to have checked further progress.

It is satisfactory to find that steam saw-gins necessary for the exotic American variety have at last been established in this district. But the number of hand saw-gins has not decreased. They are convenient to small holders and to those at a distance from the steam gins. Saw-gins have of late years been largely used for ginning indigenous cotton to pass it off as saw-ginned Dhirwár. The result is a fall in the price of Dhárwár-American cotton. The Government establishment at Hubli for the repair of hand saw-gins has not yet been taken over by the District Local Board. The fund to which all owners of hand saw-gins contribute compulsorily (as long as they use the gins) is in a satisfactory condition. The Government debt has been paid off and the assets show Rs. 5,000 cash in hand and Rs. 9,500 outstanding balances.
I.-Forecasts.
40. Earlier submission of the cotton forecast and the introduction of forecasts for the more important oilseeds - sesame, linseed and rapeseed-have been ordered.

The following statement shows the areas under cotton and wheat as shown in the forecasts with the estimated outturn :-

| Province. |  |  | Total Acreage. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Estimated Out.turn, } \\ & \text { 1839-90. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1889-90. | 1888-89. | Average. | Total. | Per Acre. |
| Cotton. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,872,963 \\ & 2,873,523 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,762,294 \\ & 2,620,482 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,615,930 \\ & 2,639,243 \end{aligned}$ | Bales.*$\begin{aligned} & 559,156 \\ & 768,403 \end{aligned}$ | Lbs.$\begin{array}{r} 77 \cdot 8 \\ 106 \cdot 9 \end{array}$ |
| British districts ... <br> Native States |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total |  | 5,746,486 | 5,382,776 | 5,255,173 | 1,327,559 | $92 \cdot 4$ |
| Whea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| British districts ... | ... | , | 2,322,993 | 2,362,004 | 2,301,828 | 582,482 | $561 \cdot 6$ |
| Native States |  | $\cdots$ | 551,017 | 633,887 | 631,547 | 249,695 | 1,015 |
| Total |  | ... | 2,874,010 | 2,995,891 | 2,933,375 | 832,177 | 648.5 |

*In accordance with the recent Government Resolution a bale is here taken equal to 400 lbs .
The area estimated in the forecasts for British districts differs from that reported in the agricultural returns by only about $1 \cdot 48$, per cent. for cotton and $0 \cdot 49$ per cent. for wheat, which is very satisfactory. It is not so easy to test the accuracy of the estimated yield which at best is very approximate.

## J.-Agricultural and Cattle Shnws.

41. Horse shows are included under this head under the general orders of Government. The reports of such shows are commented upon by the Director of Land Records and Agriculture. The principal shows of the year were :-

| No. | Province. | Place. | Kind of Show. | Date. | Prize Moncy. | Contributiona |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Deccan ... - | Toons ... | Horse-show ... | 2th Septem- | Ms. 2,887 | Goverument grant, lis. 2,000; private sulscription, Re. 1639. |
| $\underline{2}$ | Kiathiamar ... | Fi.jkot | Horse-show | 9th December. | Rs. 2,395 and 42 di plomas. Pe. | Káthianar Chiels, Re. 2,000; <br> Local Funds, les. 750 ; Goverument grant, Rs. 600. |
| 3 | Gujarât... ... | P'alanpur ... | $\begin{array}{cr}\text { Horse, } & \begin{array}{r}\text { cattle } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { tural } \\ \text { agricul } \\ \text { and exhibition. }\end{array} \\ \text { and }\end{array}$ | 17th December. | Rs. 1,623 | Native Chicfa, lis. 4,511. |
| 4 | Sind ... ... | Shikárpur .. | Horse and Europea n vegetable show. | 13th January.. | Rs. 4,230 | Government grant, Rs. 2,090. |
| 5 | S. M. Country... | Chinchli | Horse, cattle and agricul tural show. | 6th February | Is. 4, 807 | Kolhapur Darbár, Ra. 2,000; Chicls of Miraj Junior and Ramdurg, Rs. 1,000 each ; other States, Ra, 4,055. |
| 6 | Gujaràt... ... | Ahmadabad... | Horse-show $\quad .$. | 24th March ... | Rs. 2,2:0 | Governinent grant, R. 2.000 ; II. H. The Gáek wár,Re. 1,000; Ahmadabad Local Board, Rs. 1,000 ; and others 319. |

Poona Horse Show.-The Government grant was reduced from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 2,000. The season was unfavourable, and the exhibits were fer and inferior. Several prizes were withheld. In the Breeders' classes the number was only 233, or less than $\frac{9}{3}$ rds that of the previous year.

Rajliot Metropolitan Horse Show.-Cattle were not admitted. The show was successful owing greatly to the abolition of local shows in the province. His Excellency the Governor was present. The total number of entries rose from 355 to 610 , of which more than half belonged to Girasiás and cultivators, the Chiefs wisely preferring to encourage their subjects. Of 8 entries in the rcmount class 2 were purchased. In all 16 horses changed hands. The brood mares numbered 139, i. e., $2 \frac{1}{2}$ times the total of the last show. There was a good increase in every class. 100 prizes (value Rs. 2,025) and in addition Rs. 370 for silver medals were awarded. Diplomas were given to Chiefs and officers. 225 copies of Mr. Steel's pamphlet on cattle-disease were distributed. The opinion of the Show Committee was expressed that thorough-bred English sires were proved by the exhibits at the show to be more suitable to Káthiáwår than Norfolk Trotters.

Pálanpur Agricultural Show and Exhibition-Organized by Colonel Nutt. There were 294 horse entries. The cattle were numerous (492) and were worthy representatives of the fine local breeds. The cream separator and a hay-press were worked at the show. Articles of local manufacture (including jail manufactures) were exhibited. The number of visitors to the show was computed to be about 25,000 . The value of the prizes awarded was Rs. 1,628 .

Sind Horse Show.-The exhibits were 294 less than in the previous year,

| Districts. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Shikarpur with Khairpur ... 288 |  |  |  |
| Upper Bind ... | ... |  | 280 |
| Beluchistán ... | $\ldots$ |  | 157 |
| Afghânistán ... | ... | ... | 39 |
| Punjab, \&c. ... | - | ... | 20 |
|  |  |  | 784 | a result due to wise selection by the classing committee, ensuring superiority in the animals admitted to compete. The remount class was very good indeed and contained many animals suitable as remounts for the army and the police. The gelding class was good. But the paucity of exhibits of animals, the produce of Government stallions, proved the necessity of extension of the nursery system, in imitation of the béginning made at Ahmadnagar. Mule-breeding showed a small but steady progress. 167 remounts- 143 for the army and 24 for the police-were purchased at an average of Rs. 250. Similarly 19 mules were secured for Government at Rs. 123 -a low figure. The prospects of the show are excellent. Rs. 4,230 were given away in prizes. The Upper Sind Frontier District alone secured Rs. 1,590. Translations of Mr. Sutherland's memorandum on mule-breeding were distributed gratis. Colonel Mayhew, Collector of Shikárpur, organized a show for European vegetables. Rs, 238 were given in prizes. The Collector has for several years encouraged trials with European vegetable seeds and with continued success. The Sind show was very largely attended.

Kolhápur and Southern Maratha Country Horse and Cattle Show.-The show - is timed to fit in with a long established Fair. In 1885 the number of horses entered for the show was 382 . It is now 1,881 , and they are reported remark-
ably free from unsoundness and above ordinary show standard. Large purchases were made from young stock by Captain Webb for the Ahmadnagar Nursery. As to cattle, though numbers were slightly less, the quality was high. Exhibits of agricultural produce appeared to have been hand-picked for the show. Steps should be taken to remedy this defect. A class for agricultural implements and machinery was newly introduced, but it did not fill.

Prizes amounting to Rs. 1,570 were taken by exhibitors from British districts, and Rs. 3,327 by those belonging to the States supporting the show. 130 horses and 2,166 cattle valued at Rs. 46,000 changed hands at the Fair.

Ahmedabad Horse Show. -This show was not successful. The bad season

| District or Stata. | 1889. | 1800. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ahmedabad ... | 250 | 286 |
| Kaira ... | 78 | 71 |
| Baroda ... | 159 | 183 |
| Mahi Kantha | 63 | 44 |
| Káthiâwár... | 6 | 20 |
| Other places ... | 48 | 33 |
| Total ... | 634 | 637 | of 1888 showed its effect on the condition of the animals and no doubt the Bombay show tempted the best animals. The number of exhibits compared with the previous year shows little change. The large decrease in the remount class was counterbalanced by increases in the classes of brood mares, colts and fillies. The remount class was fairly good. 12 remounts were purchased. Prizes amounting to Rs. 750 were withheld, with promises that they would be given at the next show if improvement takes place. It is, however, satisfactory that in spite of the Bombay show the number of exhibits did not fall off.

The Bombay Show.-The greatshow held in Bombay on the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor was the special feature of the year. No details are at hand to enable me to comment.

Mr . Steel, Principal of the Veterinary College, secured a large number of most interesting photos of horses and cattle representing nearly all the breeds of the Presidency and excellent specimens of nearly all. Mr. Steel is about to publish an album of the photographs with descriptive notes, which will be one of the most valuable publications of the decade.

Nadiád Show of Agricultural Produce and Cattle.-His Excellency the Governor was present. The Secretary has not favoured me with statistics of the show, but from personal observation I can attest to the excellence of the show except in cattle, of which the exhibits were neither as numerous nor as good as they ought to have been.

## VI.-CATTLE-BREEDING AND VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENT.

## Veterinary Dispensaries.

42. The object in view is to follow with respect to animals the methods of popularizing scientific treatment of disease which have been successful in the case of human beings. The Bombay Veterinary College graduates have been utilized as Assistant Veterinarians in charge of dispensaries furnished with a few sick stables for in-patients. The dispensarics are assisted by a grant-in-aid from Government under the conditions noted in paragraph 43 of last year's report. Though no addition to the number of the dispensaries has been made during the year, the successful working of the four previously established in Ahmedabad, Nadiád, Násik and Dhulia will undoubtedly induce the Local Boards and other bodies interested in the care of cattle in disease, such as the Managers of Pinjrapols, and of Associations for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to accept the offer of Government open to all.

A short notice of the working of each of the dispensaries may be given :-
Ahmedabad.-The Government grant (Rs. 400) is supplemented by grants from the Municipality (Rs. 200), Pinjrípol (Rs. 300), Local Board (Rs. 200). Private subscriptions amounted to Rs. 220. A small balance remained at the end of the year. Instruments and medicines have been purchased. The dispensary has been furnished. Sick stables for animals have been provided, and a compounder or assistant on Rs. 10 employed. 22 in-patients, 554 out-patients, and 69 Pinjrípol patients have been tended. The Assistant Veterinarian visited 25 villages in the neighbourhood where foot and mouth disease was raging. He has given lectures.

His work has been satisfactory and he has succeeded in winning confidence. If even Pinjripols could, by the work of the Assistant Veterinarian, be в 1119-5
converted into refuges for animals, conspicuous for attention to and care of diseases and injuies, as well as for providing a mere means of subsistence, these well intentioned charities would be charities in reality.

Nadiád.-Government grant (Rs. 400), Municipality (Rs. 150), Local Board (Rs. 500). The Municipality also gave an initial donation of Rs. 150. The funds were all expended in equipment and pay of the establishment, including the compounder. 667 patients were tended, of which 128 were brought from outside villages. There are apparently no arrangements for in-patients; but the Assistant Veterinarian halted for three weeks at Mehmadabad and Anand, and treated five patients. The Collector rightly thinks that the Assistant should not attempt to make his dispensary peripatetic. The Pinjrápol at Nadiad has so far, it would seem, neither availed itself of the services of the dispensary nor contributed to its support. The Assistant Veterinarian wisely visited several villages, before his medicines arrived, to study cattle-disease and to acquaint the villagers with his mission.

Nasik.-The dispensary has been incorporated with an established depôt of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The grants were as follows :-Government Rs. 400, Municipality and Local Funds Rs. 200 each, donations and subscriptions Rs. 845. The charges were similar to those of other dispensaries and were covered by the receipts. Three prosecutions for ill-treatment of animals were instituted in the year as against 11 in the 14 months previous. In all 186 animals were treated as in-patients. Of these, 38 were sent by members of the Society, and 19 by the Pinjrípol. 14 were sent by the police and municipality. The rest by their owners.

There were, in addition, 39 out-patients. Fees are received for feeding animals in hospital, but animals belonging to poor owners were fed at the cost of the Society.

Dhulia.-Opened in December only, but the report gives a history up to the end of July. There is provision for 12 in-patients. 239 out-patients and 9 in-patients were treated. During the nine months ending 31st July the receipts amounted to Rs. 2,950 and expenditure to Rs. 1,287. In April the .Assistant Veterinarian toured in the Páchora Táluka where rinderpest was prevalent, and assisted the Superintendent of the Government Farm at Bhadgaon where the epidemic was most severe. The dispensary was closed during the tour.

All the dispensaries have framed rules.

## Bacteriological Laboratory.

43. Dr. Lingard has assumed charge of the Bacteriological Laboratory located near the College of Science at Poona (vide paragraph 44 of last report), and the work of the laboratory has been conmenced.

## Civil Veterinary Department.

44. The sanction of Government to the organization of the department has been received. The Department, which will include the Horse-breeding Department, will be under the Director, Land Records and Agriculture. Detailed proposals under the sanction are in course of submission.

## Cattle-Disease.

45. The year is characterized by an absence of reports of epidemics among cattle. But information received from other sources than the reports published in the Government Gazette show that there was rinderpest in Khándesh, Thána and Kaira. The prompt report by local officers of cattle epidemics is greatly desiralle.

On the Bhadgaon Farm a severe attack of rinderpest occurred in April 1890. Of 113 animals attacked 54 died. The Superintendent observes that rinderpest is only known to the Vanjáris. Good results were obtained by keeping up the strength of the animals attacked with arrowroot kdinji. Soon after the disappearance of rinderpest foot and mouth disease broke out on the farm. No casualties occurred, but in this disease the value of ensilage and arrowroot lánji was marked.

Cattle-disease was also reported from the Bassein Taluka of the Thina District. From the symptoms described by the village officers, the disease appears to have been rinderpest. It occurred about the end of November, and
attacked 406 head of cattle, of which 223 died. It lasted only for a fortnight. The rayats are reported to have taken no steps towards segregation. Both sick and unaffected animals were driven together as usual to pasturage.

## VII.-AGRICULTURAL AND FISCAL STATISTICS.

## A.-AGRICULTURAL.

46. The only important change made in the standing orders during the year is with reference to the anna estimates of the outturn of crops, which will be explained further on (paragraph 60).
 not in punctuality, the returns from many districts having been late; while in the case of the. districts noted in the margin, they were more than a month over-due. Besides this, the returns from some districts of Sind were so incomplete and faulty that amended returns had to be asked, which were not received until the other sections of my annual report had already gone to press. The general compilation of the Presidency Returns was thus delayed, both for my annual report and for the General Administration Report.

Return No. 1-Area of Available Statistics.
47. Gross Area.-The gross area of the Presidency Proper shows an increase of 44 villages and 55,000 acres under ' Government', but a decrease of 57 villages and 2,400 acres under ' Alienated'. In Government villages, Káuara gives an increase of 43 villages in consequence of the recognition of hamlets as villages; while in Panch Maháls one village lapsing was transferred from the bead - Alienated' to 'Government'. In alienated villages Panch Mabáls returns 60 villages less, and Sátára 3 villages more. In the former district the record of the 59 villages of the Nárukot State has been separated from the district record, and one alienated village lapsed to Government, while, in the latter district, 3 , villages which belong to Native States are now for the first time included in the returns, because they contain land belonging to Government.

The chief variations in the gross area of the districts are noted in the

|  | Govenment. | Alienated. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acren. | Acren. |
| Ahmedabad ... Panch Mahala | $\because \quad \begin{array}{r}-869 \\ \hline 1,700\end{array}$ | -1,735 |
| Khindesh -. | $\because \quad$ - $\because 21,662$ | -839 |
| Abmednagar | $\because$ - $\because 8$ 8,976 | -270 |
| Poona .. | $\because 1$-8,011 | -5,074 |
| SAtira | .. $+3,918$ | -829 |
| Thine | -648 | +5,032 |
| Kanara . . | +84,494 | . | marginal table. The variations in Panch Maháls are already explained. In Khándesh the correct area is not yet known; in the outbandi villages it varies according to the extent of cultivation which only is recorded. In Kánara the large increase is due to the completion of the survey. The gross area of the district has now been correctly ascertained and returned at $2,519,930$ instead of 2,435,436 acres hitherto estimated. In other districts the variations are due to the progress of the survey, to transfers made from ‘Alienated ' 'to 'Government' and to rectifications of errors. In Sind, the survey being still incomplete, the gross area is still an estimate ; that reported shows an increase of 236,000 acres.

48. Area of available statistics.-In the Presidency Proper fluctuations in the
 number of villages and in the areas returning figures are noted in the margin. In Khándesh 19 outbandi villages were last year wrongly entered under the head 'Available' and 3 villages lay waste during the year. These are transferred to the head 'Not available.' In Kánara the large increase is due, as noticed above, to the progress of the survey. 81 villages are still returned under the head 'Not available', for which statistics will be available in future. In other districts the variations bave arisen from the causes which have been stated with reference to the gross area.

In Sind the area of available statistics has increased by $6,706,000$ acres. The large increase in area is, however, nominal, being chiefly due to the inclusion of the extensive unsurveyed waste in the 14 villages of Thar and Parbar. In Karáchi, on the other hand, 62 villages which were wrongly included last year, are excluded this year, as they are unsurveyed villages. The revised manual has been in force in Sind for two years, but the classification of villages for the return under consideration does not appear to have been correctly observed. The large increase in area is thus greatly due to misapprehension.

In the Presidency Proper statistics are not avail-


In Sind statistics are returned for all but 161 villages with an area of 1,844,000 acres.

Return No. II.-Coultivated and Uncaltivated Area.
49. The following table summarizes the information contained in Returns Nos. I and II:-

| No. | District | Percentageon gross area,of areasforfhichstatitichare notarailable. | Percentage on net area for which statistice are afailable, of arias. |  |  |  | Forest. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Caltivated. |  | Uncultivated. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Actally cropped | Current Fallows. | Available for cultivation. | Not avail. able for cultivation. |  |
|  | A.-Presidenct proper 1.-Gujarát. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Ahmadabad ... | 10 | 55 | 22 | 4 | 18 | 1 |
| 2 | Kaira ... ... | 8.5 | 75 | 5 | 8 | 12 | - |
| 3 | Panch Mahals ... | 15.5 | 35 | 13 | 30 | 9 | 13 |
| 4 | Broach ... ... | 19 | 65 | 5 | 3 | 27 |  |
| 5 | Surat ... | $2 \cdot 4$ | 47 | 25 | 7 | 17 |  |
|  | Average ... | 48 | 55 | 16 | 9 | 17 | 3 |
| 6 | Khándesh ... | 9.8 | 58 | 4 | 17 | 12 | ${ }^{*}$ |
| 7 | Násik ... ... ... | 4.2 | 55 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 21 |
| 8 | Ahmadnagar .... ... | 2.5 | 66 | 8 | 2 | 10 | 14 |
| 9 | Poour ... ... ... | 1.2 | 62 | 11 | 1 | 14 | 12 |
| 10 | Sholápur ... |  | 74 | 11 | 1 | 8 | 6 |
| 11 | Sátára ... ... | $4 \cdot 1$ | 60 | 13 | 2 | 10 | 15 |
|  | Average ... | 4.3 | 62 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 12 |
| 12 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { III.-Karnátak. } \\ \text { Belgaum } & & \\ \text { ar }\end{array}$ | 0.9 | 62 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 15 |
| 13 | Bijápur ... ... ... | 0.7 | 76 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| 14 | Dhárwar ... ... | 2.5 | 71 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 10 |
|  | Average ... | . $1 \cdot 4$ | 70 | 10 | 4 | 7 | 9 |
| 15 | Thána ... ... ... | - 4.1 | 22 | 21 | 6 | 32 | 19 |
| 16 | Kolába ... ... ... | . 2.4 | 30 | 23 | 4 | 24 | 19 |
| 17 | Ratnágiri ... ... | . 28.7 | 27 | 43 | 1 | 28 | 1 |
| 18 | Kánara ... ... | $3 \cdot 3$ | 10 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 76 |
|  | Average ... | .. 10.7 | 20 | 21 | 3 | 23 | 33 |
|  | Average A. ... | .. 4.9 | 56 | 12 | 5 | 13 | 14 |
| 19 | B. - Srind. Karicai ... | ... 2.7 | 8 | 8 | 13 | 69 | 2 |
| 20 | Hyderabad ... ... |  | 15 | 23 | 34 | 27 | 1 |
| 21 | Shikárpur ... ... | ... 17.6 | 21 | 15 | 39 | 18 | 7 |
| 22 | Upper Sind Frontier ... | ... 48.9 | 22 | 42 | 17 | 13 | 6 |
| 23 | 'Thar and Párkar .. | ... | 8 | 7 | ... | 85 |  |
|  | Average B. . | $\cdots 7.0$ | 12 | 14 | 18 | 54 | 2 |
|  | dency ... . | ... 5.7 | 40 | 13 | 10 | 27 | 10 |

Comparing the first percentage column of this table with that of the year 1885-86, it may be noticed that in the Presidency (excluding Sind) the area of non-available statistics has decreased from 9 to 5 per cent. On the whole this decrease indicates improved classification but also to some extent arises from progress, of the survey. Ratnagiri has gradually been able to send in statistics, approximate though they be, for $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of its area. In Kinara the improvement from 14 to 3 per cent. is real. In Panch Maháls and Khándesh, it is only in part a real improvement. In other districts where there is an apparent retrogression, the decreased area of available statistics points rather to more discrimination in classification.

The figures for Sind will not be again commented upon, for as yet they are not sufficiently trustworthy to justify comparison with those of previous years.

In the Presidency Proper the cultivated land gives an increase of 2 per cent. in the area actually cropped but a decrease of 1 per cent. under current fallow, if compared with the percentages of last year. The increase is general, and though partly due to corresponding decrease in fallow, is also attributable to occupation of unoccupied waste, as will be explained. The "Uncultivated area" exbibits a decrease of 3 per cent. under the sub-head "Available for cultivation," a decrease mostly confined to Kánara and caused by corresponding transfer to " Forest."
50. The gross cropped area (excluding Sind) shows an increase of $6 \frac{1}{2}$

Gross cropped area.

| Ahmadnagr | ... | ..- | Thousand Acres. $+144$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nansik . | $\ldots$ | ... | $+116$ |
| Khándesh | ... | .-. | +101 |
| Panch Mahala | ... | ... | $+89$ |
| Bijǵpur | ... | ... | + ${ }_{+68}$ |
| Surat | ... | ... | +62 | lákhs acres, or 2.6 per cent. The increase is general, but especially large in the districts noted in the margin. It is chiefly due to favourable sowing rains both in the kharif and rabi seasons. A few districts, however, report decrease-Ahmadabad ( 35,000 acres), Dhárwár $(6,000)$ and Kolába $(26,000)$. In the two former the falling off is accounted for by decrease in the twice-cropped area, and in Kolába by larger fallow.

51. The twice-cropped area shows an increase of 53,000 acres, or 10 per

Twice-cropped area.

| Ahmadabad |  |  |  | Thousand Aores. $-50$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kaira .... ... |  |  |  | -8 |
| Panch M |  | ... | ... | +63 |
| Surat | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | +45 |
| Dharwar | ... | ... | ... | -10 |
| Nágik | ... | ... | ... | -6 |
| Sitar3 | ... | . ${ }^{*}$ | -. | +6 | cent. This area, except in garden lands, depends on the moisture available from the late rains. The variations are most striking in Gujarat, where the last year's deficit in the Panch Mahalls and Surat appears to have been made up, while in Ahmadabad the unusual increase of last year has disappeared. In other districts the variations are small and require no detailed notice.

52. The cultivated area, i.e., occupied including fallow plus unoccupied but

Cultivated area.
temporarily cultivated land, e. g., river-beds and the like, gives an increase of 184,000 acres, or 0.6 per cent. The increase is specially large in Bijápur ( 35,000 acres), Panch Mabáls $(33,000)$ and Thána ( 31,000 ), and is due to the taking up of waste land for cultivation. In Bijápur the increase is confined to the northern tálukas where land was extensively thrown up during the famine of 1876.77, which is steadily being re-occupied under the influence of favourable seasons and railway extension. Other districts also show a small but general increase in the cultivated area. On the other band, in Surat there is a decrease of 1,500 acres and in Kolaba of 1,000 acres. In the former the Collector attributes the decrease chiefly "to land having been attached (?.resumed) by Government for arrears of revenue," while in the latter the explanation furnished is not relevant.
53. Contrary to last year, there is a general increase except in Kolába Net cropped area and fallow. in the net cropped area (597,000 acres) with a decrease

| District. | Net cropped. | Current Fallow. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Thousand Acres. |  |
| Ahmadabad | +15 | $\cdot{ }_{-13}$ |
| Kaira … | $+18$ | $-17$ |
| Panch Mahals ... | +20 | +8 |
| Broach ... $\quad .$. | +28 +17 | $-18$ |
|  | +101 | -88 |
| Kasik | +122 | -111 |
| Abmadnagar | +142 | $-131$ |
| Sholappr ... | +22 +69 | -20 |
| Bijapur Kolaba | +68 | +27 | in current fallow ( 413,000 acres), a result due to a more favourable season. The chief variations are marginally shown. The exceptional decrease in Kolába must be due to rotation only, for the sowing rain was here as favourable as in other districts. In Panch Mahals the increase both under net cropped area and current fallow is due to the large area of waste taken up for cultivation, indicating progress in this backward district.

54. The decrease in assessed land arailable for cultivation (106,000 acres) indicates the gain in occupied, i.e., revenue-paying area.
Uncultirated area.
The decrease in unassessed land arailable for cultivation of 879,000 acres, or 49.8 per cent., is principally due to the transfer of the area returned under this head to "Forest".
55. The forest area shows an increase of 977,000 acres,or 18 per cent. The

Forest. chief variations are noted in tho margin and are chiefly observable in Kinara. In Kánara, the increase is all due to the transfer to this head of the land hitherto shown under the head

|  |  |  | Thousand |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kánara ... |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} +937 \\ +40 \end{array}$ |
| ${ }_{\text {Tbinn }}^{\text {Thandesh } . .}$ | $\ldots$ |  | ... |  |
| Poona ... | ... | ... | ... | +11. |
| Shers | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | + | "Available for cultivation." In other districts the increase is probably due to more land brought under forest settlement. The decrease in Khándesh is attributed to the transfer of certain forest villages from the villages of available statistics to villages for which statistics are not available. These increases prove improvement, for, in one sense the area under forest may be looked on as, to some extent, a reserve fund for future extension of cultivation.

The Collectors of Kánara, Dhárwár, Belgaum and Shikárpur have made enquiries with a view to reconcile the discrepancies in the forest area returned by the Forest and the Revenue Departments respectively. But it is certain that so long as the returns of the Forest Department are prepared on the basis of the Government Notification issued in 1878, the discrepancies will continue until the forest demarcation and settlement are completed and until the requirements of Village Form IA (Government Resolutions Nos. 2952 and 3614, dated 30th April and 26th May 1890) are complied with.

In some districts, it seems probable that the discrepancies are due to the inclusion, in the area returned as forest by the Forest Department, of land in villages which are entirely excluded from the agricultural returns because they cannot provide the requisite statistics of cultivation.

## Retarn No. III.-Crops.

56. The rainfall was on the whole more favourable for sowing than last year, the total area under crops in the Presidency Proper laving risen by $6 \frac{1}{2}$ lakhs acres, or $2 \cdot 6$ per cent. Bajri and paddy among cereals, tur and other pulses except gram, tobacco, oil-seeds and cotton give a general increase, while jowári, especially the rabi variety, wheat, gram and sugar-cane show a considerable decrease. The increase is specially noticeable in the kharif area, the early rain being decidedly favourable in the Deccan and Karnátak. But the late rains mere generally deficient for the rabi sowing of wheat and gram in many parts. Food and non-food crops show an increase of 2 and 5 per cent. respectively.
57. The following table shows at a glance the effect of the season as far as the area sown is concerned :-


Jowári-Rabi jowári has decreased by $10 \frac{1}{s}$ lakhs acres, while the kharif

|  |  | Tholimand Aurkn. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Kharif. | Rálic. |
| Ahmadnagar |  | .0 | -419 |
| Gholápur | " |  | -199 |
| 8âtára .. | - | +47 | -150 |
| Bijapur .. | * | -6 | -02 |
| Broach - | - | -5 | -34 |
| Nasik. .- | - | +72 | -101 |
| Surat ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | - | -6 | -6 |
| Dharwar | -* | -44 | +85 |
| Poona ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | . | +107 | -80 |
| $\underset{\text { A } \text { Algadabad }}{ }$ | $\because$ | +15 |  |
| Bolgaum | -• | +8 | +7 | variety shows an increase of $2 \frac{1}{4}$ lakhs. The net decrease of 8 lakhs acres, or 9.5 per cent., is general, for the favourable early rain in the Deccan and Karnátak encouraged a preference for bájri except in Khándesh, Belgaum and Poona. In parts of Khándesh bijri is not a favourite kharíf cereal. The decrease in some parts, as in Broach, is also partly due to rotation. The net decrease in jowari is more than counterbalanced by the increase of over 11 lakhs in bajjri.

Bajri-The increase of 11 lakks, or 29 per cent., is general except in Poona and parts of Gujarát, and especially large in the north and east Deccan.

| Ahmadnagar |  |  |  | Thousand Acres. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | +544 |
| Nagik ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | '... | +182 |
| Sholapur... | ... | ... | ... | +134 |
| Khandesh | -.. | ... | ... | +119 |
| Batara ... | ... | ... | ... | +90 |
| Bijapur .ä | ... | -.. | .. | +88 |
| Ahmadabad | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $+9$ |
| Kairs $\quad$. | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | -. 22 |

In Poona the early favourable rains appear $t_{0}$ have been taken advantage of in sowing the kharif jowári rather than bájri as in other districts. In Gujarát, Ahmadabad alone shows increase; other districts give a small decrease.

Paddy.-The increase of 1 lakh, or 6.1 per cent., is chiefly confined to Gujarat, where the deficit of last year appears to have been made up to a great extent by the favourable sowing rain. In other districts, the variations are small, and on the whole show a small increase.
Wheat.-The decrease of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ lákhs, or $7 \cdot 4$ per cent., is specially large in the north Deccan, north Gujarát and Bijápur, while south Gujarát gives a considerable increase.

Dry-crop wheat depends largely on the seasonableness or otherwise of the

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|  |  | late rains. In dry districts of the Deccan especially many soils grow bajri if the early rains are good, but are kept for rabi wheat or gram, if the kharif sowing season is unfavourable or of short duration. This partly explains the decreased area of the current year under wheat. The late rains were very scant in Khándesh and north Gujarát, while in south Gujarát the deficiency in last year's area is partly made up. In the Karnátak, Dhárwár and Belgaum give a small increase, butin Bijapur the area fell by $1 \mathrm{l} \cdot 1$ per cent., owing to rotation and to more extended kharíf sowings. There is no evidence that the wheat area has been influenced by the export demand for wheat. Rather may it be said that the area under wheat influences the export trade.

Other cereals.-The minor cereals show on the whole a decrease of 31
 thousand acres, or $1 \cdot 5$ per cent. Where grown they form the principal food of the poorer classes. Rála is almost all grown in the Karnatak and south Deccan, Under kodra, Surat and Kolába give a large decrease of 12 and 8 thousand acres respectively; while other districts of Gujarat give a considerable increase.
$:$ Under rági a decrease is noticeable in Ratnágiri ( 10,000 acres), Ahmadabad ( 6,000 acres), Kaira and Kolába ( 5,000 acres each); while Poona gives an increase of 5,000 acres, and Sátára and Thána of 3,000 acres each. There is a large increase under rála, which is chiefly confined to Dhárwár ( 9,000 acres) and Bijápur ( 3,000 acres). Belgaum and Sátára on the other hand show a decrease of 9 and 1 thousand acres respectively. Under vari, Ahmadabad in Gujarát, Násik and Sátára in the Deccan, Belgaum in the Karnátak and Ratnágiri in the Konkan give a large increase, while Kolába shows a decrease. In Panch Maháls, where $i^{t}$ is a staple crop, maize occupied 87,000 acres, a decrease of 4.4 per cent.

Barley.-The area under barley shows a large decroase of 10,000 acros,

|  |  | 15シ3.39. | 1889-90. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Acres. | Acres. |
| Ahmadahad | $\cdots$ | 94,100 | 19.600 |
| Kisira | ... | 10.70 | 8.5410 |
| Pranch Mahis | $\cdots$ | ${ }_{2} 930$ | $1,3(0)$ |
| Poont ${ }^{\text {Sholipur }}$.... | $\cdots$ | 1000 | 1,460 |
| Sistira ${ }^{\text {Prab }}$ | $\cdots$ | 5,700 | 6,200 | or about $3+4$ per cent. The decreaso is most conspicuous in Gujarit, where, owing to the insufficiency of late raius, the rabi area was generally short. Tho crop is cultivated chiefly in the districts noted in the margin.

Palses.-There is a general increase of 2 lakhs, or 9 per cent. under pulses.

| Tur. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ahmadnagar ... | ... ... | + + |
|  | ... | + + |
| Sitiora | ... ... | +10 |
| Gra, |  |  |
|  |  | - ${ }^{-9}$ |
|  | $\cdots$ | - |
|  | … | - $\begin{aligned} & -13 \\ & +10\end{aligned}$ | Pulses are largely sown mixed with bájri and jowári. The figures shown in para. 58 indicate that nearly two-thirds of the pulses are gronn in the kharif season. The increase may therefore be attributed to the favourable early rains in the Deccan and Karnatak. Tur shows a general increase except in Pooua and Dhárwár and gram, a rabi pulse, a general decreaso except in a ferv districts and especially in Panch

Maháls, where the deficiency of last year was more than made up by the exceptionally farourable showers from late rains. The decrease in gram elsewhere is attributed to the deficiency of late rains, as in the case of wheat.

Tobacco.-Contray to last jear, an increase of 21,000 acres, or $42 \cdot 8$ per cent., is observed in all districts, except Satári, and is

| Belcaum ... |  |  | $\cdots$ | Acres. <br> $+6,600$ <br> $+6,000$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Kära ... |  | ... |  |  |
| Sholapur... | ... | ... | ... | +1,900 |
| Ahluadnagar | ... | ... | ... | +1,400 |
| Broach ... | ... | ... | ... | +1,300 |
| Khindesh | ... | ... | ... | +1,100 |
| Abmadabad | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | +800 +800 |
| Bijäpur ... |  |  |  | +500 | especially large in the districts noted in the margin. The increase is attributed to seasonable rainfall and in some places to high prices of last year. In Sátára alone, there is a small decrease of 200 acres. It may be noticed that this crop is only an extensive field-crop in Kaira and in one táluka (Chikodi) of Belgaum. Elsewhere it is chiefly grown in small plots solely for local consumption.

Sugarcane.-The decrease of 21,000 acres, or $23 \cdot 6$ per cent., is noticeable in all districts, except that Dhármár gives an inappreciable

|  |  | Acrea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underline{-4,400}$ |
|  | ... ... | ${ }^{-2,2000}$ |
| Stant | $\cdots$ | - |
| ${ }_{\text {a }}^{\text {Anmadabad }}$ | … ... | - |
| ciel | $\cdots$ | - | increase of 77 acres. The decrease is generally attributed partly to exigencies of rotation and partly to low prices of 1888-89, especially in the Deccan and Karuatak, where the prices show a fall varying from 6 annas to Re. 1 per Indian maund. In Poona, the decrease is also no doubt due to the prohibition of sugarcane cultivation within an area of five miles round the Poona city. I think that the low price of gur in the previous year must be taken to be a partial explanation of this decrease. It is a crop requiring capital, and capital with the cultivators depends on previous good scasons. In many parts, especially Gujarát, where cane is largely grown, we have passed long through a cycle of unfavourable seasons. The trade returns also show large importations from Upper India into Gujarát of gur for local demand. Local supply was short and prices rose again very rapidly in 1889-90.

Oilseeds.-There is a net increase of 51,000 acres, or 3.4 per cent. Linseed,
 which is a late crop, gives a considerable decrease, while sesame and others give the increase noted in the margin. Among other oilseeds, kardai or safflower, which is largely grown as a mixed crop in the Deccan and Karnátak, shows a decrease of 20,000 acres, or 3.6 per cent., corrosponding to the general fall in wheat and jowari. Nigerseed, a kharíf crop, sbows a rise of 53,000 acres, or $23 \cdot 2$ per cent. Castorseed and groundnut give a small increase of 22 and 9 thousand acres respectively.

Linseed and sesame are important as being the export seeds of Bombay and require special notice.


Linseed-Linseed is always a late crop, chiefly grown in the Deccan and Karnátak. The decrease of 42,000 acres is noticeable in the Deccan, except Sholápur, while the Karnátak exhibits an increase. The decrease is due to deficiency of late rains in the Deccan.


Cotton.-There is an increase of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ lákhs, or $5 \cdot 6$ per cent., i.e., exactly equal to
Sesame-The increase of 32,000 acres, or 12 per cert., is general, except in Poona and Kolába. Sesame is chiefly grown as a kharif crop, and the increase is due to favourable early rains. The large decrease in Poona is attributed to insufficiency of sowing rain. the decrease noticed last year. The increase is general, except that Ahmadabad and Belgaum give a decrease. The increase is due partly to season and partly to rotation. In Ahmadabad where the decrease is considerable, the sowing rain for cotton was again unseasonable as in last year.

Potato.-The area shows a decrease from 11,700

|  |  | ${ }^{\text {1888-80. }}$ | 1889.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Acres. |
| Poona | $\cdots$ | 9,800 | 8,100 |
| Satafra | … | 630 | ${ }_{370}^{238}$ |
| Naik |  | 170 | ${ }_{8}^{80}$ |
| Kaira |  |  | ${ }^{170}$ |
|  | .. | 80 | 110 <br> 150 <br> 1 |

Green fodder.-Lucerne occupied 1,139 acres against 659 acres in last year, chiefly in Ahmadnagar (644), Poona (220), Nasik (217) and Thána (53). In Ahmadabad 268 acres were last year returned under Guinea grass. But no area has this year been shown under this head. Hot-weather jowári, which is the only cereal largely cultivated for fodder only, shows a decrease from 21 to 17 thousand acres.
58. Kharif and Rabi crops.-The details appended in the tables show the variations under kharif and rabi cereals and pulses as noted below :-

Thousand Acres.

| Year, | Krari'p. |  | Rabr. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cereals, | Pulses, | Cereals. | Pulses. |
| $\begin{array}{ll} 1883-89 \\ 1889-90 & . . . \end{array}$ | 1,02,40 | 14,03 | 78,09 | 8,71 |
|  | 1,15,99 | 15,95 | 66,66 | 8,84 |
|  | +13,59 | +1,92 | -11,43 | +13 |

The kharíf crops show, as noticed above, a large increase owing to seasonable early rains, while the rabi crops give a large decrease.
59. The two returns showing the distribution of crops are now to be given as usual. Statement A shows the distribution of the principal crops in each district, including Sind. Statement B shows the proportion which the area under the several crops in each district holds with respect to the gross area in the Presidency Proper.

From these returns it is possible at a glance to see what are the staples of each district and the proportion the area under staples bears to the total area of crops in the district and also in the Presidency. Again, the tables after a series of years will, if collated, indicate the varying proportion between food and non-food crops and the gradual transition under the influence of general progress and of the impetus of local and foreign trade, from the self-sufficing system of cultivation for local needs to the system of farming for profit or trade.
A.-Distribution of Orops.-Percentages shown on District Areas.

B.—Distribution of Crops.-Percentages shown on Presidency Area.

60. Ontturn of Crops.-The anna valuation in the District Returns has been generally returned according to the newly prescribed standard by which an average crop is designated by 16 annas as directed in Government Resolution No. 6304, dated 5th September 1890. The local custom is to call an average crop a 12 anna crop, though this custom is said to vary in a few districts. With a view to avoid misunderstanding and to have an assurance that the anna estimates returned are according to the new standard, instructions were issued to the Mámledárs to the effect that in all the returns showing the anna estimates a note should invariably be added as below :-
"In this return an average crop is designated by 16 annas. According to local custom an average crop is designated by annas." Care was at the same time enjoined that in entering the figurewhich by local custom represents an average crop, no reference should be made to the estimates of outturn given in the formulæ. It had come to notice that instead of making due enquiry into local custom, some Mámledárs had made up their minds in some way or other as to the outturn in pounds and then referring to the formula had entered the anna valuation therein shown for that number of pounds. This is altogether misleading.

The Collector of Surat, Mr. Lely, suggests that the anna estimates by the Mámledárs should be returned as hitherto, according to local custom, and that the conversion according to the new standard should be left in the Collector's office. I quote the reasons from Mr. Lely's letter :-
"The delay bas been almost entirely due to the difficulty in preparing anything like satisfactory anna estimates of outturn. The Mámledárs seem most of them hopelessly confused on the sabject, having mixed up local custom with the formule and with the standard prescribed by the Government of India. I believe the figures at last arrived at to be fairly accurate, but would suggest that in future the Mímledars be instructed to follow
the simple local custom leaving their figures to be reduced to the Government of India standard in the Collector's office. Any more elaborate directions only perplex them."

In the opinion on the point offered by me to Government; I went still further and urged that the conversion should be made in my own office. I fear that the final orders will result in misunderstanding and confusion.

I tabulate the reported figures for what they are worth.
Approximate Anna Valuation of Principal Crops, 1889-90.

| - No. | District. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Jowirl. | Bajr. | Paddy. | Wheat | Eodra | Ragt. | Vart. | Tur. | Gram. | cotoo. |
|  | I.-Gujarait. | $\left\{\begin{array}{r} 16 \\ 10 \\ \begin{array}{r} 16 \\ \text { Maize. } \\ 17 \end{array} \end{array}\right.$ | 20 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 13 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 11 |
| 1 | Ahmadabad ... ... ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Kaira ... ... ... ... |  | 13 | 12 | 9 | 12 | 10 | 8 | 13 | 6 | 11 |
| 3 | Panch Mahals... ... ... |  | $\} 13$ | 15 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 20 | 15 | 15 | 11 |
| 4 | Broach ... ... ... ... | ... 11 | 16 | 7 | 15 | 14 | ... | $\cdots$ | 11 | 15 | 17 |
| 5 | Surat ... 1I.-Deccan. | 12 | 13 | 12 | 9 | 7 | - 6 | 3 | 12 | 10 | 10 |
| 6 | Khándesh ... ... ... | .. 14 | 12 | ... | 8 | - | 8 | .. | $\cdots$ | 8 | 15 |
| 7 | Nansilt ... ... ... ... | ... 10 | 14 | 15 | 11 | $\cdots$ | 14 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 11 |
| 8 | Ahmadnagar ... ... ... | ... | 10 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| 9 | Poona ... ... ... ... | .. - 12 | 13 | 19 | 12 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 8 |
| 10 | Sholápur ... ... ... | $\cdots$... 10 | 8 | 7 | i1 | ... | 5 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 5 |
| 11 | Sátára ... $\begin{array}{cc}\text {.. } & . . \\ & \text { III. }- \text { Kamdtak }\end{array}$ | . 9 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 11 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Belgaum ... ... ... | $\ldots 11$ | 7 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 3 | 12 | 8 | 14 | 12 |
| 13 | Bijapur... ... ... ... | ... 13 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 13 | 16 | 10 |  |  |  |
| 14 | Dhárwár ... ... ... | ... | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 11 |
|  | IV.-Konkan |  |  |  | 10 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 7 |
| 15 | Thána .. ... ... |  |  |  |  |  | 13 | 12 |  |  |  |
| 16 | Kolába |  |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |  | 12 | 12 | 12 | $\cdots$ |
|  | Kotaba ... ... ... ... |  | ... | 14 | $\cdots$ | 12 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 14 |  |
| 17 | Ratnagiri ... ... ... | $\cdots$.. | ... | 12 | ... | 11 | 8 | 9 | $s$ | 7 |  |
| 18 | Kánara ... ... ... | ... ... | ... | 13 | ... | ... | 7 | 6 | 10 | 11 | ... |

Note. - In the above table the valastions are "calcolated on the atandard by whioh 16 annae roproement an average orop.
For want of sufficient moisture from the late rains rabi jowari in the Deccan and Karnátak and rice in parts of Gujarát specially suffered in outturn. Ripening bajir was also damaged by the excessively heavy rainfall in SeptemberOctober in parts of the Deccan and Karnátak. Owing to these reasons the season, which would otherwise have been excellent, was either below or only up to average in many parts of the Deccan and Karnátak. In the Konkan and Gujarát the crops gave fairly average outturn. Cotton yielded a good outturn in Gujarát and Khándesh, and in Broach-one of the principal cotton growing districts-it was a bumper crop. For further detail I would refer to para-
graph 67 .
61. Fruit-trees.-There is a considerable increase reported in mango and toddy-palm trees and some increase in tamarind and jack trees, while cocoanut and date-palm trees give a considerable decrease. The figures, however, are as yet, at best, rough estimates. The fruit-trees are distributed in the several
provinces as shown below, but no attempt is made to provinces as shown below, but no attempt is made to enumerate those in forest
or in village-sites :-
(Figures in thousands.)


Some districts add to the return a few fruit-trees of special local importance as shown below, but the list is still incomplete:-

| Trees and Districts. | Number. | Trees and Districts. | Namber. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.-Moha (Bassia latifolia.) |  | 4.-Keshewnut (Anacardium occidentale). |  |
| Kaira ... . ... ... | 129,161 | Thána . ... ... | 5,251 |
| Panch Maháls ... ... | 89,256 | Ratnágiri ... | 106,267 |
| Broach ... ... ... | 1,068 | Kánara ... .. | 89,597 |
| Khandesh ... ... | 55,455 | Belgaum ... ... ..: | 1,105 |
| 2.-Betel-nut (Areca Catechu.) | 3,254 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 5.-Hirda (Terminalia } \\ & \text { Chebula). } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  | Ahmadnagar... ... ... | 12,719 |
| Thána ... ... ... | 4,437 | Násik... ... ,... ... | 1,000 |
| JKolába.... ... ... ... | 2,522 |  |  |
| Ratnágiri $\quad . . \quad$... ... | 305,188 $7,108,500$ | indica). |  |
| 3.-Ráyan (Mimusops hexandra.) | 7,108,500 | Ratnágiri ... ... ... 7.-Fig (Ficus Oarica). | 14,598 |
| Kaira ... ... | 72,749 | Poona... ... ... ... | 35,356 |
| l'anch Maháls . | 3,845 | Ahmadnagar... ... .... | 2,585 |
| Broach ... | 1,551 | Násik... ... ... ... | 2,921 |

## Return No. IV.-Irrigation.

62. The net irrigated area amounts to $3 \cdot 1$ per cent. of the net cropped area

| District. |  | Canal. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Tankg, Wells, } \\ \text { \&cc. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Acres. | Acres. |
| Ahmadabad | ... | + 740 | -23,000 |
| Kaira ... | ... | + 8,700 | -13,800 |
| Khándesh | .. | - 5,500 | -2,000 |
| Násik ... |  | - 3,900 | -5,400 |
| Ahmadnagar | ... | -3,700 | - 500 |
| Poona ... | ... | + 4,300 | + 7,400 |
| Sholápur | ... | - 60 | $+3,300$ +1800 |
| Sátára ... | ... | + 600 | +1,800 |
| Belgaum | $\cdots$ | + 500 | -1800 |
| Bijapar ... | ... | +200 +600 | -1,000 |
| Dhárwár | ... | -600 | -2,100 | in the Presidency Proper and 84 per cent. in Sind. The irrigated area in the Presidency Proper shows a fall of 41,000 acres, or 4.8 per cent., of which 6,000 acres belong to the canal irrigated area and 35,000 acres to that irrigated from tanks, wells and other sources. The principal variations are. noted in the margin. The decrease is generally attributed to sufficiency of monsoon rainfall-a reason specially explaining the large decrease in Ahmadabad and Kaira.

63. Among irrigated crops the decrease is found in all crops except rice

|  |  |  | Thousand <br> Acres. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rice | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +15 |
| Whest | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | -20 |
| Other cereals and palses.. | -9 |  |  |  |
| Sugarcane | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | -91 |  |
| Other food crops... | $\ldots$ | -12 |  |  |
| Non-food crops | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +5 |  |
| Fodder crops | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | -3 |  | and non-food crops. The increaso in rice is confined to Gujarat, where the total area under rice also shows a considerable increase. Wheat shows a decrease in north Gujarat and north Deccan, while the south Deccan gives some increase. Sugarcane shows a general decrease, proportionate to the decrease noticed above in the area devoted to the cultivation of this crop.

Retarn No. V.-Agricultural Stock.
64. It was not known how far the district returns include the stock of large towns and cities. Special information obtained from the Collectors shows that no return is made of stock in the cities of Ahmadabad, Surat and Broach, but that elsermere, the district return includes the stock of all towns and cities, except in Poona and Belgaum, where cantonment returns are wanting. It is hoped that the exceptions will soon disappear.
65. Cattle.-The total number of cattle shows an increase of nearly $1 \frac{1}{4}$

|  |  |  |  | Thousand. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Thána | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +48 |
| Bijápar | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +30 |
| Panch Mahäls | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +27 |  |
| Sholápur | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +14 |
| Kánara | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +14 |
| Kaira | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | +10 |
| Poona | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | -23 |
| Násik | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | -10 | lakhs, or 1.7 per cent. The increase is general except in 5 districts, and is attributed generally to the favourable season and plentiful pasture. In some districts the increase is also attributed to the arrival of roving herds of cattle for grazing, but the standing orders on this point seem to bave been lost sight of. I quote them here to invite special attention :-

[^1]The increase in Tháua is especially large, and though it is not explained by the Collector, it may probably be due in part to the arrival of cattle from the Násik and Poona Districts where the number of cattle shows a considerable decrease owing to insufficient pasture.

Among the sub-heads of cattle, plough cattle show a large increase ( 64,000 ) in plough oxen, and a small decrease in plough-buffaloes. Milch cattle give an increase of 29,000 in cows and of 3,000 in she-buffaloes.
66. Sheep and Goats.-The enumeration is doubtful. There is an increase

| Ahmadabad |  | Thoumand. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Sheep. | Goats. |
|  | ... |  | -11 |
| Khándesh ... | ... | -2 | +14 |
| Násik ... | ... | -3 | +12 |
| Poona ... | $\therefore$ | -14 | +11 |
| Sholápur ... | ... | +15 | +11 |
| Eijápar ... | ... | -1 | -10 |
| Dharwár ... | ... | -5 | -12 |
| Thána ... | ... |  | + 8 | of 71,000 , or 6.2 per cent., in goats, but a decrease of 43,000 , or $2 \cdot 1$ per cent., in sheep. The chief variations are noted in the margin. In sheep, Gujarát districts show a small increase, while elsewhere there is a general decrease except in Sholápur, Ahmadnagar and Belgaum. In goats the alleged increase which I do not credit is confined to the Deccan, while Ahmadabad in Gujarát and the Karnátak districts give a considerable decrease. The decrease in goats in Ahmadabad is attributed to the absence of the special reason for increase last year, viz., large flocks from Native States for grazing. In Bijápur, the decrease is attributed to correct registration. The registration of sheep and goats is specially defective, and no satisfactory explanations as to variations

Ploughs.-Show an increase of 19,000 in small ploughs, but a small
( 1,700 ) in large ploughs. decrease ( 1,700 ) in large ploughs. carts.

Carts.-There is an increase of about 2,500 in light and of 7,000 in heavg
The calculations based on the reported figures to find the area cultivated per pair of plough cattle have been made as usual But as they hardly differ from the figures given in paragraph 61 of the report for 1887-83, they need not be shown again. Suffice it to say that they corroborate the previously reported figures' which may therefore be accepted with less reserve.

## B.-RAINFALL.

67. The rainfall for each district has been analysed in the appended tables Season 1889-90. (pages xxiii-xxxv), but the following comparative table is required in this place : -
Rainfall at District Head-quarters.

| No. | District Head-quarters. |  |  | Annual Rainfall ending 31st Decemper. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Average of eleven years ending 1886. Inches. | 1888. |  | 1889. |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Fall. <br> Inches. | Rainy days. | Fall. <br> Inches. | Rainy days. |
| 123456 | 安 |  |  | $25 \cdot 79$ | 18.54 | 54 | $17 \cdot 65$ | 52 |
|  |  |  |  | 33.74 | 19.99 | 84 | 22.93 | 85 |
|  |  |  | ... | $25 \cdot 11$ | 19.26 | 61 | $23 \cdot 15$ | i4 |
|  |  |  | ... | 31.06 | 34.02 | 90 | $37 \cdot 49$ | 82 |
|  |  |  | . | 33.33 | $25 \cdot 81$ | 64 | 3:3.22 | 65 |
|  |  |  |  | 40.84 | 51.82 | 123 | $46 \cdot 21$ | 114 |
| 7 |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Belgaum } \\ \text { Bijapur } \\ \text { Dhárwár }\end{array}\right.$ | $\cdots$ | $46 \cdot 80$ | 45.81 | 134 | 55.40 | 140 |
| 8 |  |  | ... | 26.79 | 21.92 | 102 | $36 \cdot 04$ | 90 |
| 9 |  |  | ... | 32.95 | 33.34 | 115 | 38:64 | 102 |
| 10 |  |  | ... | 116.62 | $133 \cdot 93$ | 121 | 179.93 | 123 |
| 11 |  |  | ... | 100.73 | 85.37 | 103 | 106.97 | 116 |
| 12 |  |  | ... | 84.79 | 75.55 | 99 | 86.01 | 111 |
| 13 |  |  |  | $99 \cdot 12$ | 87-16 | 105 | 96.73 | 110 |
| 14 |  | [Surat ... | ... | 44.06 | $29 \cdot 49$ | 61 | $40 \cdot 22$ | 77 |
| 15 |  | Broach... | ... | $44 \cdot 21$ | 18.96 | 47 | 33.73 | 57 |
| 16 |  | \{ Kaira ... | ... | $37 \cdot 13$ | 20.06 | 44 | $41 \cdot 22$ | 66 |
| 17 |  | Godhra (Panch Mabals) | ... | $43 \cdot 24$ | 25.08 | 54 | 36.02 | 70 |
| 18 |  | (Ahmadabad ... ... |  | 29.92 | 14:76 | 29 | 24.89 | 52 |

The monsoon rains began early and were generally speaking far more favourable for kharif than for rabi. The rabi rains were abnormally heavy in October and closed too soon.

A few remarks may be made on the different provinces of the Presidency.
Deccan.-The rain was insufficient for general sowing till tho middle of July in east Khándesh and east Deccan. Elsewhere it was more timely. In the east, away from the gháts, the August rain was light with the immediate result that the kharif standing crops began to suffer. Fodder became scarce, especially in the dry tálukas of Násik, Ahmadnagar and Poona. The rain in Purva was not general, and the long break was not fully relieved till the Uttara rain in September. This was very valuable. It ensured the safety of the kharíf and a large area at least of rabi. The rain in October (in Chitra, which is always harmful) was very heavy. It delayed rabi sowings and injured important kharif staples, being or about to be harvested. Still the kharif was fair. Cotton was very good in Khándesh. On the other hand, the rabi checked by the unseasonable Chitra rain or sown late, yielded very poorly.

Karnátak:-Amay from the immediate neighbourhood of tho gháts, the early sowing rains of the Soutb-West Monsoon were scant, though seasonable. These vere followed by very favourablo falls in Uttara and Hast, and prospects were excellent till the heavy Chitra rain, much heavier than in the Deccan, came causing damage all round. The kharif yield in the cast was much below average. It was fair in the west near the gháts. The rabi harvest was fair and would have been good but for the absence of moisture from rain and dew in the later months.

Fonkan.-The rains were uniformly seasonable and good, till the Chitra rain, unnecessary and untimely, reduced the kharif-the more important season below gháts-to only a fair crop. The rabi was also fair.

Gujarat.- The kharif rain was on the whole seasonable and sufficient for full kharif sowing. The closing rains of Uttara and Hast in September, though favourable to kharif crops and to rabi sowing were generally deficient, especially for rice. Kharíf, except rice, gare a fairly good outturn, cotton being a bumper crop in Broach. Owing to insufficiency of late rains the rabi area was short and the outturn was only fair. The season was, on the whole, much better than that of previous jear in many parts as had been anticipated in last year's report (paragraph 69).
68. It is out of place to refer to the rain of the monsoon of 1890. It will be enough to say that the tendency to improvement,
Season 1890-91. begun in 1889, continues. We have had a cycle of good cotton seasons, and my own forecast is that as we go on the rain is more likely to favour wheat than early sown cotton in the next few years.

## C.-CROP EXPERIMENTS.

69. The number of crop experiments reported during the year 1889-90 was 81 against 63 in the preceding year. A separate report regarding these experiments has already been submitted to Government.

## VIII-TRADE AND TRADF STATISTICS.

70. Under Government Resolution No. 3725, dated 29th May 1890, the registration and compilation work in connection of the Rail-borne Trade of the Presidency Proper has since 1st July last been transferred to the Agricultural Department. A detailed report for the year ending 31st March 1890 has already been separately submitted to Government. Agreeably to Government Resolution No. 6280, dated 26 th August 1889, I reviered for the second time the Annual Returns of the Rail-borne Trade of the Province of Sind. The total trade registered in the Presidency Proper and Sind during the year is shown below : -

|  | Year. | Prebidincy Proper |  |  |  | Sind. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | External Trade. |  | Local Trade. | Total Trade. | External Trade. |  | Local Trade. | Total Trade |
|  |  | Imports. | Exports. |  |  | Imports. | Exports. |  |  |
|  |  | Figures in lakhs of maunds ( 1 maund $=82 \frac{3}{7} \mathrm{lbs}$.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average | .. ... ... | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} 291 \\ 324 \\ 281 \end{array}\right\|$ | 869189 | $\begin{aligned} & 277 \\ & 292 \\ & 256 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6547 \\ & 707 \\ & 626 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 48 \\ & 55 \\ & 94 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 12 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | 636865 | 122135175 |
| 1888-89 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1889-90 | $\ldots$... ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increase or decrease over aver $\qquad$ <br> $\begin{array}{cccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Increase } \\ \text { year }\end{array} & \text { or } & \text { decrease over las } \\ & \ldots & \ldots & . .\end{array}$ |  | ( $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & -10 \\ & -43\end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & +3 \\ & -2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -21 \\ & -36 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & -28 \\ & -81 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +40 \\ & +39 \end{aligned}$ | +5+4 | +2-3 | +53+40 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The Presidency Trade shows a decrease both below average and last year by 4 and 11 per cent., respectively, while the Trade of Sind increase of 44 and 29 per cent. respectively. To the total external trade of Sind the Punjáb contributed 98 per cent. The Road-borne Trade has, as usual, beeń registered at six selected nakís under the rotation system.

## IX.-ARCH $\mathbb{C O L O G Y}$.

71. No reports on the subject have been received from the district officers under Government Resolution No. 1672, dated 13th April 1889, General Department.

## X.-MINERAL STATISTICS.

72. The return of minerals required by Circular No. 80 M-18-7, dated 11th September 1888, from the Government of India, was submitted in the amended form in July last. It was second of its kind, but amplified under orders from the Supreme Goverument. The value of the statistics is very low. The scope is too ambitious. Gain in value and interest would result if attention is confined to obtaining statistics of valuable minerals, e. g., coal, gold, in those localities where such are known to exist. No useful purpose is served by the fruitless endeavour to ascertain the outcrop of such minerals as clays and quarry stones and less in endeavouring to assess the value thereof.

## XI.-DAIRY EXPERIMENTS.

73. As I wish to give a somewhat detailed account of the steps taken by the Department to introduce improved dairy machinery, I have reserved the account for an Appendix (C).

## CONCLUSION.

74. My calls on the Press have been even hearier than usual. I may be allowed to place on record my testimony to the neatness and promptness of the work of the Government Central Press. The extent of the work done on my demand may thus be shown :-

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Annual Reports (includin | Tr | op E | ents |  |  |
| Reports) ... | ... | ... | ... |  | 69,020 |
| Quarterly Trade Returns | ... | ... | ... |  | 46,928 |
| Special Reports... | ... |  | ... | ... | 3,300 |
| Forms (for Rain Returns, | Fore | c.) ${ }^{\circ}$ | ... | ... | 45,995 |
| Miscellaneous ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ |  | 3,800 |
|  |  |  |  | ... | 169,023 |

75. I have much pleasure in reporting to Government that Ráo Bahádur Icchárám Bhagvándás has both in the post of Superintendent and in that of Personal Assistant, merited my warmest commendation. It was not an easy matter to fill the latter post, when vacated by an officer of such varied experience, ability and devotion to duty as Ráo Bahádur Bhimbhái Kirpárám. Mr. Yeshvantrao Nilkanth has succeeded to the post of Superintendent vice Mr. Icchárám. He has proved himself skilful in the art of getting work done cheerfully by a large office and in training new hands. He is also, from his special study of the Economic Products of the Presidency and their uses, invaluable to me in meeting the calls of the Compiler of the Economic Dictionary, the Indian Museum and other public bodies for statistical information of all kinds. On the Bhadgaon Farm, Mr. Mehta, M.R.A.C., has fully maintained his reputation as a good scientific and practical farmer, a trustworthy experimenter, and an enthusiastic worker ; and has exhibited great skill in dealing with cattle-diseases.

I am beholden to the subordinate members of my office for accuracy, punctuality and intelligence in the heavy statistical work which they perform.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> E. C. OZANNE,
> Director, Land Records and Agriculture,

## STATISTICS.

A.-AGRICULTURAL.
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I.-Area of Available Statistics.
II.-Area, Cultivated and Uncultivated
III.-Crops
IV.-Irrigation
V.-Agricultural Stock.
III. A.-Details under Khari'f and Rabi Crops.
III. B.-Principal Fruit-bcaring Trecs.
I.-Area of Available Statistics, 1889-90.

| No. | District. | Nuybit and area or villages.* |  |  |  |  |  | Villagis por fitice Statistics abe available. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Vifigers for mitce Statistics are mot atailable. |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | A.-Bombay Presidency Proper. I.-Gujarait. |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | ${ }_{\text {Alaira }}^{\text {Ahmedabad }}$. | 832 <br> 563 | 2,318,721 | $\stackrel{52}{24}$ | 123,518 | 884 | 2,402,299 | 448 | 1,055,570 |  | 1,26, $1 \times 151$ | 36 | 99,017 | 889 | 2.417,639 |  |  | ${ }_{28}^{16}$ | 24,601 | ${ }_{84}^{18}$ | ${ }^{24,601}$ |
| 3 |  | (112) |  | $\stackrel{29}{79,}$ | - $\begin{array}{r}37,464 \\ -123,683\end{array}$ | 391 <br> 691 | ${ }_{1}^{1,02177.733} 1$ | 4:16 | 757, ${ }^{\text {72: }}$ | 91 | $1,277,131$ <br> 198,200 <br> 10 | 32 | \%0,652 |  |  | [9685 | ${ }_{76,786}^{69,932}$ | $\stackrel{28}{475}$ |  | - | -88, ${ }^{866}$ |
| 5 | Drorach Surat.. Dr | ${ }_{8}^{408}$ | ( $\begin{array}{r}\text { H17,748 } \\ 1,0036,654 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 15 | 18,724 31055 | 803 | 1936.472 | 407 | 916,569 | 1 | 1,179 |  |  | $4{ }^{103}$ | 917,748 | .. | .... | 15 28 | 19,724 | ${ }_{28}^{15}$ |  |
|  | II.-Deccan. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 |  | ${ }_{1}^{3,223}$ |  | ${ }_{1117}^{118}$ | 20, 463 | 3,3343 | 5,662.712 | 2,6754 | 4,619,814 | 187 | 374,4i8 | 633 | 109,120 | 2.988 | 5,103,399 | ${ }^{3585}$ | 458.977 | 48 | 100,443 | 4063 | 559,320 $\mathbf{1 5 9} 828$ |
| 8 | Atumednagar $\quad \ddot{\square}$ | 1,223 | $3,420,550$ <br> 3,689 | 184 151 | 299,738 <br> 550,604 | ${ }^{1,696}$ | 3,720,318 | 1,500 | 3,345, 318 | .. |  | 80 | 168,073 | 1,5s0, | 3,663,341 |  | 25,262 |  | 131,605 |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { Poona } \\ \text { Sholapur }}}{\text { Pr }}$ | 1,002: | ${ }_{2}^{2,861.691}$ | 2014 | 550,604 5017 | 1,204 | 4,220,169 <br> $\mathbf{3 , 3 6 3} \mathbf{4} \mathbf{4} \mathbf{4}$ | 1, ${ }_{939}$ |  | $\because$ | $\ldots$ | 1091 161 | - 444,282 |  |  | ${ }_{3}$ | 1,660 | 40 | -39,646 | 13 | 41,306 |
| 11 | ${ }_{\text {Shatapar }}^{\text {Sutar }}$ | 865 | 2,697,054 $2,460,320$ | (522 | 2099,111 622,995 | 1,817 | 2,907,065 $3,033,315$ | ¢685 | 退 | $\because$ | $\ldots$ | 62 269 | 20, | 1, ${ }^{1} 2178$ | $2,907,065$ $2,953,217$ | :. | $\ldots$ | is8 | 123,093 | 123 | 123,098 |
|  | III--Karndtak. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{13}^{12}$ | Belgaum Bijapur |  | - ${ }^{2}, 2789759$ | ${ }_{3}^{2+1}$ | \$68,515 | ${ }^{1,1133}$ | 2.847 .274 | 892 |  |  |  |  |  | 1,075 | ${ }^{3,519,149}$ |  | $\ldots$ |  | ${ }^{24,125}$ |  | ${ }^{28,1185}$ |
| 14 | Dharwar $\quad$ :. | 1,289 | - | ${ }_{184}$ | - 423,008 | ${ }_{1}^{1,1,43}$ | $3,627,700$ $\mathbf{2 , 9 4 5 , 8 1 6}$ | 1, 1,011 |  | .. | $\ldots$ | 153 137 | - ${ }^{390,5371}$ | 1,166 | 2, ${ }_{2,800,229}$ | $\because$ | $\ldots$ | ${ }_{47}^{7}$ | 28,471 | 7 4 | 28,695 |
|  | IV.-Konkan. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | Thans | 1,880 | 2,397,963 | 104 | 122,168 | 1,934 | 2,520,131 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,415.080 |  | 16,733 |  | 88,316 | 90 | 105,051 |
| 17 | Ratoagiri $\quad .$. | (1,2714 | $1,103,335$ 2,394276 | 8020 | 109,461 | 1, 1,344 | 1,133,8760 | 763 | 571:562 | 489 | 631,744 | ${ }^{6}$ | 3,4tie | 1,268 | 1,108.762 | ${ }_{2}{ }^{2} 8$ |  | 74 | - 26,995 | \% 3 | - 719,141 |
| 18 | калага $\quad .$. | 1,416 | 2,541,931 |  | 109,719 | 1, $1,418{ }^{1 / 3}$ | $2,503,995$ $2,519,930$ | $\begin{array}{r}58 \\ 1,335 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 133,215 $2,435,355$ | 0:53年 | 1,617,415 | 17 | 33,724 $\ldots .7$ | ${ }^{1,01202}$ | 1,744,554 |  | $60,13,14$ <br> 84,665 |  | 75,995 | 812 | ${ }_{81,565}$ |
| 192020212123 | Total A. | 20,844 | 43,312,295 | 2,1368 | 4,229,561 | 20,981 | 47,541,856 | 17,731 | 37,758,275 | 2,269 | 4,187,508 | 1,333 ${ }^{3}$ | 3,222,269 | 21,3342 | -45,168,052 | 8432 | 1,366,512 | 803 | 1,007,292 | 1,6462 | 2,373,804 |
|  | B.-Sind. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\underset{\text { Karachi }}{\text { Hrderahad.. }}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 5,078,581 | 14 |  | 871 | 5,112,742 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 813 | 4,973,692 | 58 | 125,790 | 2 | 14,260 | 58 | 140,050 |
|  | ${ }_{\text {stikarpur }}$ | 1,339 1,275 | 5,401,555 | 18 17 | 269,234 | ${ }_{\substack{1,397 \\ 1,19}}^{1,3}$ | 5,619,789 | 1.2105 | $4.159,939$ | 134 | 1,241,626 | ${ }^{58}$ | 205, 3.34 | 1,397 |  | 34 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{\text {Tpper sind Froatier }} \quad \ddot{\square}$ | ${ }^{297}$ | 1,5617,102 | 7 | 2749,175 40 | 1, 1 | 5,217, $1,601+2,20$ | 1,141 | 4,064,041 | 1 |  | ${ }_{6}^{14}$ |  | 1,155 | 4, 4 8, 817,5174 | ${ }_{65} 6$ | - 870,894 | ${ }_{1}^{3}$ | 4, | 66 | 754,279 |
|  | Thar and Párkar .. .. | 71 | $8,45 \times, 494$ | . |  | 71 | 8 8, 13s, 404 |  | ${ }^{669} \cdot 67$ | 71 | 8, $8=40,404$ |  | .... | 71 | 8,488,404 |  |  |  |  | .. |  |
|  | Total B. | 3,739 | 25,467, 531 | 96 | 623,195 | 3,835 | 26,091,019 | 3,336 | 11,034,086 | 248 | 11,763,003 | 90 | 550,141 | 2,674 | 24,247, 230 | 155 | 1,770,862 | 6 | 73,057 | 161 | 1,843,819 |
|  | Grand Total | 24,583t | 68,750,146 | 2, 23.3 | 4,852,759 | 26,816 | 73,632,905 | 21,067 | 49,603,361 | 2,517 | 15,950,511 | 1,4233 | 3,752,410 | $2 \overline{5}, 005$ | 60,415,2s2 | 998; | 3,137,274 | 800 | 1,080,349 | 1,507 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4,217,6:3 |

II.-Area, Cultivated and Uncultivated, 1889-90.


III.-Crops, 1889-90.



III-Crops, 1889-90-continued.






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Accompaniment a to Retorn III.
Details of Eharif and Rabi under Cereals and Pulses, 1880.90.

|  | District. |  | Class I.-(Oerials). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| No |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { - Jowaril } \\ & \text { - Sorfhum } \\ & \text { Sulgare } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Pendrit, } \\ \text { Typhoideum } \\ \text { Typhome } \end{gathered}$ | Rico. | What. | Barley. | Maize. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rgalio } \\ \text { Clousine } \\ \text { Coracana } \end{gathered}$ |  | P. Yarilisre. | P. Rantidum | P. plifidit, |  | Other. | Total Cereale. |
|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 1 |  | I.-Gujarat. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Actee. |
|  |  |  |  | 241,815 $\cdots$ 241,315 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 62,288 } \\ \cdots \\ \cdots 62,286 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7160,208 \\ 169,206 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 100,627 \\ 19,627 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r}8,462 \\ \cdots 3,452 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 121,198 $\cdots$ 21,199 | 8,101 <br> $\cdots \cdots, 1$ <br> 3,101 | ....408 408 408 | 8,005 <br> $\cdots$ <br> 8.605 | 21,652 <br> 21,652 <br> 21 | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | 702,081 1880,27 891,348 |
|  | 23 |  | $\text { Kaira } \quad . . \quad \ldots \quad\left\{_{\text {Rhabil }}^{\text {Ki.. }} . . . .\right.$ | $\underset{\substack{80,930 \\ i, 430}}{ }$ | 207,488 | $\ldots$ | -170,652 | 0,558 |  | $\stackrel{117.868}{\cdots}$ | ......826 | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{\text {-.... }} 681$ | ${ }^{1,781}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots \cdot \cdots$ | $\ldots . . .{ }^{11}$ | cieline |
|  |  |  | Total ... | 02,360 | 207,533 | 116,387 | 17,552 | 6,558 | 320 | 117,863 | 56,326 | 377 | 661 | 1,822 | ... | 114 | 11 | 587,884 |
|  |  |  | $\text { Panch Maháls } . . .\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Kharrit } \\ \text { Rabi } . . \end{array} . . .\right.$ | - 8 ,6818 | 42,043 |  | $\cdots 7717$ | $\cdots \cdots$ | ${ }^{87,008}$ | $\stackrel{26,184}{\sim}$ | $\ldots{ }^{13,18.185}$ | $\ldots$ | 2,584 | 10,150 | $\ldots{ }^{6 . . . .}{ }^{627}$ | ${ }_{4}^{16}$ | $\stackrel{2,308}{\cdots}$ | 240,29] |
| 4 |  | Total ... | 5,683 | 42,049 | 50,166 | 17,194 | 1,364 | 87,017 | 24,164 | 15,135 | 35 | 2,586 | 16,451 | 627 | 20 | 2,308 | 264,793 |
|  |  |  | 114, ${ }^{14,829}$ | ${ }^{17.17872}$ | . 10.10 .612 | -64,819 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots . . .{ }^{\circ}$ | ${ }^{10,049}$ |  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots{ }^{20 . . .49}$ | ...... ${ }^{\text {4 }}$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{21}$ | $\ldots . . .{ }^{1}$ |  |
|  |  | Total ... | 129,065 | 17,372 | 19,512 | 54,819 | ... |  | 10,049 | 240 | 30 | 249 | 4 | ... | 21 | 1 | 231,371 |
| 6 |  | Surat $\quad . . . \quad . .\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Kharil } \\ \text { Rabi }\end{array}\right.$ |  | $\ldots . .1$,069 | $\stackrel{102,983}{ }$ | $\cdots 23,341$ | ......: | $\ldots . . .{ }^{2}$ | 81,885 <br> $\cdots \cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ |  | $\ldots . . .{ }^{1}$ | ..... ${ }^{63}$ |  | $\ldots . . .{ }^{111}$ | 2 | $\ldots . . . .40$ | ${ }_{2}^{2 \times n, 435}$ |
|  |  | Total ... | 122,693 | 7,969 | 102,983 | 23,341 | ... | , | 31,835 | 13,489 | 1 | 63 | 1,567 | 111 | 2 | 240 | 301,296 |
|  |  | 11.-Deccan. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  | 579.979. | 724,073 | 24,780 | 220, 187 |  | ${ }^{3,008}$ | -4,480 | $\xrightarrow{11,119}$ | $\ldots . . . .81$ | $\ldots$ | $\stackrel{8.840}{\sim}$ | $\ldots$ | ${ }^{311}$ | $\ldots . . .{ }^{37}$ | 1, $1,31,459$ |
|  |  | Total ... | 572,379 | 724,073 | 24,760 | 219,487 | 4 | 3,008 | 4,489 | 11,413 | 401 | 4,086 | 3,840 | 1,612 | 311 | 37 | 1,570,900 |
| 7 |  | Násik $\quad . .$. | $\begin{gathered} 130,54 \\ 15,648 \end{gathered}$ | -794,629 |  | 8i0,988 | $\cdots$ | 2.068 $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | $\ldots . . .{ }^{2}$ | ${ }^{\cdot} \cdot 121,814$ |  | 17,064 | $\ldots . . .188$ | 8, |  | $\cdots$ |  |
|  |  | Total ... | 145,962 | 794,422 | 47,962 | 840,988 | ... | 2,968 | 2 | 151,841 | 192 | 47,054 | 713 | 3,485 | 107 |  | 1,535,696 |
|  | 8 |  | A hmadnagar $\quad . . . \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll}\text { Rharit } \\ \text { Rabi ... }\end{array}\right.$ | 1,017,363 | ${ }^{\text {P-.700,237 }}$ | 12888 | ${ }_{2} \mathbf{2 3 8 1} 133$ | $\ldots . . . .{ }^{133}$ | 1,110 | $\ldots{ }^{1 . . . .100}$ | - | 1,899 | ' 13,17 |  | 6,404 |  | ${ }^{8 .}{ }^{8.8}$ |  |
|  |  |  | Total ... | 1,017,363 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20,391 | 1,821 | 13,171 | 0 |  | 424 | 856 | 2,281,226 |

Accompaniment A. to Retury III-continued.
Details of Kharif and Rabi under Cereals and Pulses, 1859-90.


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Accompanimett B. to Retorn III.
Vumber of principal Fruit-bearing Trees, 1859-90.


## STATISTICS.

B.-RAINFALL،

## EXPLANATORY REMARKS.

## Rain Periods and their dates.

Early Rains ... ... ... ... ... ... 1st January-10th April.
Ante-Monsoon-
11th April to 4th June ... $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}\text { Ashvini } & \text {... } & \text {... 11th April-24th April. } \\ \text { Bharani } & \text {... } & \text {... 25th April-8th May. } \\ \text { Krittika } & \text {... } & \text {... } & \text { 9th MLay-22nd May. } \\ \text { Rohini } & \text {... } & \text {... 23rd May-4th Jane. }\end{array}\right.$
Monsoon-Klarif-
5th June to 14th August. $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}\text { Mrig... } & \ldots & \ldots & \text { 5th June-19th June. } \\ \text { Ardra } & \ldots & \ldots & \text { 20th June-3rd July. } \\ \text { Punarvasu } & \ldots & \ldots & \text { 4th July-17ch Julg. } \\ \text { Pushya } & \ldots & \ldots & \text { 18th July-31st July. } \\ \text { Ashlesha } & . . . & \ldots & \text { 1st Augast-14th August. }\end{array}\right.$
Monsoou-Rabi-
15th August to 21st Oct. . $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}\text { Magha } & \ldots & \ldots \\ \text { Purva } & \ldots & \text { 15th August-27th August. } \\ \text { Uttara } & \ldots & \text {... 28th August-10th September. } \\ \text { Hast... } & \ldots & \text { 11th September-24th September. } \\ \text { Chitra } & \ldots & \text {... 8th September-7th October. }\end{array}\right.$
Late Rains-
22nd Oct. to 30 th Nov.... $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}\text { Sráti... } & \text {... } & \text {... 22nd October-3rd November. } \\ \text { Vishákha } \\ \text { Anurádha }\end{array} \quad\right.$.. $\quad$... 4 4th November-17th November.
December.

The average given in the tables is that for eleven years ending 1886, except for very few stations. The rainy days are compared with those of the last jear.

The anoa valuation given in the remarks is on the basis of 16 annas representing an average crop.

Synopsis of Rainfall Summary, 1889.

| District. |  | Kinarif. |  | Rabr. |  | General Remarks as to Rain. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rain. | Harvest. | Rain. | Harvest. |  |
| West Khândesh |  | Seasonable ... | Good ... ... | Light ... ... | Poor ... ... | Much below average. Hast rain failed. Sindkheda fared worst. |
| East Khándesh |  | Very seasonable. | Very good ... | Sowing rain good but none after. | Very poor ... | Below average. Cotton and jowári excellent. Oilseeds good. |
| Násik |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Short. } \\ \text { breaks, } \end{array} \quad \text { Long }$ | Crops fair (except Sinnar and Niphad). | Do. ... | Poor | Below average. Injurious Chitra rain in Yeola. |
| Ahmadnagar |  | Seasonable and good. | Good, but area short in south. east. | Too heavy at first. Too light after. | Fair | Up to or above average. Hast and Chitra too heavy. |
| Poona ... |  | Late and scant in east except Indápur. | Good in west and in Indápur. Poor elsewhere. | Good at first ... | Fair to average | Up to or above average. Hast very good. Chitra, however, injuriously heavy. |
| Sholápur ... |  | Excellent but harmful harvest rain in Chitra. | Poor ; poorest in Karmála and Sángola. | Unseasonable ... | Fair ... | Up to or much above average; but unseasonable owing to heavy Chitra rain. |
| Sátára ... |  | Good, especially in Uttara. | Good ... ... | Hast good, but later rains altogether absent except in Chitra | Do. | Above average. Chitra rain at kharif harvest prevented full crop and submerged rabi seedlings. |
| Belgaum ... |  | Good, except in Athni, Gokak and Saundatti. | Good, but area short. | Do. ... | Fair to good in talukas where kharif short. | Up to or above average. Chitra rain very harmful. |
| Bijápur ... |  | Excellent, but excessive Chitra rain at harvest. | Fair to good ... | Do. ... | Good ... :.. | Much above average. Chitra especially harmfully excessive. |
| Dhárwar ... |  | Late in north and deficient everywhere till Uttara | Fair .. | Do. . ... | Fair ... ... | Up to or above average. Hast rain rather excessive and Chitra following did harm everywhere. |
| Kánara ... |  | Excessive ... | Do. ... ... | $\begin{gathered} \text { Excessive } \\ \text { Chitra. } \end{gathered}$ | Not a rabi dis. trict. | Much above average. |
| Ratnágiri ... |  | Searonable. Slightly exces. sive for early | Good ... ... | Good, but ceased too soon. | Very fair $\quad .$. | Up to or above average. Chitra rain bad. |
| Kolába . |  | rice. Seasonable and good. good. | Do. ... ... | Seasonable ... | Good ... ... | Average. Chitra rain not exces. sive or injurious. |
| Thána ... |  | Do. ... | Do. '... .-. | Do. ... | Do. ... ... | Average or a little below. |
| Surat ... |  | Do. ... | Do. ... ... | Do. ... | Do. ... ... | Much below average. |
| Broach ... |  | Do. | Excellent. Cotton bumper. | Do. ... | Very good .. | Below average. Locusts in October-November. No injury. |
| Kaira |  | Seasonable ... | Good | Light ... ... | Fair ... ... | Up to average. Hast rain very light. |
| Panch Maháls |  | Seasonable and good. | Very good ... | Hast good ... | Do. ... ... | Up to average. |
| Ahmadabad... |  | Do. | Good | Very light ... | Do. ... ... | Below or up to average. Hast rain scant and rabi area short. |

West Khándesh， 1889.

| Rain Periods | Ditim． |  | Pimpaliara． |  | Naxdictaja． |  | Nata＇pur |  | Talodn |  | Sba＇midh． |  | Sairpte． |  | Samitrda． |  | Ayaleme． |  | Pa＇rola． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | Rainy daye． | Fall． |  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 合 } \\ & \text { 鬲 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | 容 | Full． | 它 |
| Early Rains．． <br> Ante－Monscon | In． |  | In． |  | In． | － | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
|  | －• | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | － | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | －• | ＊${ }^{\prime}$ | ＊ | ． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | －• | ＂ | ＂ | － | － | ＇ |
|  | 0.35 | 3 | $0 \cdot 68$ | 1 | $2 \cdot 04$ | 3 | $1 \cdot 31$ | 8 | $2 \cdot 02$ | 8 | 1.82 | 8 | $1 \cdot 08$ | 4 | $0 \cdot 30$ | 8 | 0.86 | 6 | $0 \cdot 20$ | 2 |
| Monsuon－K7harif ．． | 11.4 | So | 7－79 | 25 | 0.48 | 23 | 18.99 | 30 | 20 so | 27 | 9.02 | 30 | 10.80 | 35 | 4.53 | 10 | 1573 | 35 | 10：40 | 35 |
| Monswon－Rabi ．－ | 6－36 | 19 | 6．90 | 23 | $6 \cdot 15$ | 17 | 9.05 | 25 | 8.33 | 18 | $5 \cdot 97$ | 18 | $3 \cdot 59$ | 21 | $8 \cdot 02$ | 15 | 883 | 20 | 7－16 | 19 |
| Lase Rains \％． | － | －＊ | － | $\cdots$ | － | $\cdots$ | －• | － | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | －• | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | －＊ | ＂ | $\bullet$ | ＊＊ | － | －＊ | － |
| Total ．． | 17．65 | 58 | 14．65 | 49 | 1781 | 48 | 27•35 | 69 | $30 \cdot 65$ | 43 | 17．71 | 51 | 15.43 | 60 | 190 | 88 | 28.48 | 65 | 2388 | 60 |
| Average ．． | 25\％\％9 | 54 | 27－49 | 43 | 32.67 | 55 | － |  | 31－96 | 56 | 31－58 | 47 | 97－56 | 60 | 29．05 | 40 | 28.05 | 02 | 8：03 | 63 |

General characleristics．－A hilly and ragged tract except where the wide black soil plains estend on either side of the Tapti and its tributaries．Rainfall very heavy in the dangs．

Remarks．－Rainfall much below average Light showers of Rohini in May were useful for preparing the land．Nonsoon broke in Mrig in 2nd week of Jane，with fair showers saficient to commence partial sowings．General sowing rain came about the middle of Joly（16th－20th）． Snbsequent break was farourable for completing kharif sowings and for weeding，and was well reliered by fairly heary showers of Ashlesha in 2nd week of Angust．The rainiall of monsoou rabi both in Uttara and Hast in September－Uctober was as a rule light and insuflicient Kharif crops saffered considerably in outtara．Rabi was sown to a small extent，and its oottarn was poor． On the whole kharif cotton，jowári and bájri were fairly average crops，being estimated at from 12 to 15 annas；and rábi a poor crop，estimated at 4 to 8 annas．The Collector remarks：－＂In a considerable area in the west centre of Khándesh the rainfall was anusaally small．Sindtheda was about the centre of this tract，which included，besides that táluka，west Dhalia，east Pimpal－ ner，a large part of Nandurbár，south Sháháda and the greater part of Shirpur．In part of this area there was a good deal of difficulty in getting fodder for cattle．＂It was also in this part that the crops were especially poor．

East Khảndesh， 1889.

| Rain Periods． | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Cianise－} \\ \text { gaos．}\end{gathered}\right.$ |  | Plcrora ${ }^{\text {Pandgas．}}$ |  |  |  | Emaxdol． |  | Chopde． |  | Jalgaon． |  |  | JhuxER |  | Brimata |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { EDALA- } \\ & \text { MAD. } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | 88.8 |  | Pival． |  | Ravie． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall． |  | Falu． |  | Fall． |  | Fall. |  | Fall． |  |  | $\cdots$ |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | $\overline{2}$ | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 育 | Fall | ¢ |
|  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | 1 l. |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Early Rains | － | ＊ | $\cdots$ | ．． | $\because$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＊ | ． | $\cdots$ |  | －． | $\cdots$ | － | $\cdots$ | － | ．． | － | ．． | ．． | ． | －． | ＂ |  | － |
| Antelilonsoon ．． | ． | －． | 0.44 | 8 | 0.47 | 8 | ．． | － | 0.47 | 2 |  | 1.59 | 8 | 170 | 3 | 149 | 2 | 0.50 | 2 | 0.65 | 1 | 088 | 2 | 1.01 | 8 |
| Honsoon－Kharit ．． | 20－35 | 31 | 21.03 | 33 | 15.44 | 40 | 18：66 | 41 | 13.88 | 83 |  | 8． 19 | 42 | $18 \cdot 67$ | 40 | 17.15 | 28 | 18.08 | 28 | 1821 | 23 | 12.75 | 28 | 23.00 | 29 |
| Monsoon－Rabl ．． | $0 \cdot 01$ | 25 | $8 \cdot 97$ | 28 | 880 | 24 | 9.61 | 22 | 710 | 19 |  | 9.58 | 27 | $8 \cdot 75$ | 24 | 6.47 | 16 | 773 | 16 | 0.15 | 15 | 3.85 | 20 | $0 \cdot 34$ | 18 |
| Late Rains | ．． | ． | $\cdots$ | ．． | ＇．． | ．． | ．． | － |  |  |  |  | ．． | ．． |  |  |  |  |  | －• | ． | ．． | ．． | － |  |
| Total | 30－28 | 56 | $30 \cdot 44$ | 62 | 24.71 | 67 | 20－27 | 63 | 21.55 | 54 |  | $2 \cdot 36$ | 72 | $28 \cdot 12$ | 67 | $25 \cdot 11$ | 44 | $23 \cdot 01$ | 46 | 24．01 | 89 | $19 \cdot 18$ | 50 | 30 | 60 |
| Average | 2970 | 39 | 29.51 | 57 | 31－29 | 75 | 31.12 |  | 31.58 | 69 |  | 3.42 | 71 | 34.84 | 69 | 35＇18 | 40 | 28.78 | 50 | 28．95 | 50 | $34 \cdot 4$ | 43 | $33 \cdot 56$ | 45 |

General characteristics．－In the nörth，high hills of the Sátpudas．The southern and western portions are also hilly but the hills less high，and continnots．It is drained by the T＇ápti，the Girna and the Parna．Rainfall larger than in the West Khándesh but less certain．

Remarks．－Rainfall generally below average．Regular monsoon broke in Mrig in 2nd week of June，with general heary fall，sufficient to commence kharif sowing everywhere．The copious fall of Punarvasu and Pushya about the＇middle of July and sabsequent break were very favorable for completion for kharif sowings and for groxth of seedlings．August rain was generally favour－ able for kharif crops and for weeding and hoeing．Parva and Uttara rain in September，though light，was sufficient and seasonable for standing crops．Hast rain in Octover，though slightly injurious in places to bajjri and cotton，was specially useful for rabi sowings．Rabi crops promised well in beginning but they suffered seriously in outturn owing to insufficiency of late rains and absence of dews．On the whole，kbarif season was very good，－－cotton being an excellent crop， 12 to 18 annas；jowári and bajri fairly average， 10 to 14 annas；oilseeds middling， 8 to 12 annas．Rabi
was a poor crop，being estimated at 4 to 6 annas．

Násik, 1889.


General Characteristics.-The district is divisible into the Desh (or open country) and the Dángs (near the Sahyadris with heavy rainfall and primitive cultivation). The west portions of Násik, Dindori and Igatpuri and the whole of Peint belong to the Dangs.

Remarks.- Rainfall generally below average except at Yeola and Nándgaon. Monsoon broke in 2nd week of June, generally in light showers, suffcient for sowing rice, nagli, \&c., in western Dángi tálokas and for cottion sowing in Nándgaon. General heary rain cane in Punarvasu and Pushya about the middle of July, sufficient for rice and nágli transplantation in west and for tharif sowings in east. Kharif area was, however, short owing to insufficient rain, in the central talukas of Sinnar, Niphád and Kalvan. Ashlesha and Magha rain in August was seasonable and sufficient for standing crops in Dángi tálukas; elsewhere it was very deficient and standing crops began to wither, especially in Niphád where cattle also suffered from scarcity of fodder and drinking water. The needed relief came in Uttara by middle of September; withering crops everywhere revived and fodder prospects much iraproved. Hast rain in early October was generally seasonable and sufficient for standing kharíf crops and for rabi sowing. Chitra rain was geuerally light except in Yeola where heary rain ( 3.24 inches) was slightly injurious to kharif crops and rabi seedlings. Owing to absence of moistare from late rains, the rabi yielded a poor outturn. On the whole kharíf season was fair, the outturn being estimated at 10 to 16 annas except in Sinnar and Niphád where the estimates were from 4 to 8 annas. Rabi was estimated at 6 to 12 annas.


General characteristics.-(1) Desh—Godávevi valley (tálukás 6 to 9 ): rich alluvial plains, growing mach wheat. Rainfall very uncertain. Bhima and Ghor valley (tálukís 3 and 4) alluvial, but less fertile. Rainfall more capricious. Good fear exceptional. T'álukís 1, 2, 5 and 10 lie between these ralleys. Alternation of bare hill and treeless plain with occasional fertile well-wooded tracts. Rain more regular. (2) Díngs-Half Akola has very heavy rain: Half abuts on the Desh. The record shows the fall of the plain portion.

Remarks.-Kainfall above average in east and north-west; elsewhere up to average. Antemonsoon showers were scant. Regular monsoon broke in 2nd week of.June, with fairly heary fall for commencing cotton and tushir (catel crops in rabi lands) sowings in east. Bat the general sowing rain came by the middle of Joly. It was heavy in southeast whore kharif sowings fall ; elsewhere only sufficient to allow partial sowings. August rain was very scant, excopt in Jimkhed in soath-east, and crops began to wither for want of moisture, and fodder becamo scarce. Jelief, however, came early in September, the heavy fall of Purva and Uttara being sufficient and seasonable for sowing rabi and to revive the withering kharíf. The heavy fall of Hast and Chitra in October was slightly injurious to ripening bajjri and retarted rabi sowing. The sowing, however, was completed under subsequent break, but the crops, especially thoso grown in lighter soil, suffered in outtarn for want of moistare from late rains. Swason was fair on the whole. Ontturn of tushár crops was fairly good-10 to 14 annas in east; elsowhere very poor-2 to 4 annas. Kharif crops fairly good in west and north-east where the outturn was 10 to 14 annas, but poor in south, 4 to 6 annas. Rabi crops generally fair and outturn varied from 7 to 12 annas.

Poona, 1889.


General characteristics.-The district varies from s heais certain rainfall to a most scant capricions one. Sure rain is enjoged by the west portions of Junnar, Khed, Haveli and all of Mával. A moderate but regular rainfall characterizes the central belt, while the Bhimthadi and Indápar tálukás are uncertain and irregular like the adjoining tálukés of Sholápur.

Remarks.-Rainfall generally op to average but above average at Junnar and Indápar. Antemonsoon showers in Rohini were useful for commencing rice and ndgli sowing in Mával and for preparing land in the Desh. Regular monsoon broke with Mrig. The fell in June, though moderate, was sufficient and seasonablo for kharif sowings in Mával; in the Desh sowings retarded. July rain, though generally light, was sufficient for rice and nagli transplantation in Mával, but in the Desh it was very scant and sowings partial except st Indápar, where exceptionally heavy rain ( 5 inches) fell in Punarvasu. August rain was seasonable and sufficient in Mával, but most deficient in the Desh, where kharif crops began to wither where sown and cattle suffered from scarcity of fodder and drinking water. In sonth-east relief came earlier with Purva rain and general heavy rain fell fll over in Uttara about the middle of September. The withering kharif crops much benefited, fodder prospects improved and rabi sowing begon. The heavy Hast rain in October was beneficial to rabi on the whole, though slightly. harmfal to reaped as well as standing bajri in places. 'The continuous heavy fall of Chitra was therefore quite unnecessary. damaging bájri and delaying rabi sowing. The rabi, however, suffered in outturn for want of moisture from the late rains. Season was fair on the whole. Kharif ontturn was eatimated at 12 to 16 annas in west and in east at 8 to 12 annas in parts of Purandhar and Indápur and at 4 to 8 annas elsewhere. Rabi outturn of jowári, wheat and graṃ was 8 to 12 annes and kardai 14 annas.

Sholápur, 1889.

| Rain Periods. | Sholipub. |  | Ba'bst. |  | Ma'dha. |  | Karma'ra. |  | Pandharpor. |  | Sa'rooma. |  | Ma'zairas. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy daya. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy day. | Fall. | Rainy day. | Fall, | Rainy days. |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. | . | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| Early Rains ... | 0.11 | 1 | 0.08 | 1 | $0 \cdot 17$ | 1 | 0.04 | 1 | 002 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Ante-Monsoon, | $1 \begin{gathered}1.45 \\ 11.84\end{gathered}$ | 7 | 0.92 | 13 | 2.64 | 4 | $1 \cdot 27$ | 6 | 1.49 | 9 | $\because 2 \cdot 14$ | 6 | 1.91 | 4 |
| Monsoon-kharif | 11.84 | 35 | 13.33 | 42 | 12.37 | 26 | 8.92 | 27 | $9 \cdot 85$ | 30 | 8.99 | 11 | 8.05 | 9 |
| Monsoon. Rabi. | 19.82 | 22 | 17.57 | 36 | 23.50 | 29 | 25-89 | 34 | 17.69 | 28 | 16.95 | 22 | 24.28 | 21 |
| Late Rains | ... | $\ldots$ | 0.04 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |  | - |
| Total | 33:22 | 65 | 31.94 | 93 | 38.68 | 60 | $36 \cdot 12$ | 68 | 28.95 | 68 | 23.08 | 38 | 34-24 | 34 |
| Average | 33-33 | 64 | 32-35 | 84 | 27.89 | 72 | 26.32 | 87 | 27.65 | 62 | . 22.99 | 45 | 21.07 | 49 |

General characteristics.-The isolated táluka of Bársi ie richest, and has the surest rain; but the raiufall is scanty all over the district, and very capricions.

Remarks.-Rainfall much above average in Mádha, Karmála and Malsiras; elsewhere up to average. Preparatory showers fell fairly well. Monsoon broke in 2nd week of June bat the fall average. Preparatory showers fell fairly well. Monsoon broke in 2nd week of June but the fall
was not sufficient for kharif sowing. Hanvy sowing rain came about the middle of July all over the district and kharif sown to nsual extent except in west. Angust rain (Ashlesha and Magha) was everywhere scanty and young crops began to wither in places. Relief came with general heavy fall of Purva in early September. Uttara and Hast rains, though slightly excessive in places, were generally favourable for standing crops and sufficient for rabi sowing. But absormally heavy fall of Chitra in middle of October was very injurions, damaging reaped and ripening kharif and delaying rabi sowing. No rain fell in November and December, and the rabi, especially jowéri, suffered in ontturn for want of sufficient moistare. Though the annual rainfall, was above or up to variously estimated at 6 to 12 annas, and specially poor in Karmále the fall. The kharif outturn varionsly estimated at 6 to 12 annas, and specially poor in Karmála and Sángola ( 4 to 6 annas).
Rabi outtarn estimated at 8 to 12 annas.

Sa'ta'ra, 1889.

| Rain Periods. | SA'ta'sa <br> Fall. | Korbean. |  | Whi. |  | Khas: DA'LA. |  | media, |  | Málcolv-PETM. |  | pating. |  | Karijo. |  | Ретн. |  | Shraila. |  | Damivadi. |  | Vade's. |  | Vira. |  | Ta'sgaos. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{e} \\ \stackrel{\rightharpoonup}{5} \\ \dot{e} \\ \stackrel{e}{x} \end{array}\right\|$ | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. | 宫 | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. | (1) |
|  | In. | In. |  | In. |  | In, |  | In. |  | In. |  | 1 n. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. | n. |
| :arly Ralns ... | ... 0.02 | 8. | :.. | ... | . 6 | ... | ... | 0.12 |  | 0.08 |  | . 37 |  | 0.55 | , | ... | ... | $\cdot 90$ | 1 | . 24 | 1 | 35 | 1 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | ... |
| inte.SMonsoon | ... $8 \cdot 19$ | 13.3 .88 | 9 | $8 \cdot 30$ | $12$ | 27 | 7 | 3.05 |  | $2 \cdot 18$ |  | 19 |  | 32 | $13$ | 40 | 12 | $5 \cdot 29$ | 10 | - 0 | 9 | 1.78 | 10 | $3 \cdot 17$ | 7 | 2.83 | 14 |
| fonsoon-Kharlf | ... 17.05 | 51 0.73 | 18 | 10.8 | $49$ | 8.84 | 15 | $29 \cdot 0:$ |  | $7185: 81$ | 70 | 35 | 67 | 8.03 | 44 | -07 | 40 | $15 \cdot 54$ | 45 | $2 \cdot 67$ | 20 | $2 \cdot 61$ | 14 | $3 \cdot 8$ | 16 | 3.87 | 23 |
| Ionsoun-Rabi | ... 22-35 | 45.21 .38 | 36 | 17.28 | 6 | $18 \cdot 21$ | 30 | 23.12 | 40 | 83 | 811 | $24 \cdot 4$ | 37 | $28 \cdot 13$ | 48 | 19.08 | 35 | 21.29 | 39 | $23 \cdot 84$ | 31 | $23 \cdot 17$ | 29 | 29:5 | 32 | 18.07 | 41 |
| ate Ralns ... |  | .- | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 08 |  | ... | ... | ... | ... |  | ... | ... | .. |  | ... | ... | ... |  | ... |  | 1 |
|  |  | 31482.09 | 63 | 31.47 | 107 | $22 \cdot 42$ | 62 | $55 \cdot 32$ | 108 | $1235 \cdot 03$ | 141 | 63.38 | 105 | 41.08 | 107 | $30 \cdot 64$ | 87 | 43.02 | '05 | $30 \cdot 62$ | 61 | 27.81 | 54 | 30:70 | 55 | 24.80 | 84 |
| Arerago | ... 40.84 | 1332768 | 81 | 32:47 | 113 | $21 \cdot 45$ | 43 | 70.4. |  | 283.08 | 146 | 67.85 | 10s | $31 \cdot 64$ | 122 | $20 \cdot 43$ | 101 | 37'88 | $80^{\circ}$ | 20.61 | 71 |  | 71 | $24 \cdot 71$ | 67 | 28.49 | 96 |

General characteristics.-Western Belt-Parts of Jávli, Pátan, Wái, Sátára and Vúlva, hilly. Regalar and heavy rainfall. Central Belt-East portions of above and all Koregaon and Karád. Rich, well-watered valleys. Eastern Belt-The rest chiefly a waving plain and of poor land. Uncertain rainfall. But south portion of Tásgaon rich well-wooded plains.

Remarks.-Rainfall generally above average, but slightly below average in Medha and Pátan in west and Tásgaon in sorth-east. Ante-monsoon showers were unasually favourable for preparing land. Monsoon set in with Mrig in 2nd week of June and the rainfall was sufficient and seasonable for rice, Dágli and other kharff sowings in west. Bat in the south-eastern tálukas kharif sowings delayed, until heavy rain came in Pushya (18th-31st July). Kharif area was not full in east. Ashlesha and Magha rain in Aurust, though sufficient to keep up standing crops in good condition in west, was very deficient in east where sown crops began to wither and mach anxiety felt. Here relief came at end of Purva in early September. General heavy rain fell in Uttara which was highly beneficial for rabi sowing and revived withering kharif. Hast rain in early October was also throughout beneficial. But abnormally heavy rain in Chitra in the middle of October was very injurious, damaging reaped as well as ripened hájri and submerging rabi seedlings in places. Rabi sowings completed in early November and crops promised well at first, but owing to the total absence of late rains combined with severe cold, the rabi considerably suffered in outturn. Season was fair on the whole. Kharif ontta:n estimated at 11 to 14 annas. Rabi outturn was only moderate- 8 to 10 annas.

Belgaum, 1889.


General characteristics-Near the Sahyádris the rain of the south-west monsoon is very constant and heavy (Belgaum and Khánápur). Further east, Clikodi, Gokák and Sampgaon, it is fitful. The eastern tálukás show a fitful fall, but this is supplemented by a scanty supply from the north-east monsoon (which comes generally in October and later).

Remaris.-Rainfall up to or above the average. Ante-monsoon showers very favourable for preparing land and for commencing early sowings of rice, nágli, \&c., in south-west. Regular monsoon set in with Mrig in 2nd week of June and the fall was seasonable and sufficient in southwest for sowing aud transplanting rice, nágli, \&c. Elsewhere kharíf rain was deficient and sowings not full. August rain was generally scanty, especially in Saundatitiand Gokák and kharíf crops began to wither in places. Timely relief came in September in Purra and Uttara. The withering crops revived and cotton sowing seasonably done. The Hast rains in early October were favourable for gram and wheat sowing, but the abnormally heavy rain in Chitra in middle of October was injurious to standing kharíf as also to rabi seedlings. Rabi sowing completed in early November, but the crops suffered in outturn from insufficiency of moisture from late rains. Season on the whole fairly gaod. Kharif outturn generally estimated at 10 to 16 annas, but in the north it was poor, from 4 to 6 annas. Rabi crops, especially wheat, gram and cotton, were good in Chikodi, Gokák, Parasgad and Sampgaon, the outturn being estimated at 12 to 16 annas, elsewhere rabi outturn was 8 to 10 annas.

Bijápur, 1899.


General characteristics.-This district receives its rain from both the soath-west and the northeast monsoon. Hungand enjoys an even and generally sare rainfall. Bágalkot nnd Bádámi fare well as a rale. The rich plains of the Krishna and Don valless are uncertain. The north talakas of Bijápar, Indi and Sindgi have capricious and light rainfall.

Remarks.-Rainfall generally mach'above average. Antemonsoon showers throughout favourable for preparing land. Monsoon broke abont 9 th June with genernl heavy fall, sulfient to commence kharif sowing in most places. July rain was favourable for pushing tharif sowing though not enough for its completion in some talukas. Ashlesha and Magta rain in Augast was very deficient and young kharif crops began tn wither and cotton sowing retarded. Relief, however, came with Purra in early September. The Uttara and Hast rain was most reasonable and safficiert for cotton and other rabi sowing. Bat the abnormally heavy rain of Chitra in middle of October (as mach as 15 inches in Maddebihál), was highly injarious, damaging standiog bajri and retarding rabi sowing. In Hungund standing crops on the Malaprabha banks were washei away by heavy floods. The subsequent break was favourable for completing rabi sowing. But owing to insafficient moistare from late rains rabi crops saffered in outtarn. On the whole season fair and better than that of last year. Kharif ontturn was better in north-west where estimated at 10 to 14 annas; elsewhere aboat 9 aunas. Rabi onttarn estimated at 8 to 12 annas.

Dhárwár, 1889.


General characteristics.-The district is composed of billy tracts-the malál growing rico and hill grains (Hangal, Kalghatgi and Kod) and the black-soil plains growing cotton and wheat (Gadag, Ron, Navalgand and Habli), or cotton, but no wheat (Karajgi and Ránebennur). The Dhárwár and Bankápur Tálakas are partly malád. The soil of the malad is red and graveliy, but the ruinfall is steady and comparatively heary. It is more sure and seasonable the farther to the west. The proverb says: 'Good rain won't give a big crop, nor will bad rain bring famine.' This is in comparison to the fertile black-soil plains, where with good seasonable rains the prodace is very large, bat where the fall is irregular and uncertain, and where there is always risk of drought.

Rencurls.-Rainfall generally op to or above average except at Bankápur. Ante-monsoon showers were abuodant and bencficial to early sowings of rice, sáva, \&c., in the malad. Monsoon commenced early in June with fairly heary rain in western tálukas where kharif sowings of rice, jowari, tili and rále were seasonably done; but in north and east sowing rain both in Jane and July was geuerally deficient and kharif area not full. August rain was very deficient throughout the district. Rice in the malad and other kharif crops elsewhere badly suffered for want of moisture, and scarcity of fodder and drinking water felt in most places. Early relief came in Purva in parts, lut general relief came with the heavy fall in Uttara (middle of September). Withering kharif revived and cotton sowing commenced. Hast rain, though rather heavy in places, was on October was injuriously heavy in for rabi sowing. But the Chitra rain about the middle of insufficient moisturiously heavy in places. The rabi snifered in outturn as elsewhere from estimated at an averan late rains. Season was on the whole fair. Kharif outturn was jowári stunted in its growth and the average outturn estimated mostly affected with blight, and Wheat and gram were better and the ontturn estimated at 10 anat 7 and 9 annas respectively.

Kánara， 1889.


General characteristics．－A hilly and thickly wooded district，divided into two parts by a broken and irregular range of hills．The lowland or coast tract has the heavier rainfall；in the upland the fall rapidly decreases with the distance from the Sahyádri crest．

Remarks．－Rainfall mach above average except in Yellápar and Mundgod．South－west mon－ soon set in on 2nd June with heavy rain，excessively heavy on coast where rice seed either rotted or，having been washed over，had to be resown in places．In July and August rain fell almost daily and was on the whole seasonable and sufficient for transplantation and weeding，though in some places above Ghát（Haliyal and Mundgod）the rain was slightly deficient for transplantation．There was a short but qeneral break in Parva，but heavy rain fell again in Uttara and Hast，generally favourable，though injuriously excessive to crops in lowlying lands on coast．But the continuous heavy fall in Chitra about the middle of October was unnecessarily heary and injurious to reaped as well as standing crops，especially on coast where there was already an excess of moisture．On the whole rice gare a fair outtutn throughout the district，being estimated at from 10 to 16 annas and in the above Ghát tálukas the yield of betelnut and other garden produce was also favourable．

Ratnágiri， 1889.

| Rain Periods． | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ratki' } \\ \text { OLRI. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Vengurla． |  | milvan． |  | Devead． |  | Ra＇JA＇pOR |  | Sanga－ mzativar． |  | Chiplun． |  | Gumisara． |  | K nbd． |  | Da＇poli， |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maydise } \\ & \text { OAD. } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall， | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 感 } \\ & \text { 岕 } \\ & \text { 免 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 号 } \\ & \text { 号 } \\ & \text { 感 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 淾 |
|  | In． |  | In， |  | Ins． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Early Rains ．． | $0 \cdot 01$ | 1 | ． | $\cdots$ | － | － | － | $\therefore$ | $\cdots$ |  | － | $\cdots$ | － |  | 0.02 | 1 | 0.08 |  | － | ＊ | $\because$ | ． |
| Antelionsoon．． | $5 \cdot 73$ | 7 | 11＇72 | 4 | 10＇03 | 5 | 772 | 8 | 5.50 |  | 6－23 | 7 | 1.91 |  | 1.93 | 4 | 1.08 |  | 1.04 | 8 | 0.20 | 1 |
| Monsoon－Kharif | 81.77 | 68 | $80 \cdot 24$ | 70 | 78．24 | 68 | 71.15 | 09 | 110＇10 | 71 | 115．35 | 70 | 117－74 | 70 | 100.01 | 67 | 112.70 | 70 | 110．57 | 69 | 120.07 | 69 |
| Monsoon－Rabl ．． | 19.48 | 40 | $30^{\circ} 53$ | 46 | 28.42 | 89 | 24.54 | 36 | 87．74 | 43 | 32．41 | 54 | 36－5 |  | 17．30 | 38 | 87－03 | 41 | 22－82 | 37 | $20 \cdot 62$ | 43 |
| Late Rains ． |  | $\cdots$ | ． | － | ． | －＇ | ． |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |  |  |  | ． | － | ． | ．． | $\bullet$ | $\ldots$ | ． | ．． |
| Total | $106 \cdot 87$ | 110 | 131.49 | 120 | 117•50 | 112 | 103．41 | 111 | 153.84 |  | 153.09 |  | 15590 | 121 | $119 \cdot 25$ | 110 | 150．05 | 118 | 134.43 | 109 | 150．79 | 118 |
| Average | 100．73 | 103 | $141 \cdot 48$ | 113 | 89．57 | 102 | 87：50 | 96 | 127.91 | 108 | 145.57 | 128 | $140 \cdot 04$ |  | 100.84 | 94 | 130－52 | 110 | $132 \cdot 04$ |  | $150 \cdot 79$ | 113 |

General characteristics．－The district is formed by a narrow belt of lowland；though hilly and rugged as a whole，the valleys are more open near the Sabyádris than towards the centre， and these again fall into nearly level plateaus towards the centre．The rainfall is abundant and regular，being considerably heavier inland than on the coast．

Remarks．－Rainfall generally above or up to average．Regular monsoon broke on 2nd June and rain fell continuonsly for nearly three months，being throughout seusonable and sufficient for ploughing and for transplantation of rice nnd nágli．The short break in Purva was generally favourgble for weeding．Uttara and Hast rain in September，though beneficial to mahan or late crops，was slightly injurions to ripening halve or early crops．Chitra rain in the middle of October，though not so excessive as in Kánara，was injuriously heavy to early crops which were being reaped in all places．Rice was laid and reaping delayed for a time．Late rice slightly suffered for want of safficient rain at earing time．Season fairly good on the whole．Outturn of early crops was estimated at 10 to 13 annas and that of late crops at 10 to 12 annas．Harik outturn estimated at 11 annas．

Kolába, 1889.


General characteristics.-A rugged belt of country from 15 to 31 miles broad. Rainfall abundant and regular, being hearier in parts towards the Sabyádris.

Remarks.-Rainfall generally up to average except in Uran petha. Monsonn set in with Mrig about 5th June and rain fell heavily except in north, generally sumficient forkharif sowing. Copions rain came with A'rdra (20th June) and continued till the end of Magha (27th Angast), most seasonable and sufficient for ploughing, transplantation and weeding throngoat the district. There was a short break with occasional light showers in Purva. Uttara and Hast rain in latter part of September and in early October was very beneficiul to standing crops. Chitra raiu in the middle of October, thougb nnnecessary, was not injuriously heary as in Ratnágiri and Kánara. On the whole season was good. Outturn of rice and varkas crops such as nágli, rari, \&c., was estimated at 14 annas. Rabi outturn was estimated at 12 to 14 annas.

Thảna, 1889.


Gcneral characteristics. - Rainfallabundant, being cousiderably more inland than on the coast and less towards the north than towards the sonth.

Remarks.-Rainfall slightly below or ap to average. Monsoon broke generally on Eth June in Mrig, and a week later in north; and rain fell in light showers, generally sufficient for kharif sowing. Heavy rain came in A'rdra at end of June and transplantation commenced in places. Rain fell alnost daily in July and August and was on the whole seasonable and sufficient for ploughing, trausplantation and weeding. Purva rain in early September was very light, especially in nortk, where crops slightly suffered, but Uttara and Hast rain was throughout beneficial to late crops, tbourgh slightly excessive and injurious to early crops in sonth-east. Very little damage was caused by Chitra rain, as the fall was moderate. On the whole season was favourable. Outturn of Ltarif crops was estimated at 12 to 14 annas and that of rabi crops at 10 to 12 annas.

Surat, 1889.


General characteristics.-Western portion all along the const poor sandy soil; central belt with rich soil and moderate rainfall; further to the east dangs with heavy rainfall but light soil. ds a rule rain lighter on the coast than inland.

Remarks.-Rainfall up to average in Chorási, Olpád and Párdi talukns ; elsewhere much below average. Monsoon broke in 2nd week of June with fair showers, and partial sowings of rice and other kharif crops commenced. Ardra rain was sufficient for completing early sowings in south, but in north rain was scanty and sowings retarded. General heavy rain came in Punarvasu and Pushya in July and was throughout seasonable and safficient for rice transplantation and for completing sowings of jnár, bájri and cotton. August rain, though sufficient for cotton and juár, was insufficient for rice. Uttara and Hast rain in September, though not heary, was suflicient and seasonable to crops except rice which slightly suffered in outturn. The Chitra rain in October did some damage to reaped rice and cat grass in Párdi. Season fairly good on the whole. Kharíf outturn of juár and bájri was estiraated at 13 annas, rice 12 annas and cotton 10 aunas. Rabi outturn of wheat and gram was estimated at 9 annas.

Broach, 1889.


General characteristics.-Ricb allovial plains growing cotton and wheat. Rninfall moderate but sure, being as a rale more plentiful in the Broach Táluka. The rainfall is supplemented by heavy dews from October to December.

Remarks.-Rainfall generally below average except in Hansot. There were light showers at end of May, but the Mrig rain in early June was very scanty, except at Hánsot and sowings generally retarded till end of June when fair rain of A'rdra fell all over and was sufficient to begin kharif sowings. Copions rain fell in July in Punarvasu and Pushya and was throughout seasonable and safficient for kharíf sowings. The heavy Ashlesha rain in Ist half of Angost was generally favourable to standing crops, though slightly injurious to young bajri and cotton which had to be resown in places. A short bat general break followed which ras very favourable for weeding, resowing and for healthy growth of crops. Againat end of August fair rain of Magha fell all over the district. Purva and Uttara rain in September was rather deficient for rice, especially in Jambusar in north. But Hast rain was everywhere good for stanaing kharif crops as also for rabi cultivation. At end of October and in early November large fights of locusts passed through the district, but no appreciable damage was done to the crops. Season very good on the whole, and cotton, the staple of the district, yielded a bumper crop. The Collector remarks:-"The cotton and wheat crops were especially successful this season and have contributed greatly to relieve the cultivators from the embarrassed condition brought about by previous bad seasons. The cotton crops were such as had not been seen for very many jears past."

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Kaira, 1839.


General characteristics.-The district is mostly one unbroken allavial plain. In the north and north-east patches of rich rice land; the centre, a tract of most fertile soil jielding the choicest crops; and westward a bare though well coltivated tract of rice land.

Remarks.-Rainfall generally op to average, except in soath-eastern tálukas along the banks of the Máhi where it was below the average. The preparatory showers of Rohini at cod of May were throughout favourable. Monsoon broke in 2nd week of Jone and sowings of rice, kodra, bávto, \&c., begun in most places bat geceral sowing rain came in A'rdra at end of June. Jaly rain was every where favourable forkharif sowing and rice transplantation. Caterpillars which were doing damage in many parts were destroyed by the heary fall of Pashya and rice had to be resown in places where seedlings were eaten up. The Ashlesha rain in lst half of Augast was very beneficial for transplantation of late sown rice. Hedvy rain of Magha at end of Angast, though slightly excessive and injurious to bajri and tobacco in places, was beneficial to rice. Very little rain fell in September, and all crops, and especially the better varieties of rice, saffered in outtarn. Hast rain in early October was also light and though it damaged reaped lájri and rice in places, was very beneficial to late rice and bávo and to rabi crops in general. Thas the season which at first promised well, tarned out only fair owing to deficiency of late rains. The outturn was estimated as under: Bajri, rice, tar, tobacco and sagareane at 12 annas; kodra and cotton at 11 annas ; bárto, jaár, barley and pulses at 10 annas and wheat at 9 annas.

Panch Maháls, 1839.

| Rain Periods. | Godara. |  | Kilow |  | Hílol. |  | Dorad. |  | Jhiliod. |  | Jambughoda. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { days. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy daja, | Fall. | Rainy daya. | Fall. | Rainy days. |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| Early Rains ... | 0.06 | 1 | $0 \cdot 10$ | 1 | 0.07 | 1 | 0.07 | 1 | $0 \cdot 18$ | 1 | 0.06 | 1 |
| Ante-Monsoon ... | $3 \cdot 19$ | 4 | $3 \cdot 17$ | 5 | $1 \cdot 38$ | 6 | 2.37 | 4 | $2 \cdot 67$ | 3 | $2 \cdot 76$ | 4 |
| Monsoon-Kharif . | 22.89 | 44 | 20.89 | 39 | 24.42 | 42 | 19.51 | 34 | 13.84 | 33 | 37.30 | 47 |
| Monsoon-Rabi . | $9 \cdot 88$ | 21 | 11.50 | 20 | 12.12 | 20 | 10.60 | 16 | 10.43 | 20 | $8 \cdot 57$ | 23 |
| Late-Rains | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | . |
| Total | 36.02 | 70 | 35.66 | 65 | 37.99 | 69 | 32.64 | 55 | 27.12 | 57 | $49 \cdot 69$ | 75 |
| Average ... | 43.24 | 54 | 40.20 | 50 | $47 \cdot 97$ | 51 | 32:56 | 43 | $32 \cdot 65$ | 26 | 50.69 | 64 |

General characteristics.-Rainfall lighter and later in the east than in the western division.
Remarks.-Rainfall slightly below or up to average. Ante-monsoon showers were anusually good. Regalar monsoon broke in 2nd week of Jane with fair showers sufficient to commence ealry sowings of rice, maize, \&c. General sowing rain came in A'rdra at end of June. In July and Angust rain fell at seasonable intervals and was on the whole sufficient and favourable for full kharif sowing and rice transplantation. Bat the fall of Purva and Uttara in September whe very deficient, especially for rice. Relief came with Hast in early October. This Hast rain, though it damaged reaped kharif, was very beneficial to late kharif crops and made the rabi cafe. There were no late rains and kharíf crops were successfully harvested. Season was on the whole good, much better than that of previous. year. Outturn of maize-the staple of the district, was estimated at 17 annas, rice 15 annas and other kharif crops from 12 to 16 annas. Rabi outturn
was estimated at 10 to 16 annas.

Ahmadabad, 1889.

| Ralu Periods. | Ahmadabad. |  | Pari'ntid. |  | Modis. |  | Sa'sand. |  | Viramaa'm. |  | Difolika. |  | Duandilita. |  | Goalia. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Rainy } \\ & \text { days. } \end{aligned}\right.$ | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { Raing } \\ \text { days. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Fall. | Rains day's. | Fall. | Rainy duys. | Fall. | Raing days. | Full. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raing } \\ & \text { daves } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| Early Rains., .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.00 | 1 | 0.07 | 1 | - | - | - | . | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | - | - | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | - |
| Ante-Monsoon | $1 \cdot 30$ | 3 | 114 | 3 | $1 \cdot 65$ | 6 | 2.08 | 5 | 3.53 | 2 | 2.61 | 3 | 1.65 | 3 | 0.85 | 4 |
| Monsoon-Kharif .. | 18.83 | 85 | 25.41 | 38 | 25.58 | 44 | 14.03 | 44 | 16.15 | 30 | 23.07 | 42 | 20.63 | 30 | $20 \cdot 17$ | 38 |
| Modsoon Rali . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 4.76 | 14 | 2.65 | 14 | 4.45 | 18 | 3.05 | 20 | 1.00 | 18 | 8.43 | 18 | 4.79 | 14 | 5.90 | $\because 0$ |
| Late Rains .. | - | -• | * | - | -• | " | -• | $\cdots$ | -• | -• | . | $\cdots$ | . | .. | . | $\cdots$ |
| Total | 24.89 | 52 | 29.26 | 57 | 31.75 | 69 | 20.04 | 69 | 21.07 | 56 | 84.11 | 63 | 27.07 | 47 | 27.08 | 62 |
| Average .. | 29.92 | 29 | 30.08 | 38 | 87•32 | 50 | 31.00 | 40 | 28.22 | 49 | $36 \cdot 33$ | 44 | $27 \cdot \Omega 2$ | 38 | 47.35 | 42 |

$G_{\text {eneral }}$ characteristics.-Except in the hilly parts of Modása, where the supply is sometimes considerable, the rainfall throughout the district is generally very light.

Memarks.-Rainfall generally below average except in south where it was up to average. Fair preparatory showers of Rohini fell at end of May and there ware local showers of Mrig in some places in north, where early sowings of rice, bajri, \&cc., commenced. But general sowing rain came late in ardra at end of Jone. July rain was everywhere seasonable and sufficient for full kharif sowings of jaár, bájri, cotton, maize, \&e., and for rice transplantation. August rain was also on the whole sufficient and seasonable. Bat the fall in September and October in Uttara and Hast was scant, and the ripening crops, especially rice, suffered in outturn except where helped by irrigation. Owing to the failure of late rains rabi was not sown to usual extent and the crops were only fair. Season on the whole fairly good, and outturn "moch better than that of the preceding year." Kharif outturn of juár and bájri was generally good (14 to 18 annas) except in Dholka and Dhandhuka, where only 8 to 10 annas. Rice fair in nurth ( 12 to 14 annas); elsewhere poor ( 6 to y annas). Rabi outturn was generally estimated at 10 to 16 annas.

## APPENDIX A.

(Riforrell to in perm. ss.)
Exports of Indian Wheat from Bombay to all Ports beyond the Presidency from 1s50-1.500.

| Mouths. | Year. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1580. | $18 s 1$. | 1882. | 1883. | 1584. | 1885. | 1886. | 1857. | 1889. | 1859. | 1890. |
|  | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. |
| January | 2,987 | 21,768 | 85,674 | 31,019 | 15,285 | 41,846 | 31,42. | 44,235 | 12,000 | 47,501 | 22,795 |
| February | 1,620 | 19,275 | 40,239 | 25,403 | 15,933 | 32,366 | 21,484 | 21,379 | 14,419 | 18,567 | 7,653 |
| March ... | 3,407 | 20,000 | 30,557 | 29,516 | 14,907 | 45,82 | 28,402 | 26,505 | 23,720 | 26,910 | 0,101 |
| April ... | 4,985 | 32,481 | 30,390 | 37,503 | 15,230 | 38,033 | 71,581 | 75,393 | 67,400 | 30,619 | 3¢,907 |
| May ... | 17,110 | 42,423 | 67,886 | 76,205 | 44,831 | 56,871 | 124:232 | 101,018 | 118,585 | 41,833 | 49,35万 |
| June ... | 19,407 | 52,236 | 37,1) ) | 82.881 | 54,804 | C6,602 | 56,341 | 113,946 | 66,165 | 15,034 | 25,745 |
| July ... ... | 15,055 | 47,369 | 19,33 | 55,921 | 65,437 | 33,370 | 38,715 | 20,172 | 32,541 | 20,352 | 25,562 |
| August ... | 7,832 | 28,172 | 5,396 | 32,425 | 45,546 | 38,004 | 52,806 | 12,657 | 32,472 | 23,120 | 15,362 |
| September | 4,193 | 35,132 | 13,797 | 36,265 | 30,974 | 48,975 | 55,401 | 14,778 | 20,514 | 17,796 | $\ldots$ |
| October | 6,527 | 49,835 | 22,317 | 18,460 | 10,045 | 52,803 | 51,160 | 14,106 | 46,2.11 | 21,300 | $\ldots$ |
| November | 8,652 | 76,714 | 34,159 | 20,319 | 28,038 | 59,598 | 37,084 | 17,383 | 20,0j8 | 17,716 | $\ldots$ |
| December | 22,991 | 48,559 | 32,703 | 34,508 | 27,S06 | 53,077 | 53,433 | 11,120 | 23,022 | 31,563 | ...... |
| Total | 114,712 | 472,969 | 419,694 | 489,431 | 378,016 | 569,183 | 625,719 | 472,723 | 494,537 | 313,510 | . |

## APPENDIX B.



## APPENDIX C.

(nejerred to in para. 73.)

## Introduction of Cream Separators.

In 1583 the Dairy Supply Company, Limited, asked for information with reference to dairying in India. Ny locum tenens, Mr. Muir-Mackenzie, suggested the desirability of the deputation to Bombay of an Agent, with separators and other machinery, pointing out the insufticiency of the ghi supply of the country and the large importations of foreign cheese and butter and giring his opinion that the separator would lead to econonty. At the end of 1883 the Company deputed Mr. Henry A. Howman, a gentleman farmer, who has long been interested in improvements in dairying, and a dairy nssistant, with instructions to "ascertain by trial whether the cream separator is needed in India, and whether it can be profitably utilized in the manufacture of ghi." Mr. Howman made an extended tour in rarious Presidencies, visiting certain agricultural shows and centres of ghi-manufacture, having first taken adrice from the Directors of the Agricaltural Departments. In February 1890, I met him at the Nadiád Show and assisted in certain trials, designed to ascertain whether the customary products of milk in India can be made from separated milk. It was proved that "ták", a by-product in native ghi-making, can be made from separated milk, as easily as from the residue of milk after butter has been churned. Attention was paid to this minor point simply becanse it will take time to accustom the people to new prodacts. It is obvious that "ták" is made, because the people cannot separate milk from cream without boiling or soaring. Fresh separated milk is superior to sour "take", but as along as "ták" is preferred, it can be made.
2. Náwa or khawa is another favourite product, made from whole milk. It is milk dessicated and sweetened with pounded sugar. At Nadiad and afterwards, it was shown that máwa can be made from separated milk, the cream being saved for butter or ghi. The product is of course inferior to mawa from whole milk, but again the possibility of making palatable máwa from separated milk and thus placing a máwa within the means of persons now unable to afford it, has been demonstrated. In the market, much of the míwa sold is made from partially skimmed milk and it is sometimes admired with flour. Máwa mado from separated milk is not inferior to this.
3. It has been demonstrated that as much ghi can be made from cream separated from a given quantity of milk as from an equal quantity of whole milk. The quality is superior and the residue is sweet fresh separated milk containing all the sugar and solids of the milk in lieu of a soured residue of ták (buttermilk). In time, separated milk must replace much whole milk now consumed as a beverage or for cooking or for making mawa; and the cream, saved, will go towards increasing the available supply of ghi. This will especially be the case in large towns.
4. Encouraged by the experimental results, I solicited sanction to retain the services of Mr. Howman's assistant, Mr. Keventer, a trained dairyman, for one year from the middle of Jane, and to purchase the 'Windsor' and 'Baby' separators together with cheese and butter-making machinery.

A ready demand for the fresh cream, superior batter and cream cheeses, arose arnong the European population of Poona during the rains. A less ready demand has arisen for the separated milk, but after a time, it was very easy and still is, to dispose of all the separated milk manufactured, at profitable though low prices. It does not pay me so far to purchase milk in large cities to manufacture ghi, because the price of ghi is weight for weight less than that of butter, though a given quantity of butter will not jield more than SU per cent. of ghi. The reason is that ghi is made in villages where there is no sale for milk. It must not be supposed from this remark that ghi is necessarily a further prodnct from butter, as "butter" is understood among Europeans. Kutter is made from cream and after churning is carefully and frequently washed to get rid of the buttermilk which contains fermentable ingredients which would prevent the butter from keeping. To make ghi, the butter fat is collected with unavoidably a considerable admixture of buttermilk, containing casein and milk sugar. It is then heated over a slow fire to drive off the water, but this process does not drive off either casein or milk sugar. The addition of water is studiously avoided. The result is that ghi thus made contains fermentable products. The best keeping ghi would be made from well washed butter, but the quantity would be less and the price would be raised proportionately. Nevertheless such ghi would in time find a regular use among Europeans, who from long experience of the inferior, dirty, adulterated stuff procurable as ghi from the market have contracted a most reasonable prejudice against ghi, which is most unreasonable against really good ghi, for cooking.

I have now established a working dairy in Bombay with the result that some purchasers of separators have already been found. Without Mr. Keventer's assistance to set up the machines and to instruct purchasers in their manipulation it would be rash to expect that purchasers would ever be found. Considerable interest has already been excited in Bombay not onls among the Europeans and Parsis, but among professional butter and sweetment
makers. Some facts have come to light. One that ice-creams as sold by confectioners are wrongly so called being made of whole milk with perhaps some cream added. Confectioners are not therefore greatly tempted by the new facilities offered and will not be till a better quality of "ice-cream" is in demand.
5. The importations of cheese are large and hitherto no demand for cheese has arisen among Hindus, because for cheese making the milk is coagulated with animal rennet and all animal products save milk are prohibited. It has long been known that the berry of "Withania coagulans" which grows wild in Sind and is called the Puneria berry has the property of coagulating milk.

Under my instructious, Mr. Keventer has made careful experiments with the berry. The information on record was that "one ounce of the fruit of W, coagulans and 1 quart of boiling water make a decoction, one table spoonful of which will coagulate a gallon of warm milk in about half an hour." After many trials, Mr. Keventer has succeeded in coagulating milk with the vegetable rennet. He has found the best results from using the following recipe: "Dissolve 4 ounces of common salt in a quart of water, warm the solution to $110^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and pour the heated solution into a vessel containing 5 ounces of the berry. After 24 hours, strain. Eight ounces or nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of the extract will curdle 2 gallons of milk at $86^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$."

He reports that this extract coagulates milk as perfectly as the commonly used animal rennet. When milk is coagulated with Withania rennet and the whey filtered off, the filtrate (whey) gives no precipitate with acetic acid, showing that no casein is left in the whey, and that the coagulation is perfect.

It will take years to teach the Hindu to avail himself of this hitherto unknown because forbidden, product, but its utility to the field labourer is especially evident.

Cheese has been made from whole milk with animal rennet; but much has to be studied as regards its ripening in this country before it can be put freely into the market.

Curd cheese from separated milk, a nutritious and cheap food, has been successfully made.
6. Enquiry has arisen as to the possibility of making butter as well as cheeese to supply the local demand for tinned butter and foreign cheese. There is little difficulty in the way. All that is wanted is the capital to manufacture in places, where milk is cheap, on a sufficiently large scale. The Industrial Association of Western India has wisely taken the matter into consideration. There is money to be made in it and it is hoped that private individuals will soon recognize the fact.
7. I have offered to undertake the departmental supply of cow's milk and buffalo butter to the Military Hospitals in Poona in order to secure a regular demand to enable me to extend my experiments with various milking breeds of cattle. Sanction is still awaited, but Mr. Keventer has proved that both cow's and buffalo's milk in this country are superior to tho average milk in England, as the following analysis will show:-

| Analysis of Buffalo's milk in Poona. |  |  |  | Average Analysis of Cow's milk in England. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Water | ... | ... | 82.78 | Water ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 87•25 |
| Fat | ... | $\ldots$ | $7 \cdot 05$ | Fat ... | ... | ... | $3 \cdot 50$ |
| Cascin | ... | ... | $5 \cdot 31$ | Casein ... | ... | ... | $3 \cdot 50$ |
| Sugar and salts | ... | $\ldots$ | $4 \cdot 86$ | Sugar and salts | ** | .. | $5 \cdot 75$ |
| . |  |  | 100.00 |  |  |  | $100 \cdot 00$ |

The proportions of casein and of butter fat are very high. The results of the analysis are corroborated by practical results with the separator. On the average at Poona, 8 gallons of buffalo's and cow's milk have given 6 and 4 lbs, of butter respectively. This richness of milk would hardly be credited if it were not proved by repeated estimations.
8. Mr. Howman, before leaving for England, lent a separator to the European General Hospital, Bombay. The results were satisfactory. Dr. Collie wrote: "By passing the whole milk through the separator, sufficient cream is obtained to make all the butter required in the hospital and the separated milk is utilized for cooking as well as for those patients who are kept exclusively on milk diet. Given this way, buffalo milk loses its peculiar Havour so distasteful to many, is more agreeable to the patients, and appears to be more easily digested." Dr. Collie has indented for a complete set of dairy machines for the use of the hospital.

I may add that separated milk has been found very useful in the Scottish Orphanage at Máhim, whence the following testimony is received :-
"Apart from its dietetic values the separated milk enables us to save one-third of the tea and sugar formerly consumed without increasing the milk bill."

Mr. Howman left on record a scheme for dairy work in India, suggesting the lines on which the enquiries and experiments sloould be made to ascertain the standard by which Indian milk should be judged for purity, i.e., freedom from water and the normal standard of butter fats.


[^0]:    - This work is also necessarily carried on during the whole travelling season, and only that which can be postponed, or which is left incomplete, is disposed of at the close of the year (September and October).

[^1]:    "All animals belonging to a family should be entered against the name of the head of the family, even thoogh the animals are temporarily absent from the village on grazing grounds or elsewhere. Animals belonging to other villages should be excladed."

