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To
Tas CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department, Bombay,
Poona, 9th May 1892.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit the eighth Annual Report of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, for the year ending 31st October 1891.
2. The office of the Director was held as under:- -

| Name of Officer, |  |  |
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Mr. Ozanne visited Dhárwár, Belgaum and Sholápur in November, and Bijápur, Kánara and Ratnágiri in January and February, to discuss with the Collectors measures for the accommodation of Survey Records. In March he again visited Dharrwár and Belgaum to complete arrangements for the introduction and re-distribution of Circle Inspector staff and for the transfer of Survey .Records. From November to March, Mr, Ozanne visited Bombay eight times : once under Government orders to confer with Mr. Hallen, the General Superintendent of Horse-breeding Operations, and Mr. Morgan : twice on business connected with the experimental dairy and at other times to confer with the officers concerned on matters relating to the winding up of the Survey, the establishment of a Civil Veterinary Department and the transfer to Poona of the Compiling Branch of the Trade Statistical Office. He also attended a meeting of the Caamber of Commerce at which Mr. James' proposals for the regulation of the cotton trade were discussed. Mr. Ozanne paid one visit to the Bhadgaon Farm in January, and two visits to Nadiád in December, and in that month was in camp in the Poona District for purposes of special enquiry. Dr. Cooke visited Mahábaleshvar twice; in April to confer with Government and in May to attend the Horticultural Show. In May he also made a short tour of inspection in Belgaum and Dhárwar. I inspected the Bhadgaon Farm with the Superintendent of Farms in August and went to Belgaum in October to discuss with the Collector matters regarding the gradation of Circle Iuspectors in the district.
3. Mr. Mollison took charge as Superintendent of Government Farms in November. He paid occasional visits to Bhadgaon and Nadiád and has been constantly present on the Poonu Farm. His time has necessarily been largely taken up in study of the Agriculture of the Presidency and of Native live-stock. In December he made with the sanction of Government an extended tour in Upper India in company with Mr. Hallen, visiting Ulwár, Hansi, Bábugarh Meerut, Delhi, Ajmere and Khándwa. He also visited Ahmedabad and Cutch to attend the local Shows.
4. For the administration of the Agricultural staff in tho Southern Division, I have had since May the assistance of an experienced Survey officer. The first appointment as Divisional Inspector, Land Records and Agriculture, Southern Division, was held by Mr. Francis and, on his transfer to Berir, Mr. Lushington was appointed, Mr. R. T. Wingato holding chargo for au interval of $2 \frac{1}{2}$ montlas. 0 wing to these changes no tour of inspection was mado by the officers named and they were fully occupied at head-quartcrs in organizing the now staff.

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

5. As described in the last report, paragraphs 5-7, tho inspecting staff has been introduced into the districts of the Southern Division, except Kolaba, where orwing to the nonCollector's charge until 1893. The staff was established in tho other districts in April except in Ratnágiri, where its introduction was deferred till August. The number of Circle Inspectors now fixed in consultation with the Commissioner, for the five districts in which the staff has been introduced, is shown below:-

[^0]Out of the men under column 4, 80 per cent. have under the orders of Government been selected as far as possible from the Survey Lepartment; where this number has not been available the vacancies have been filled up temporarily. The number of Circle Inspectors was reduced under the revised scheme from 39 to 29 in Dhárwár, and from 40 to 25 in Bijápur. Their duties are strictly prescribed under rules, now issued. Many of these duties were formerly assigned to Bhág Kárkúns, and the relief of these officers from out-door inspection is completed by recent orders directing that in districts where the Circle Inspector staff is established they should not be called upon to examine rayats'. receipt books. The Bhág Kárkúns will henceforth be used as full-time men for the strengthening of the Mámlatdár's head-quarter establishment.
6. One Circle Inspector has been attached to each District Inspector as a general-duty classer and to assist in checking measurement work.
7. The Collectors of Ratnágiri and Kánara remark as follows on the Circle Inspector staff in their districts:-

Ratnágiri.-" The Circle Inspector establishment is, as you know, a weak one in this district, being only about 3 to each talluka * * *. The absence of village officers, the extraordinary ruggedness of the country, and the fact that cultivation, poor as it may be, completely covers the whole country, make it necessary that Ratnágiri should have a strong Circle Inspector staff. But while we cannot rest content with ' what we have got, it is a great thing to have made a beginning, and in a year or two we shall be able to say from experience how many additional hands we require."

Kanara.-"The men chosen are of course as yet ignorant of measurement and other survey details. They will no doubt gradually learn this important preliminary to effective work. Most of them were chosen for their ability and previous good work
and they have all had experience of Bhág Kárkin's daties. They cannot be said to be contented in their new position as they consider that the increased amount of work that they will now have to perform, and the greater responsibilities of their new daties, should have been accompanied by an increase of pay. At the same time I do not suppose that they will be wanting in activity and energy."
As regards Ratnágiri, detailed proposals for the re-organization and strengthening of the village staff are under consideration of Government. The circumstances of the district are peculiar and some modification of the general scheme may be necessary. In Kánara the proportion of non-Survey men is temporarily somewhat large, for the reason that Survey subordinates could not hitherto be spared, but in 1892-93 the disbandment of the Survey will make men available.
8. In all the equipped districts a Survey class was formed during the year to train the unskilled men, and an examination was held in the following subjects:-
(1). The Circle Inspector's revised Rules.
(2). The Revenue Manual (so far as it concerns the work of Circle Inspectors).
(3). Rules as to maintenance and repairs of boundary-marks.
(4). Simple measurement including sub-division of numbers in the fields and preparation of field books and plotting on the map.
A class for practical instruction in Survey work for all men not recruited from the Survey Department, was formed at each District head-quarters during September-October before the examination under the supervision of the District Inspector.
9. The old rules prescribed for Circle Inspectors in Dhárwár and Bijápur have been carefully revised and brought up to date
Departmental Rules.
and have received the sanction of Government. To suit the special circumstances of the Ratnágiri District they require considerable modification, and special rules for this district are being drafted. Rules for the guidance of the Divisional and District Inspectors and of the District Survey head-quarter office, have also been drawn up.
10. District Offices and District Inspectors.- Each district is equipped with Pay. a head-quarter office of the strength noted, for Head-quarter Assistants ...Re. 35 the correction and maintenance of Survey Records. Record-keeper ... ... ," 20 This staff works directly under the District In$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Record-kárkan } & \cdots & \cdots & \text { ". } 12 \\ \text { Daftarband } & \cdots & \ldots & \text { spector (pay Rs. } 100-150 \text { ). The District Inspec- }\end{array}$ Daftarband ... ..." 10 tor also compiles and reviews for the Collector the Annual District Returns of Agricultural Statistics. IIe is required to travel for about 8 months during the year, to take tests of Circle Inspectors' work. The supervision of the Circle Inspector staff and the systematic test of their inspection work remains, however, a primary duty of Mámlatdárs and SubDivisional officers.

Iwo of the District Inspectors are graduates who have qualified in the Revenue Department for a Mámlat. Two were transferred frow the Survey Department. In Belgaum the post is held by a passed Agricultural Student of the College of Science, who had previously served for 6 years as Assistant District Inspector.
11. Divisional Inspector.-The duties of this office were described in paragraph 6 of last year's report. While for administrative purposes a Divisional Officer, the Divisional Inspector is, for the maintenance of the Survey Record and in all technical matters, an assistant to the Collectors, and the scheme has worked so far well and without friction.
12. Subordination.-The inspecting staff from the District Inspector down to Circle Inspectors is now directly subordinated to the Collector. But as the Director is held responsible for the correction and maintenance of maps and Survey Records and for the maintenance of the standard of efficiency among Circle Inspectors, new appointments of Circle Inspectors are made by Collectors in consultation with the Director. As regards the technical staff (District Inspector, Head-quarter Assistant, Record-keeper and general-duty classers), the Divisional Inspector has been empowered to make the selection subject to the Collector's. confirmation.
13. Survey Records.- For the accommodation of the Sarrey Records transferred to the Collectors' charge, quarters have been provided in Belgaum and Kidara at a cost of Rs. 4,531 and Rs. G,237. In Ratnígiri tho Records aro at present in temporary quarters. In Dhirwir and Bijápur accommodation has been provided without additional cost. To guard against accidents by firo tho Records are housed in detached compartments, one containing originals and the other duplicates.
14. Inspection.-I now turn to tho inspection work dono during the year. The routine of the Inspector's duties is carried out under the heads noted below, a few changes haring been made from last year:-

November to February.-Crop, waste and boundary-mark inspection.
March to May.-Complete boundary-mark inspection.
June.-Compilation in Mámlatdár's Office of Táluka Forms Nos. 33, 35, 36, 36 A , circle by circle, and then for the taluka.

July.-Test census and check of vital statistics.
August.-Compilation at the taluka of Taluka Form No. 34 and of the Inspection Returns.

September and October.-Ledgering of village statistics and miscellaneous duties under the orders of the Mámlatdár.

Note.-Measurement and classification work and partitions will be carried out during the field season as prescribed in the Rules.
15. Crop and Waste Inspection and Examination of Boundary MIarks.-This corresponds to the test of Village Forms 2 to 4 by táluka kárkuns (general duty) in districts not equipped with the Circle Inspector staff, with the exception that under special sanction Circle Inspectors examine the boundary marks of those numbers only of which they make the crop or waste inspection.

Statement showing percentages.

| District. |  | Year. | Villages inspected, per cent. | Cror Inspection. |  | Wabte Inspiction. |
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|  |  |  |  | Occapied Lands, Percentage inspected. |  | Onoccopied Lands, Sarrey Numbert inspected per cent. |
|  |  |  |  | On Survey Nambers. | On Area, |  |
| DhárwárBijápur... | , | Last <br> Present $\qquad$ <br> Last <br> ** <br> Present ... | $\begin{aligned} & 97 \\ & 86 \\ & 95 \\ & 76 \end{aligned}$ | 7.73 | $5 \cdot 63$ |  |
|  | $\cdots$. |  |  | $7 \cdot 42$ | $5 \cdot 19$ | 28.30 |
|  | ... $\{$ |  |  | 10.09 | $8 \cdot 33$ | 36.77 |
| Bijapur... | $\cdots\{$ |  |  | 8.41 | $7 \cdot 46$ | 35.60 |

There is some falling off in the amount of work done as compared with last year. But most of the Circle Inspectors were employed in connection with the general census for alarge part of the inspection period; in Dhárwár sickness was a hindrance; and heavy rain in Bijápur hindered operations for a fortnight. But the figures prove the need of more supervision, which has now been supplied in the appointment of the Divisional Inspector, and the responsibility of Taluka and Sub-Divisional Officers for the check of work done will, it is hoped, be better appreciated henceforth. The percentage of waste numbers inspected is satisfactory.

The inspection of waste brought to light 11 encroachments in Dhárwar and 4 in Bijapur, of which 1 only was detected by the village officers. The apparent improvement in Bijapur (where 54 cases were discovered last year) is probably not real. The cultivation of boundary strips, a common cause of check, appears this year to have been disregarded, and the matter is under enquiry.

Village crop registration by kulkarnis shows as yet no improvement in

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|  |  |  |  | Per cent. | Per cent. | Per cont. |
| Dharwor. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Present } \\ \text { Last... }\end{array}\right.$ | $\ldots$ |  | 88 | 12 | 48 | 89 |
| Bijapur... $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Lresent } \\ \text { Prest }\end{array}\right.$ | $\cdots$ | 80 | 46 | 17 | ${ }_{21}^{91}$ | 81 |
| Bijapur... (Last ... | $\cdots$ | 82 | 60 | 21 | 48 | 81 | Bijápar and very little in Dhárwár. The number of entriesfound blank and filled in -by Inspectors is greater than last year, nor is any improvement noticeable in the village officers' boundary mark inspection.

It is satisfactory that absentee kulkarnis fell from 19 to 10 and from 5 to 4 in the two districts respectively.
16. The superior check exercised by the District and Assistant District Inspectors is exhibited as follows in percentages :-

| District. |
| :--- |
|  |

In Dhárwár four circles were not visited and the number of Survey numbers tested was less by 50 than last year. This was because the District Inspector and his Assistant were both for some weeks on special duty. The percentage check is greater in both districts. The figures of quality show an improvement iu Circle Inspector's work.

The Collectors' remarks on the Circle and District Inspectors' work are shown below: -

Dharwár.-"The test work done by them appears to be sufficient."
Bijápur.-"The amount of work done by the Inspectors is much less than was the case last year; but that is fully accounted for by the fact that it was necessary to atilize the Circle Inspectors on census duty for nearly four moaths out of the travelling season. ** * * * * ${ }^{*}$. (District Inspector) and his Assistant bas been good, and the undersigned concurs with his predecessor, Mr. Fleet, that since Mr. Náik came to the district the working of the department has gone mach smoother, and for that Mr. Náik is undoubtedly entitled to the credit."
17. As regards the supervision and test of Circle Inspectors' work by the Sub-Divisional Officers, the Collector of Dhárwár has forwarded a statement of tests taken by the 1st Assistant Collector and the District Deputy Collector, no tests by the 2nd Assistant Collector being reported. The 1st Assistant Collector took tests in 82 villages and the District Deputy Collector in 65 villages, in connection with crop and boundary-mark inspection and the census check. But the extent of the test and its nature are not reported. The only remark as to quality made by the District Deputy Collector is that the Circle Inspectors' work was good. A report has been received from the District Deputy Collector only in Bijápur. He tested crop and boundary-mark inspection in 46 Survey numbers of seven villages, and complete boundary-mark inspection in one village. With a few exceptions the work was found satisfactory.. Check census was also tested in three villages. Until a prescribed form for these reports is sanctioned the value of these tests must be in great measure lost.
18. Check Census of Population and Live-stock:-The check census period is now reduced to one month (July). Under the old rules every village was to be visited for this test, but by the revised Rules each circle is divided into two to four divisions according to the number of villages in the circle, population, and means of locomotion, and one division is to be be visited annually. This year, as last, delay in commencement of the test work arose from the detention of Circle Inspectors at the táluka head-quarters for compilation work and in Dhárwár the absence of Kulkarnis at the date of inspection was also an impeding
cause. The tests extended over 395 villages in Dhármár und 317 villages in Bijápur and were made in accordance with rule.

Out of the total number of entries checked in Dhàrwar and Bijápur, 79 and 81 per cent. (against 77 and 70 per cent.) were found correct. No tests were taken by District Inspectors. Though the responsibility of supervision and test primarily rests on Mámlatdirs and Sub-Divisional Officers, the District Inspectors should take casual tests of the census worl during July, and instructions to this effect have been issued.
19. Check of Village Sanitary Forms.-Circle Inspectors are required to make a regular test of Forms XIV and XIV-A.D., along mith the census check, the revised rules now providing for report of omissions and errors in Village Form XIV. The statements received show 66 and 173 omissions of births and 19 and 27 omissions of deaths in Dhárwár and Bijápur. In 31 cases for Dhárwár and in one in Bijápur, the cause of death was omitted, and in six cases for each district it was wrongly shown. These inaccuracies are communicated through Mámlatdárs direct to the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner. Government, while reviewing the last Annual Report of the Sanitary Commissioner, remarked on the improvement to be effected in the Village Sanitary Returns by the organization of the Circle Inspector staff, and the returns will now receive a regular examination supplying information of a precise kind which must eventually lead to better results.
20. Complete Boundary Mark Inspection.-This inspection was carried on from March to May in 104 villages in Dhárwír and 85 in Bijápur, bringing the total of villages inspected to date to 418 in Dhárwár and 530 in Bijápur. The completion of the inspection of the whole district in about 10 years, as estimated in last year's report, may, it is hoped, still be carried out, though the reduction of the Circle Inspector Staff from 39 to 29 and from 40 to 25 has necessarily diminished the rate of progress.

The number of marks found out of repair have decreased by 7 per cent. in Dhárwár, but have increased by 4 in Bijápur. Of the marks re-inspected, 70 per cent. in Dhárwár and 84 per cent. in Bijápur were repaired. Positions of 1,653 and 360 marks in each district were fixed by measurement, and 125 and 37 cases of encroachment were detected. Re-inspection in arrears has been partly but not completely brought up to date.

Statement showing measurement and classing work done by Circle Inspectors.

21. New cases in classes 1.10 very slightly decreased from last year. The increase in classes 1-3 and the decrease in class 5 are the natural effect of the new system, which greatly facilitates the division of land, the correction of marks and the cleck of encroachments. Classes 11 and 12 now no longer occur, the duties involved being carried out by the reinforced Mámlatdar's staff. Cases disposed of (classes 1-10) fell slightly in Bijapur, but considerably in Dharrwar, which is attributed to the reduced number of Inspectors (39 to 29) and their employment on census duty, but this will be remedied under stricter supervision, and meanwhile arrears have not appreciably increased.
22. The usual statement of Head-quarter office work is appended to show the correction accomplished :-

| District. | Number ofCases receivednecessitatitingcorrections inSurveyRecord. | Nomber of Aisarbands. |  | Number of maps and field books corrected. | Number of extracts fromSurvey supplied to Revenue Officers and petitioners. | Number of extracts from field books sent to Circle Inspectors. | Number supplied Officers. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Corrected. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Remaining } \\ \text { for correction } \\ \text { on 1st October. } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Dhárwar | 73 | 143 | 6 | 483 | 144 | 858 | 121 |
| Bijapur ... | 119 | 60 | 53 | 494 | 4 | 575 | 98 |

As regards the heavy arrears in Bijapur it is reported that all the Akarbands in column 4 were received as late as July last, and 20 of them were corrected by 1st October, but not copied fair in the Survey Record. Extracts from 591 Survey numbers out of classer's books were made in Bijápur to complete the duplicate Survey Record.

## 'II.-ANALYSIS OF DISTRICTS WITH REFERENCE TO SECURITY FROM FAMINE.

23. The form of the Circle Book noticed in paragraph 19 of the last year's report is under consideration with reference to the directions of the Government of India issued with Government Resolution No. 7134, dated 16th October 1891.

## III.-COLLECTION OF REVENUE AND RENTAL IN PRECARIOUS TRACTS.

24. During the year no special measures have been called for under Chapter VI of the Bombay Famine Relief Code.

> IV.-MEASURES OF PROTECTION, including-
(1.) Fodder Reserves and Arboriculture.
(2.) E.tension of Commurication.
(3.) Irrigation.
25. No applications were received for Bábhul plantations on remission of assessment, and no new departure has been made under this head.

> V.-AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTS INCLUDING FARMS.
> A.-Experimental Farms.
26. A detailed scheme has been submitted to Government for the extension of Experimental Farms, for a Cattle and Sheep Farm, and for the improvement of the Poona Farm.

Mr. Mollison, the Superintendent of Farms, joined his appointment during the year, and his movements are referred to in paragraph 3 tof , this report. His assistance in the practical management of the Poona. and Bhadgaon Farms and of the Model Dairy has been invaluable, and although it is too early to speak of results, I may confidently say that his appointment has been more than justified
in the improved supervision and working of the institutions in his charge. Mr. Mollison has used his opportunities to study the agricultural conditions of the Presidency with great zeal and success, and I expect in next year's report to be able to refer to distinct advances in more than one direction made with his assistance. For two months in the year he lectures to the Agricultural classes at the College of Science and is now engaged on the preparation of a much-needed text book for their use.

## Bhadgaon Farm.

27. The rainfall ( 29 inches) though much above that of the previous year was not well distributed. The greater part fell by the first week in August, and the result was that both the principal crops, cotton and jowári, suffered. The former, especially the American variety, was injured by the heavy fall in early August, and the latter by deficient rain at the time of flowering. Irrigation had to be resorted to for all rabi crops, but the Jámda Canal went dry before they were harvested. The indifferent season and low prices have led to a compa. ratively poor financial result. The net profit per acre was about Rs. 4 as against Rs. 10 in the previous year. Besides the Superintendent's pay (Rs. 3,000), the net cost of the farm was Rs. 6,827 as against Rs. 743 in the previous year. Nearly half of this loss was debited to live-stock, which depreciated in value by Rs. 1,000 through an epidemic of rinderpest and was maintained at a loss of Rs. 3,015 . I have, however, considerably reduced the Mysore herd which was being maintained at a cost disproportionate to its value.

## General Cultivation.

Jowári-Besides the local variety, the Jalálpur (Surat) and Jabalpur (Central Provinces) varieties were grown. The Jabalpur millet seems not to differ from the common sort. The Jalalpur also has not proved itself better than the Khándesh variety. On the whole, the outturn was fair, but prices were so low that but for its fodder value the crop would not have paid for cultivation.

Bájri.-Nadiad " bajro," a giant variety, formerly unknown in Khándesh, was sown on a plot and attracted much attention owing to the large size of its ears and the sweetness of the grain. The experiment is being continued.

Wheat and Gram.-The wheat and gram area was irrigated. A wheat crop sown in rows $8^{\prime \prime}$ apart was found to yield better than one sown according to custom. at distances of 12 inches.

## Experimental Area.

As in the previous year the most interesting experiments were in cotton and wheat.

Cotton.-Broach cotton was tried on the farm for the first time and was not found to succeed. Samples of the varieties previously grown were submitted to the Chamber of Commerce, but the result is inconclusive as, owing to their proximity to a field which was irrigated throughout the season, the plots of Varadi, Dhárwádi, Bani and Jari got sufficient moisture, while the other cotton plots were withering for want of it. The American varieties, (except Upland), grown in experimental plots and richly manured, yielded poorly. Jari cotton introduced last year from the Central Provinces gave an extraordinary crop and ripened in November instead of in February, its normal season. This goes, as the Superintendent observes, to confirm Dr. Watt's hybridization theory. The local Varádi has in a single year's contact shortened the staple and reduced the period of maturity, and has assimilated the new variety to itself also in quantity of outturn. The experiment with Sea Island Cotton has been abandoned; the plants which are perennial, dying the year after planting.

The second series, of experiments to test the changes in the colour and

Permanency of colour and consisteucy of wheat. consistency of wheat was commenced. Contrary to past experience the new seed produced better results in its first year than the local seed. This may partly be due to some accidental advantage ; and hard white, which gave the best results, is not a stranger to this district. A small plot was sown with the valuable

Muzafarnagar soft white with most satisfactory results. Again no change in colour or consistency was noticed, and it may be taken that these outside wheats are stable when grown in the Deccan.

Sugarcane.-The two Cuban varieties of sugarcane (Lahona and Lohina) obtained from Saháranpur, which last year compared unfavourably with the local white variety, tillered well and have shown valuable qualities, which will be further tested at the Poona Farm.

Other experiments.-The Kademi or Kabuli gram from Cawnpore and the huskless barley from Saháranpur yielded fairly well. Potatoes were tried but not with success. The seed was from the Poona District, where fungoid disease has prevailed during the last four years and the crop was attacked by this blight.

Manures.-A large number of manures were tried but with irregular results, and all that can be deduced at present is that farm-yard manure and oilcake as commonly applied by cultivators are more profitable than chemical and other expensive fertilizers. Green manuring is being tried with success. The "patent silicate manure" was tried at the request of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and was applied to irrigated wheat at the rate of 5 cwt . per acre. It did not appear to benefit the crop either in appearance or in yield.

Fodder Crops.-Jowári, Rheana Luxurians and lucerne were grown experimentally. Lucerne weight for weight showed a great superiority to jowari and the Rheana Luxurians, an African plant, now first introduced, promises well and will be more largely tested nest year.

Ensilage.-A new feature was introduced by the trial of stack silage, but it was found that the wastage was so heary as to counterbalance its advantages over the pit system in facility of construction and in superior sweetness of fodder.

Cattle.-During the year 27 bull-calves averaging 18 months were sold for the satisfactory sum of Rs. 1,080 . The Mysore herd has been thinned by weeding out, with great advantage. The goat herd has been largely increased by additions from the best Native and Arabian breeds, and besides being a source of profit it is hoped to effect a good deal in the way of improving the local strain.

## Poona Farm.

'28. The cultivated area of the farm is $34 \frac{1}{2}$ acres, of which 3 acres are devoted to experiment. The farm was maintained at a net cost of Rs. 3,754 of which Rs. 95 were debited to the dairy herd.

Among other experiments one with sugarcane has been conducted on this farm with the objects (1) to test how long it can be grown without replanting, with proper tillage and manure; (2) to ascertain which of the manures ordinarily applied gives the best results; and (3) to show what crops can profitably be rotated with cane. The plots however lave been found to be too uneven in quality to give certain results. The whole scheme of experiment will now be reorganized under Mr. Mollison's care. A fairly good area for the purpose has been found, and special attention will be paid to newly introduced plants, to manures, and to fodder crops at this farm.

## Dairy Herd.

The farm is now well stocked, the present strength being 55 head. The dairy is being worked at a profit with the improved European appliances and has furnished a model for similar establishments in other parts of India. It meets the whole of the Commissariat demands for milk products and has given a decided impetus to the adoption of scientific dairy methods. As some details of the dairy operations may be usefully published, I follow the example of last year's report in printing an appendix (A) dealing with this subject:

The Ganeshkhind gardens worked at a net profit of Rs. 54. The year was a poor one for mangoes and only Rs. 85 were realized. Rs. 87 were realized by the sale of mango grafts.

## Nadiád Farm.

29. There is not much new to report about this farm except that, at the instance of Mr. Ozanne, an agricultural passed student has been appointed to

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take charge of the farm and that the seed depot, hitherto kept up at a loss, has now succeeded in attracting customers. The Superintendent of Furms has drawn up a cropping scheme for six years for this farm. It was cultivated at a loss of Rs. 11 per acre, the cultivated area being only 7 acres and 26 gunthas.


## The Sind Farm (Hydorabad.)

30. The Hyderabad Farm, under the charge of the Local Board, was worked at a loss of R. 524. The future of this farm, which the District Board no longer desires to keep, is under consideration.

## Emprose Garions.

31. The gardens were worked at a cost of Rs. 3,022 or Rs. 400 less than in the previous year. The gross expenditure amounted to lis. 8,052 , being $\mathbf{R e}_{\mathrm{k}} 338$ under the budget grant, and the gross receipts rose from Rs. 5,592 to Rs. 6,030.

The large sales of seeds of vegetables and forage plants are a particularly satisfactory feature in connection with these gardens, and under the new management better results both in this respect and as regards the fioral management may be confidently looked for. The gardens have efficiently fulfilled their object of supplying seeds to soldiers and of affording a recreation and botanical garden.
B.-Experiments on various Indigenous and Exotic Products.

1. Wheat
2. The distribution of selected Muzaffarnagar seed was continued in the Nára Valley of the Thar and Párkar District, 339 maunds of fresh seed being purchased with the Government grant of Rs. 1,000, and the sum allotted by the District Local Board. The area under the introduced variety fell from 4,107 acres to 3,166 scres or by 23 per cent., but has maintained its proportion to the total area under wheat. - A low inundation and the prevalence in parts of mildew reduced the acre rate of produce from 392 to 259 lbw . The following table gives the details:-


Eldenemi Maund - 80 lbm
Government have sanctioned a further grant of Rs. 1,000 and the experiment will be continued next season. Experience has shown that the Mithrau is better suited to wheat cultivation than the Khipra Canal and the cultivation of the introduced variety will next season be confined to the former.
2. Cotton. .
33. Twenty lbs. of hand-ginned Dhárwár-American obtained through this department was sown on specially selected virgin land near Umarkot. The crop is reported to be very promising, but was not gathered at the time of report. The acclimatized American seed was also sown in a few small plots and is reported to have yielded fairly.

## 3. Arrowroot

34. Mr. Gogte of Dápoli (Ratnagiri) planted, as last year, 10 acres with arrowroot. The Commissariat demand has been very short (only 12 lbs .), and though he has been able to sell some to the public, the bulk of the stock remains on band.
35. Coffee.
36. Mr. Gogte is experimenting also with coffee. He has a plantation of about 300 bearing trees, which produced on an average 2 lbs . of berries per tree. Mr. Gogte's experience is that in the Konkan the tree flourishes on reddish sandy soil four miles from the sea with water at from 12 to 15 feet from the surface. The trees require shade, and Mr. Gogte bas dotted his plantation with jack-trees. A compost of pounded sesame straw, prickly-pear (Euphorbia nerifolia) and waste water from the arrowroot manufacture is said to form a good dressing.

## 5. Borneo Tobacco.

36. The Borneo Tobacco seed received in April 1890 from the Government of India was distributed for experimental cultivation on the Bhadgaon, Hyderabad and Nadiád Farms. Only at Nadiád was a crop obtained, but the cost of cultivation was greater than the value. On the Bhadgaon Farm, owing to the unsuitability of the soil, the plants died after transplantation. At Hyderabad the plants grew vigorously throwing out good sized leaves until they were injured by wet in December and January. Damp further damaged the leaves in curing and rendered them unfit for use.

## 6. Strawberry.

37. The Saháranpur strawberry plants grown at Mahábaleshvar are reported to be in a flourishing condition and this year's produce, exhibited in the local Horticultural Show, carried off a first prize. Some English strawberry plants have been obtained and distributed to local Mális and Dhâvads.

## 7. Indigo.

38. Indigo was persevered with in Junágad only, where owing to deficiency of rain, the outturn was smaller than in the previous year, 28 acres producing 4 maunds of the dye.

## 8. Date-Palm.

39. From the reports received, the 1888-89 plantations are doing well, with plants 2 to 5 feet high everywhere, except in Porbandar, where hot winds killed many of the young palms. Seedlings from seed distributed in 1889-90 are healthy and about a foot high. This year again about 80 lbs . of seed and 50 offsets were distributed. Except where sowing was retarded owing to late rain, the seed has sprouted well and seedlings are thriving. The offsets have also done well. A number of these are in the Ganeshkhind garden.

The large Sind plantations from Djereed seed are making good progress. Out of the seedlings raised in the Karáchi Municipal gardens 824 have been planted out with varying success. Seedlings have been planted in the Burns gardens to replace dead plants from the original plantation of Persian date, but in this plantation the nature of the soil is brackish. and unfavourable. Roadside plantations have also been made, and others in good soil with water facilities. Dr. Kaka, the Acting Secretary, takes much interest in the experiment, and the results of these plantations under varying conditions of soil, situation and water, will be valuable as a guide for future plantations in Sind.

In some tálukas of Karáchi the seed has not germinated. In Hyderabad, Shikárpur and Khairpur, the plantations have lost many seedlings, but a good proportion have established themselves. Whether these trees will prove of use except for shade and ornament cannot be predicted for some years to come.

## 9. Divi-divi.

40. The Bhadgaon Farm produce was sold locally for Rs. 90 ; this is an advance on the profit of last year and there are good hopes of an industry being established as the trees grow and their value becomes known.

## 10. Potato Disease.

41. A potato disease has made its appearance for 4 or 5 years past in the Khed and Junnar tálukas and was brought to notice by me when Assistant Collector in the Poona District. It appears to be rapidly spreading and to have its origin in the exhaustion of the soil consequent upon long continued cultivation of this profitable crop. Many fields were this year an entire loss and the supply of locally grown potatoes has fallen off both in quality and quantity.

The disease, from a ring-like appearance on section of the tuber, is known to natires as the "Bingadi" or bangle discase. Its symptoms consist in arrested growth of the tuber and mithering of the green top. It is often to be detected outside an apparently sound potato by a small livid spot. Later in its growth the potato rots away. Sometimes the disease appears in patches of the field, but more commonly all over it, sound plants and unsound being mixed together.

The nature of the blight is obscure. The cultivators have tried fresh seed from Poona, and selected local seed without doing much good. It is doubtful whether measures of a curative nature, such as the application of sulphate of copper and lime solutions in the form of spray, which have been satisfactorily adopted in France and Germany, can be adopted with success in this country. The introduction of sound seed potatoes grown in a distant soil untainted by the disease and of hardy constitution offers a possible remedy of a temporary nature. Such seed often shows powers of resistance, which for some years at least, may combat the evil.

Potato seed to the value of Rs. 300 has been imported from Sóharanpur, Mahábaleshvar, Bangalore and Ootacamund and is being distributed to cultivators on the following conditions:-

## (a) Re-payment of the seed in kind after harvest.

(b) The seed to be sown unmixed vith other seed and the result to be reported for the information of this Department through the Mámlatdar.
Potato seed of approved varieties purchased from Messrs. Sutton and Sons of Reading has been planted on the Poona Farm. The potatnes grown from this will come in for distribution next year as seed for the affected district.
C.-Utilization of Bones for manure.
42. The export of bones from the port of Bombay during the year under report amounted to 13,653 tons valued at Rs. $8,23,584$, a decrease of about 16 per cent. Of the total, the United Kingdom took 85 per cent., and the rest was taken by Belgium, France and Germany, the last two markets being new ones.

Messrs. Croft and Wells of Bombay furnished $2 \ddagger$ tons of their No. 5 bone meal for experimental purposes. It was tried both at the Bhadgaon and the Poona Farms, at the former on irrigated wheat and at the latter on sugarcane. The results have been inconclusive, but in future bone manure will be prepared at the farms, the price of the meal being higher than ordinary agriculturists can afford. The question will then be how bones compare in cost and as a fertilizer with the oil-cake and other manures in common use:

> D.-Takávi Advances.

43. The total advances are nearly double those of the previous year, and the increase is observable notably in the Karnátak, where the rise is 217 per cent. In the Konkan the increase is still higher, but the total amount is comparatively insignificant and is almost wholly confined to one district-Kánara. In Sind more than ${ }^{4}$ ths of the advances are for the purchase of seed and cattle.

Although some of the district reports explain the absence of applications for Takávi by the fact that the cultivators are well-to-do, there are many other causes at work. In Bijápur, one of the poorest districts, the advances have fallen off, while in Belgaum and Dhárwár enormous strides have been made, much of the money going for such operations as the clearing of prickly-pear and the eradication of deep-rooted grasses. Many reasons for this difference suggest themselves, but none can be stated with any certainty, till an equal effort at popularization has been made in all the districts. In Belgaum, no increase would have occurred but for the vigorous initiation of the Collector. He reports that there is reason to believe that one result of the extension of Takávi has been that the Sowkars " have materially lowered their exorbitant rates of interest."

In the Konkan there seems to be little prospect of extending loans. Thána and Kolába, Mr. Sinclair thinks, are in the hands of capitalists and other persons to whom advances would be useless, and, in the opinion of Mr. Cumine, the tenures of Ratnágiri are against this system. In Kánara the Collector effected a conciderable increase in the amount taken up, and here and throughout the Karnátak and Deccan the extension may be expected to continue. Poona took no advances this year.

In Gujarát several districts have made sudden demands. The increase here also is probably due to more complete publication assisted by the simplified rules.

## E.-Locust attacks of the year.

44. Large flights of locusts appeared in November-December, and traversed various parts of Gujarát and Káthiáwár. Some penetrated from NorthWest India across the Central Provinces and passed over portions of Khándesh, Násik, Ahmednagar, Poona, Sholápur, Bijápur, Kolhápur and Dhárwár; and a few crossed over to Kolába, Ratnágiri and Kánara in the Konkan. The flights passed rapidly from place to place, so that the total damage was spread over too wide an area to be much felt in any one district. All these belonged to the species Acridium Peregrinum. The locusts again appeared in May-June in parts of Khándesh, Gujarát, Káthiáwár and Ratnágiri, feeding on leaves mainly, as there was scarcely any cultivation at this time. In Sind they infested Karáchi, Thar and Párkar and Frontier Districts, lingering longest in the last district.

The specimens of locusts received from the District Officers were as last year forwarded to the Indian Museum for identification. This has resulted in the detection of a new locust enemy in the shape of a parasite. The specimen from Pálitína (Káthiáwár) was on dissection found to contain two grubs of a dipterous insect lodged in the cavity and muscles of the thorax. The grubs found were so large and were lodged so deep in the tissues that they would certainly have killed the insect. Similar grubs were found in specimens sent from the Upper Sind Frontier. Every locust afflicted with this parasite must necessarily die, and as the latter reproduces itself with extraordinary rapidity, Mr. Cotes hopes that "it will prove a valuable ally in reducing the number of locusts." As to the probable history of the grub, he writes-"'The large winged fly, which is the mature form of the grub, lays an egg on the back of the locust; out of this egg hatches a minute grub, which bores its way into the tissues and gradually grows at the expense of the locust until it gets to the size of a big grain of boilcd rice; it then cuts its way out of the locust, which would by this time probably have fallen to the ground from exhaustion and buries itself in the ground where it transforms into a compact brown pupa, from which the fy shortly emerges ready to copulate, and in the case of the female to lay eggs of its own."

In $\Delta$ ugust last specimens of grasshoppers described as destroying young shoots of the Kharif crops on the Upper Sind Frontier were sent to the Indian Museum. They were identified with Epacromia Dorsalis. Little is known about these insects. They may be of local origin and would not probably do any serious damage.

## F.-Improved Agricultural Implements.

45. The "Planet Jr." hoes mentioned in last year's report (para. 37) have been useful in the Government farms and at Nadiád, but cultivators have not - 1092-4
taken them up; as with most European implements, they cannot compete in cost with the rayats' tools, which for ordinary cultivation are fully useful.

An American grass mower and a rake, both worked by bullock power, were tried on the Bladgaon Farm with the result of a saving of Rs. 1-13.0 per ton of grass cut and raked. The average working capacity of these implements is six tons of grass cut and raked per day. The mower works perfectly on ground of a very uneven character.

The price of these implements is Rs. 350 for the mower and Rs. 100 for the rake. They are both excellent machines for use by army departments or wherever hay or fodder is cut in large quantities. I saw the machines worked on very rough grass land for the Commissariat Contractor at Poona. He has purchased a number of the machines and their use will probably extend wherever labour is not cheap.

## G.-Trade in Wheat.

46. Appendix B shows the exports of wheat from the ports of Bombay and Karáchi since 1880. The exports from Bombay began to fall in 1887 and reached in 1890 their lowest term since 1881. The highest limit was reached in 1886, mainly in consequence of the failure of the Russian harvests. Judged by the exports during the eight months ending August last this year's exports, from a similar cause, are expected to beat the record of 1886. The partial failure of wheat and rye crops in Europe has also created an unusually heavy demand for Indian wheat. High prices, a falling exchange, and the holding off of rain for a time considerably beyond the usual date, thus facilitating transport, have all been in favour of the wheat trade. The receipts by rail into the port of Bombay during the quarter ending 30th June 1891 (the chief period of shipment) nearly trebled those for the corresponding period of the previous year. This rise has taken place in spite of an unfavourable season both in the Presidency and in Berár. The exports from Karáchi have been rising since their abnormal fall in 1887 and this year's figures will as in Bombay exceed those of any previous year. The estimated outturns of Sind and the Panjáb, which contribute the whole of these exports, show no corresponding increase. It is therefore clear that an abnormal demand has drained the country of large quantities of wheat which would in ordinary circumstances have been used for local consumption.
H.-Cotton.
47. The important discussion on the adulteration and deterioration of Indian cottons raised by Mr: James and the opinions of mercantile bodies on the legislation suggested cannot be dealt with here in detail. Generally the trade has been 2dverse to interference in the shape of a revival of legislation against undeclared mixture of staples, and the policy of attempting to force the higher grades of cotton upon the grower has not met with favour. The Indian growths, good, bad and indifferent, have been fairly ousted from the. Liverpool market by the increasing competition of continental mills, backed with the advantage of cheap labour; a result further precipitated by the cheapness and enormous output of Anierican cotton. It is more than doubtful whether any legislation could hinder a change due to causes of this nature, especially when it is lorne in mind that the best of Indian fine cottons cannot compete on their merits with fair American, while they yield a smaller quantitative return per acre. As regards the results to the Bombay cotton grower, no harm has accrued. His market has changed place, but is larger than ever. The Bombay and sind acreage, under cotton stands thus :-


The figures for Berár are still more significant. In 1890-91 the highest area on record was attained.

The exports of the Bombay Presidency and Sind show a steady progress (excluding the abnormal trade of 1881 to 1883) allowing for ordinary fluctuations.
(Indian maunds of $82 \frac{2}{7} \mathrm{lbs}$.)

| Year. |  |  |  | Bombay Presidency (proper). | Province of Sind. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1880-81 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4,383,197 | 142,379 |
| 1881.82 | ... | ... | ... | 6,034,033 | 179,354 |
| 1882-83 | ... | ... | ... | 6,664,551 | 136,566 |
| 1883-84 | .. | $\cdots$ | ... | 6,208,891 | -94,943 |
| 1884-85 | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 5,532,384 | 97,537 |
| 1885-86 | ... | . | ... | 4,4:37,817 | 169,564 |
| 1886.87 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 5,332,737 | 203,392 |
| 1887.88 | ... |  | ... | 5,348,562 | 178,489 |
| 1888-89 | ... | ... |  | 5,714,301 | 177,463 |
| 1889-90 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 6,559,220 | 196,685 |
| 1890.91 | ... | ... |  | 6,209,948 | 164,456 |

The demand therefore for the coarse Indian cottons, following economic changes on the Continent, is steady and increasing, and their gradual encroachment upon the finer but less profuse staples seems to be natural and inevitable so long as these conditions persist.

- In August Dr. Watt and Mr. E. Thưrston met Dr. T. Cooke and myself in conference at Poona, to discuss the destructive hybridization to which cotton is peculiarly subject and the means of dealing with it. Dr. Watt is of opinion that no cotton in India is botanically a pure species and his object is by culture to reach a form which may.be as far as possible stable. As a first step a census of existing forms of Bombay cotton is being made to form a definite basis of comparison, while experiments have been arranged for at the Poona Farm with the object of ascertaining the botanical affinities of the trade staples, and if possible, obtaining a cotton plant of indigenous stock of a staple comparable to that of exotic varieties, while resisting the tendency of those varieties to degenerate by hybridization.

At this conference the nature of cotton and silk collections to be made through this Department for the Imperial Institute was discussed and settled.

## 'I.-Cotton Saw-gins at Dhárwár.

43. One steam roller-gin has been added to the 15 steam-gins existing last year. It may be noted that the Kumpta cotton is steadily encroaching on the esotic variety in this district, for which the saw-gins were introduced. A few small steam-ginning factories have stopped work owing to the expense of employing certificated Engineers how required under the Steam Boilers Inspection Act ; hand-gins to some extent taking their place.' Thè Government Factory for repairing saw-gins continued to work during the year under report. .

44. As noted last year forecasts for the important oilseeds.-Sesame, linseed and rapeseed-have been added to those on cotton and wheat. The following statement summarises the results as given in the final reports:-

[^1]The forecasts of area again correspond closely with the Agricultural Returns of actuals, viz.:-


The oilseeds, being a new departure, are out by 8 and 7 per cent' respectively, but these are largely grown as row crops and are dificult to estimate. Rapeseed is a Sind crop only, and the information received proved to be greatly inaccurate, vitiating the forecast altogether.

The outturn is of course only an approximate estimate.

> K.-Agricultural Shows and Exhibitions:
50. The shows subsidised by Government were :-


Piona Horse Show.-There was an increase of 70 over the exhibits (233) of last year, due probably to a favourable season and an increase in the value of prizes offered. But the quality of the exhibits was poor. The broodmare class alone showed some fine animals, while the only, other classes, which the judges could pronounce to be good or fair were the yearlings and 3-year-old fillies. The Committee pointed out in connection with this show that the purchase by Remount Officers of mares and fillies was opposed to thie interests of IIorse-breeding; but on reference to the. Military Department of Government it has not been . found possible to impose the desired restriction.

Ríjkot Horse Show.-The total number of exhibits" was 1,190 as compared with 610 of the previous year and 35 ; of 1888 . Most of these (925) were contributed by the Hálár Pránt and the rest by other Káthiạwár States; 900 were the property of Girasias and other bonâ fide cultivatorṣ aṇd the rest mainly of the seycral Darbars. His Excellency the Governor was present, 27 horses changed liands in all as compared with 16 in the previous year:. No atmy remounts are yet obtainahle in Káthiáwár.: 26 catries were shown in the remount class, of which 3 were purchased for police. $\because$ : !.

The broodmares were very good, especially those belonging to the "Native Chiefs, and the yearling stock was good. The two-year colt and filly class was good, lut the 3 -or 4 -year-olds were inferior.

Is. 1983 were given in"prizes includint silver "melals. The principal prize winners anong the States were Bhavnagar, Morvi and Gondat, and many of the
money prizes went to Girássias of Morvi, Nagar and Vánk\{́ner. The quality of stock at the Show remains very low and much unsoundness is exhibited. It would be of great advantage if some of the Chiefs would introduce Veterinary establishments in this part of the country.

Ahmadinägar Horsé and Cutlle and Agricultural Show:-Being held after an interval of 3 years, the Show was less successful than that held in November 1887. The rains also having held off during the earlier part of the season, the Show had to be postiponed till the end of December when agricultural operations were in full progresa and exhibitors could with difficulty attend. The number of exhibits in all branches of the Show was much less than on previous occasions. It has therefore been resolved that the Show should be held in future years not later than Octọber or November.

The total number of horse exhibits was 160 as compared with 288 in 1887. The quality of the animals exhibited was good, the classes for young stock, especially three-year-old fillies being noticeable. 12 animals were purchased for remount purposes. In the opinion of the Army Remount Agent, the result of the Show has been satisfactory. The Show was not restricted as previously to animals from the Ahmadnagar District and 39 exhibits were admitted from the neighbouring tálukas of Poona.

The Cattle and Agricultural Show was poor. There was a falling off of 176 entries as compared with 1887. Rs. 160 were awarded as prize to 16 animals, but none of them appear to have belonged to bond fide cultivators, which robs this branch of the Show of much of its interest.

The Agricultural Exhibition also was not a success, the specimens of grain, seeds; vegetables and fruit being with few exceptions of an indifferent character. Rs. 192 were awarded in prizes ( 71 in all) for grain and seed exhibits. Fruit and vegetables were of an ordinary description. Rs. 65 were spent in prizes for miscellaneous products viz., sugar-cane, molasses, tobucco, fibres, lucerne and guinea-grass. The total spent in prizes was Rs. 1,146.
$\therefore \quad$ Siñd Horse Show-Held this year at Jacobabad. In all, the number of animals brought up was 1,404 as compared with 1.038 produced at the Shikárpur :Show in the previous year and no'fewer than 1,369 animals were classified and registered."This narked increase was accompanied by a general improvement in quality. The following statement shows the ,estent to which the various districts were represented;--

. The distinctive feature ${ }^{2}$ of the Show was, ass usual, the large number of mares éxhibited by Beluchis and Sind Jamindsres. The pony and mule classes were also well filled $:=$
-. In'the class for remounts ( 178 against 95 last year) there was a satisfactory increase in the number of exhibits, which are described by the judges as 'fairly good'. but, somewhat 'small', : 57 were purchasai by the Army Remount Agent. $\because$ In all, $\mathbf{1 4 7}$ horses at a cost of h.s. 31,633 were purchased by the representatives of the various Government $D$ epartments.

- 'Rs. 4,325 were given away in prizes; nearly one-hall of which was carried :of by breeders from Beluchistañ, although their exhibits numbered less than one -third of the total.

126 animals were branded at the Show by the Superintendent, Horse Breeding Department, Bombay!
. . . Mule-breeding continues to make fair "profiresss 85 animals of different ages were exhibited and 8 prizes were, given, This industry only, requires attenation on the part of army purchasers to develop considerably. The Show was altogether most successful, ${ }^{-}$.

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Ahmadalad Horse Show. - The show was ap improvement on that of the last year as regards both number and quality of the exhibits, which were mostly the property of cultivators and bond fide breeders.

The total number of exhibits was 703 as compared with 637 in 1890. The

| District or State. | Anlmals | Prize |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Abmadabad | 279 | 1,463 |
| Kaira | 85 | 445 |
| Baroda ... | 172 | 290 |
| Mahi Kantha | 54 | 195 |
| Other places ... | 113 | 140 |
| Given to geldings by way of en couragement ... | ... | 40 |
|  | 703 | 2,575 | marginal table shorss the number of exhibits sent by each district and the amount of prizes awarded. The remount class (62) was a fairly good one and twice as large as that (31) of 1890 , and most of them found purchasers. The classes for ponies and broodmares were well represented, but the young stock was mostly poor. Very few geldings and poor were exhibited, but with a view to encourage castration not only were all the advertised prizes awarded, but several extra prizes were given to owners who allowed their animals to be gelt on the spot. 114 prizes amounting to Rs. 2,575 were awarded and about Rs. 1,205 were withheld by the judges.

Chinchli.-There was no show during the year.
Mfahibaleshvar Borticultural Exhibition.-This show was held at the Reay Gardens on the 1st May under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor. The total cost of the exhibition was R.s. 910, of which Rs. 563 were realized by subscriptions and sale of tickets, and the balance was derived from the savings of the last exhibition held in 1881. The exhibits, which were restricted to an area of 20 miles round Mahábaleshvar, were divided into four classes-flower, fruit, vegetable, and miscellaneous. The vegetable class included the produce of imported seed from English seedsmen, Simla and Lucknow. In the miscellaneous class were exhibited samples of jam, Mabábaleshrar and Panchgani coffee, Mahabaleshvar arrowroot, honey in combs, bees-wax and flowers. This exnibition sbould produce good results.

## VI.-HORSE AND CATTLE-BREEDING AND VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENT. Civil Veterinary Department.

51. The Department has been organized as regards the establishment of Veterinary Dispensaries in 12 districts, under subsidy of Gorernment, and the relations of the Superintendent, Horse-breeding Operations, to the Department of Land Records and Agriculture have been defined. The Veterinary Dispensaries are to be in charge of graduates of the Bombay Veterinary College, employed as servants of the District Local Board, on salaries of Ms. $50-100$. Their duties have been prescribed, and in addition to ordinary hospital work comprise-
(a) the superintendence of Government Stallions.
(b) castration.
(c) attendance at shows.
(d) repression of epidemic disease in the district.

Provision has been made for the addition, wherever possible, of a travelling graduate, towards whose pay a further contribution is made by Government. This step is of great importance, as it is impossible for officers in charge of dispensaries to attend to epidemics in their districts or to visit the villages without detriment to hospital work. Through these officers much improvement in the treatment of stock should result; they will encourage owners to send difficult cases to the kospital ; and they are to report the existence of epidemic disease for the Inperial
Bacteriologist.

Under Government Resolution No. 8083- $\Lambda$ of 15th November 1890, a Con- $-\cdots$ ference was. held at Poona under the presidency of Sir E. Buck, at which Mr. Hallen, Mr. Ozanne, Dr. T'. Cooke, Major IIumfrey, Mr. Steel and Mr. Grainger were present. Dr. Lingard and Mr. Cooper, A.V.D., attended. At this Conference the conduct of the Bacteriological Laboratory and of Veterinary and HorseBreeding Operations as concerned with Imperial interests formed the subjects of discussion. As regards horse-breeding a number of questions were raised, the chief of which have been the subject of separate consideration by Government.

The Annual Report of the Horse-Breeding Department was reviewed by this Department for the first time.

The number of stallions has increásed by one, being now 104. The average annual cost is $5 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. below that of last year though still heavy ( $\mathrm{Rs}, 343.5-5$ ). The average of mares covered ( 3,270 in all) was 37.5 per stallion. The produce, return is unreliable.

The number of mares branded was 1,046 , a decrease on the previous year. Remounts to the number of 572 were purchased, also a decrease from last year (643).
'Mule-breeding has made considerable progress in Sind, but none in the Presidency Proper.

Subjects which have been brought prominently forward are the under-working of the fovernment stallions and the inefficiency of the existing branding system to provide the work wanting. Attention has also been drawn to the want of exercise, which interferes with the competence of the stallions and probably is the cause of a somewhat heavy list of casualties. Castration makes little progress.

## Veterinary Dispensaries.

52. Excluding the Poona Dispensary attached to the College of Science Ahmadabad. $\quad$ Dhalia. (which has since been made a District Dispensary), Nadiád. there were four dispensaries in working order. The otber districts are for the most part prepared to take advantage of the liberal concessions of Government, and progress will be reported next year.

The Principal of the Bombay Veterinary College, who has reviewed the reports of the four dispensaries, is on the whole satisfied with the results. Itinerating graduates are the chief need. During the year under report the hospitals were not receiving the full support of Government now granted, and for want of funds not much advance could be made. The Local Fund grants will, in most cases, bear an increase and the levy of small fees may afford some assistance. Meanwhile, the people show themselves ready to accept the Veterinary assistance offered. In the 4 dispensaries 2,503 animals were treated out of which 51 percent. were cured, 19 per cent. relieved, 3 per cent. died, 3 per cent. were returned incurable, 22 per cent. appear as results unknown and 2 per cent. remained under treatment. An unduly large number of cases returued as "results unknown" points to one of the chief difficulties met with viz., that, failing immediate and miraculous cure, rayats are apt to take their animals away prematurely. I attach brief notes on each dispensary.

Ahmadabad.-An average of 4 in-patients and 19 out-patients daily. The Collector has taken steps for the increase of the contributions from the Pinjrapol, Municipal and Local Fund. Mr. Bhatt did good work, but could not leave his dispensary to see to cases of foot and mouth disease which appeared in the district. A travelling Veterinarian is much required in this district. Receipts Rs. 1,116 , expenditure R's. 1,i,09.

Nadiád.-Rinderpest and foot and mouth disease appeared in the district and the Veterinary graduate spent 3 months travelling, greatly to the damage of the hospital work. A travelling assistant has since been appointed and the dispensary results may be expected to improve rapidly. 675 animals were treated in the hospital (of which 20 per cent, were from outside) and 196 in the villages. Receipts Rs. 1,393; expenditure Rs. 1178. No in-door accommodation.

Dhulia_-Average attendance of out-patients í10. In-door accommodation "deficient. " Rinderpest was severe in parts of the district, but not much could be done owing to the 'absence of a second Veterinary Officer. An outbreak of sheep-pox was taken in hand by Mr. Mehta, Superintendent of the Bhadgaon Farm. Receipts Rs. 1,300, expenditure Rs. 1,219.

Násib.-This dispensary receives its chief income from the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The hospital has been well managed and no less than 129 in-door patients were treated and about the same pumber of out-patients; the daily average attendance being 13:5. Sume attendance at private stables was given at a low fee and publicity was given to the uses of the hospital by the distribution of printed handbills in outlying villages. The institution owes much to Miss Harvey of the Zanana Mission, who-takes a lively interest in its welfare. Eight prosecutions were undertaken under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Receipts Rs. 1,600, expenditure Rs. 1,163.

## Cattle Disease.

53. The year was tolerably healthy, severe attacks of diseaso (Rinderpest in both cases) occurring only in Surat and Khíndesh. In Surat the Collector deputed a Veterinarian to visit the alfected tracts. There is no doubt that at present the great bulk of disease among farm stock remains unreported. The Collector of Surat remarks that "tho riagat has so long been accustomed to look on cattlo disease as a visitation of Gud, for which tharo is no help that he has not yet got into tho habit of complaining about it." There was a great deal of mortality in Poona, espocially among young stock, but it was not attributable to any known epidemic discase.

## Bacteriological.Laboratory.

54. The Conference recommendations under this head laid dorn the lines on which this iustitution should be workel. It should investigate diseases of domesticated animals in all parts of India by biological research both in the Laboratory and at the place of outbreak and work out remedial measurcs. As a first step to this end the condust of a rerular surrey, provinze by provinco, of such diseases to bs undertaken by an offiar to be entitled the superintendeat of Bacteriological Survey. Dr. Lingard's title to be, for purposes of official correspondence, Imperial Bacteriologist. A resident Clinical Assistant to be attached, with hospital duties, and as Instructor to students in tho Arricultural branch of the College of Scienco. Ditailed racommondations were also made as to the equipinont of the Libscatory and the distinutive duties of each office.

Dr. Lingard has been engaged during the year in continuing his investigation into the Intimate Etiology of 'Surra.'

## VII.-AGRICULTURAL AND FISCAL STATISTICS. A.-AGRICOLTURAL.

55. The revised forms prescribed by the Government of India for returns of Agricultural Statistics were circulated under Government Resolution No. 5802, Revenue Department, dated 25th August 1891. Tbese do not affect, as far as the Bombay Presidency is concerned, the general instructions prescribed in the Revenue Manual as regards the registration and compilation of Agricultural Returns by District Officers; some special points in the compilation of agricultural stock and price returns .will require notice, but the orders were issued too late to have effect this year. The returns for the Government of India will, however, be compiled in the Director's office in the revised forms as far as possible.

The District Agricultural Returns, which were due in this office under the Manual on lst September, were in many cases received

| District |  | Date of receipt. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ralnagir ... | $\cdots$ | 8rd October. |
| Khánilerh ... | ... | th di. |
| Broach | -.. | ${ }^{\text {Rth }}$ do, |
| Thans ... | ... | 21st do. |
| Puons ... | ... | 23rd do. | late and were especially late for the districts noted in the margin. With the aid of the inspecting staff now being organized, punctual compilation of the Taluka and District Agricultural Returns should easily be secured. Circle Inspectors are required to compile Taluka Agricultural Returns; and the District Returns are compiled and reviewed for the Collector by the District Inspector,

In the District Returns one great change effected during the year is the exclusion of statistics for a large number of khoti and alienated villages in the Ratnágiri District, the figures formerly reported being faund to be untrustworthy. The Collector, Mr. Cumine, on a reference from this office, wrote:-
"No means exists in this Collectorate for obtaining correct figures; and until such means is created, it seems to me that no good can resalt, from requiring from ns year after year figures that are notoriously mere guess work."
For Sind the returns received are more complete than formerly, the supplementary statements as to anna valuation of outturn and as to number of fruit trees being now furnished for the first time (vide paras. 67 and 68 below).

## Return No. I.-Area of Available Statistics.

56, The following table shows the variations in the total number of villages and gross area of the Presidency Proper and Sind, distinguishing area and villages for which Agricultural Statistics are availablo and are not available :-

Area details.

| Province. | Grobi abma and tiluazg. |  |  | Area and villages of btatiatice avallable. |  |  | Arma and villagrb op atatiticica not available. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1880-90. | 1880 -91. | Variation. | 1889-90. | 1800.01. | Varlation. | 1889-00. | 1800.01. | Variation. |
| A,-Presidency Proper. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of villages <br> $\Delta$ rea (thousand acres) | $\begin{aligned} & 22,981 \\ & 47,542 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22,981 \\ & 47,546 \end{aligned}$ | $\because$ | ${ }_{4}^{21,33412}$ | 20,6081 43,851 | -726 $-1,317$ | 1,6461 2,374 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,372 \frac{1}{2} \\ & 3,695 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +726 \\ +1,321 \end{array}$ |
| B. - Sind. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of villagen ... | 3,835 | 4,107 | +272 | 3,674 | 3,982 |  | 161 | 125 | -36 |
| Area (thousand acres) ... | 26,091 | 28,407 | +2,316 | 24,247 | 24,421 | +174 | 1,844 | 3,986 | +2,142 |
| Total Presidency ( $A+B$ ). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of villages ... | 26,816 | 27,088 | +272 | 25,008 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24,590t | -418 | 1,807\% |  | $+690$ |
| Area (thousand acres) ... | 73,633 | 75,053 | +2,320 | 69,415 | 68,272 | -1,143 | 4,218 | 7,681 | +3,463 |

57. Gross Area.-In the Presidency Proper, the gross area shows a net

|  |  |  | Sores. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Khandesh.., | .. | .. | - 0,000 |
|  |  | $\cdots$ | +1,100 |
| Ahmadnagar |  | $\ldots$ | 1,200 $+8,000$ |
|  | $\cdots$ | . | +1,800 |
| Racnagirl ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 11,400 $+2,400$ |
| Kánara ... | ... | ... | +2,400 |

increase of 4,000 acres, the chief variations being in the districts noted in the margin, and attributable to the progress of survey. The total number of villages shows no variation, but 21 alienated villages in Belgaum and 1 in Sátára were transferrod to the head "Government villages."
In Sind both the gross area and number of villages are not yet determined

| District. | Villages, | $\Delta$ rea. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | Acres |
| Karachi ... | +2 | +2,576,000 |
| Hyderabad ... ... | ${ }_{-1}^{+50}$ | +76,500 |
|  | - +1 | +8000 $+8,600$ |
| Upper Sind Frontier | + +220 | , $-348,000$ | and show large variations as noted in the margin. The variations in the number of villages are due partly to the splitting up of villages and partly to transfers. The sudden increase of area in Karachi is due to the inclusion of unsurveyed villages, which were bitherto not returned. In other districts, the variations are chiefly attributed to progress of survey.

58. Area of available statistics:- In the Presidency Proper, there is a net

|  |  |  | Villages. | Area. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | No. | Aores, |
| Ratnagir | $\cdots$ | ... | -812 | $1,412,000$ $+87,000$ |
| Kanare ... | -. | $\cdots$ | $+81$ | $+87,00$ $+7,900$ |
| Poonk.es ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 41 | $+7,100$ $+14,000$ |
| Batara | ..- | $\cdots$ | $\pm 1$ | -1,200 |
| Bijapur ${ }_{\text {Alagr }}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\pm 1$ | -7,400 |
| Khandesh ... | $\cdots$ | - | $\cdots$ | $-5,400$ -600 |
| Nasik ... ... |  | $\cdots$ | .." |  | decrease of 726 in villages and 13,17,000 acres in area as noted in the margin. The large decrease in Ratnágiri is due as explained above to the exclusion of statistics for khoti and alienated villages, which were merely guess work. In Bijápur, the decrease is due to the village record of an alienated village (Ankalgi) having been stolen in a dacoity. In Kánara, on completion of the original survey all the villages now furnish statistics. Iu other districts, the increase is due to the transfer of surveyed alienated villages from the head "not available." The variations in area are partly due to changes in the number of villages and partly to correction accompanying the progress of survey.



In Sind, variations occur as noted in the margin, and are due partly to causes noted above under the gross area and partly to transfer of newly surveged villages from the head " not available."
Non-reporting villages.-In the Presidency Pro-
 per 1,554힐 Government villages with an area of 2,658,000 acres and 818 Alienated villages with an area of $1,037,000$ acres do not return Agricultural Statistics. The Alienated villages are all unsurveyed, and the Government villages are under special tenures.

In Sind, statistics are returued for all but 125 villages, ( 120 Government and 5 Alienated) with an area of $3,085,000$ acres as returned.

## Return No. II.-Cultivated and Uncultivated Arca.

59. The variations in areas under different sub-heads of cultivated and uncultivated land, are shoxn in the appended table. For comparison with last year, the variations esbibited in this return and the other returns are in this review shown for the Presidency Proper exclusive of Ratnágiri. For Ratnágiri and Sind no comparison can be made oring to sudden changes in areas of "available statistics" as noted in para. 58 above.

Presidency Propir exclusive of Ratna'oiri.

| Detail. | Area (thousand Acres). |  | Increase. |  | Decrease. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1889-90. | 1890-91. | Thousand Acres. | Fer cent. | Thousand Acres. | Per cent. |
| A.-Cultivated Area. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Gross cropped ... ... | 25,199 | 25,458 | 259 | 1.02 |  |  |
| 2. Cropped more than once... | 545 | 540 |  |  | ${ }_{5}$ | 091 |
| 3. Net area cropped... ... | 24,654 | 24,318 | 264 | 107 |  |  |
| 4. Fallow . | 4,761 | 4,608 | ... | ... | 153 | $3 \cdot 21$ |
| T. | 29,335 | 29,443 | 108 | 0.36 | ... | ... |
|  | S0 | 83 | 3 | $3 \cdot 75$ | ... | ... |
|  | 29,415 | 29,526 | 111 | 0.37 | ... | ... |
|  | 1,467 | 1,323 | ... | ... | 144 | $9 \cdot 81$ |
|  | 878 | 863 | ... | ... | 15 | $1 \cdot 70$ |
|  | 6,361 | 6,678 | 317 | $4 \cdot 98$ | -. | $\cdots$ |
|  | 5,262 | 5,088 | ... | ... | 174 | 3.30 |
| 12. Total B (uncultivated)... | 13,968 | 13,952 | ... | ... | 16 | $0 \cdot 11$ |
| 13. Total $A+B=A$ rea of available statistics | 43,383 | 43,478 | 95 | 0.21 | ... |  |

60. The gross cropped area gives a net increase of 259,000 acres or $1 \cdot 02$ Caltivated area. per cent., while the area cropped more than once shows

| Diat | Note eroppod | Corent |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | thonend | mene. |
|  | +is |  | $+11$ |
|  | $\stackrel{+23}{+23}$ |  | +124 |
|  | ${ }_{+21}^{+21}$ | $\mathrm{-l}_{-17}^{17}$ | + + |
|  | +18 | $\xrightarrow{-10_{4}}$ | +17 |
| $\underbrace{\text { and }}_{\substack{\text { surat } \\ \text { kuin }}}$ | + | +19 | +23 |
|  | ${ }_{-6}^{56}$ | ${ }_{+22^{4}}+\frac{14}{4}$ | 13 | of 5,000 acres. The net cropped area has thus increased by 264,000 acres or 1.07 per cent. This increase is attributable to extended cultivation, (1) of fallow ( 153,000 acres or an increase of 3.21 per cent.), (2) of waste land newly occupied ( 108,000 or an increase of 0.36 per cent.) and (3) of land under temporary cultivation ( 3,000 or 3.75 per cent. increase). The principal variations in the District returns are noted in the margin.

In net cropped area Belgaum and Thána alone show a small decrease of 5,000 acres each. In the Panch Mahals a considerable increase appears both under fallow and newly occupied land, which seems to indicate that more land is
being taken up than is actually put under cultivation. Only in Thana is there a small decrease of about 1,000 acres under total occupied land, which is not explained.
61. There is a decrease of 144,000 acres or $9 \cdot 81$ per cent. under "assessed"

Uncaltivated area
land and of 15,000 acres or 170 under "unassessed" land "available for cultivation." This decrease occurs chiefly owing to waste land newly taken up for cultivation as noted above, and partly to transfer to forests as indicated below.

| Forest. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Thousand Acrea. |
| Kanara .. | $\ldots$ | +76 |
| Thåna ... | . | $+61$ |
| Panch Mahâls | $\cdots$ | $+51$ |
| Khándesh | ... | +42 |
| Poona ... | . | +40 |
| Belgaum... | . | $+27$ |
| Kolábs ... | ... | +14 |

62. Land under forest has gained by 317,000 acres or 4.98 per cent., chiefly in the districts noted in the margin. In Kánara the increase is mainly nominal, being chiefly due to the inclusion of forest land of the 81 villages of the Siddápur Táluka, which returned statistics for the first time. Elsewhere, the increase is obtained by transfer principally of "uncultivable" land.
63. The usual percentage table summarizing the information contained in Returns Nos. I and II., is appended. In Kanara, the area of non-available statistics disappears altogether owing to the completion of the Survey operations; the increase of this item in Ratnágiri has been explained.

| No. | District. | Percentage on gross areap for which statistics available. | Percentage on net area yor which statistics arb ayailable, of areas: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Cultivated. |  | Uncultivated. |  | Forest. |
|  |  |  | Actually cropped. | Carrent Fallows. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Available } \\ \text { cultivation. } \\ \text { cultiva } \end{gathered}$ | Not avail- <br> able for <br> cultivation. |  |
| 123445 | A.-Presidency proper. | 1.0 | 55 | 22 |  | 18 | 1 |
|  | I.-Gujarát. <br> Ahmadabad |  |  |  | 4 |  |  |
|  | Kaira ... ... |  | 75 | 515 | 21 |  | 19 |
|  | Panch Maháls | 15.51.9 | 36 |  |  | 9 |  |
|  | Broach ... |  | $\begin{aligned} & 65 \\ & 47 \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{6}{24}$ | 37 | 2618 | $\cdots{ }_{4}$ |
|  | Surat | $2 \cdot 4$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Average | 4.8 | 56 | 16 | 7 | 17 | 4 |
|  | II.-Deccan. | $9 \cdot 9$4.2 | 5956 | 39 | 165 | 129 | 1021 |
| 6 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Khándesh } \\ \text { Násik } & \text {..i } & \ldots .\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Nasik } \\ \text { Ahmadnagar } & \ldots . . \\ \text { Pr }\end{array}$ | 2.51.2 | 67 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 13 |
| 8 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Ahmadnagar } \\ \text { Poona } & \ldots . & \ldots . \\ \end{array}$ |  | 63 | 10 | 1 |  | 12. |
| 9 | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Poona } & . . & \text { Sholápur } \\ \text {... } & \text {... }\end{array}$ | $\stackrel{1.7}{ }$ | 7461 | 10 | 1 | $\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ 10 \end{array}$ | 615 |
| 11 | Sátara |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Average | $4 \cdot 3$ | 63 | 8 | 6 | 10 | 13 |
|  | III,-Karnátak. | $\begin{aligned} & 0.9 \\ & 0.9 \\ & 2.5 \end{aligned}$ | 6277 | 12 | 4 | 6 | 16 |
| 1213 | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { Belgaum } & . . & . . . \\ \text { Bijapar } & \ldots & \ldots \\ \text { Dhárwár } & \text {... } & \text {... } \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |
|  |  |  |  | 9 | 2 | 7 | 10 |
|  | Average | 1.5 | 71 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 10 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 16 \\ & 17 \\ & 18 \end{aligned}$ | IV.  Konkan. <br> Thána ... .. <br> Kolába $\cdots$ $\ldots$ <br> Ratnágiri $\cdots$ $\ldots$ <br> Kánara $\cdots$ ... |  | $\begin{aligned} & 22 \\ & 31 \\ & 31 \\ & 10 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 21 \\ 23 \\ 36 \\ 3 \end{array}$ | 5412 | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 22 \\ 30 \\ 8 \end{array}$ | 2220277 |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 4 \cdot 1 \\ 2 \cdot 4 \\ 85 \cdot 1 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 42 |
|  |  | 26.0 | 19 | 15 | 4 | 20 |  |
|  | Average A. ... | $7 \cdot 9$ | 57 | 11 | 5 | 12 | 15 |


| No. | District. | Percentago on gruss area, ofareas for which statistica available. | Prfcentage on net alifa foil whimis etatisticg AHE AVAILABLE, OF ABEAS: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Cultivated. |  | Uncultivated. |  | Forest. |
|  |  |  | $\Delta$ ctually cropped. | Current Fallows. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Arailable } \\ \text { cultivation. } \end{gathered}$ | Not avail- <br> able for <br> cultivation |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 19 \\ & 20 \\ & 21 \\ & 22 \\ & 23 \end{aligned}$ | B.-Sind. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Karáchi ... | 29.7 | 8 | 8 | 19 | 63 | 2 |
|  | Hrderabad ${ }^{\text {a }}$... |  | 15 | 24 | 40 | 19 | 0 |
|  | Shilírpur... ... | $17 \cdot 6$ | 20 | 15 | 40 | 18 | 7 |
|  | Upper Sind Frontier | $48 \cdot 8$ | 20 | 43 | 18 | 13 | 6 |
|  | Thar and Párkar | ... | 7 | 9 | ... | 84 | ... |
|  | Average B. | 14.0 | 12 | 14 | 21 | 50 | 3 |
|  | Average for the Presidency | $10 \cdot 1$ | 41 | 12 | 11 | 25 | 11 |

## Retarn Na. III.-Crops.

64. The rainfall was again favourable for sowing, and more so than last year, the total area under crop having risen by $2 \frac{1}{2}$ lákhs or 1 per cent. Jowári, and gram among cereals and pulses, and cotton, oil-seeds and tobacco show a general increase; while bajri, paddy, wheat, tur and other cereals and pulses and sugarcane have generally decreased. Non-food crops have risen by $3 \frac{8}{10}$ lákhs or $7 \cdot 1$ per cent., while food-crops have diminished by lakh or 0.3 per cent. The season was specially favourable for sowing cotton and rabi jowári.

Table to show effect of season on area sown.

| Crops. | Presidenct proper excludima ratma'oiri. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Area, Thousand Acres. |  | Increase. |  | Decrease. |  |
|  | 1889-90. | 1890-91. | Thousand Acres. | Per cont. | Thousand Acrea. | Per cent. |
| Jowári $\ldots$ $\ldots$ <br> Bájri $\ldots$  <br> Paddy $\ldots$  <br> Wheat $\ldots$  <br> Others $\ldots$  <br>  $\ldots$  <br>  'lotal Cereals  | 7,698 | 8,322 | 624 | $8 \cdot 1$ |  |  |
|  | 4,959 | 4,449 |  |  | 310 |  |
|  | 1,568 | 1,555 | ... | $\ldots$ | 13 | 10.3 0.8 |
|  | 1,924 | 1,913 | ... | $\ldots$ | 11 | 0.5 |
|  | 1,695 | 1,694 | ... | ... | 1 | 0.5 |
|  | 17,8+4 | 17,933 | 89 | 0.5 | ... |  |
| $\begin{array}{lc}\text { Tur } & \ldots \\ \text { Gram } & \ldots \\ \text { Others } & \ldots \\ & \\ & \text { Total Pulses }\end{array}$ | 601 | 524 |  |  | 77 |  |
|  | 691 | 704 | 13 | $1 \cdot 9$ |  |  |
|  | 1,152 | 1,058 | ... |  | 94 | $\dddot{8 \cdot 1}$ |
|  | 2,444 | 2,286 | ... | . | 158 | $6 \cdot 5$ |
| Tobacco <br> Sogarcane Oil-seeds Cotton | 70 | 96 | 26 |  |  |  |
|  | 67 | 63 | ... | ... |  | $\cdots \cdot 0$ |
|  | 1,509 | 1,581 | $\cdots 72$ | $\because 4.7$ | 4 | $6 \cdot 0$ |
|  | 2,816 | 3,052 | 201 | $7 \cdot 0$ | ... | $\cdots$ |
| Food Crops Total | 20,520 | 20,447 | ... | $\ldots$ | 73 | 0.3 |
| Non-food Crops Total | 4,679 | 5,011 | 332 | $7 \cdot 1$ |  |  |
| Total Crops | 25,199 | 25,458 | 259 | 1.0 | ... | ... |

Jowari.—Rabi jowári has increased by 11 lákhs acres, while klarif jowári

| District. |  |  | Thoumand Actma. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Kharif. | Iabi. | Nut varia tion. |
| Sholapur ... | ..* | $\cdots$ | ... | +290 | +290 |
| A hmadnagar | ... | . | ... | +222 | +2:2 |
| Bliapur | ... | ... | -207 | $+417$ | +210 |
| Estiara | ... | $\cdots$ | -9 | +88 | +78 |
| Jharwhr. | ... | $\cdots$ | + 96 | -12 | +24 |
| Khándegh ... | ... | -. | -48 |  | -48 |
| Broach ... | ... | ... | -2 | -35 | -37 |
| Ahmudabad | ... | $\cdot$ | -35 |  | -35 |
| Belgaum | ... | ... | -47 | +22 | -25 |
| Surat ... | ... | ... | -23 |  | -23 |
| Po na ... |  | - | -12 | -2 | -14 |
| Nusik ... | , | .. | $-9$. | -1 | -10 |
| Kaira | ... |  | -8 | ... | -8 | decreased by $4 \frac{3}{4}$ lakhs. This net increase of $6 \frac{1}{4}$ lakhs or 8.1 per cent. is confined to the East Deccau and Karnitak, where early rain for kharif bajri was deficient, and the later rainfall specially favourable for rabi sowing. In Dhárwár jowári is principally a kharif crop and for this the rains were favourable producing the increase noted. In Broach the smaller area under rabi jowari is mainly due to the larger area devoted to cotton owing to favourable kharif rains.

Bajri.-The decrease of $5_{10}^{1}$ lákhs or 10.3 per cent.

|  |  |  | $\left.\right\|_{\substack{\text { Thousand } \\ \text { Acres, }}}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ahmadnagar | $\ldots$ | . | ... | -253 |
| Sholfpur ... | ... | ... | ... | -201 |
| Bijapur ... | ... | ** | .'. | -121 |
| Satara ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | ** | $\cdots$ | -44 |
| Khandesh | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $-16$ |
| Belgaum ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | +67 +24 |
| Kairs ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | +19 |
| Nasik ... | .. | ... | ... | +1 |
| Ahmailabad | ... | ... | ... | +6 |


|  |  |  | Thousand |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Knim | $\cdots$ | ... | *- | -12 |
| Bholípur ... | ... | ... | ... | -6 |
| Broach -m | .." | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 5 |
| Bijapur ... | ... | * | ... | $-5$ |
| Nasik ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | $+8$ |
| Kánara ${ }_{\text {Khándesh }}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | +8 +2 |
| Hoona ... | ... | ** | ... | $+2$ |



Other Cereals.-The
 is chiefly in the East Deccan and Karnatak where lcharif rains for bajri sowing were deficient. The decrease in East Deccan and Karnatak is more than counterbalanced by the large increase in jowári above noted. In Khándesh the decrease noticeable under jowari and bajri is explained by the favourable cotton-sowing rain, which drew a large area under that crop.

Paddy.-There is a net decrease of 13,000 acres or
0.8 per cent., considerable in Kaira where the heavy
rain required for this crop was short for sowing.
Wheat.-Although the net decrease is only 11,000 acres or 0.5 per cent., the variations in the districts are considerable. Ahmadnagar increased by 46,000 acres or 19.32 per cent. The kharif rains being deficient for bajuri sowing the land usually deroted to bajri was put, as explained in the last report, under wheat, the late rains favouring. Surat was specially favoured by a passing late shower and the variations in other districts are also seasonal fluctuations.
minor cereals show altogether a trifing decrease of 1,000 acres. Kodra, Vari and Ragi are grown more or less all over the Presidency and form a staple food of the lower classes in the Konkan, in districts bordering on the Sahyadris and in parts of Gujarát. Rála is practically confined to the Karnatak and South Deccan. Maize is a staple crop in the Pasch Maháls taking the place of jowári and bájri in other districts. Its area in the Panch Maháls has risen by 5,000 acres or 5.74 per cent. Barley with a total area of $32, C 00$ acres is chiefly grown in North Gujarát and South Deccan. The table exhibits variations of these, the chief of the minor cereals only.


Pulses.-There is a net decrease of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ lákhs or 6.5 per cent. Nearly two-thirds of the pulses are sown in the kharif season and they therefore shared with bajri and llharif jowari the general decrease resulting from late rains. Gram shows a net increase of 13,000 acres or 1.9 per cent., chiefly in the Deccan (except Sátára) and in Bijápur.

Tobacco-LLast gear the tobacco crop showed an

increase of 21,000 acres. This gear thero is ngain au increase of 26,000 acres or $3 \cdot 1$ per cent. This is attributed partly to seasonable rainfall and partly to ligh prices attended by large profits.

Sugarcane.-There is again a small decreaso of 3,500 acres or 6 per cent., which is general, except in threo districts of Gujarit and in Satira. The chicf rariations are noted in the margin. The decrease is specially large in Duarrwir and Nasis and is attributed to deficiency of sowing rainfall. Owing to this continuous fall in the sugarcane area of the Presidency, local prices again roso considerably and inports of unrefined sugar (gul) for local supply were more than doubled, as noticed in the Rail-borne Trade Report.


Sesame.-The decrease of 55,000 acres or $20 \cdot 20$ per cent. is general except in Abmadabad. It is specially noticeable in the Deccan and Karoatak, where rain was unfavourable for the kharif crops of which sesame is one for the most part in the Deccan and Karnátak.

Linseed.-The increase of 35,000 acres or 20.23 per cent. is chiefly in the East Deccan and Karnatak, and in Ahmadabad in Gujarat as noted in the margin. Linseed is always a late crop and the increase in the Deccan and Karoatak followed on the favourable late rains.

Cotton_The increase of 2 lakhs or 7 per cent. chiefly occurs in Gujarát and North Deccan, where cotton is an early crop, partly owing to seasonable rainfall and partly to high prices and the good yield of the previous year. In the Karoatak Districts, where cotton is a late crop, though the late rains were favourable, the larger area appears to have been devoted to rabi jowári, probably under exigencies of rotation.

Potato--The acreage further fell from 9,600 to 7,800 or 18.75 per cent. The decrease is chiefly in the Poona District, the area falling from 8,100 to 6,500 acres owing to prevalence of disease in the Khed and Junnar Talukas. The action taken to check this blight bas been detailed in paragraph 41 of this report.

Green fodder.-Lucerne shows an increase from 1,140 to 1,440 acres, the crop Jeeing chiefly cultivated in Ahmadnagar (560), Poona (350), Násik (270) and 'Thána (250). Hot weather jowári, which is the only cereal cultivated for fodder, shows a decrease ( 1,500 acres) from 17,500 to 16,000 acres.
65. Kharifand Rabi crops.-The details given in the appended table show variations under kharíf and rabi cereals and pulses :-
(Figures in thousands.)

| Year. | Khari'p. |  | $\mathrm{R}_{\text {abr }}$. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Cereals. | Pulses. | Cereals. | Pulses. |
| $\begin{array}{ll} 1889-90 \\ 1890-91 & . . . \end{array}$ | 11,178 | 1,560 | 6,666 | 884 |
|  | 10,373 | 1,394 | 7,559 | 892 |
|  | -805 | -166 | +893 | +8 |

Owing to the unfavourable early rains in the Deccan and Karnátak the kharíf crops contrary to last year, show a large decrease and rabi crops a large increase.
66. The usual two returns showing the distribution of crops are appended. 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.
A.-Distribution of Crops-Percentages shown on District Areas.


67. Outturn of Crops.-The following table gives the anna valuation for the outturn of principal crops in each district. The anna valuation by Mámlatdárs purports to conform to the new standard prescribed by Government, i.e., 16 annas represent an average crop. The statement, however, affords ground for doubt whether this new standard, which is opposed to local practice, is correctly kept in view. There is, besides, a general tendoncy to under-estimate the anna valuation of outturn as has been noticed in previous reports. Altogether the table must be taken as representing a merely approximate estimate.

Approximate Anna Valuation of Principal Crops in each District, 1890-91.


| No. | District. |  |  | aviacos ansa valuation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Jaw | Bajri. | Paddy. | Wheat. | Kodra | Ragl. | Vari. | Tur. | Gram | Cotoon. |
| 15181718 | 1V.-Konkan. |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline \cdots \\ \cdots \\ \hline . . \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0 * * \\ & * * * \\ & * * * \\ & 0 * * \end{aligned}$ | 16121313 | $\begin{aligned} & \cdots \\ & \cdots . \\ & \cdots \\ & \hline . . \end{aligned}$ | 161113$\cdots$ | 13131212 | 131012$\cdots$ | 141012$\cdots$ | 11 | …$\ldots$... |
|  | Thana ... ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Kolaba ... ... ... | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Ratnagiri } \\ \text { Kanara } \ldots & \ldots . . & \ldots \\ \end{array}$ | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ... |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ... | $\cdots$ |
| 19 | Karáchi ... ... |  | ... | 10 | 10 | 11 | 14 | $\ldots$ | 11 | 10 |  | 12 |  |
| 20 | Hyderabad ... ... | .. | ... | 13 | 13 | 11 |  |  | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 13 | 12 |
| 21 22 | Shikerpur ${ }_{\text {Uper }}$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 110 | 112 | 14 13 | 116 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{r}13 \\ 15 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 12 |
| 23 | Thar and Parkar $\quad .$. | $\cdots$ |  |  | ... | 13 |  |  | ned. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{15}$ | 11 |

- Note. - In the above table the raluations are calculated on the etandard by which 18 annas represent an average crop.

The heavy September-October rain injured ripening bájri in the SouthDeccan and Karnátak, but assisted a fair yield in Gujarát and North Deccan. Both kharif and rabi jowári were fairly good throughout; rabi jowári especially yielding a full average crop in the East Deccan and Karnátak. Rice suffered from want of moisture owing to deficient late rains in Gujarat, but fared well in the above-ghat districts and in the Konkan. Wheat and gram on the whole yielded a fair outturn, exंcept in parts of Gujarát where they suffered from want of moisture. Other cereals and pulses were fairly good. Cotton was a full average crop in Khándesh, the principal cotton-growing district in the Deccan, but much below average in Gujarát and the Karnátak. In the Karnátak Districts the crop was injured by blight.
68. Fruit-trees.-A decrease is reported in mango, jack and cocoanut trees; while tamarind, toddy-palm and date-palm have increased. This enumeration of trees is, however, not worth much at present. Their distribution in the several provinces is noted below (trees in forest and village sites not being included) :

Fruit-trees (exclusive of Ratnágiri).
(Figures in thousands.)


Fruit-trees of special local importance are shown in the subjoined table so far as enumeration has yet been effected:-

| Trees and Districts. | Number. | Trees and Districts. |  |  | Number. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1.-Moha (Bassia latifolia.) |  | 5.- Hirda (Terminalia chebula). |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 10,600 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$ |
| Kaira ... ... • ... | 135,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Panch Mahals ... ... ... | 89,800 |  |  |  |  |
| Khándesh ... ... | 57,500 $\mathbf{3 , 1 0 0}$ | Ahmadnagar |  | ... |  |
| Násik $\quad .$. | 1,200 | Násik ... | ... | ... |  |
| Broach ... $\quad . . \quad$.. $\quad . \cdot$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.-Betel-nut (Areca catechu.) |  | 6.-Fig (Ficus carica). |  |  |  |
| Kánara ... ... ... ... | 7,371,700 |  |  |  |  |
| Thána ... ... ... ... | 4,600 |  |  |  | 36,000 |
| Kolába ... ... ... ... | 2,200 400 | Poona ... | ... |  | 3,000 |
| Sátára ... ... ... ... | 400 | Ahmadnagar | ... | $\ldots$ | 2,000 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 3.-Rayan (Mimusops } \\ & \text { hexandra.) } \end{aligned}$ |  | Belgaum | ... | ... | 600 |
|  |  | Hyderabad |  | ... | 600 |
|  |  | Shikérpar |  | ... | 500 |
| Kaira ... ... ... | $\begin{array}{r} 74,800 \\ 3,900 \\ 1,700 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
| Panch Maháls ... ... |  | 7.-Vine (V̇itis Vinifera). |  |  |  |
| Broach ... ... ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.-Keshewnut (Anacardium occidentale.) |  | Násik ... | ... | .. | 38,500 |
|  |  | Poona ... |  | ... | 31,800 |
| Kánara ... | 86,500 | Ahmadaagar | ... | ... | 27,700 |
| Thána ... | 5,200 | Shikarpar | ... | ... | 19,400 |
| Khándesh ... ... | 1,600 | Khándesh | ... | ... | 1,700 |
| Belgaum ... ... ... | 600 | Karáchi |  |  | 1,000 |

Retarn No. IV-Irrigation.
69. The net irrigated area.now amounts to $3 \cdot 13$ per cent. of the net cropped area in the Presidency Proper and 86.79 per cent. in Sind. Though the total area under crops irrigated shows no variation, the net irrigated area gives a decrease of 11,000 acres or 1.39 per cent. in the Presidency Proper exclusive of Ratnágiri. The variations under the principal sub-heads are shown below :-

Irrigated Area.

| Detail. | Presidency Proper exclusive of Ratnigiri. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Thousand Acres. |  | Increase, |  | Decrease. |  |
|  | 1889-90. | 1890-91. | Thousand Acres. | Per cent. | Thourand Acres. | Per cent. |
| A.-Area Irrigated. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Irrigated from canals ... | 112 | 111 | ... | -•• | 1 | 0.83 |
| 2. Do. from tanks, wells, \&c. | 679 | 669 | ... | ... | 10 | $1 \cdot 47$ |
| 3. Total irrigated | 791 | 780 | $\ldots$ | . | 11 | $1 \cdot 39$ |
| B.-Crops Irrigated. |  |  |  | - |  |  |
| 4. Rice | 154 | 162 | 8 | 14.81 |  |  |
| 5. Wheat ... | 192 | 177 | ... | ... | 15 | $7 \cdot 81$ |
| 6. Sugarcane ... ... | 64 | 61 | ... | . | 3 | $4 \cdot 68$ |
| 7. Other crops ... | 472 | 482 | 10 | $2 \cdot 11$ | ... |  |
| 8. Total Crops irrigated ... | 882 | 882 | . $\cdot$ |  | ... | ... |

Note. -The difference between columns 3 and 8 is due to the inclusion in column 8 of the area cropped with irrigation more than once.

The chief variations in the areas irrigated from canals, tanks and wells, \&c.,
 are in the districts noted in the margin. The canal area shows a considerable increase in Poona, which has not been explained. In this district, though net irrigated area gives an increase of but 1,300 acres, the total area increased by 12,500 acres of which 11,200 acres occurs in the area cropped under irrigation more than once. The variations in areas irrigated from tanks and wells are attributed to more or less seasonable rainfall in the areas concerned.
70. Among irrigated crops rice gives an increase of 8,000 acres, chiefly in Ahmadabad ( 7,300 acres). Wheat also shows a considerable increase in Ahmadabad ( 2,600 acres) ; elsewhere, there is a general decrease, Sholápur ( 5,000 ), Sátíra ( 4,600 ), Ahmadnagar ( 2,600 ), Násik ( 2,400 ), Poona ( 1,600 ) and Kaira (1,400). In sugarcane the principal decrease occurs in Dhárwár ( 2,000 ) and Násik ( 1,500 ).

## Return No. V.-Agricultural Stock.

71. Of the 3 large cities which have not hitherto returned agricultural stock, as noticed in the last report, Ahmadabad and Surat this year returned their stock. Broach alone now does not return the city stock. The Collector has beeu addressed with a view to arrangements being made with the Municipality for its enumeration. Sind sends no agricultural stock returns, V.F. 13 not being represented in the forms in use. A considerable increase appears under all principal heads except under breeding-bulls and sheep. The former decrease is due probably to correction of former incorrect entries.

Agricultural Stock.

| Detail.' | Presidency Propir exclusive of Ratna'oiri. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number in thousands. |  | Increase. |  | Decrease. |  |
|  | 1889-90. | 1890-91. | Thousande. | Per cent. | Thousands. | Per cent. |
| 1. Plough cattle... '... | 3,135 | - | 3 | ... | ... | -•• |
| 2. Breeding-bulls ... | 30 | 22 | ... | ... | 8 | 26.66 |
| 3. Cattle for other purposes... ... ... | 134 | 148 | 14 | 10.45 | ... | ... |
| 4. Milch cattle ... | 2,718 | 2,785 | 67 | $2 \cdot 46$ | ." | ... |
| 5. Young stock ... ... | 2,056 | 2,094 | 38 | $1 \cdot 84$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |
| 6. Total cattle (columns   <br> $1-5)$ $\ldots$ $\ldots$ | 8,073 | 8,187 | 114 | $1 \cdot 41$ | $\cdots$. | $\cdots$ |
| 7. Horses and ponies ... | 139 | 140 | 1 | 0.72 | ... | ... |
| 8. Sheep... ... ... | 2,007 | 1,995 | -... | ... | 12 | 0.59 |
| 9. Goats... ... . . | 1,173 | 1,276 | 103 | $8 \cdot 78$ | ... | ... |
| 10. Ploughs ... ... | 1,047 | 1,055 | 8 | $0 \cdot 76$ | ... | . ${ }$ |
| 11. Carts ... ... ... | 472 | 482 | 10 | $2 \cdot 11$ | ... | ... |

The general increase is explained by (1) abundance of fodder and comparative freedon from epidemics, (2) purchases stimulated by a prosperous year and (3) in some districts return of stock, which had migrated in the previous year of scarce fodder. These general causes should, however, be accepted with caution, for the enumeration of stock is, as noticed in preyious reports, still very defective.
72. The district variations undor tho principal heads are noted below :-

|  | Districts. |  | Plough Oxen. | Cows. | She-Bufaloos. | Young Stock. | Total Cathe. | Sheop. | Goata. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Ahmadabad |  | +3,400 | +6,100 | +5,100 | $+6,400$ $+7,00$ | $\begin{array}{r} +22,800 \\ +6,300 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +3,000 \\ & -3,900 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & +9,600 \\ & +2,800 \end{aligned}$ |
| 2 | Kaira |  | $-4,400$ | +1,100 | $+2,000$ $+3,200$ | $+8,60$ $+9,400$ | $+6,300$ $-34,800$ | -300 | -3,500 |
| 3 | Pauch Maháls | .. | $-11,900$ +450 | $+9,800$ +600 | $+3,200$ +700 | -1,000 | -31,800 $+1,100$ | -1,000 | +4,400 |
| 4 | Broach | ... | + 450 | +600 +300 | $+1,00$ $+1,800$ | $-1,000$ $+5,100$ | $+10,50$ $+10,500$ | $-100$ | -3,100 |
| 5 | Surat | ... | +300 $+2,100$ | +300 $+1,200$ | $+1,800$ $+4,700$ | $+5,100$ $+22,000$ | $+10,500$ $+28,700$ | $-1,300$ | +10,100 |
| 6 | Khándesh |  | $+2,100$ $+7,500$ | $+1,200$ $+14,300$ | +1,600 | +3,000 | +27,700 | + Y,200 | + 21,800 |
| 7 | Násik . | ... | $+7,000$ $+4,400$ | +14, $+6,900$ | $+1,000$ +500 | +1,500 | +15,500 | +16,000 | +40,700 |
| 8 | Ahmadnagar | - | $+4,400$ +650 | $+6,900$ $+4,500$ | $+5,700$ $+2,700$ | -12,000 | -2,300 | -8,700 | +10,200 |
| 10 | Sholápur | - | +5,400 | +19,900 | +1,100 | +600 | +29,200 | --7,000 | +7,800 |
| 11 | Sátára |  | -2,300 | -300 | +1,100 | -1,300 | -3,600 | +6,000 | -200 |
| 12 | Belpaum | ... | +1,300 | $-2,100$ | + +400 | $+5,200$ -300 | $-2,400$ $+7,900$ | -4,100 | $+2,400$ $-1,700$ |
| 13 | Bijápur | ... | +4,400 | $+2,900$ +500 | $+1,400$ $+2,200$ | -300 $+6,700$ | $+7,900$ $+7,300$ | 11,000 $-3,500$ | $-1,600$ $-1,600$ |
| 14 | Dhárwár | - | -3,000 | +500 $-4,010$ | $+1,200$ +-700 | $\begin{array}{r}+6,700 \\ -3,200 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $+7,300$ $-10,300$ | -3,000 | $1,1,000$ $+1,000$ |
| 15 | Thána | $\cdots$ | 40 -150 | $+4,010$ $+2,200$ | + +300 +300 | $+6,200$ $+3,200$ | $+10,300$ $+6,300$ | -400 | $+1,000$ $+1,800$ |
| 16 | Kolaba |  | -150 +500 | $+2,200$ $+1,500$ | +300 +300 | +3,900 | +4,900 | +300 | +100 |

The large decrease in the Panch Maháls under all heads is nominal, being due to exclusion of stock of 104 villages for which complete statistics are not available and of which the stock was hitherto incorrectly included. In Thána the decrease is unesplained, but it may partly be due to return of cattle which poured in last year from Poona and Násik. The Poona decrease in "young stock " is attributed to disease.
73. The enumeration of sheep and goats is specially faulty owing to the roving habits of the herding classes. Goats show an increase in the Deccan and in Ahmadabad. The considerable decrease of sheep in Bijápur $(11,000)$ is attributed to diminution of grazing areas by the extensive occupation of waste land from year to year.

Due attention is not yet paid to standing orders regarding the enumeration of outside stock, to which special attention was invited in the last report (paragraph 65), this remark applying particularly to Abmadnagar, Belgaum and Khándesh.

Ploughs and Carts.-There are no variations worth mentioning.

## B-RAINFALL

74. The scope of duty assigned to the Director in connection with the registration and compilation of rainfall statistics has been considerably extended during the year, and the system of registration has been improved at the instance of the Meteorological Reporter to the Government of India as follows:-

1st.-A common hour for registration (8 A.s.) and a common rain-
fall week ending on Saturday 8 A.M. to be adopted for the whole of India.
2nd.-All rain-gauges to be systematically inspected.
3rd.-Symon's rain-gauges, tested by the Meteorological Department, to be the only description of gauge used.

4th.- Monthly returns of rainfall showing daily fall at each station, to
be published by each Local Government; copies to be bound together and
issued as an annual volume by the Imperial Meteorological Department.
5th.-For the purpose of calculating the number of rainy days, a fall of one-tenth of an inch and upwards to be taken to denote a rainy day.
The Director now compiles and publishes in the prescribed form monthly rain returns showing daily fall at 279 stations, 208 being for the Presidency Proper, 11 for Sind and 60 for Native States in Bombay. To secure systematic inspection of rain-gauges, Assistant and Deputy Collectors in charge of tálukas, Civil Surgeons and Deputy Sanitary Commissioners, have been appointed Inspecting Officers. For Native States the inspection has been assigned to Assistants and Deputy Assistants, to Political Agents, and Surgeons in charge of hospitals.

Initial inspection reports bave been received from District Officers for a considerable number of stations. Complete inspection reports will be received during the current season, and it will then be possible to secure uniformity of registration in all essentials.
75. The rainfall for each district has been fully analysed in the appended

Season, 1890-91.
with the average fall and with that of last year:-

Rainfall at District Head-quarters.

| No. | District Head-quarters. | Annoal Rainfall ending 31st December. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Average ofelevenyearsending1886. | 1889. |  | 1890. |  |
|  |  |  | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. |
| 123445 |  | Inches. | Inches. | Inches. |  | 37 |
|  |  |  | $17 \cdot 65$ | $\ldots$ | 25.24 |  |
|  |  |  | $22 \cdot 93$ | ... | $29 \cdot 30$ | 49 |
|  |  | 25.11 | $23 \cdot 15$ | ... | $21 \cdot 60$ | 36 |
|  |  | $31 \cdot 06$ 33.33 | $37 \cdot 49$ $33 \cdot 22$ | $\cdots$ | 39.52 28.33 | 62 |
|  |  | 40.84 | 33.22 46.21 | $\cdots$ | 28.33 37.45 | 34 80 |
| 7 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 46 \cdot 80 \\ & 26 \cdot 79 \\ & 32 \cdot 95 \end{aligned}$ | $55 \cdot 40$ | ... | 49.85 | 83 |
| 8 |  |  | 36.04 | $\ldots$ | 28.56 | 38 |
| 9 |  |  | 38.64 |  | 28.54 | 65 |
| 10 | ( Khrwár (Kanara)... | 116.62 | 179.93 | $\ldots$ | +121.04 | 98 |
| 11 | * Ratnágiri ... | 100.73 | . 106.97 | $\ldots$ | $120 \cdot 16$ | 96 |
| 12 | Z Alibág (Kolába) .. | $\begin{aligned} & 84 \cdot 79 \\ & 99 \cdot 12 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 86.01 \\ & 96.73 \end{aligned}$ | $\ldots$ | 95.65 | 90 |
| 13 |  |  |  | $\cdots$ | 98.00 | 97 |
| 14 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 44 \cdot 06 \\ & 44 \cdot 21 \\ & 37 \cdot 13 \\ & 43 \cdot 24 \\ & 29 \cdot 92 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \cdot 22 \\ & 33 \cdot 73 \\ & 41 \cdot 22 \\ & 36 \cdot 02 \\ & 24 \cdot 89 \end{aligned}$ |  | 56.35 |  |
| 15 |  |  |  | ... | 26.98 | 37 |
| 16 |  |  |  | ... | $27 \cdot 24$ | 46 |
| 17 |  |  |  | ... | $37 \cdot 11$ | 46 |
| 18 |  |  |  | ..... | 22.75 | 43 |

Note. -The column of "Rainy days" for 1889 has been left blank, as 10 cents of rain now constitate a raidy day (instead of 1 cent) and no comparison could therefore be made.

The rainfall was generally below average in Gujarát (except in Surat), above average in the Konkan, and slightly below or up to average in the Deccan and Karnátak.

Deccani.-In Khándesh and the western tracts bordering on the Sahyádris the rainfall was on the whole seasonable and sufficient. In the eastern tracts, away from the ghats, kharif sowing rain was scant and breaks too prolonged. Here general relief came early in September. Late rains were heaviest in south and throughout beneficial to rabi crops. Kharíf outturn was fairly good in West Deccan and Khándesh, but poor in east, where however rabi was a good crop.

Karnátak.-Kharíf rain was favourable in tracts bordering on the Sahyádris. Elsewhere it was deficient and the breaks were injuriously prolonged as in the East Deccan. Early relief came by the 10th September in Bijapur, but general relief not till the end of the month. 'The late rains were heavg and favourable for rabi crops.

Konkan.-Rainfall throughout good except in Kánara, where September rain was short for rice. The late rains were injuriously heavy, especially in south. Kharif outturn, however, was generally good especially in Thána and Kolába.

Gujardt.-Sowing rain in June was abnormally heary in Surat, 10 to 30 inches being recorded between 18th and 21st and as much as 16 inches during 24 hours at Bárdoli on the 19th. Sown seed was washed away and had to be re-sown in many places. Rain in September was sufficient and seasonable, but the closing showers of early October were generally absent. The result was that rice suffered and the rabi area was not full. Kharif crops, except rice, were fairly good, but rabi crops were comparatively poor. Fruits, such as mingo, ráyan and mohwa, were a bumper crop.
76. There was no general sowing rain till the 4th week in June. In

Season, 1891-92. Gujarat it came as late as 20th July. Heavy rain fell standing crops. In these rabi tracts fairly heavy rain fell in September of early October sufficient for general rabi sowing. But throughout the Deccan and Karnátak the late heavy rains failed, seriously injuring the prospects of harvest.

## C-CROP EXPERIMENTS.

77. The number of experiments made in 1890-91 mas 77 as shown in tho margin against 81 in 1889-90. Theso experiments aro submitted to Government

Rice 12 ; jowári 9 ; ragi 7; wheat 8 ; kodra, groundnut, linsced, sugarcane, 5 each; gram and nigerseed, 4 each; wál and cotton, 3 cach; vari, 2 ; maize, potato, ratána, sałlower and castor-oil sced, 1 each. with a separate report.

## VIII.-TRADE AND TRADE STATISTICS.

78. A detailed report for the year ending 31st March 1891, has already been submitted to Government, as also the Sind Report with revier. Tho trade registered in the Presidency Proper and Sind during the jear is shown below :-


The trade of the Presidency Proper as well as of Sind shows considerable improvement over average and that of the previous year. To the total trade of Sind the Punjáb contributes this year $97 \cdot 4$ per cent. The road-borne trade has, as usual, been registered at six selected nákas under the rotation system. With a view to estimate the probable amount of traffic in goods and passengers that would be available for the proposed five feeder lines in Gujarat, road-traffic was also registered by the Public Works Department, as a special case, at traffic stations carefully selected with a view to local conditions.

> IX.-ARCHEOLOGY.
79. No reports on the subject have been received from the $\operatorname{District~Offcers~}$ under Government Resolution No. 1672, dated 13th April 1889, General Department.

## X.-MINERAL STATISTICS.

80. During the year under report two returns of mineral statistics were submitted to the Government of India. The first contained information for the nine months ending 30th September 1890 and was submitted in January 1891, as required by the Government of India's letter No. 27-30-33 Statistics, dated 16 th September 1890. These orders were superseded by the Government of India's Circular No. 7-22-18 Statistics, dated 20th March 1891, and an amended return for the calendar year was submitted as before in September.

## CONCLUSION.

81. Ráo Báhádur Ichhárám Bhagwándás has continued to fill the post of Personal Assistant and by his zeal and a thorough command of his duties has earned high praise. I can also thoroughly endorse the previously recorded high estimate of services of Mr. Yashawantráo Nilkanth, the Superintendent.

Mr. Mchta has done excellent work on the Bhadgaon Farm.

> I have the honour to be, Sir;
> Your most obedient Servant, E. L. CAPPEL,

Director, Land Records and Agriculture, Bombay.

## STATISTICS.

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III. --Crops, 1800-91.



III-Crops, 1890-91-continued.




111.-Crops, 1890.91 -contimurl.


IV.-Irrigation, 1830-91.


V.-Agricultural Stock, 1890-91.



Details of Lharif and Rabi under Cereals and Pulses, 1890-91.

|  |  | Class I.-(Cereals). |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. | District. |  | Bajri, Pcanisetum Typhoideun. | Rico. | Whant. | Barloy. | Maize. |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rale, } \\ & \text { Pautcum } \\ & \text { Italicunn. } \end{aligned}$ | P. Mailliro. | L. Rantid | P. Phadill |  | Others. | Total Cerea ls. |
|  | 1 | 9 | s | - | 5 | 8 | 7 | 8 | ${ }^{\text {® }}$ | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | ${ }^{14}$ | 15 | 16 |
|  | I.-Gujaràt. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 247,714 \\ & \cdots \cdots, 74 \\ & 247,714 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text {. } \underset{.1,759}{61,759} \\ 61,759 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 105,173 \\ 153,173 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \cdots i 5,737 \\ & 15,737 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{8 , 4 3 7} \\ & \cdots, \ldots, 437 \\ & 3,437 \end{aligned}$ | 18,045 <br> . .4 <br> 18.045 |  | $\cdots{ }^{-\cdots .1909}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7,143 \\ & \cdots, 14 \\ & 7,142 \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{21,507}{\sim \cdots}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ahmadabad ... $\left\{_{\text {Rabarit ... }}^{\text {Rat }}\right.$... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots \cdots$ | ${ }_{\substack{\text { ang,mo } \\ 769,193}}^{\text {a }}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 18,945 |  | 269 |  | 21,597 | ... | 14 | $\cdots$ | 838,186 |
|  | Thatil... $\begin{array}{r}\text { T... } \\ \text { Sotal }\end{array}$ |  |  | 104,779 |  |  | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots \cdots$ | $\cdots{ }^{-1.701}$ | .....814 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots \times 138$ | $\cdots{ }^{-\ldots .}{ }^{208}$ | ${ }_{654,46 ; 1} \mathbf{6}$ |
| 2 |  | 3,583 55912 |  |  | 12,470 | $\begin{array}{r} 7,306 \\ 7,396 \end{array}$ | ${ }^{-1.7} 3$ | 1-11,9.947 | - 50.100 | 320 | 661 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 138 | 268 | 679,265 |
|  | Total ... | 55,912 | 224,093 | 104,779 80,687 |  |  | 91,908 | 11,947 29,864 | 10,321 |  | 2,255 | 10,683 | ${ }^{6335}$ | 18 2 | ....,671 |  |
| 3 | $\text { Panch Maháls ... }\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Khari } \\ \text { Rabi ... } \end{array}\right.$ | ,1717 | ${ }^{42,888}$ | 50,60 |  |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total .. | 4,174 | 42,986 | 50,571 | 9,441 | 1,179 | 91,698 | 23,864 | 16,321 |  | 2,255 | 16,658 | 53.5 | 20 | 1,671 | 261,406 |
|  | Broach ... ... ${ }^{\text {Sharit }}$ Rabit ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 19.117 89,293 | $\ldots . . . .{ }^{20.879}$ | $\ldots$ | 63,661 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ${ }^{8,407}$ | ...... ${ }^{188}$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots{ }^{. . . .4}{ }^{1}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots . . .{ }^{2}$ | ...... ${ }^{810}$ |  |
| 4 | Broach ... $\quad . . \mid$ Rabi ... | $\begin{array}{r} 79,993 \\ 91,410 \end{array}$ | ...... 20,879 | $\cdots$ | 53,661 |  | 16 | 6,497 | 186 | 8 | 1 | ... | ... | 2 | 310 | 187,623 |
|  | Total $\cdots$ | 91,410 |  |  |  |  |  | 83,030 | 19,879 | 2 | ${ }^{92}$ | 1,014 | 216 | ${ }_{i}^{1}$ | 88 |  |
| 5 | Surat ... ... $\left\{_{\text {Kharrl }}^{\text {Rabil ... }}\right.$.... | 99,929 ${ }^{24}$ | $\ldots{ }^{. . . . .7888}$ | $\cdots$ | 31,305 | …… | ...... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | [ $\begin{array}{r}1 \\ 5\end{array}$ | ${ }^{-\cdots . .} 38$ |  |
|  | Total ... | 99,463 | 7,836 | 103,690 | 31,395 | ... | ... | 33,030 | 12,879 | 2 | 02 | 1,014 | 216 | 5 |  |  |
|  | II.-Decaun. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6 |  | $\stackrel{59,178}{ }$ | ${ }^{\text {²07,992 }}$ | ${ }^{20,785}$ | -1211,335 | 6 | ${ }^{1.8 .891}$ | ${ }^{4.288}$ | ${ }^{12,812}$ | $\ldots{ }^{3 .} .{ }^{36}$ | ${ }^{5, .256}$ |  | ${ }^{1.663}$ | ...... ${ }^{334}$ | $\cdots{ }_{\sim}^{120}{ }^{120}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 211,335 |  | 2,821 | 4,289 | 12,811 | 356 | 5,286 | 4,286 | 1,663 | 334 | 120 | 1,502,257 |
|  | Total .- | 524,173 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 156,600 | 1,293 | 4,161 | 1,774 | 1,936 |  | $\cdots$ | cincer |
| 7 |  | ${ }_{1}^{1200.55}$ | -.... ${ }^{801,79}$ | $\cdots$ | 848,713 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |  | 1,54,9063 |
|  | Total ... | 135,795 | 801,799 | 53,849 12,292 | 348,713 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 2,813 \\ 783 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 156,650 \\ 92,876 \end{array}$ |  | 44,161 11,363 | 1,774 295 | 1,036 4,637 | 190 835 | ${ }^{-\cdots}$ |  |
| 8 |  |  | $\stackrel{700,017}{ }$ | $\ldots$ | -284,403 | $\ldots . . . .{ }^{188}$ | $\ldots{ }^{183}$ | $\ldots{ }^{-\ldots . .}{ }^{189}$ | $\cdots$ | -....900 | 11,36 <br> .. .1203 | ${ }^{1.7 .2 .5}$ | -...037 | $\cdots 35$ | $\stackrel{.1 . . .}{494}$ | $\underbrace{1,24,019}$ |
|  | Total ... | 1,299,527 | 706,917 | 12,292 | 284,432 | 186 | 783 | 180 | 32,876 | 900 | 11,363 |  |  |  | 49 | 2,20,2,6 |



Details of Kharif and Rabi under Cerenls and Pulses, 1800-81.


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Accompanment B to Return III.
Number of principal Fruit-bearing Trees, 1:90-91.


## STATISTICS.

B.-RAINFALL

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## EXPLANATORY REMARKS.

## Rain Periods and their dates.

Early Rains ... ... ... ... ... ... 1st Janaary-10th April.

Ante-Monsoon-
11th April to 4th June ... $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}\text { Ashrini } & \ldots & \text {... 11 th April-24th April. } \\ \text { Bharani } & \ldots & \text {.. 25th April-rth May. } \\ \text { Krittika } & \ldots & \ldots & \text { 9th May-22nd May. } \\ \text { Rohini } & \ldots & \ldots & \text { 23rd May-4th Jone. }\end{array}\right.$

Monsoon-Kharif-
5th Jane to 14th August. $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}\text { Mrig... } & \ldots & \text {... Sth June-19th June. } \\ \text { Ardra } & \text {... } & \text {.. 20th June-3rd July. } \\ \text { Punarvasu } & \text {... } & \text {... } & \text { 4th July-17th July. } \\ \text { Pushya } & \text {... } & \text {... } & \text { 18th July-31st July. } \\ \text { Ashlesha } & \text {... } & \text {... } & \text { 1st August-14th August. }\end{array}\right.$
Monsoon-Rabi-

| 15th August to 21st Oct. | (Magha | $\ldots$ | ... | 15th August-27th Angust. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Parva | ... | ... | 28th August-10th September. |
|  | Uttara | ... | $\cdots$ | 11th September-24th September. |
|  | Hast | ... | ... | 25th September-7th October. |
|  | Chitra | ... | ... | 8th October-21st October. |

## - Late Rains-

22nd Oct. to 30th Nov. ... $\left\{\begin{array}{llll}\text { Sváti } & \ldots & . . & \text { 22nd October-3rd November. } \\ \text { Vishákha } & \ldots & \ldots & \text { 4th November-17th November. } \\ \text { Anurádha } & . . . & \ldots & \text { 18th November-30th November. }\end{array}\right.$
December,

The average given in the tables is that for eleven years ending 1886, except for very few stations. The rainy day being now defined under the Government of India's orders as a day with a rainfall of 10 cents or more instead of 1 cent or more as before, no comparison of rainy days with those of the last year can be made.

The anna valuation given in the remarks is on the basis of 16 annas representing an a verage crop.

Synopsis of Rainfall Summary, 1890-91.

| - District. | Kharip. |  |  |  | General Remarks as to Rain. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rain. | Harvest. | Rain, | Harvest. |  |
| West Khandeeh ... | Seasonable ... | Fairly good ... | Hast deficient ... | Good in west, fair in north, poor in Sind. kheda. | Below or up to average. |
| East Khándesh ... | Seasonable and suficient. | Good of very good. | $\underset{\text { Sowing }}{\text { scant but }} \underset{\text { good }}{\text { rain }}$ after, | Fair, oil-seeds poor. | Do. |
| Narik ... ... | Good in west, deficient elsewhere. | Fairly good, except in south and east, where poor. | Seasonable ... | Good except Sinnar and Má. legaon. | Do. |
| Ahmadnagar ... | Late and deficient. | Fair, but very poor in south. | Sufficient and seasonable. | Fair to good ... | Below average. |
| Poona | Good in Maval short in Desh. | Fair ... ... | Seasonable, but long breaks in Chitra and Sváti. | Fair ... ... | Op to average. Vishakha most beneficial. December rain un usually heavy in south-east. |
| Sholapar ... ... | Good at first, but long breake. | Very poor, except Barsi | Very seasonable and aufficient. | Excellent, kardai slightly suffered from blight. | Below average in south; sbove in north. |
| Satára ... ... | Good in west and centre. Scant in east. | Fair ... ... | Seasonsble ... | Fair to good ... | Below or up to average. |
| Belgaum ... ... | Late and long breaks except in west. | Fairly good in weat. Poor to fair elsowhere. | Good ${ }^{-1}$ except Athni \& Saundatti. | Do. .- | Up to average. |
| Bijapur ... ... | Good at firat, break injuriounly long. | Fair ... ... | Seasonable ... | Fairly good, but cotton poor. | Up to or above avorage, Slight damage by locusts in Indi and Sindgi. |
| Dhárwár ... ... | Good at firat, but long breaks. | Do. | Do. Svati and Vishakha too heavy in south. | Fair.Cotton affec. ted by blight. | Average. |
| Eanara ... ... | Seasonable .. | Do. ... ... | Seasonable ... | Fair ... ... | Up to or above average. |
| Ratnágiri ... | Very seasonable. | Fairly good | Do. Chitra injuriously heavy | Do. | Above average. |
| Kolába ... .. | Do. | Do, | Do. ... | Do. ... | Above average. Late rain injuriously heary. |
| Tháng ... | Do. | Very good ... | Very seasonable. | Very good ... | Above average. |
| Surat | Abnormally heavy at first. | Fair to good ... | Seasonable, but not sufficient. | Fair ... ... | Below average except north and south. |
| Brosch ... ... | Seasonable | ... | Good at first, but closed too soon. | Do. ... ... | Below average. Slight damage by locusts in places. |
| Kaira ... | Do. | Fairly good ... | Short | Poor ... ... | Below avorage. Rice suffered in outturn. |
| Panch Maháls | Do. | Do. Rice poor. | Do. | Do. ... ... | Below average. |
| Ahmadabad | Do. | Do. ... | Do. | Poor to fair ... | Below aversge. Rabi crops suffered from frost and blight. |

West Khándesh， 1890.


General characteristics．－A hilly and rugged tract except where the wide black soil plains extend on either side of the Tápti and its tributaries．Rainfall very heavy in the dangs．

Remarks．－Rainfall generally below average．Ante－monsoon showers in Rohini were favourable for preparing land．Monsoon broke in second week of June and partial sowings commenced．General heavy rain after 15 th of June，throughout sufficient for sowing of cotton，jowári，tili，\＆c．July rain，though light，was on the whole sufficient and seasonable for completing kharif sowings and for weeding，except in south，where bajri sowing delayed and crops began to suffer for want of moisture． A＇shlesha rain in 1st half of August was throughout beneficial．A breat followed，which was favour－ able at first，but continued too long until relieved by general heary rain of Purva and Uttara in second week of September．This September rain was very beneficial to all standing crops and for preparing land for rabi．Hast rain was favoorable for rabi sowing but generally deficient．Light to fair showers of Vishakha in early November and light showers again in December，though slightly harmful to cotton，were generally favourable to rabi crops．Season was on the whole fairly good． Kharif outturn estimated at cotton 8 to 16 annas ；jowári，bájri and other crops 8 to 14 annas ；rali outturn was good（ 14 annas）in west ；fair（ 10 annas）in north，elsewhere poor（ 4 to 8 annas）especial－ ly in Shirpur and Sindkheda，where very poor（2 to 6 annas）．

East Khándesh， 1890.

| Iialn Periods， |  |  | Pagmora． |  | Bradeaor． |  | Eramdol． |  | Chorda． |  | Jalgaox． |  | Jamser． |  | Bhora＇val． |  | Edalse |  | Ba＇to． |  | Ya＇ral． |  | Ra＇ter． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 感 } \\ & \text { 会 } \\ & \text { N } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | 宮 |
| 1 | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | n． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Early Rains ．．． |  | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.01 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 0.02 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 03 | ．． | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． |
| Ante－Monsoon ． | 1－74 | 4 | $\cdots$ | － | 1－21 | 1 | 2．46 | 5 | 0.43 | 4 | 0.23 | 2 | 3.47 | 2 | 0.52 | 1 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 0.05 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 0．49 | 1 |
| Yonsoon－Kharif．．． | 12＇20 | 24 | 24．27 | 38 | 21.91 | 36 | 25.43 | 48 | 19－30 | 35 | 18.88 | 39 | 18.84 | 32 | 18＇70 | 80 | 16.28 | 20 | 17＊80 | 28 | 15＇55 | 31 | 16.89 | 22 |
| Monsoon－Rabi | $5 \cdot 85$ | 18 | 7＇97 | 8 | $3 \cdot 48$ | 8 | 7•67 | 13 | 04 | 8 | 4.08 | 10 | 8.00 | 13 | 6.94 | 7 | $5 \cdot 79$ | 11 | $8 \cdot 94$ | 0 | 5．02 | 7 | 4.79 | 10 |
| Late Rains | 2.01 | 3 | 1.40 | 3 | 1．66 | 3 | 1.42 | 4 | L＂22 | 2 | 1＇71 | 2 | 1.80 | 8 | 0.65 | 2 | 0.00 | 2 | 0.86 | 1 | 005 | 2 | $4 \cdot 71$ | 2 |
| Total | 28.80 | 44 | $33^{\circ} 64$ | 48 | $28 \cdot 27$ | 48 | 37＊03 | 70 | 27.00 | 48 | $25 \cdot 80$ | 53 | $32 \cdot 73$ | 60 | 26.81 | 40 | 22．97 | 88 | 22.68 | 88 | 21＊07 | 40 | 26．88 | 35 |
| Average ．．． | 29.70 | ．．． | $20 \cdot 51$ |  | 81＇20 | ．．． | $31 \cdot 12$ | ．．． | 31.58 |  | 3342 | ．．． | 34＇84 | ．． | $35 \cdot 18$ | ．．． | 8 |  | 28.95 |  | 84．44 | ．．． | 33.56 |  |

General characteristics．－In the north，high hills of the Sátpudas．The southern and western portions are also hilly but the hills less high，and continuous．Drainage by the Tápti，the Girna and the Purna．Rainfall larger than in the West Khárdesh but less certain．

Remarks．－Rainfall below average in north－east and up to average in south－west．Fair pre－ paratory sbowers except in northern tálukás．Monsoon broke about 10th June with fairly heavy showers，sufficient for kharif sowing of cottoñ，jowári，bajijri \＆c．July rain was seasonable and sufficient for completing kharif sowing and for weeding．A＇shlesha rain in． 1 st half of August， though excessive for cotton in eastern tálukas，was generally beneficial to standing crops． The subsequent break in Magha was throughout favourable for weeding and for healthy growth of crops．Rainfall in September was on the whole sufficient and seasonable for stand－ ing crops and for commencing rabi sowing．＇October rain was generally deficient，but rabi sow． ings full，as previous rain was more favourable here than in West Khándesh．Vishákha rain in early November，though slightly harmful to cotton，causing discoloration and shedding，was very hencficial to young rabi crops and for completing sowing of wheat and gram．Light show－ ers in Decernber were also favourable．On the whole season fairly grod．Outturn of cotton estinnated at 12 to 18 annas；jowári and bajri at 10 to 16 annas，and tili 6 to 8 annas．Rabi outturn of wheat and gram estimated at 10 to 12 annas and that of linseed at 4 to 6 annas．

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Násik, 1890.

| Rala Periods. | NA'bic. |  | IGatruri. |  | Binmar. |  | Nipais. |  | YıoLa. |  | Nand.GLON. |  | Malegeghox. |  | Sathima. |  | Kalvan. |  | Сна'кpons. |  | Disdoni. |  | Peist. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fali. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall |  | Full. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fail. | 宮 |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In |  |
| Early Rains .- | $0.52$ | 1 |  | . | 0.14 | 1 | . | .. | . 08 | .. | . | . |  | . |  |  |  | . | . | . | $0 \cdot 52$ | 1 |  |  |
| Ante-3tonsoon .. |  | 2 |  | - | 1. | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  | $1 \cdot 21$ | 5 | 0.37 |  |  |  | 3.1 | 5 | 0.58 |  | 1.11 |  |
| Monsoon-Kharlf .- | $13 \cdot 10$ | 29 | 115.88 | 69 | 8.58 | 32 |  |  |  |  |  | 16 | $7 \cdot 59$ | 15 | 778 |  |  | 27 | $15 \cdot 69$ | 35 | 11.37 | 39 | 80.83 | 60 |
| Monsomn-Rabl | B3 | 15 | 27-88 | 33 | 11-3: | 15 |  |  | 8.70 |  |  | 7 | 6.73 | 8 | 6.25 |  | 8.78 | 14 | 12.85 | 14 | 18.55 | 23 | 34. | 34 |
| Late Rains |  | 2 |  | 8 | 3.34 | 7 | $1 \cdot 02$ |  | $2 \cdot 12$ | 4 | $\cdot 89$ | 3 | 0.72 | 3 | $3 \cdot 8$ | 5 | 2.08 |  | 3.45 | + | 3.62 | 2 | $2 \cdot 7$ | 4 |
| Total | $29 \cdot 30$ | 49 | 148.13 | 119 | 25.17 | 59 | 20:58 | 46 | 21.98 | 32 | 22.35 | 31 | 18.25 | 29 | 18:40 | 37 | 23. | 17 | 3 l 40 | -8 | 34.6. | 67 | 119 | 1 |
| Average | 33.74 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | .. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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

Remarks.-Rainfall generally below average except in Chándor, Dindori, Peint and Igatpuri. Ante-monsoon showers were throughout favourable for preparing land and for sowing rice, nagli, \&e., in western Dángi tálukas. General sowing rain came in 2nd week of June and kharíf sowing began, though soon retarded in many places owing to cessation of rain. July rain was sufficient and seasonable for transplantation in Dangi tálukas; elsewhere it was too light for general sowing, especially in north. Ashlesha rain in 1st fortnight of August, though excessive in Dángi tálukas, was highly seasonable in central and eastern tálukas for young crops and for further extension of bájri sowing. Magha rain was very scant and crops again suffered from want of moisture, especially in north-east. General relief came by middle of September, the rainfall being most opportune for standing crops, which were greatly improved. Hast rain in early Octoler was throughout seasonable and sufficient for standing kharif and for rabi sowing, except in east. The late rains in November and December were also favourable for rabi crops. Season was, on the whole, fairly good. Kharif outturn was estimated at 12 to 16 ans. except in south and eaxt, where it was 6 to 8 ans. Rabi outturn was throughout estimated at 8 to 16 ans.

## Ahmadnagar, 1690.

Rain Periods.


General characteristics.-(1) Desh-Godávari valley (tálukas 6 to 9) : rich alluvial plains, growing much wheat. Rainfall very uncertain. Bhima and Ghor valley (talakas 3 and 4) alluvial, but less fertile. Rainfall more capricious. Good year exceptional. Talukas 1, 2, 5 and 10 lie between these valleys. Alternation of bare hill and treeless plain with occasional fertile well-wooded tracts. Rain more regular. (2)-Dangs-Half Akola has very heavy rain, half abuts on the Desh. The record shows the fall of the plain portion.

Remarks.-Rainfall generally below average. Ante-monsoon showers, though generally light, were favourable for preparing land. Monsoon broke with Mrig (5th June) and the fall was suffcient for sowing of mug, udid, cotton, dc. Very little rain fell in the 2nd fortnight of June and throughout July. Sowing of bijiri and other kharif crops retarded and sown crops of cotton, mug, \&c., began to wither. The needed relief, however, came in Ashlesha in early August, the rainfall being very beneficial to young crops and sufficient to allow bajri sowing to be recommenced. Heavy rain of Purva in September was throughout seasonable and sufficient for standing kharif crops and for commencing sowing of rabi jowari. Hast rain in early Octoler was favourable for full rabi sowings which were completed in subsequent breaks. Fair showers in November and Decernber were throughout beneficial to rabi crops. On the whole season was fair. Outturn of tushár crops, i. e., mug, udid, \&c., was fair ( 8 to 10 ans.) in east; elsewhere very poor (about 2 ans.) Kharif outturn was generally fair ( 8 to 12 ans.) except in south where poor ( 1 to 4 ans.). Rabi crops were generally good, the outturn being estimated at 12 to 16 ans., except in centre and west, where it was 7 to 10 ans.

Poona, 1890.


General characteristics.-The district varies from a heavy certain rainfall to a most scant capricious one. Sure rain is enjoyed by the west portions of Jannar, Khed, Haveli, and all of Mával. A moderate but regalar rainfall characterizes the central belt, while the Bhimthadi and Indápar tálukás are uncertain and irregular like the adjoining tálukás of Sholápur.

Remarks.-Rainfall generally up to average except in Khed and Indápur. Ante-monsoon showers were generally light but uscfal for preparing land and for commencing early sowing of rice, nágli, \&c. in Mával. Regular monsoon set in fairly in 2nd week of June, rain being sufficient for kharif sowing of rice, nagli \&c. in Máral and of bajri, mag \&c. in the Desh. July rain was seasonable and sufficient for transplantationin the western tálukás of Mával but very deficient in the eastern Deshi parts, especially in Sirar and Bhimthadi. A'shlesha rain was slightly excessive in Mával where the subsequent break in Magha was favourable, elsewhere in the Desh August rain, though bencicial at first, was not sufficient for standing crops which were suffering from want of moisture in most parts. Hers relief came in September, the generalheary fall of Purva being very beneficial to standing kharif and sufficient for commencing rabi sowing. Hast rain in early October, though favourable for standing lharff crops and rabi sowing, was not sufficient, especially for rice in Mával. Almost no rain fell in Chitra and Svati and hence heary Vishakha rain was most opportune, being highly beneficial to late kharif as well as to rabi crops. Heavy rain fell again in December in south-eastern tálukás and was generally beneficial to rabi crops. Season fair on the whole. Outturn of both kharif and rabi crops was estimated at 8 to 11 annas. Kardai was slightly damaged by late rains and the outturn was reduced to 6 annas.

Sholápur, 1890.

| Rain Perioda, | Suola'pue. |  | B4'zal. |  | Mi'dia. |  | Karyaja. |  | Patdhapler |  | sдrпой. |  | MS'taizas. |  |
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|  | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Raing } \\ & \text { dasal. } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { Rainy } \\ \text { days. } \end{array}$ | Fall. | $\left.\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \text { Raing } \\ \text { dasa } \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | Fall. | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { Rainy } \\ \text { daya. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Fall. | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { Rainy } \\ \text { daye. } \end{array}$ | Fall. | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { Roiny } \\ \text { dayy. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Fall. | $\begin{array}{\|} \text { Rainy } \\ \text { dasi. } \end{array}$ |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Early } \\ \text { Raine } \\ \text { Ante-Monsoon }\end{array} . .$. | 0.30 0.70 | $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0.10 2.87 | 1 | \% 238 | 4 | 0.05 2.23 |  | \% 9.89 | 4 | - 0.35 | ${ }_{8}^{1}$ | -0.23 | 1 |
| Mnnsoon-Kharif .... .... | 11.48 | 13 | 11:88 | 19 | ${ }_{6} \mathbf{2 8}$ | 12 | ${ }_{5} \mathbf{5} 7$ | 10 | $6 \cdot 81$ | 12 | 2.40 | 7 | ${ }_{6 \cdot 89}$ | 13 |
| Monsoon-Rabi ... .. ... | 7.59 | 11 | $10 \cdot 50$ | 16 | 15.08 | 15 | $12 \cdot 51$ | 14 | $12 \cdot 49$ | 18 | 8.71 | 15 | $6 \cdot 46$ | 11 |
| Late Rains ... ... | 8.26 | 7 | 12.25 | 8 | 5-30 | 7 | 6.87 | 9 | 2'80 | B | 4:89 | 7 | 5.88 | 10 |
| Total | 28.33 | 34 | 36-90 | 49 | 29.02 | 38 | 27.20 | 36 | 23.09 | 40 | 17.90 | 33 | 19.73 | 37 |
| Average ... | 33.33 | ... | 32.35 | $\cdots$ | 27.89 | ... | 26.32 | ... | 27.65 | ... | 22:99 | ... | 21.07 | $\cdots$ |

General characteristics.-The isolated tálaka of Bársi is richest, and has the surest rain; but the rainfall is scanty all over the district, and very capricious.

Remarks.-Rainfall below average in southern and above average in northern tálukás. Monsoon broke early in June with fair showers throughout the district, useful for preparing land and for commencing kharíf sowings in places. The sabsequent rain, however, was generally deficient and kharff sowings only partially done except at Dársi, where the rainfall was seasonable and sufficient. Fair fall of A'shlesha in early August was favourable for standing kharif and for preparing land for rabi sowing. Purva and Uttara rain in September was throughout seasonable and sufficient for sowing rabi jowari. October rain though light was on the whole sutticient for corpleting sowing of jowári, wheat, gram, \&c. The general heavy rain of Vishakha in the first week of November was most seasonable and highly beneficial to rabi crops which were flourishing everywhere. Fairly heavy showers again fell in December, which were generally favourable to rabi crops, bat excessive in Eársi where rabi outturn was sligbtly reduced. On the whole kharif season was gencrally poor, the outturn being estimated at 2 to 4 annas. Rabi season was throughout excellent, and, though kardai slightly suffered from blight in places, jowári was full a verage crop.

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Sátára， 1890.


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

Remanks．－Rainfall generally below or up to average．Ante－monsoon showers generally light but favourable for preparing land．Monsoon broke in 2nd week of June，with sufficient rain for commencing kharif sowing throughout the district．July rain was sufficient and seasonable for trans－ plantation of rice，nágli，\＆c．，in west and for completing tharif sowing in south and centre，but it was very deficient in north－east tálukás（Mán and Khatáv），where sowing retarded and sown crops began to suffer．The heavy and continuous rain of A＇shlesha in first－half of August was slightly harmful to standing crops in western and central tálukás where the subsequent break in Magha was very favour－ able for weeding and for growth of crops．In south－eastern tálukás，however，A＇shlesha rain was deficient and hence the break in Magha was injurious to crops．Partial relief came in Purva，while the fall of Uttara and Hast，though not sufficiently heary，was throughout seasonable and most bene－ ficial to standing crops as well as for rábi sowing．Vishákha rain in early November was fairly heary and generally beneficial to rabi crops．The unusually heavy rain in December，though slightly harmful to jowári，\＆c．，in places，was on the whole beneficial to rabi．Season was on the whole good． Kharif outturn was estimated at 10 to 14 annas in west and centre and at 4 to 10 annas in south－ east．Rábi outturn ranged from 8 to 12 annas in south－east and 12 to 16 annas elsewhere，

Belgaum， 1890.

|  | bleauna． |  | Chasdaad． | Kha＇na＇－ <br> PUR． |  | Sampaano． |  | SAuxdatit． |  | Mumad． |  | Gosa＇m． |  | Cuisodi． |  | Hugrric |  | АтGst． |  |
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| Esrly Rains Ante－Moon Monsoon－Kharif Monaron－Rabj Late Raine In |  | （ $\begin{gathered}1 \\ 6 \\ 83 \\ 14 \\ 9\end{gathered}$ | 2 <br> 4.58 ${ }_{8} 0125$ 9.5410 | In． 0.98 0.58 22.59 52.30 8.60 0.10 | $\left(\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 7 \\ 02 \\ 23 \\ 10 \end{array}\right.$ |  | 4 <br> 8 <br> 30 <br> 18 |  | － | ． In ． | 2 8 8 21 11 7 |  | 7 73 10 |  | 8 7 7 8 8 8 |  | 3 5 28 9 8 8 |  | 7 <br> 14 <br> 1 |
|  |  |  | 117．34 118 | 69.67 |  | 28.88 | ${ }^{1}$ | 17．89 | 35 | 24－62 | 49 | 19.0 | 45 | 28：82 | 48 | 30．06 | 48 | 15.9 | 38 |
| $\Delta \mathrm{verag}$ e | 4680 | －－ | 05＇98 ．．． | 64．68 |  | 2814 |  | 24：47 | －．． | 24•30 | $\cdots$ | 23.78 | ．． | $27 \cdot 6$ | ．． | 21．60 | ．．． | 24.4 | ． |

General characteristics．－Near the Sahyádris，the rain of the south－west monsoon is very con－ stant and heavy（Belgaum and Khánápur）．Further east，Chikodi，Gokák and Sampgaon，it is fitful． The eastern talukas monsonn（which comes generally in October and later）．

Remarks．－Rainfall generally up to average，slightly above in south－west and below in north－ east tálukás．Ante－monsoon showers were throughout favourable for preparing the land．Rainfall in June was sufficient for sowing rice，nágli，de．，in south－west；elsewhere rain．scanty and kháríf sowings retarded．July rain，though excessive for nágli，was sufficient and favourable for rice trans－ plantation and for sowing sprouted rice in south－west ；elsewhere good rain came in Pushya in the third week of July and was gencrally sufficient for tharlf sowing except Athni wbich received very little rain．A＇shlesha rain in August was excessive in south－west but subsequent break in Magha was very valuable for weeding and for healthy growth of crops．Elsewhere August rain was deficient and crops suffered from want of moisture．Heary rain was throughout absent in September and rice began to suffer and cotton sowing retarded．Hast rain in early October，though not heavy，was very beneficial to withering rice and for rabi sowing，Rainfall in latter part of October was again deficient，especially in Saundatti and Athni，where crops were withering．Gencral heavy rain of Vishákha in early November was throughout seasonable and highly beneficial to rabi crops．Season fair on the whole．Kharif outturn was estimated at 10 to 16 annas in south－west ；elsewhere 4 to 10 annas．Rabi crops were fairly good in west and south－west（10 to 16）annas，elsewhere middling （ 6 to 10 annas）．

Bijápur, 1890


General characteristics.-This district receives its rain from both the south-west and the northpast monsoon. Hungund enjoys an even and generally sure rainfall. Bágalkot and Bádámi fare well as a rule. The rich plains of the Krishna and Don valleys are uncertain. The north talukas of Bijápur, Indi and Sindgi have capricious and light rainfall.

Rcmarks.-Rainfall generally above the average except Bagevadi and IIungund. Ante-monsoon showers were throughout favourable for preparing land. Monsoon set in with Mrig in fairly heavy showers all over, sufficient for commencing kharif sowing, especially in north. Sowings, however retarded or only partially continued as the rainfall in July was generally scanty. Ashlesha and Magha rain in August was good at Indi and Sindgi in north and at Bádámi in south where standing crops were in good condition; elsewhere sown crops were badly withering from want of moisture. General relief came in 2nd week of September with Purva, the rainfall being very beneficial to standing tharíf as also for rabi sowing of cotton, rála, jowári, \&c. Hast rain in early October was also sufficient and seasonable for standing kharíf crops, and for further sowing of rabi jowári, wheat and gram. Vishákha rain in November, though rather heavy in places, was highly beneficial to standing crops throughout. Slight damage was caused in November by locusts while passing through Indi and Sindgi Talukas. Season fair on the whole. Kharif outturn estimated at 6 to 13 annas and rabi outturn at 8 to 14 annas. Cotton having suffered from blight gave poor outturn.

## Dhárwár, 1890.

| Eain Periods. |  |  | Mugid. |  | Hoblr. |  | $\underset{\substack{\text { Kal. } \\ \text { онато }}}{ }$ |  |  |  | Ea'rgar. |  | Kod. ${ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  | Kımasi. |  | Gadag. |  | Mutdabar. |  | Naval OURD |  | Nargund. |  | Rus. |  |
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|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In |  | In. |  | In. |  | 1n. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| Early hiains | 0.82 | 2 | 0.30 | 1 | $0 \cdot 08$ | ... | 105 | 2 |  | ... | $\cdot 41$ |  | 45 | 2 | 05 | ... | 0.6 .8 | 2 | ... | ... | . 36 | 1 | $\ldots$ | ... | 0.40 | 1 |  |  |
| Ante. Mungson | 400 | 9 | 3-83 | 10 | 32 | 7 | 4.78 | 0 |  | - |  |  | ${ }^{6} 19$ | 10 | $\cdot 88$ | 10 | 415 | 7 | 25 | 5 | 88 | 4 | 2.08 | 5 | 1.18 | 3 | $3 \cdot 91$ | 7 |
| munsown Kharif .. | 11.31 | 31 | 15:53 | 40 | 07 | 18 | $18 \cdot 85$ | 43 | 9.45 | 34 |  |  | $9 \cdot 61$ | 30 | 51 | 15 | 65 | 23 | 95 | 15 | [144 | 13 | . 9 | 10 | 5.09 | 11 | 6.2 | 1 |
| Nonsmon-Rabi .. | $5 \cdot 54$ | 12 | 5.20 | 10 | $8 \cdot 78$ | 14 | 7.37 | 19 | $3 \cdot 38$ | 10 | 20 | 14 | 18 | 7 | 6.98 | 14 | 5.81 | 11 | $9 \cdot 00$ | 17 | 10.34 | 18 | 10.33 | 14 | '88 | 16 | $14 \cdot 31$ | ${ }^{16}$ |
| Late Rainy | $7 \cdot 07$ | 11 | 6.81 | 9 | $8 \cdot 56$ | 10 | $10 \cdot 60$ | 8 | 8.24 | 8 | $7 \cdot 40$ | 9 | 1368 | 10 | 16.48 | 12 | $11 \cdot 2$ | 7 | 478 | 6 | 7.74 | 10 | 3.6 | 6 | 1.85 | 6 | 413 | 5 |
| Total | 54 | 65 | -67 | 70 | 28'79 | 49 | $10 \cdot 88$ | 81 | 21.89 | 58 | $40^{\circ} 03$ | 82 | $33^{\prime} 11$ | 69 | 3470 | 81 | $28 \cdot 51$ | 50 | 24.38 | 42 | $28 \cdot 26$ | 46 | 18.88 | 35 | $25 \cdot 40$ | 37 | $27 \cdot$ | 2 |
| agt | 95 |  | 34 | ... | 27.03 | ... | 30'14 | ... | $3 \cdot 28$ | ... | $37 \cdot 34$ |  | $27 \cdot 70$ | ... | 23.82 | ... | 27-21 | ... | 88 | ... | 81 | ... | $25 \cdot 36$ | ... | 23.66 | ... | $25 \cdot 77$ | $\ldots$ |

$\boldsymbol{a}_{\text {eneral }}$ cluaracteristics.-The district is composed of hilly tracts-the malad growing rice and hill grains (Hangal, Kalghatgi and Kod) and the black-soil plains growing cotton and wheat (Gadag, Ron, Navalgund and Hubli), or cotton but no wheat (Karajgi and Ránebennur). The Dhárwár and Bankápur Tálukas are partly malád. The soil of the malád is red and gravelly, but the rainfall is steady and comparatively heavy. It is more sure and seasonable the further 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 produce is very large, but where the fall is irregular and uncertain, and where there is always risk of drought.

Remarks.-Rainfall above average in south and west, elsewhere below or up to average. Antemonsoon showers were useful for preparing land for cultivation. Monsoon broke about 8th June with light showers, sufficient to begin rice sowings in west ; elsewhere kharif sowing'retarded till 20th July when fair rain of Pushya sufficient for jowári sowing came all over the district. Ashlesha rain in 1st half of August was beneficial but insufficient, while Magha and Purva rain was very scanty throughout the district except in north-east and crops began to suffer everywhere. Relief came with Hast at end of September, the fall being highly beneficial to withering rice and other crops and for completing cotton sowing. Svíti and Vishákha rain in November was unnecessarily heavy in south, but seasonable and very beneficial to rabi crops. In north however, rabi crops suffered from want of moisture. Season was fair on the whole. The outturn of both kharif and rabi crops was estimated at 8 to 12 annas. Cotton being affected by blight generally suffered in outturn.

Kánara, 1890.

| Raia Periods, | KABWir. |  | Ankola, |  | Kuxta. |  | Hona'yar. |  | Bhatial. |  | Haliyal. |  | Supa. |  | YBLLA'por. |  | Mundood. |  | Sirsi. |  | Sidda'poz. |  |
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|  |  |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall. |  | Fall, |  | Fall. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 苞 } \\ & \text { 官 } \\ & \stackrel{y}{c} \end{aligned}$ | Fail. |  | Fall. | - |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| Early Raina ... ... |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 0.03 | ... | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | ... | [0.00 | 1 | 2.05 | 3 | 0.05 | ... | 0.48 |  | 0.61 | 1 | ... |  |
| Ante-Monsoon | $15 \cdot 18$ | 13 | 10.89 | 12 | 21-22 | 13 | 17.70 | 11 | 13.98 | 14 | $5 \cdot 60$ | 12 | 5.49 | 11 | $4 \cdot 51$ | 0 | 1.60 |  | 4.81 | 12 | $3 \cdot 0$ | 7 |
| Monsoon.Kharit | 05-11 | 63 | 109.93 | 66 | 133*84 | 65 | 122.05 | 68 | 104.81 | 68 | 26.44 | 47 | 65.75 | 68 | 72.61 |  | 22.40 | 49 | 71-81 | 61 | 79-40 | 63 |
| Monsoon-Rabl ... .. | 8.35 | 15 | 11.09 | 19 | 11-89 | 23 | 11-23 | 23 | $7 \cdot 63$ | 21 | 10.58 | 15 | 7-57 | 17 | 12.45 | 25 | 8.28 | 20 | 0-27 | 20 | 8.9 | 19 |
| Late Rain © ... .- | 2.40 | 7 | $4 \cdot 52$ | 10 | -84 | 7 | 8.07 | 7 | $5 \cdot 28$ | 11 | $7 \cdot 04$ | 13 | $8 \cdot 67$ | 9 | 10.39 | 12 | 6.88 | 10 | $8 \cdot 94$ | 11 | $8 \cdot 46$ | 11 |
| Total ... | 121.04 | 98 | 142.43 | 107 | 171-32 | 108 | 154.05 | 109 | 132-81 | 114 | 50.52 | 88 | $88 \cdot 53$ | 108 | 100.01 | 11. | 89.65 | 87 | 98-44 | 105 | 90.95 | 100 |
| Average ... | $116 \cdot 62$ |  | 126.48 |  | 133•11 | ... | 128.33 | ... | 140-01 | … | 44.37 | ... | $89 \cdot 18$ | ... | $91 \cdot 56$ | -.. | 41.25 | ... | 91.84 | ... | 98.93 | $\cdots$ |

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

Remarks.-Rainfall generally up to average and slightly above average on coast. South-west monsoon aet in early on 29th May on the coast with sufficient and seasonable rain for sowing. In upland tálukas sowing rain came a little later. Kharif sowings completed in June throughout the district. Rain in first half of Jaly was insufficient but heary rain fell thronghout in Pushya and A'shlesha, and, though slightly excessive in places, was on the whole seasonable and sofficient for transplantation which was completed by middle of August. Rainfall in September was generally deficient and rice crops, especially in hilly lands in coast tálukas, suffered in outturn. Hasta rain in early October was ver'y beneficial to rice and other crops in upland tálukas. Late rains in Sváti and Vishákha, though moderately heavy and useful for sowing second crops, were generally anseasonable and injarious to ripened as well as to reaped rice and to betelnat. On the whole season was fairly good. Oatturn of rice and other crops was generally estimated at 13 annas.

Ratnágiri, 1890.


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 Sabyadris than towards the centre, and these again fall into nearly level plateaus towards the centre. The rainfall is abondant and regular, being considerably heavier inland than on the coast.

Remarks.-Rainfall generally above average. Regular monsoon broke early about 31st May and rain fell almost daily till the end of August; the fall of Pushya and A'shlesha was excessive especially in northern tálukas, causing slight damage to young crops and delaying transplantation. Magha rain in 2nd fortnight of Angast was generally light and very beneficial to growing crops. In September and October rain fell generally in light showers, but was on the whole seasonable and quite up to requirements. Chitra rain in October, however, was injuriously heavy in Sangameshvar and Chiplun. The late rain of Vishákha in early November, though slightly injurions to ripened as well as to reaped crops, was favourable for sowing second crops. Senson was good on the whole. Outturn of early crops was estimated at 14 to 16 annas, and that of late crops and of harik at 13 to 14 annas.

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Kolába， 1890.

| Rain Periods． | A＇Limio． |  | Paxyel． |  | Uran． |  | Pen． |  | ROH4． |  | Mangaox： |  | SLIMAD． |  |
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|  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 合 } \\ & \text { 会 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． |  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 寄 } \\ & \text { 曷 } \\ & \text { 品 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | 苞 | Fall． |  | Fall， |  | Fall． | 家 |
|  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Early Rains ．．．．．．．．． | 0.03 | $\cdots$ | 0.04 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.15 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| Anteajonsoon．．．．．．．．． | 2－62 | 3 | 1.76 | 2 | 0.87 | 3 | －171 | 2 | \＄•85 | 2 | 1.82 | 2 | 0005 | 3 |
| Monsoon－Kharis ．．．．．． | 71－01 | 64 | $110 \cdot 58$ | 66 | 76．58 | 61 | 105＊43 | 67 | 109．35 | 68 | 135．65 | 60 | 143．84 | 67 |
| Monscon－Rabi ．．．．．．．．． | 80.80 | 21 | $20 \cdot 73$ | 29 | 17•10 | 24 | $23 \cdot 77$ | 37 | 18．85 | 31 | 32：39 | 40 | 20.01 | 33 |
| Late Rains ．．．．．．．．． | $1 \cdot 03$ | 2 | 1－06 | 2 | 10 | 1 | $8 \cdot 40$ | 1 | 2.97 | 2 | 1235 | 4 | 1．91 | 4 |
| Total ．．． | 95.65 | 90 | $134 \cdot 17$ | 99 | 05．55 | 89 | 138.49 | 108 | 135．8 | 103 | 170.64 | 118 | 107－71 | 107 |
| Average ．．． | 84＊79 | －．． | 110＇50 |  | 95．48 | $\cdots$ | 114．04 |  | 122－37 | － | $127 \cdot 69$ | $\cdots$ | 130．68 | $\cdots$ |

General characteristics．－A ragged belt of country from 15 to 30 miles broad．Rainfall abandant and regular，heing heariest in parts towards the Sahyádris．

Remarks．－Rainfall generally above average．Regalar monsoon set in with Mrig（5th June）， the rainfall in Jane being seasonable and safficient thronghout the district for sowing and trans－ plantation．Very heavy rain fell in Pusbya at end of July and though excessive for weeding，was net injurions to any of the crops．Angust rain was seasonable and sufficient to all crops．Parva and Uttara rain in September，though excessive for rice in lowlying lands，was on the whole bene－ ficial to standiug crops．Chitra rain in October was excessive in Mángaon，while late rain of Vishálha was injorious to reaped and ripe crops in Pen and Roha．It was，however，favoarable to rabi crops．Season was good on the whole．Oatturn of rice，nágli，and vari was estimated at 10－14 annas．．Rabi outturn was estimated at 14 annas．

Thảna， 1890.


General characteristics．－Inland，the district is well watered and well wooded．Rainfall abundant，being considerably more inland than on the coast and ©less towards the north than towards the sonth．

Remarks．－Rainfall generally above average，and a Fittle below in north．．Monsoon broke in light showers with Mrig（5th June）and rice and varkas bowing commenced everywhere．Heavs rain fell in latter balf of June by which sowing delayed and sown seed washed away in places． Rainfall in July aud Angast was throughont seasonable and sufficient for ploughing and trans－ plantation which was completed by middle of Augnst．September rain was very favourable for standing crops．Hast rain in October，though generally light，was injurions to early crops in some places，while Vishákha rain in early November slightly damaged cut crops lying ir tields． On the whole season was very good．Kharif ontturn was throughout estimated at 12 to 20 annas， The outturn of salt rice was unusually good．Rabi outturn was estimated at 10 to 18 annas．

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Sorat， 1890.

| Rain Periods， | Supat． |  | Olpa＇d． |  | RA＇simit． |  | Ma＇mbvi． |  | BA＇rDOLI． |  | VA＇İOD． |  | Jala＇lpor． |  | Cgikhli． |  | Balsa＇r． |  |  |  |
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|  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall， |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． |  | Fall． | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 宽 } \\ & \text { 空 } \\ & \text { 窵 } \end{aligned}$ | Fall． | 安 | Fall． | 宕 |
| ， | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In， |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  | In． |  |
| Early Rains ．．． | －＊ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | －．＇ | $\cdots$ | －＊ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | －＇＊ | － | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
| Anto－Monsoon ．．．．．． | 1.04 | 1 | 0.10 | 1 |  |  | 0.10 | 1 | 0.32 | 1 | $2 \cdot 18$ | 2 | 0.80 | 1 | 0．73 | 2 | 0.25 | 1 | $0 \cdot 30$ | 1 |
| Monsoon－Kharif ．．．．．． | 48－97 | 89 | 29.67 | so | 45.22 | 42 | 43.47 | 49 | $50 \cdot 30$ | 48 | 4417 | 51 | 88.73 | 40 | 81．12 | 65 | 52.89 | 52 | 57.51 | 57 |
| Monsoon－Rabl ．．．．． | $8 \cdot 80$ | 18 | $8 \cdot 64$ | 11 | 78.8 | 15 | 11.38 | 15 | $0 \cdot 82$ | 17 | 10.57 | 15 | $8 \cdot 50$ | 11 | 20.87 | 23 | 18＇71 | 24 | 28．79 | 23 |
| Lato Raint ． | 0004 | ．．． | ．．． | '... | 0.28 | 1 | 0.08 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.84 | 1 | 124 | 2 | 0.03 | ．．． | 0.29 | 2 | 0.24 | 1 |
| Total | 58.85 | 68 | 84.41 | 48 |  |  | 8.01 | 65 | 68．91 | 66 | 67.27 | 69 | 49.37 | 60 | $72 \cdot 55$ | 80 | 72.14 | 79 | 84．84 | 84 |
| Average ．－－ | 4＊06 | ）．．． | 35.52 | $\ldots$ | 42.95 | ．．． | $65 \cdot 27$ | ．．－ | 6582 | ．．． | 81.31 | $\cdots$ | 58.98 | －＊ | 77.63 | ．－． | 74.43 | ．． | 71．48 | $\cdots$ |

－General characteristics．－Western portion all along the chast pors sandy soil ；ceatral belt with rich soil and moderate rainfall ；farther to the east Daugs with beavy rainfall but light soil．－As a rale rain lighter on the cosst than inland．
－Remarks．－Rainfall generally below average ；and slightly above average in Chorási and Bárdoli in north and Párdi in soath Fair preparato：y showers of Kohini in early Jane．Monsoon broke about 12th June with fair showers，sufficient for sowing rice，cotton，bajiri，\＆c．Abnormally heary rain fell between 18－21st Jane，either washing away newly sown need or causing it to rot in many places．Rain foll almost daily in July，and thongh seasonable and safficient for rice transplantation， was excessive for sowing cotton，juár，\＆c．Angust rain fell generally in lighl showers and with intervening breaks was very favourable for completing sowing of cotton，juar，\＆c．，as also for weed－ ing．Ieavy rain of Uttars in 2 ad week of Septenber，coming after a break，was very beneficial to standing crops and for preparing land for rabi sowing．Hast ruin was fair in sonth，where useful for rabi sowing；elsewhere very scant．Light showers of Vishákha in early November， though insufficient，were beneficial to rabi crops．Siason fair on the whole．Outtura of rice was generally good and estimated at 16 annas．Cotton and jowári sulfered owing to excessive rain in the beginning and want of moisture from late rains，the outturn being 9 annas．Rabi orops fair in soath，elsewhere below average．

Broach， 1890.

| Rain Periods． | Broack． |  | Ankleshiar． |  | H\＆nsot． |  | Vaora． |  | AnOD． |  | Jambugar， |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall． | Rainy days． | Fall． | Rainy days． | Fall． | Rainy days． | Fall． | Rainy days． | Fall． | Rainy days． | Fall． | Rainy days． |
| Eally Rains ．．． | In． | ．$\cdot$ | In． |  | In． | ， | In： |  | In． |  | In． | ， |
|  | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | － | $\cdots$ | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | ， |
|  | 0.68 | 1 | $1 \cdot 51$ | 1 | 0.33 | 1 | 0．74 | 2 | 0．49 | 1 | 0.57 | － 1 |
| Anto－Monsoon $\quad$－${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 0.78 | 27 |  | 30 | 18．45 | 23 | 13.73 | 28 | 19．35 | 23 | $20 \cdot 13$ | 24 |
| Monsoon－Kharif ．．．．．． | 20.79 |  | 25.64 | 30 | 18.45 | 2 | 1373 | 2 | $\cdots$ |  |  |  |
| ongoo | $5 \cdot 51$ | 9 | 5.85 | 10 | 4.97 | 9 | 5．30 | 8 | ． 480 | 12 | $\begin{aligned} & 6.47 \\ & 0.05 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\cdots$ |  | 0.02 | ．．． | －${ }^{*}$ | $\ldots$ |  |  |
| Late Rains ．．．．．． | $\cdots$ |  |  |  | 23.75 | 33 | 19•79 | 38 | 24.64 | 36 | 27．22 | 36 |
| －Total | 26.98 | 37 | 33．00 | 41 | 2375 | 3 | 1970 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average ． | 44．21 |  | 41．41 | ．．． | 34＊24 | $\cdots$ | 30．60 | ．．． | 41．75 | ．．． | 39＇46 | ．． |

General characteristics．－Rich allavial plains growing cotton and wheat．Rainfall modorate but sure，being as a rale more plentifal in tho Broazh tálata．The raiafall is supplemented by heavy dews from October to December．

Remarks．－Rainfall throughont belovs average．Fair preparatory rain of Rohini in early June Mnusoon broke about 12th June．General heavy rain came in Ardra in latter half of Jnne，being sea－ sonable and suffient for kharif sowing everywhere．Jaly rain，though deficient in quantity，fell at scasonable intervals and was on the whole favourable for completing kharff sowing and for weeding． Fairly heary rain fell in A＇shlesha about middle of Augast and was throaghout beneficial to stand－ ing crops of cotton，juár，\＆c．，though insufficient for rice，especially in Ankleshvar and Hánoot． General heavy rain came again，after a long break，by the middle of September and was very bene－ ficial to standing crops and for rabi sowing of juár，wheat，ling，\＆c．Very little rain fell snbse－ quently and rabi cropy suffered from want of moisture．Senson was on the whol of safficient moisture torn was estimated at 9 to 14 annas．
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Kaira, 1890.

| Raid Periodm. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\frac{\text { Kana, }}{\text { Fall. }$ Rniny  <br>  dajs. } |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { MayMAD= } \\ \text { ABAD. } \end{gathered}$ |  | gatar. |  | Nadiád. |  | Kapadvand. |  | Thatera. |  | A'mand. |  | Bordad. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Fall. | Rainy day. | Fill | Rainy day. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall | Rainy days. | Fall. | Ralny daj: | Fall. | $\begin{array}{\|l} \text { Rainy } \\ \text { days } \end{array}$ |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | İ. |  | 1 n. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| Early Rains .-. ... | $\cdots$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ...' | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.23 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Anter Monsuon ... ... .-. | 0.17 | 1 | $3^{100}$ | 1 | 03:3 | 1 | 0.20 | 1 | 0.55 | 8 | 0.88 | 11 | $0 \cdot 35$ | 2 | 008 | \% |
| Menecon-Eharif ... .- ... | 22-10 |  | 20-87 | 29 | 22.93 | 80 | 27.83 | 86 | 30.71 | . 82 | 81.87 | 28 | 20.62 | 29 | 26.14 | 28 |
| Motsoon-Rabl , ... ... ... | $4 \cdot 00$ | 9 | $6 \cdot 68$ | 7 | 3.85 | 8 | $4 \cdot 17$ | 8 | 4.75 | 5 | $2 \cdot 28$ | 6 | $8 \cdot 47$ | $9$ | $2 \cdot 8$ | 7 |
| Late Ralu: .-. ... | 0.07 | $\cdots$ | - | $\cdots$ | -* | .* | - | $\bullet \cdot$. |  | $\therefore$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |  | ... | $\cdots$ |
| $\cdots \quad . \quad$ Total mome | 2784 |  | 28*60 | 87 | 27.11 | 89 | 8198 | ${ }^{4} 8$ | 8801 | 89 | 25.23 | 86 | $24 \cdot 4$ | 88 | 89.94 | 57 |
| * Average ... | 97-13 |  | 134.24 | $\cdots$ |  |  | 87.87 |  | $84 \cdot 67$ | -* | 88.0 | ... | $88 \cdot 4$ | -m | 37\%80 | .. |

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

Remarks.-Rainfall generally below average except at Kapadvanj. Light to fair showers of Rohini in early June were usefal for preparing land. Monsoun broke about 11 th June with fair fall all over the district sofficient to commence rice and kodra sowing. Kharif sowing continued though heary rain was absent till close of June. Jaly opened with general heary rain sufficient for completing kharif sowing and for commencing rice transplantation. Pushya rain, in latter half of July though favourable for other tharif crops, was insufficient for rice, and many seedling beds, as the Collector remarks, became useless. Many caltirators in despair sowed bajri and other cereals or deliberately decided to allow their land a fallow, thinking that no rice cuald come to perfection. The result was that conparatively ouly a small area was planted with rice. General heary rain came about llth Augast in A'shlesha and was very favourable for completing rice transplantation. - Very little rain fell in September and the late rains were altogether absent, conseqnently rabi area was smaller than usial. Season was on the whole fair. Kharif outtorn was fairly good; bajri, gaár, \&ec., 14 annas, kodra aud cotton 13 annas, juár and bávto 12 annay, tobaccu and rice 9 annas. Of rabi, wheat fair, 11 annas, but gram poor, 4 annas. The gield of ráyan, mango and moho tree was plentifal.

Panch Maháls, 1890.

| ; | Godmen. |  | - Eator . |  | Hiloh. |  | , Dogap. |  | JBA'LOD. |  | JA'MEUAEODA. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Eva 2 | Fall. | Rainy deya | Pall | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Reiny } \\ & \text { dayan } \end{aligned}$ | Fall. | Raing ${ }^{\circ}$ dasy. | Fall. | Rniny dayn. | Fall. | Ralny days. | Fall. | Ralny days. |
| . . | Io. |  | In. |  | In. | , | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| sarly Reins... | 15 | 1 | **- | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\because$ | ** | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ |
| Anto-Mons 000 L | 012 | ..* | 104 | ! '1 | $0 \cdot 10$ | - 1 | . 0.55 | 1 | * 0.20 | 1 | * 0.88 | - 2 |
| Monsoon-Kherif . | 80.13 | - 34 | $23 \cdot 80$ | 36 | 33.00 | 85 | - 18.78 | 32 | $29 \cdot 90$ | 33 | 88.10 | 89 |
| Yongoon-Rabi | 6.72 | . 11 | 294 | 9 | 8.45 | $\therefore 0$ | 6.67 | 10 | 2 $2 \cdot 96$ | 6 | $10 \cdot 90$ | 18 |
| Late Ralns ... | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | $\cdots$ | 0.69 | 1 | .. ; | $\sim$ | $0 \cdot 98$ | 1 |
| Total | 37•11 | 46 | 27.78 | 46 | 96.55 | 45 | - 25.44 | 44 | 27.06 | 40 | 60.37 | 64 |
| $\Delta$ verage . | 48.24 | ... | $40 \cdot 20$ | * ... | 4787 | ** | 82.66 | $\ldots$ | 82,65 | $\cdots$ | . 60.69 | ... |

General characteristics.-Rainfall lighter and later in the east than in the western division.
Demarks.-Rainfall mach below average. 'Monsoon broke about llth June with moderately heary showers, safficient to commence kharif sowinys of rice, kodra, maize, dc. General henvy rain fell in A'rdra and Punarvasa until middle of Jaly and was sufficient for completiug kharif sowing. Pashya rain in latter half of Joly was deficient for rice transplantation. Heavy rain in $\Lambda^{\prime}$ 'shlesha in 2nd week of August, though seasonable and snficient for rice transplantation, was excessive for bajri and pulses, especially in Jambughoda. Partial break in Magha and Purva in Aagast was generally favourable to all crops except rice which needed more rain. Fair showers of Uttara in 2nd week of September were throughont beneficial. Very little' rain fell in Hast and the late rains were altogether absent; consequently kharif crops, especially late sown rice, suffered in outturn and rabi area was short. Season on the whole fair. The outtorn of kharif cropi, maize, bajri, dc., was estimated at 10 to 14 annas; rice was poor, 3 to 8 annas. Rabi outtorn of gram and Wheat was estimated at 4 to 8 annas. Fruit trees, e. g., moho, mango, \&c., gave a bumper yield.

## Ahmadabad, 1890.

| Rain Periods. | AHMEDABAD. |  | Parintij, |  | Modan. |  | 8a'mand. |  | - Viravging. |  | Drolea. |  | Diamduus. |  | Coons. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy day. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy days. | Fall. | Rainy daya. |
|  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  | In. |  |
| Early Ralna ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ." | $\cdots$ | * ... | $\cdots$ | -* | .. | ** | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.86 | 1 |
| Anto-Monsoon ... | 0.65 | 1 | 0.44 | 2 | 0.40 | 2 | 0.20 | 1 | 1-72 | 2 | 0.07 | ... | 0.74 | 2 | 0.67 | 1 |
| Monsoon-Kharif ... | $17 \cdot 26$ | 35 | 19.51 | 32 | 27.06 | 30 | 18.48 | 34 | 20.05 | . 27 | 22.02 | 28 | 849 | 16 | 18.12 | 2 |
| Monsoon-Rabl ... | 484 |  | $2 \cdot 81$ | 10 | 1.87 | 6 | $3 \cdot 10$ | 7 | 4.02 | 8 | 8.74 | 8 | $2 \cdot 97$ | 7 | 8.88 | 10 |
| Late Raine | :. | $\cdots$ | 0.17 | 1 | ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ** | $\stackrel{\square}{*}$ | $\stackrel{ }{*}$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 0.13 | '... |
| Total . . | 22-75 | 43 | 22.93 | 45 | $29 \cdot 63$ | 44 | 21.78 | 42 | 25*79 | 37 | 30.83 | 30 | 12*20 | 25 | 21.64 | 36 |
| - Average ... | 20.92 | .** | 80.08 | $\cdots$ | $87 \cdot 32$ | $\cdots$ | \$1.09 | ... | $28 \cdot 22$ | ... | 30:89 | $\cdots$ | 27.92 | $\cdots$ | 27.36 | ... |

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## APPENDIX A.

## Dairy Experiments.

There experiments have been conducted with two objects in view :-
(1) to introduce improved European dairy machinery and processes, and
(2) to study systemstically the feeding and management of milch cattle and the value of rarious breeds for dairy purposes.

- The use of separators has already considerably extended. The Dombay Agent of the Dairy Supply Company has sold 24 cream separators, half in Bombay and the rest to mofussil purchasers. One of these has established a separator at' Nadidd (Gujarát). He scparates about 700 lbs of milk daily and sends the cream in locked cans to Bonbay, where it is made into butter next morning. He sells his butter at 12 annas par lh., paying Rs. 2-8-0 per 100 lbs . of milk. At this rate, he appears to make a profit of about Rs. 15 per day. The separated milk he has found unsaleable hitherto at Nadiád. It is, however, now made into cutd and sent to Bombay. In Bombay and Poona separated milk finds a ready sale, especially among the peorer classes. Generally the machines are.working in Bombay and Poona at good profit.

A Dairy Class was opened by this Department in Bombay for a month, when about 20 persons were instructed, among whom were two men deputed by the Maháraja of Ulwár and one by the Nadiád Agricultural Association. A man deputed by the Kolhápur Darbár was trained at the Poona Dairy.

In June last, Mr. Kerenter, the dairy expert, held exhibitions at Belgaum and Dhárwár. At Belgaum the milk was poor, yielding one pound of butter to 17 lbs of milk. A competitive trial with Gavlis was arranged, but the results were inconclusive as the milk supplied was undoubtedly tampered with. The separator turned out one pound of batter for 20 lbs . of milk while the Gavlis extracted an equal quantity from half the quantity of milk. At Dhárwár good results were shown, but little interest was manifested in the demonstration. At the request of the local administrations Mr. Keventer visited Kolhápur and Bangalore, exhibiting and working the dairy machinery. His services have since August last been transferred to the Agricultural Department of the North-Western Provinces.

This Department undertook with the permission of Government the supply of milk"and butter to the Poona Military hospitals and prisons during 1891-92 and has thus been able to extend its experience of the milking breeds of cattle. The contract has proved a financial success. During the seven months ending October last, the Commissariat Department has saved about 250 rupees per mensem besides securing a pure supply for the soldiers. At the same time, it has been found practicable to produce milk at a reasonable profit at 8 seers per rupee on the Government Farm or is somewhat less than the local market rate, but the profits of the farm herd amount to Rs. 485. The Medical and Commissariat officers have recorded a very favourable opinion as to quality.* The separated milk is considered sufficiently nutritious for ordinary purposes and is useful for fever patients.

Experiments have been made to prove the varying percentages of butter fat in the milk: of individual animals from the time they calve until they go dry. The effect of feeding with varying qualities of concentrated food has also been noted. Soxhlet's apparatus has been used successfully in these experiments. The ordinary lactometer fails to test buffalo's milk correctly, because of its richness, and Soxhlet's apparatus fails so far from a similar canse, but this is corrected by reducing the milk to a known standard.

The diference in butter fat between the first and last drawn milk in the case of buffalo milk has also been worked out.


These experiments have been conducted by Mr. Mallison, who has embodied the results in a memorandum on " Yoints on butter-making in India." This memorandum together with other papers has been circulated by the Government of India and published in the Indian Agriculturist.

Cheese-making.-Mr. Mollison has written a full report on the results of the cheesemaking experiments conducted in Poona last hot weather, which is here summarized.

In spite of the great heat results were encouraging and point to the conclusion that although in districts like Poona, where pasturage is deficient, milk dear, and the temperature not sufficiently cool and uniform, the industry is not likely to take root, in Northern India it will probably succeed.

The cheeses, were made in part from buffalo milk containing 6 per cent. fat, and in part irom "reduced" milk containing half that quantity. (Reduced milk is balf buffalo and half separated milk.) The chief difficulty was experienced in ripening, during which process an tren temperature not easily attainable in Poona, of $65^{\circ}$ to $75^{\circ}$ Fahrenheit, should be mainthined, with moist $a^{--}$

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Cheeses were successfully made with Withania rennct, which offers no disadvantages over the animal rennet that could not be overcome by care and experience.

The best cheeses made with both reqnets were made with whole buffala milk. They were of good flavour, good texture, and had good keeping qualities.

The best cheese made out of the series was made from milk one-half of whioh had been ripened by being left overnight in a temperature under 70 degrees. No sour whey was added in this case.

Mr. Keventer the Swedish expert, wha superintended the experiments, gained valuable experience of the conditions of Indian cheese-making. He is now carrying them on, under more favourable circumstances at Aligarh, and the apparatus used here has becn taken over by the Government of the North-Western Provinces,

APPENDIX B.
Exports of Imlian wheat from Bombay and harachi to all Ports beyond tho Presidency from 18S0-1891.


Exports from Bombay.


Exports from Karáchi.



[^0]:    * Propoals have been made to reduce the number from 29 to 27 as recommendod by the Committee of July 1890.

[^1]:    Note,-Figures in black type give acre rate in pounds.

[^2]:    $\because$ General characteristics.-Except in the hilly parts of Modása, where the supply is somotimes considerable, the rainfall throughont the districts is generally very light.

    Rcmarks.-Rain throughout below average. Monsoon broke ahout 11th Jane in light showers useful for preparing land and for commencing kharif sowing in north. General sowing rain camin Ardra after 20 th June. In July rain fell at seasonable intervals and was mofficient for completing kharif sowings of juar, bajri, \&c., bat not enough for rice transplantation. Heary rain cam, inu Ashlesha in 2 nd week of Angast and was favourable for completing rice transplantation. F'air showers of Uttara in middle of September were beneficial to all standing crops, bat closing show ers. especially desirable for rice, were absent. Consequertly rice suffered in outtarn. Rabi area was comparatively small and rabi crops suffered from want of moisture, especialls in Dhandbaka, which is a rabi táluka and where year's rainfall was most deficient. R $h_{\text {bi }}$ crops also suffered in ronue parts from frust and blight. Season on the whole fair except in Dbandhaka. Ontturn of bíjri and jowari estimated at 10 to 14 annas, and of rice at 6 to 12 annas. Cotton crop varivisily esti. mated at from 3 to 12 annas and wheat at 6 to 12 annas.

