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各次 $\$^{-1} 20$, last line but 1, "Central " for " central".
4. " 28 , line 10, "inquirers "for "inquiries".
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10. " 69, line 10, add a comma after the word "Sátara".
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B.

1. Para. 12, line 5 , "that" badly printed.
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3. " 43, last line, " 34 " indistinct.
4. " 45 , line 7, first " 10 " indistinct.
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11. Paras. 82, 85 and 90 "Sátára", accenta required on cach of the first two "is" s.

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To
Tme SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Bombay.
Camp Satára, 20th October 1010.
Sir,
I have the honour to submit this tho Annual Report on Co-oporativo Crodit Societies in the Bombay Presidency proper; for the yoar 1900-10. Tho yoar is, really, only nine months (July lst, 1003 to March 31st, 1010) this time; as the close of the "Co-operative" year has been chanjol back argin, from Juno 30th to March 31st (its original date). Our year is, thus, idontical with tho " Financial" year.
2. I am keeping the samo arrangement in tho roport as last yoar. $\Lambda$ detailed summary of "headings" is included in tho Apponlix; as usual. Tho arrangement being by "subjects" is convenient, I think, for roforence.

## I.-Administrative and Touns.

3. I was in charge for the whole of the nino months under roport, vis. 1st July 1909 to 31st.March 1910.
4. Honorary Organizers were 5 at tho beginning of this period; and 8 at the close. Their names, dates of appointment, and chargss-rospuctively-will be found in a list in the Appendix. They form a usoful link between tho olleial and the private worker, in the movement: proventing over-omoinlism in tho early stages; when personal work is so important. Olicials workin; voluntarily, and not ex-officio, are of course (ipso-facto) honorary organizors; though not specified in a list. And supervision of existing Sucieties is accopted now as the more important part of a so-called organizer's work. Succuss whon established will tell its own talo. In fact, new applications alrealy como, without special preaching: and, in such casos it is invaluable to have a local expert, to whom to refor the matter ; oneself, may-bo, at the other enl of tho Presidency, meanwhile. Working with such honorary organizors is cortainly one of the most enjoyable parts of one's billct.
5. The same three Auditors, as bofore, have workel throughn't the period : and given satisfaction. I givo their names and chargos in tho $\Lambda$ ppendix, as for honorary organizers; and as such indood I troat thomas far as thoir strictlyofficial duty of "audit" permits. Since the closo of the yaar Mr. Chimanlal has died; at his post (Broach). The death is admittod by all to bo a sorious blow to the cause, in Guzerát; and is felt personally by mo as involving tho loss of an earnest and skilled workman, and a true friond of tho movement. He began as Mead-clerk to the Registrar, at the very beginning of the work. He is our first casualty ; and dificult to replaco.
6. We had to strengthen tho hands of tho Auditor Southern Division; by the appointment of a special clerk, to rork directly under him. I had alss to add tro temporary hands (candidates) to help in auditing tho onormoas Socioties of Dhárwár City.

In the Central Division, I have now got a special inspecting clerk, for Sátíra District: and in the Northern Division, a special Circle Inspector for the Mándvi Táluka, of the Surat District.

My personal staff is as before-Head-clerk and three ordinary clerks : with an occasional extra-hand, at times of pressure.

The whole staff has worked loyally: and the more intelligent interest they take in the work, the better, no doubt, for the movement.

I submit a list of staff, in the Appendix.
7: As regards touring, I may say at once that the Societies have now outstripped the "annual" Registrar! I managed, however, to do the Central and Southern Divisions entirely, and also all the new Societies of the Northern; before the end of the touring season (June 1910; i.e. after the close of the period under report) : and, as I had done the Northern Division completely in and around May, 1909, I have visited every Society under report (at least once) during the period of fourteen months ending the middle of June, 1910. This, of course, must not occur again! The truth is that Conferences, which have increased in number and take up time, tend also to replace (in part) the need for a personal visit to every village. We have now, beside our Provincial Conference, a separate Conference for each Division. These have this year, however, fallen after the close of the period under report.

## II.-Societies.

8. Such progrcss as the year may show in numbers is hardly a safe guide to our true place in the "Co-operative Credit" movement. This will be selfevident to all who have read the new edition (just out) of Mr. Henry W. Wolff's "l'eople's Banks". I look upon this reprint as an important feature of the year. And I would recommend a careful study of the book to all who desire to appreciate at their proper worth reports such as this. Mr. Wolff has added a special chapter on "Co-operative Credit in India-". Of course, he is speaking from an European platform. It remains for us to appropriate essentials; and adjust details.
9. Personally, I would prefer to sum up our work for the jear in the gencral language of "Iducation"; rather than in statistics, and in figures of "finance". The final willingness, or otherwise, of people to work on and work honvstly must, of course, rest.with themselves. But, the teaching may rest with us.
10. It would be impossible, perhaps, to gauge with any exactness the amount of instruction given, and the soundness thereof; or the extent to its acceptability, and assimilation. But, anyone who has attended any of the three divisional Conferences (just held) might readily give evidence that there is spirit in the movement, and an intelligent interest in the participators thereof.
11. Nor can one who goes into the villages, or corresponds with Societies, fail to see a growth in understanding of, and loyalty to, the movement. Even where Societies fail to start, or to go on, still one's talk in the village is obviously not thrown away. And though a Society may, like a child, start in some ignorance, and die when grown up, still the effect of its life on particular individuals and on village customs generally cannot but make itself felt. No doubt, now that we have started Societies, many may arise to exploit them, for their own partioular ends; but they can never make facts of education as though they had not been; or get the taste for honest dealings out of people's mouths.

The backward tribes of Mandvj, for instance, can hardly return to their. state of primitive innocence; which was at once the occasion for and justification of the Sávkárs' parental solicitudel
12. One has ouly to look to the keenness and expert knowledge of our Honorary Organizers (still growing in numbers), and Auditors, and helpers.
generally, to feel 1 at India has itself appropriated tho movemunt; oo-operatiur heartily, without fear or projudico: to say nothing of tho pooplo (unulucatul) who clamour for "Registration"; as a panacoa of their ills, or the only hopo of their trade.
13. In European parlanoc, " lRaiffuison" Sociotics havo something boyond mere economy; something "moral", almost relirious. Our villaro S soivties, with their unlimited liability anl indivisiblo reserve-fund, tend to "moral" development too. As Mr. Wolff warns us, however, wo must avoid vain repetitions of European terms. In one littlo village, whoro thero had boen friction, I attended (by special request) the annual General-meeting of tho Society. I had besun to tell them of "brotherly love", and how thuy should live together as "brothren" when they inturruptol with merriment and tho information that with them " to live as brethron" moant " to light like eat and dor"I I at once advised lifo as "father and sons". Yet, somo pooplo disclaim against the "one-man" system!
14. Still, there is no doubt that lessons of give and tikj ars boing inculcated; in a way never experienced before. The fooling that no man lives or dies to himself must grow. A friendly interdst in tho welfars of othors must be encouraged. Morcover, the noed of honesty and the alrantages of learning are both likely to become moro and more prominent.
15. From theso gencralities I will descend to a fow gnoral statistics.

In the nine months under report 40 now Sociotics in all wero rupisterol. In the same period one Society was cancolled; leaving a nat insrowo of 39 Societies. The grand total of Sociotics on 31st March, 1010, was thus 203. Of this tstal, $50^{\circ}$ are "Urban"; and 152 " Rural". Of thoso rodisterod during the nine months, 8 were urban ; and 32 rural.
… The cancelled Society was that of "Governmont Sorrants", at Dhulia; for the whole of Khíndesh. Its place in East Khíndush is takon by a now Sooiety ; limited to the one District.
16. Of the Urbans, this year I am classing 7 as "Oentrals". I oxplaiaod last year that this term is merely an executivo ono: whilu tho law is still considering the division into "urban" and "rural"; and advisability for change thereanent.
17. Out of the total "number of existing Socioties, 182 have "unlimited liability"; and 26 have "limited". All tho rurals haro unlimitod; and 30 of the urbans. All the "Centrals" but one bavo limitod; and of the noncentral urbans, 20 have ditto.
18. As regards membership, it is-for 152 rurals, 0,833 ; for 43 urbans, 3,910; and for 7 centrals, 1,746 : giving an averago per Socioty of Cs for ruralg, 80 for urbans, and 249 for centrals. The averago mombership per Socioty, for all Societies taken together, is-75.
19. Of the total number of Societies (oiz. 208), I would class about 23 as "not working". This is morely for statistical roasons. Explanation or comment may follow, in their proper placo. Sulfice it horo to say that our problem of finance is not yet settled; though accomodation was promising about the time of registration. Sociotics unvilling to go on ary, of ojursy, mot by canecllation. But, the majority of non-workors may, perhaps, ruthor bo classed as willing but weak: while one or two have been troubled by plagua, or the like; and others are too young to gauge. "Cancellation" is cayy and harmless, when needs be: but, at present, it is our annual scatistics alono that appear to ask for it I

## III.-Worema of Societies.

(a) Central.
20. The Socictics which I classed, last year, as Centrals aro-in the Northern Division, "Bombay Urban", "Broach District", "Surat District" and "Párdi Society"; and in the Central Division, "Dhulia Socicty". To these

I must add, this jear, two-in the Southern Division, the "Southern Marátha" Society, of Dlarwár; and in the central, the "Nagar Society". Thus we have, now, seven "centrals" in all.
21. The annual-reports of Societies like Mr. Herlekar's "Southern Marátha" are well worth reading in themselves; but, obviously, too long for quotation bere. In future, one may have more and more to leave interesting details of individual Societies to the personal research of those specially interested.
22. I suggested last year that Central Societies have two functions; namely-the financing and supervising of other Societies. All of tho Societies just named perform one or the other (or it may be both) of these duties: but, they do not necessarily confine themselves to such. The "Southern Marátha" Society-for instance-is primarily a simple "Urban". Sooiety; doing an extensivo crodit business, with its numerous individual borrowers. It has now 1,378 members and Rs. 1,47,520 working capital. Its loans to other Societies are investments of idle balances: while it keeps some hold on such Societies, by getting them to invest part of their reserve-fund with itself. In one case, a local money-lender stipulated for the privilege of inspection of accounts as a condition of his loan to a Society. This is the right spirit ; for both parties. Openness of accounts is more needed in this part of the Country than low interest. The Society agreed. Will money-lenders?
23. The following table will show the amounts outstanding, at the close of the jear, between centrals and.their client Societies:-


In all cases the rate of interest is the same, viz. 7 per cent.; except the Dhulia loan, at $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. As a matter of security, some centrals lend only for short periods : but, grant renewals; if necessary, and safe.
24. Some of the Societies have started specifically with the idea of financing others. In such, lending to individual members may come in incidentally. Sir Vithaldas' "Bombay Urban", Sirdár Motilal's."Broach District", Khán Bahádur Modi's "Surat Society"—are of this kind. And Mr. Chitale of Ahmednagar has followed suit. We could well do with more of these "District Banks". Local interest may exert itself more, if the new "Bombay (guaranteed) Bank" scheme find place among us. While oven now more capital would probably forth-come, but for the disabilities arising from our present Civil laws.
25. The question of "Unions" (for mutual finance and supervision) has hardly reached tangiblo form in this Presidency, as yet. "Group" Societies (already existing), like Kaira and Muddebihál (Bijápur), tend sometimes to decentralize into so many separate Societics: with some form, possibly, of jointbond; in tho centre. Other Societies (especially those of castes or classes) tend, sometimes, to throw out "branches"; which may or may not be ruled from the centre. The "Saraswat Brahmans", (of the Shamrao Vithal Society), the "Kadra Patidars" (of Surat), the "All India Brotherhood " (of Manmád), and tho now "Native Christians" Society (of Ahmednagar)-are all actual, or
potential, examples of this. Mr. Herlekar, in Dhirwir, list a iírary um: ; and suggests the institution of a cantral bursau of coomprative initeuction, for the Southern Marátha Country. Mr. Chitalo is conlusin! a exoneratival periolical, in Alimednagar. Government has sugjested Sosicties contributins, pro rata to inspecting establish ment.
26. All this is morn or less in the direction of "Unions". 13 it, our now "Divisional Conferenoes" are, perbaps, the most direct bonl of union ; brinzive us together from various corners, to confor together o a points of com non interint. While our "Provinsial Conferenco" considers lucal decisions from a wides point of view.

## (b) Urban.

## Sub-headings 1 and تーS.

27. As I said above (para. 2)-I an keoping, for feneral purpos'י, to the lormal plan of Annual lleport; laid down before. This civot us ou: division of Societies into Centrals, Urbang, and Rurals. I Laro sajgestom, before, one or two cross-divisions. For statistical purposis, tha thrss) houls mav suffice. Bat, for alministrativo purposes, it is nesessary to so below th., surface. Herein lies a great dilficulty, for the ann the reperter: nan ly, has to make the figures speak, without writing a volumo ; anl withous risint; falio proportions, by particular details.
28. I suggested in pararraph 21 (abore), that ditails of parionlar Sooistics will have to he lonked for rather outsido the Annual lieport; in futurs. lins practice of Sonieties issuinz t!seir own annual roports may yrow: and [ inteal to prepare yeariy, and distribute, a printed statyment giving tho intin lljares for the year by Societies. The "Anaual Iepurt" gives only by Distrists; of the like.

I have already recommended the "Southern Maritha" Socioty's rop)ry (para. 21): I would add hers the "Shamrao Vithal" Sosiety's I coall mention other such: not to speak of "Village" reports, to thoss noquintud with the vernaculars. Praction inquiries rould probably finl considurab'y more material in such reports, thin in this general sumnary of ourt. P'rti: cular suc essos miy be a better gauge of our move noat for tho futaro thata wholesale generalities can ever be.
29. To return to tho practical divisions of Socictios-it mir bo necussary, While observing the statutory division into Central, Urbin and Rirral, to dail with Soci ties at tirces also ny the racial or lingual "Divisions" of the l'esidency; or even by smaller areas: the reason bein; that antevadunts ayl cirenstances differing from part to pirt, certain general di-tho ions may bg ilrawn affecting Sooieties in groups. Similar by-laws can:ot ahku a Sosisty in Gaz rit similar to a Socioty in the Dacin. When all Societies have learat bo bs indepeudent, the legistrar may confino himself $t$, mure rojistrationanl aulit: and the Annual Report be reduced to an appealir of bars ligurus. Bat, for the present it is otherrise.
$\Delta$ division into "City", "Torn", aal "Villaz3" Sociotios has ban suggested, at one time or another ; but, does not help ush aro: nor is it (ny m; ;ith be thourht, at tirst sigit) ilon!ieal with ths "Uatral". "Urban", an "Hural" division of our present law and order.
30. When, however, wo have reathad our territarial division surpest, 1 ahore, we elall atill hare to deal with the varisus kiads of Societies (a)nt mplated lant year, viz. central, urban (proper), o.l: ial, s sotarian, prodioive, distributive, and rural 'proper). But, the morg sci, tifio clasilibution will b, into Socictics with limited and with unlimited lisbility: or, again, into Sucictics of cash and of kind.
31. Apart from paper constitation, ho:rever, it is interostin; also to mark the differences in practical con titution. l'hu terns "aristocratio" anl "democratio" have been applied, woro thin once, to Societios; an! inny, som -times, explain more in a word than oio could gather from a pilo of dounnente. :This applies, perbaps, rather to ruraly.
32. Lastly, a very simple classification of Socipties into good, bud and indifferent, or into those independent of extraneous help, those still needing such and those not wanting any-might lave its use, as a rough indicator to our position; rather than as a safe guide for action. Attention drawn to bad points may lead on to remedy. Wholesale complacence on the part of the reading public may do us no good.
33. "Centrals" (which number 7 in all) have been already dealt with. All other Urbans number 49; of which 6 are in the Northern Division, 30 in the Central, and 13 in the Southern. Of these urbans, 20 have limited liability; and 29 have unlimited. In constitution, therefore, many urbans resemble rurals; all of which have unlimited liability.
34. I bave myself deprecated before the applying of Western words to Eastern methods: but, as " liaiffeisen" is a nord constantly used (or misused) in co-operative parlance, it may not be out of place here to remark that perhaps the main features of "Raiffeisen" Socicties are unlimited liability of members and indivisibility of the reserve-fund. The former of these obviously makes for restriction of area, for memberslip: and the latter militates against "shares"; which naturally carry with them the idea of dividends, appealing to the individual. Shares are deprecated, too, like entrance-fees, as tending to keep out the poor ; whose honesty and need of credit may rank highest, and call for our greatest attention.
35. None of our Sccieties with unlimited liability have "shares"; and the majority are confined to the area of a village, or town. In one or two cases there has been no entrance-fee; and in no case is it known to exceed two rupees. The uibins only difier from the rurals, of course, in being composed mainly of non-agriculturists. There are quite a number of urbans which are actually in little villages; heing composed of Chambhars, or the like. This is particularly the case in the Sátára District; where leather-dealers of various sorts are pressing into "co-operation". And Poona City is trying to tollow suit, apparently.
30. These Societies of "Chambhárs" profess to be able to improve the "trade" of their members. The report of Mr. Guthrie, who has been making an expelt-suivey ufficiaily and has also taken a personal interest in my Societies, may throw some light on the question of leather-trado development by means of co-operation. As mere "credit" Societies, borrowing and lending cash to members, it may prove inadvisable to keep them strictly to one class per Society; as large balances may then remain idle in off-seasons, that affect all members alike.

The number of leather-workers' Societios for the year is 10 (Chambhárs 7 and Dhors 3). Of these, 9 are in the Sátára District.
37. Our other interesting trade at present, of course, is that of the "Weavers". Following on the lucid and comprehensive report of Mr. P. N. Mehta on the subject, Government hare now appointed to the Registiar an Expert-adviser; and an Expert-assistant, to carry out his advico with the requisite technical knowledge. Mr. W. T. Pomfret (of the Victoria Julilee Technical Institute, Bombay) has taken up his honorary billet of "consulting expert" heartily: and, whatever results may come, we may feel now that the Weavers are having tho best we can give.
88. I have recently visited the "Wcaving Institute" at Betgeri; of which the Registrar is constituted the "Controiling officer". Gratitude is felt to Government for cnabling, by a grant-in-aid, the cpening of the Institute. It is being run in closo touch with the Betgeri-Gadag Socity: and though small at present, scems liko the opening of a door to a backivard and diflicult class. Similar schools have been adrocated for other places; but ncthing in this line bas matured as jet.
39. I had also the privilege, while touring, of being shown round Mr. Macon chie's Sholipur "Guild"; with Mr. Quin, the preseni Collector. Wathout being "co-operative" at all, it has done and is doing good work for the Weavers. Amongst other things there is a department for new experiments:
and as tho weavers themselves conduct such, without tho usual risks to individual pockets, improvements (which tre really such) may eisily becoms popular.
40. Cn-operative Socictics for Weavers number 0 , to the elose of tho jear: of these the oue in Dhirrair City is the mist adraneed as resads dealings in "kind"; tho two Konkan Societies (Dergal Talnka) aro mer.ly "oash" Socienies, to dato; the Bhingar Socicty (of . Lhmennarar) is mixad, but likely to do good work for its miny wearers. Ths "Salil" socicty (Ahmedabad) is a Society of Dheds, who make weaving a subsidiary oecupation. The Society corcing undrr this head in the sitára District is still waiting for capital to begin. There is, howerer, in Saitíra City itelf a sooicty which includes Sangars (a wearing class) : and is likely now to do good work; though not included under this specifio head, of wearing.
41. Side by side with work for Chamblars and Wearers, ono might pht work such as Mr. Chirmule (Assistant Government Pledder) iv doiow in Sitíra City. IIe started a Society for the Municipal Bhangis; and has follo ood it up by a Society for other Municipal serrants, or tho like. Tho constitution of theco Societies may leare something to bo desired from astrictly "co-operativo" point of view : but eren as "provident" funds much gord may resalt from tho establishment of such. The first step of the former Sosicty was to collect capital, and pay off the Pathans; a lump sum agred to by them. This cleared about 20 Bhangis; of debts of about Rs. 30 per head. Tho Pathan rato of tho place is about 2 annas per rupee per month; which giver nearly 4 rupees per month interest on each of the abovo debts. This (including, as it uocs, no principal) is rather a serious drain on the pay of a man oarning 8 rupecs, say, a month. Apart from remissions obtained in the wholesale repayment masto by the Society, each member will benefit materially by having ohanged a loan at 150 per cent. into one at 92 per cent. The latter rato ould securs complato reIayment of principal and interest in $1 \frac{1}{2}$ years, charging only half the amount monthly now paid in intercst alone!
42. The "Hubli" Society, too, is cssaying somewhat similar work. With rorkers like Messrs. Walwekar, Joshi, Soli and Chaphalkar, the prospects of this Society have brightened considerably. There are some who seon to deprecate attention to Towns, and the sproad of co-operation anonz non-ayioulturists: but, personally I still think, as I surgested before, that it may lie the Towns that will load the way; an I gire ountilencs and soun! instruction to the: villagers in their midst. Villages thers aro, it is trus, which a:s doing orecllently: but, on the whole, perlaps, it miy bo said that tho villager mores rather by habit and sense, than by reason or real knowledge.
43. In Hubli, the Pathan rato is said to be 300 per cent. : which dispose of the necessity for further romarks on the sabject. In Dhirwir Citf, Mr. IIerlekar's work for the lower classes, throurh tho mediun of the Southorn Maátha Suciety is well known. In Birsi (Sholápur District) Mr. Sany is trying to mako his Society moro useful in this respect. Tho prosunt prics of sliares thero (Rs, 10 eich) may have to be reduced for this purposo : illustrating what was sald in para. 31 (abore).
44. Co-operatire Credit Socicties, however, must be careful how they take up " missions to the depressed classes"; as they have to be strictly busineisJike, as well as philanthropic. Sound accounts may do moru for tho Country than popular charity. And, the fact that this is appareatly realized by sis many of our wurkers (including all those just namel) is one of the most liopire ful features of the movement.
45. Before leaving the question of work for the lowest clasies, it may ho interesting to give a ferf figures showing the different raluos of sharew. The valun of a share may be considered a rourh indicitor of the class with which the Society proposes to deal. The Southern Jlaritha Socicty aud its sister, the " Diárwír Urbsn", hare Rs. 3. Hubli has Rs. IU; while tho smaller Municipality of Bet;eri (further along tho lins from Dhárwár) has Re. 1. Bársi (just mentionol) his Ms. 1. Proona City has lis. 20 and Is. 10. Beljaum City has Me. 1. Bombay has ils. 3 for the "Hindu" Socioty; Hs. 10) for Sir Vithaldas" "Urban"; and

Rs. 25 for the caste Society of the Saraswat Bralimans. The "Central" Society: of Ahmednagar has lis. 50, of Dhulia Rs. 5 , of Surat Rs. 20, and of Broach Re. 1.

Thus, the highest is Rs. 100, and the lowest Re. 1; and the average for all together Rs. 18.
40. Societies for Government Servants now number 5. They aro situated at Jalgaon and Poona in the Central Division; and at Gadag, Bagalkot and Bijijpur in the Southon Livision. They have different systems of subs rription: at Jalgaon, it is nine pies uut of each complete rupee (of pay) per month; at Gadag, 3 pirs per rupeo for Rupees 1 to 10; 6 pies for Rs. 10 to 15; 9 pies for Rs. 15 to 20 ; one anna for Rs. 20 , and alove; at Bágalkots simply one rupee each per month; at Bijápur, 8 annas each per month. The "Military Accounts": Socie y, in Poona, las no regular subseriptions; only shares, each share being of the value of Rs. 50 .

The last-namod Society has blossomed forth into branches, at Mhow and Quetta : aud the question has arisen of facilities for the transmission of money. $f$

The other Societies lave smaller distances to deal with: the Jalgaonj Gadar and Bijapur Socicties each embrace the District in which they are situated; the Bágalkot Nociety emhraces only its particular Táluka. Tue question of cuttings from pay is still engaging attention.

Except for the "Military Accounts" Society, the composition of all these Societies tends to be based on subordinates of the Revenue Department. One or two show signs of distinct life; and all are interesting.
47. To sum up-exciuding the 7 "urbans" which we have classed as "Centrals" (all of which lave limited liability except one), there are 20 urbans with limited and 29 with unimited liability. Uf the former, 5 are for "officials", 2 for a "caste", 3 embrace "distribution", and the remaininy 10 are simply "cash" Sccieties for ordinary townspeople (urbans proper-we may call them). This last item of 10 Societies is divided between the Divisions as follows:-

Northen Division (including Bombay) 3, Central Division 1, and Southern Division 6.
48. Of the 29 urbans with unlimited liability, 10 deal with leather and 6 with weavirg. The remaining 13 are more mixed; including various petty artizane, or traders. If workable, this last may be the safer method. At present, however, the one-trade societies are, probably, the more interested and keen : and the more interesti::g too; on technical grounds anyhow.

The distribution of these "unlimited" urbans amongst Divisions isNorthern Division 2, Central Division 24 (of which Sátára District claims 20) and Southern Division 3.
49. In future ycars, more value may (rightly) be put on bare figures'; and the Registrar will be less likely, as time goes on, to overl ook such through an overburdened acquaintance with particular circumstances. At present-such things as increase in membership, tree access to local market, accumulation of outside deposits, or the like, ray well add to ansiety rather tuan create satisiaction; in auy given casc: to say nothing of the possible inflation of the figuris themselves, by book-transactions.

In a wrrd, our best progress at prosent may be (in whole or part) a confirmation of esisting figures; rather than a reaching out to advanced numerical results.

## Sub-headings 2-4 and 9.

50. The comparative working capital of Societies is, in round figures; Rs. 1,91,6CiJ for Cer trals, Ifs. 2, $\because 0,162$ for Urbans, and Ris. 4,13,69. for Rurals. This mahes an average per Scciety of Ris. 27,852 for Centrals, Ris. 4,193 for Urbans, and lis. 2, $\overline{2}: 1$ for Rurals.

The membership of Centrals is 1,746, of Urbans 3,910, and of Rurals 9,563 : so that the above capital works out, respectivoly, to Rs, 112, 56 , and 12 por head; of members.

Out of this capital-Rs, 33,902, 75,237, and 1,59,331, respectively, represent "deposits from members"; for these threo classes of Societics. Whilo Government money accounts for Rs. 3,023, 30,405, and 1,28,117, respectivels.

Loans to members, for the period under roport, work out to an arerago roughly of Rs. 71 per member (including all, borrowors or not) for Contrals; Rs. 40 for Urbans; and Rs. 25 for Rurals. Tho arerago amount of a loan (as actually given) may vary from Rs. 40 to Rs. 70 : but, redemption of land may pull this up considerably.

## (c) Rural.

Sub-headings 1 and ס-8.
51. Rurals may lend themselves less than Urbans to divisions such as "sectarian" "trade" \&o.; but, on the other hand, tho torritorial divisions may have for them more than a merely toporraphical meaning. And again, tho divisions suggosted in paras. 31 and 32 (above) into aristocratic and domocratic, or into definite qualities (good, bad, and indifferent) havo moro placo in rurals than in urbans.
52. The division into languages gives us 55 Socictics in Guzersti, 01 in Maráthi, and 33 in Kánarese. Of the Guzeríti Societics, 35 (roughly) aro for Kunbis, 15 for Kaliparaj (backward tribes), and 5 for othcrs.

Of the 64 Maráthi, 51 are Deccani (proper), 7 Konkani, and 0 others. Of the first named, 40 are in the Sitara District.

Of tho Kánarose, 20 are in the Dhárwár District, 8 in Bijápur, 4 in Belgaum, and 1 in Karwár.
53. In "aristocratic" Societies, thero are, gencrally, ono or two big men of the village; who more or less look after the Socioty's work. They aro men of moral and financial weight; and may-bo, of oflcial too. Capital starts with them at once : and the more they lave the moro they get ; for their deposits qualify for a loan from Government (up to the Rs. 2,000 maximum). Tho leaders themselves being non-borrowers, and all the lower villainage (borrowing class) being more or less of a doad level in their sight, borrowers flow in directly patronage is extended to them; and membership becomes substantial in numbers at once. Societies of this kind may sometimes havo 60, or more, members from the very beginning. The Committeo will tend to cxist ipso faclo; its members holding office par excellence. $A$ Sccretary is casily found: and accounts are well kept; at least formally. Tho Gencral Mecting will follorr its leader; and the Committco will continuo to bo ro-elected from year to jear (a thing by no means unknown in Europe, I gather).

Such Societies begin on a height; and have littlo uphill rork, to berin with. They may show excellent results, in figures or fact, from tho beginning. $\Lambda$ nd, the merely technical "Auditor" is in his element.
54. "Democratio" Societics, on tho other hand, berin sometimes very near or actually on tho lowest round-minimum of members (ten), all borrowers (though solvent), no deposits, dependent on an outsider for writing accounts, entrance-fee absont (by preference), redemption of usurious old-delsts a first claim on the Society. Such littlo groups of litllo people, which come clamourin: for recognition, are by no means confined in each caso to a singlo casto: but the members forming each are closely knit together ; like brothers and equals, free amongst themselves and liberal-minded; but, bound by old debt, and cautious from experionco: hence they aro slow to includo others, and carcful of their orm liabilities. Honesty and honour secm natural to many of them; lut, their very equality of status and financo makes excreiso of authority and di,cipline (by the " Yanch") more dificult: and it requires a stron" "Secrotary" from without to keep them business-like. And, they appreciato a something behind the "Secretary": which involves the hegistrar and his staff in much thought, and action.

Without "redemption" first little or no good seems likely to accrue. The questions are then-can this redemption be effected by us; and if effected, will it last? I would answer both in the affirmative, with exceptions; and, in any case, prefer leaving final results to the future, while making attempts in the prosent.
55. Between these extremes of "aristocratic " and "democratio " Societies there may be numerous intermediates. One or two interesting cases have occurred recently where Societies have partly changed their character. The original depositors (their five years' pledge to Government up) have withdrawn their deposits in a body, the "ab initio" chairman has ceased to initia e, demagogues have entered the select Committee, interpellations occur in General Meetings; or on the other hand, one of the "equals" may become an autocrat, the Panch may usurp the Society, classification of members may follow, and undesirables enter.
56. The conditions attached to loans from Government, amongst other things, have tended to encourage the formation of Societies of the aristocratic kind; while they have directly opposed the initial progress of democratic Societies. I merely point to the fact; without comment on its right or wrongness. It may be found, finally, that the facility given to the former kind of Society has been detrimental to its proper development; while the disabilities of the latter kind may prove their ultimate salvation. But, meanwhile, one cannot but remark that the qualification of "equal deposits" (for any Government loan to a Co-operative Credit Society) appears in practice (i.e. in the village) one of those Western ideas. that never get down to the level of ordinary Eastern reasoning. Personally I think the claims of "ryot" logic may be far too readily overlooked by District Officers. Yet we have taught the people less, perhaps, by high principles than by little kindly actions. And condescensions to their standard of thought I would group under the latter.
57. I am not touching, here, on the general question of the need or otherwise of Government loans; and only introduce the question of their initial condition in order to help explain the comparative existence and progress of the two classes of Society into which we have divided "Rurals" for review in this report.
58. Roughly speaking, apart from the rural Societies in the Mandvi Taluka (of Surat) and in the Sátíra District, all the rurals tend more or less to the aristocratio type. On the other hand, Societies of artizans and the like ("urban", of course) every where incline to the democratic form. The oldest Societies are tending in some cases (as in the Dharwár District) to become more democratic; and this process seems likely to go on. Perhaps the Kánarese Districts have the best examples of aristocracies : while the Guzerat Societies are largely the outcome of external influence, and aristocratic to that extent; though constituted may-be of equals within. The gradual disappearance of the ruling class of "depositor" from their midst may do good in the long run. But, one can hardly wish for violent changes of constitution; though such may come from time to time. No discredit to the State or private enterprize that initial forms may be discarded as time goes on ; like the clothes of a child grown up.
59. According to the rough classification of the last paragraph, we may count (out of 152 Rurals in all) 102 Societies as aristocratic, and 50 as democratic. Of the former- 20 are in Dhárwár, 44 in the five Districts of Guzerát, and 38 elsewhere. Of the latter-39 are in Sátára, and 11 in Mándvi.
60. The avcrage membership in aristocratic Societies is 83, in democratic 27 ; the average working capital in the former is Rs. 3,268 , in the latter Rs. 1,607. Of the latter Societics, however, several (about 12) have not yet started actual lending business, for want of sufficient capital ; while about 9 only of the former have not started (orring to moral rather than financial unreadiness).
61. I have classed tho Míndvi and Sátára Societies together: but, the usual Guzeráti element of patronage from above (outside the Society itself, often) is to be found in the former, but hardly at all in the latter. The dif-
ference may be gathered from the fact that-while the arerago membership of both these sets of Societies together is 27, that of the 11 Mándri Sociotics alone is 80 ; that of the Sátura Societics (numbering 30 ) is 13.

These tro sets of Societies constituto at tho samo time one of our most difficult problems and one of the most intercstins parts of our work.
62. In Mándvi Táluka, the backward tribes (Kaliparaj) wero morhins their rich paternal lands for the enrichment of a small money-londing class, and the continued existence of themselves and their familics. Tho Siakirs very kindly paid their assessment, gave them money occasionally for food and clothes, supplied sced etc. (or money thorcfor) when tho timo camo, kept them alive in famine; and relieved thom entircly of tho trouble of wrighing or measuring crops, valuing grain or cotton, solling in the market or clsowhere, and also of the heavy burden of filthy lucre resulting therefrom.
63. Into this blissful régime Mr. Durgeshwar Trivedi (tho thon Mamlatdar) broke, kindly but firmly; about two yoars ago: and tho Sociotios started then and thereafter secm likely to stay; and to bring, mcanwhile, a fairly rich land and fairly good workers into the light of an opon markot. Tho Chodras, Gamthas and Dubalos have not tho slackness of tho Bhil ; but, they have some of his taste for liquor. They have a sense of proportion, and humour. Some are oducated, or being educatod; and the majority scom quito amenable to reason, and likely to improve.
64. Since Mr. Trivedi's transfer (on promotion) his successors have continued his good work with both sense and sympathy. To preservo tho union and maintain the progress of the Socioties better, however, it was found necessary for the Refistrar to have a permanent Inspector on the spot; dovotod to this rork alone. A local Circle Inspector, Mr. Mansing Raising-alrcaly interested and helping us-was kindly seconded to this Dopartmont by tho Collector; on Government sanctioning the billet. The appointmont is only temporary: but, the good results alroady obtained and the dovelopmonts contemplated demand that Mr. Mansing should continuo in tho placo; for at least a year more. I am applying aocordingly.
65. The Satára Societies are entirely of and from tho pooplo. On dilifculties, however, of finance, accounts, and goneral management proving boyond their immediate capacity, the Registrar and his stalf have found it neccssary to devote special time and attention to these Societics. Finally, Governmont has kindly allowed the appointment of a temporary Inspoctor (Mr. Walimbe); devoted to Sátíra District alone.
66. Owing to the "financial" difficulty, several Socictics (about 12) aro not yct, or hardly yet, working at all. The "tagai" grant askod could not bo given me: while, "redemption" being the first object, ordinary tagii was out of the question. "Deposits", to qualify for a Government loan, were cither forthcoming in questionable form, or not at all. The local monoy-lenders could hardly be expected to finance Societies that disclaimed abainst them and sought release from their tyrannical rulo 1 Distant monoy-lenders naturally feared to lend where Govornment (with summary-recovery at its back) refused to. The best words to express what has boen achieved up to date are probably-" by hook or by crook'!
67. Some Societics, no doubt, hare begun with mistaken ideas, and rash promises. Cancellation of all such will be casy (and will be dono); if no way is found, shortly, of overcoming tho initial dificultics. Jfcanwhile, our annual figures may contiune to be misleading. If ono could find somo suitablo arrangement in law for "provisional" or "probationary" Socictics, things might possibly be casicr.

C8. $\Delta$ few instances of the way money has begun may bo interesting.
Tho Devarashta Society had no deposits, and no cntrance fecs; but good credit, in real property and personal honesty, fully pledged in unlimitod liability. On tho licgistrar's personal reprecentations, tho "Jombay Urban".
agreed to lend (their (last loan) Rs. 500. The Society, with great caution, agreed to take Rs. 300 only; and have been paying the annual instalments back, with care.

For the Bharatgaon Mahárs' Society, I secured a loan of Rs. 750 through Mr. Lalubhai Samaldas; and through the same medium, a loan of Rs. 1,000 for the Vetsale Society.

One of the Karandwádi Societies started collecting monthly subscriptions from members; the amount had reached over Rs. 500, when I visited thevillage; so I promptly allowed a Government loan to that amount.

One or two other Societies have started by the production of a postal savings' account-book; in the name of a member. Many are pressing that Government should consider their lands "deposited"; that the condition for a loan may be satisfied.

A few, like the Kushi Mará thás and Matyapur Mahárs, started redeeming on their own.
69. I am perfectly amenable to the criticism that it was unsafe to registerso many small, poor, and uneducated Societies all at once. To say nothing of the spontaneous demand by the people themselves, I would point out that immediate registration (on special request) has been the means of keeping the people in touch with each other, in touch with the Registrar, and in touch with the "Co-operative" movement generally (which evolves by degrees its ability to help).

Without registration, the possibility of joint-banking (in the post office; for instance), of joint-collections, and of mutual dealings-would hardly have occurred. Specific invitations to a small Conference of Societies at Sátára to a larger one at Poona, and the like, have been enabled by registration. In fine, these Societies, whether moving or not, have been excellent media forcducation and instruction on the subject of "cc-operative credit".
70. To come to sub-heading 8-little practical progress has been made in "Grain Banks", as yet. Mr. Randive's in Kolába still flourish, on the whole. They are not registered. A somewhat similar one has been started at Madguniki ; with the help of the Mahalkari of Nargund. Mr. Shivaji Kulkarni, our Dhárwár Honorary Organizer, is keen on such for his charge; especially, perhaps, in direct connection with existing Societies. At Guttargi (Sindgi Táluka of Bijapur), also, a "grain" society has been formed; under the supervision of Mr. S. J. Deshmukh, a leader in our Almel Society.

The "schoolmaster" secretary of Bakrol-Visalpur Society (Allmedabad District) seems to be experimenting in kind, rather freely; but, final success is not assured.

Kodne Society (Belgaum) is still our only real combination; of cash. and kind. There the grain-pits already exist;] and the "Temple-Fund" was already there, as a precedent.
71. The difficulties and dangers of kind compared to cash are too well known to repeat here. A ferw details of actual working may form a suitable conclusion to the subject (on which Government have asked, specially, for information).

Of the 5 Panvel "Banks" (Mr. Randive's)-3 seem to have worked with definite profit ( 1 of these has purchased grazing for the village) ; the remaining 2 have not jet recovered lent-out grain in full, with interost. Rate of interest continues to be, apparently, 25 por cent. for members, and 50 per cent. for-non-members. Fresh collections of grain (rice) which are not deposits by members but donations (presumably enforced) from them-may be made again with the now season. Grain capital amounts to about 9 Khandis 3 Maunds and 15 Sers per Bank: and membership to about 138; giving 61 scrs per head.
72. Guttargi has about 40 members; and 14 bags of rabi jowrári. Entrance foe is 4 sers for each member. Grain is lent to members only; and at 25 per cent. The ordinary sívkir's rate is 100 per cent!

Stored grain, not lent out, should bo exchanacl (it was sinziatel in a Dharwir Society' for now erery two gears. Tho Society in gue tion proposes storago for famine purposes specially. They would haio lixad collections annually.
73. In Kariat Tiluka (of Koliha), Mr. Vishnu Vaidya, of Venraon, is warking at Grain Banks; on much the sano principhs. din inlirilual, a village, may contribute; and half the contribution mus constitut:, as it w.r., an entrance-fee; the other hale being a fisel deposit, withont interent, ir a certain time. Meanwhile, tho Society works oas wilh its lumin; businws. Perhaps half a dozen villages only aro involved, at present; but, a Suciety for the whole táluka may ultimately rcsult.

## Sul-heallings 2 and 3.

74. The "capital" of Rurals totals, in all, Rs. $1,13,690$; of this, Rs. $1,49,815$ is in the Northern Division, Rs. $1,01,700^{\circ}$ in tho Central Divivion, and Ms. $1,59,184$ in tho Southern Division. Hhis works out to an arurar, por Socicty of Rs. 2,721 on the wholo; and of Rs. $2,625,1,904$, ant $: 3,950$, rapectively, for the three Divisions. In theso figures I ann, this year, includins all Rurals alike; working and non-workin: (or partly-workin: ). laturs in finance is often the cause of failure to work.
75. Rurals having 9,863 mombers in all, tho average of eapital pee member comes to Rs. 42. For the Northern Division, Central Division, :ma Southern Division, respectively, it is Rs. 3.1, 62 and 12 jor member.
76. Regarding "deposits", I havo littlo to ald to last year's remaris. The total for all Societies last year was Rs. 2,16,543; this year it is Ms. :3, 03,173 . For Rurals alone, this year it is Rs. $1,80,331$. Tho tendency seerus growiu; (amongst both Urbans and Rurals) to foster some kind of systern of "obli;gatory" depositing.

The "Saraswat" Socioty has started "cumulativo" deposits: i. c. a fixed rate, for a fixed period; and repayment (with interest) only at tho end. This resembles a provident-fund.

The "Cosmos" Society, and one or two others, only lend to depositors; or deduct a deposit before lending. The member may get actual profit in tho lon; run; and a moral lesson meanwhile 1 I have already alluded to tho monthlysubscription system (in one or two Sátíra Socicties), and tho annual edlection of grain (in some grain societics); both of those may bo considered examples of forced deposit.
77. Sometimes, again, tho accrual of interest on existin; depovits, or profits due on shares, may bo credited ex-parte to tho membrr, as a current deposit ; a practico which may prove both conveniont and instructive.
"Current" deposits, generally, havo bean coming considerably to tho front. In some cases, they definitely appear to bo tho first-fruits of an incipiont habit of saving.
"Fixed" doposits, on the other hand, may tend more and more now ts become a matter of real business investment. -

Sub-heading 4.
78. I propose to add nothing to what has been sail last year, and cleowhere, on the subject of lanns by Societics.

Relemption is procceding. And, "erpericnos rejarding ecorcry (or non. recorery) is being gaincl.

## Sub-lhealing 0.

79. Nor docs "custoly of funds" require much notico as yet. Local "bankers" are occasionally resorted to. But, tho Post Olf: is still the most usual custodian.

## IV.-Reserve Fund.

80. Reserve Fund totals this year Rs. 35,759, compared to Rs. 19,201 last year ; the average per Society working out to Rs. 172, and 153, respectively. For the 56 Urbans the total is Rs. 12,583, giving Rs. 225 apiece; for the 152 Rurals the corresponding figures are Rs. 23,176, and Rs. 177, respectively. Amongst Urbans the 3 Societies with the largest Reserves are the "Southern Maratha" (lls. 2,557), "Dharwar Urban" (Rs. 3,082), and "Belgaum Pioneer" (Rs. 880).

Amongst;Rural the names and figures are-Mulkoti (Rs. 1,492), Muddebihal (Rs. 1,:02), and Kanginhal (Rs. 1,036).
81. The question of how to invest the Reserve Fund has continued to be debated during the year. After Sir Vithaldas Thackersoy's wise and strong remarks (at our recent Provincial Conference), I think we may continue using the Fund in current loans to members, with renewed confidence.

## V.-Audit and Inspection.

82. I have alluded above (para 5) to the sad event of the death of one of my Auditors, Mr. Chimanlal Maganlal Trivedi; which took place, however, after the close of the year under report.

A permanent clerk has been added to the Auditor Southern Division; while in the Central Division, a special Inspector (temporary) is working in the Satara District where a large majority of the Societies are situated; and in the Northern Division, the special work in Mandvi has its own (temporary) Inspector.

Apart from this, my Head Clerk gives such practical help.as is possible, in and round Poona : and occasionally I find it necessary to depute one of my clerioal staff to audit or inspect, in any given quarter. Old Societies are diffcult to audit because of the quantity of entries; while new Societies are often difficult because of the absence of such!
83. The Honorary Organizers (mentioned in para. 4 above) do not "audit", but sometimes inspect : and may be invaluable when a little local pressuro is necessary; or independent advice required.
84. The questions of help from District Officers, and of help (pecuniary) from the Societies themselves-in the matter of supervision-come up from time to time. For the latter, the recent Provincial Conference has declared that Societies are not yet ripo for contribution: while of the former question it may be said-solvitur ambulando.
85. Hubli Society has already employed a private auditor (for their own purposes) ; and the practice seems likely to spread.

The practice of one man being "secretary" of several quito separate Societics is well-known in the Satara District: and an "inspector" paid in the same way (i.e. in bits) is not very different.

## VI.-Resodnces : Govelinment loans, other sources of capital, access to general money malket, \&o.

86. The amount lent during the year by Government to Societies is Rs. 39,050 . Last ycar, it was Rs. 35,550 ; the year before Rs. 40,500 . In all Rs. 1,62,325 have been lent by Government, up to the 31st March, 1910.
87. I mentioned last year that the "Cosmos" and "Military Accounts: Societies (of Poona City) had borrored some 11 or 12 thousand rupees from outsiders; and at 5 per cent. This jear Barsi Society expects ample local capital, at the same rate. Betacri ovorflows with local deposits. Bhikda Society (near Bhavnagar State) anticipates a supply of capital, at call. The neighbouring Maharajah has already shown sympathy by a lindly donation. Malsamudra Society, like Mulkoti, (both Dharwar District) seoms quito independent of external help now. Its Chairman is ready to advance lis. 3,000 , Dundur and Chikhandigol Societics, neighbours of Hulkoti, have borrowed
from a Sarkar of Hombal, some thousauds; all at 7 per cent., I think. Kasandra (Ahmedabad District) looks liko rivalling Uulkoti.

In Mandvi, one or two moncy-londers havo agreed to meot casual demands of our backward Socicties; at about 6 per cent. up to perhaps a for hundrod rupees, in any case.
88. The Honourable Mr. Lalubhai Samaldas is still kindly helping us with finances. Rao Sahib Pundlikrao Pandit (of Sirsi) has just lent INs. $\overline{5}, 000$, to a Society in the Dharwar District ; at 7 per cont. Tho lonn of Ils. 2,000 from the Honourable Sir David Sassoon of Bombay to tho Southern Maratha Suciety has beon repaid in full. A similar amount from Sir Cowasji Jehangir to tho "All India Brotherhood" Society is still under repaymont. Mr. D. J. Tati, who had lent Rs. 2,000 to the Harlapur Socioty (Dharirar), kindly granted 6 months' postponoment of ono instalment ; owing to a bad season in that part of the District.
89. We are beginning to tap "Court of Wards" funds; Government baving kindly issued directions in the matter. $A$ villago in Mandvi has invested Ins. 1,000 collected for a school in a ncighbouring Socioty, at 5 per cont.

In another District, a "poor fund " prefers Socictics at C per cout. to the Post Office at 3 per cent.

Investments of minors' funds must be left, of course, strictly to tho guardians concerned.
90. Our Central Societies havo proved very usoful. Tho loan of lis, 3,000 from Surat to Almel (Bijapur District) shows how far "cooporativo" moncy is travelling; and at 7 por cent. The Southern Maratha Socicty is again presing (since the close of the year) with Rs. 20,600 more to invest in Sociuties. This latter Socicty is in the midst of the lungest ostablished Sociotics, and Socictics of a naturally high calibre : but, the rocont devclopnents in ono or two of thom suggest a need of caro in dealing with them; and tho "ronowal" system may have to be applied to them. This is the system which sooms most favoured by the Broach, Surat, and Nagar Centrals; which are dealing with new Sociotics. But, such loans can hardly bo used by. Societics for redemption of old debts (so urgent in Satara, for instance); which requires loans lixed for a long period. Nor havo some parts (e.g. Satara) Central Societics at all, near by; to appeal to.

The Dhulia Central seems to find the Decean Act a hindrance: and disabilities of the law gencrally appear to affect lending business in more waya than one.

Possibly, too, the Co-oporativo Act itself (as MIr. Desai of Belgaum surgests) might make it less easy for members to withdraw from liability after the Nocicty has taken an outside loan.
91. Specifio instances of financial supply (as in paras. 87 to 80, abovo) aro useful as an indication of possible progress; but may bo mislcading, if taken as of gencral applicability.
92. As regards Government loans (which havo done and are still doing good work), wo must remember that there is a dilference between State-aid and State-interferonce. We are merely granting what peoplo ask for; and more and more now on simplo business terms. Wo are not asking or jersuade ing; and (I speak for myself) never lave. And, as Mr. Wolff says, stato money is as geod as any other-no bettor no worse. But, for us (in Bombay) his statement that "State-aiders openly talk of tho necessity of summary powers of collection by the tar-gatherer"-may bo a misleading one. Our Deccan legislation (peculiar to our Province) has left us with the allernalice of statoaid (finance) or a chango in tho law (of debt-rccovery). Wo hare been allowed the former; but with limitations. Sir Vithaldas' proposed Bank olfers a third solution in the form of "Government-guarantecd" interest. It is only natural when we hare legislated so much arainst "creditors", that tho creditors (Societics) we ourselves establish should ask us to unlegislato abain ; or clso to give them special help. And, in this Country, for new Socictics tho open market may be an open door to retrogression !

## VII.-Wori done by Supervisors, Committee, Officers and Membelis.

93. I do not think the year under report affords any material for remarks under this head beyond what has been said before. I have alluded above to changes (or possible changes) in constitution, in some of the Socicties. The future rests with the character of the people concerned, themselves.

Meanwhile, we may do well to realize that in India the Registrar, and those that work with him, take the place, practically, of the "Council of Inspection ", "Council of Supervision", and the like; as they exist in Europe, composed of members themselves.

And, we may differentiate between ability to understand accounts and ability to read or write them : or, again, ability to understand the idea and ability to carry it out.

## VIII.-Dispotes, Litigation.

94. So much has been written, and spoken (in Conferences, and elsewhere), on this subject that I refrain from further remark; except the general remark that-where the law professes to help (as in debt-recovery), the request is that that help be businesslike.
95. Several defaults have already gone to Court ; and facts are accumulating. This Report is too long already to allow of any quotations. The subject may be relegated to "Conference" Proceedings. But, if Courts will disclaim against Societies' rates of interest, and tone down debts by the grant of instalments-the matter may have to be brought up in report yet again.

IX:-Act, Rules and By-Laws.
96. The "Co-operative Credit" Act is now under amendment; and nothing. need be said of it here. The Government "Rules" (Bombay), under that Act, may have to be amended too: I am taking up the question. The different model by-lars seem working fairly well. Sometimes Societies seem. to wake up to them : and suggest amendments wholesale; the need of which is generally, perliaps, more apparent than real. Bigger Societies adopt English by-laws sometimes: but, 1 am trying to discourage this altogether; unless every member is, and must bé, English-knowing.

## X.-Attitude of the public, assistance received, official AND NON-OFFICIAL.

97. On the whole, I think general confidence in the movement has increased; nor are workers (of sorts) so hard to find. I wait till people voork before I consider them helpers: and we have now several such, both official and non-official. Men with as few ulterior motives as possible are the best. Savkars appear, on the whole, still pensive. In some cases, they seem to have reduced their rates; in others, they have approached members for business; in others, again, they have broken with members. Several are themselves members of Societies; some useful as such, some suspected. A few are supplying capital.
98. I will enumerate a few figures, as last year, before closing :-

Dtaring the period of report, 40 Societies in all have been registered.
Of these 8 are Urban, and 32 Rural. The Northern Division claims 21 of the total, the Central Division 14, and the Southern Division 5. One Society has been cancelled; leaving our total of Societies existing on the 31st March 1910 at 208. Of this total 56 are Urban, and 152 Rural. Rs. 79,213 represent share-receipts for the period, $\cdot$ Rs. 3,183 entrance-fees, Rs. $1,63,314$ deposits from members, Rs. 39,050 loans from Government, and Rs. 75,135 loans from others; giving a total of Rs. 3,59,895.

Assets are Rs. 8,67,755 against liabilities Rs. 8,37,185. Of the liabilities, Rs. $3,03,473$ are due to members, Rs. $1,62,452$ to Government, and Rs, 1,17,052 to others.

[^0]The total "profit" of tho period is Rs, 30,636: about 1 per cent. on working capital. Only one socicty workod at a loss; amounting to Rs. 3-4-3 in all. And, in this one Socicty only did liabilities cacecd assets; to the said amount of lis. 3-1-3.

Expenditure by Socicties on working-expenses comes to a total of Rs. $6,654_{\text {; }}$; which is about 8 per cent. (Ils. 8 per 1,000 ) of their workin"capital (Rs. $8,28,816$ ). Rs. $5,13,300$ woro lent to mombers during the period of report, Rs. $3,11,977$ repaid by them, and 1 s. $7,01,757$ aro carried on as due into the next year. The amount lent for rodemption of oll debts figures as IRs. 10,121 this ycar; compared to lis. 20, $\mathbf{0} \mathbf{6 l}$ of last.

The transactions (both sides) of Urbans, for tho period, cxeced their working-capital by about 2 per cent. For Rurals, the percontagu is about - 11. Figures of "turnojer" reflect the nature and amount of loanins dono by Societics.

On the whole, according to tho register I kocp (on tour) of Sociutics' "character", we may class (roughly) C0 Socictics as gool, 100 as indifferent, and 50 as bad (or backward). Of the "good", perhaps 12 misht get on with little or no supervision from us. Of tho "bad ", lerhaps a dozen border on the hopeless.
99. Individuals are too numerous now to bo mentioncd by nams; in an annual list. They know the gratitudo of Gorcrnment's representatives; and the success of their efforts will be still nobler thanks. We lave to consratulatu three of our fellow-morkors-Messrs. Saidumia of Kaira, Wazir l'atil of Bolwar!, and Shirappa Kulkarni of Gadag-on the honour Government has done them by special titles.
100. In conclusion, I must apologize. for tho length of this lotter-pers. I have felt that these initial years requiro carcful thought, detailol comment, and critical treatment ; if our work is to last. The latest edition of Mr. WolII's "People's Banks" (alluded to above)-with its spocial rcforences to us in India -encourages one to probe bases, as well as tabulato results. I cannot do better, I think, than close with a quotation frow this classic :-
" (Registrars) have in the end produced a vory considerably varioty of 'types', every one of which possesses more or less its own charactoristic features. Such variety is not to be wondered at ; nor is it to bo altogether regretted, although it may be safely predicted that experienco will work just a littlo havoc among some of the 'types' and call for substantial modifications. The case was one of 'prove all things, hold fast that which is good'."

I have the honour to bo, Sir, Your most obedient scrrant,<br>C. S. OANCPBELL, Registrar, Comperativo Orelit Societics, Bombay.

Through the Director of Agriculture, Poons.

## APPENDIX A.

## Main Headings of Report on Co-oporative Crodit Socioties.

I.-Administrative and Tours.
II.-Socioties-
(a) Central
(b) Urban
(c) Raral
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text {... } \\ \text {... }\end{array}\right\} \frac{\text { nncroase. }}{\text { Decrease. }}$
IIf.-Working of Societies-
(a) Central
(b) Urban
(c) Raral

1. Special Types, e. g. tribal, carto, ctc.
2. Capital ruisod.
3. Deposits by members.
4. Loana-
(1) Numbor.
(2) Amount.
(3) Period.
(4) Parposes.
(b) Security.
(6) Rate of interest.
(7) Repayment of loans.
(9) Action against defaulters.
5. Class of business done by
each type of Socioty, For productive
e.g. store, soed, otc. $\}$ and distriba-
6. Working methods. tivo Sociction.
7. Volume of business done.)
8. Grain banke.
9. Castody of funds.
IV.-Reserve Fund.
V.-Audit and Inspection.
VI.-Resoarces : Government loans, other sources of capital, access to goneral money market, etc.
-VII.-Work dove by Sapervisors, Committec, Oficers and Mombers.
VIII.-Disputes, Litigation.
IX.-Acts, Rules and By-laws.
X.-Attitude of the pablic, assistance receired, officina and non-omcial.

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## APPENDIX $B$.

## List of Districts with number of Societies in each.

A.-Northern Division.

| 1. Almedabad | ... | .. | . $\cdot$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Last year. } \\ & 19 \end{aligned}$ | Current year 21 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Kaira | -. | - 0 | ... | 4 | 4. |
| 3. Panch Mahals, | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 1 |
| 4. Broach | ... | ... | ... | 7 | 8 |
| 5. Surat | ... | -. | ... | 13 | 28 |
| 6. Thána | - $\cdot$ | -•• | ... | ... | 2 |
|  |  |  |  | 43 | 64 |

B.-Central Division.

| 7. West Khándesh | ... | ... | ... | 5 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S. East Khándesh | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 |
| 9. Násik | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| 10. Ahmednagar | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 9 |
| 11. Poona | -* | ... | ... | 6 | 7 |
| 12. Sátita | ... | ... | ... | 58 | 61 |
| 13. Sbolápur | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  | 74 | 87 |

C.-Soutkern Division.

| 14. | Bijapur | .0. | ... | *.. | 8 | 10 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15. | Dhárwár | ... | ... | -0 | 26 | 27 |
| 16. | Belgaum | ... | .-. | .-0 | 9 | 9 |
| 17. | Karmár | ..- | ... | - | 1 | 1 |
| 18. | Ratnagiri: | ... | ... | - | 3 | 5 |
| 19. | Kolaba | ... | - 0 | . $0 \cdot$ | 2 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 49 | 34 |
|  |  | D.-Bombay City. |  |  |  |  |
| 20. | Bombay City | " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | -•• | - | 3 | 3 |
| 20 |  |  |  | , | 169 | 208 |

( (For the year ending 31st March 1910.)

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Statement regarding Auditors.


## APPENDIX C-(continucl).

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## Central Socielics (lending to other Socielics unly.)



STATEMENT I-B.
General Progress.
Urban Societics.


STATEMENT I-B-continuel.


STATEMENT I-C.
General Progress.
Rural Societies.

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## Disbursements.

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Socielies.

s'TATEMENT
Receipts and
Rural


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## Disburseyents.

Societies.


## S'TATEMENT

Receipts and
Rural


II-C.

## Disburseyents.

Societies.


## STATEMENT

Profit and
Central Societies (lending to or


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## Loss Accocyt.

dealing woith other Societies chly).


Profit and
Urban


III-B.
Loss Accoutt.
Societies.


Rural

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Itom } \\ \text { sum- } \\ \text { ber. } \end{gathered}$ | District or Group. | Eind of Society. | Prorit. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Intercst eamed. | Grose profit un sales of stock. | Other items, | Tctal: |
|  | , ${ }^{\text {' }}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 4 \\ & 5 \\ & 6 \end{aligned}$ | Northern Division | Cash, Unlimited ... . ... |  | ns. a. p. | , 1ls. a. p. | IRs. 8. p. |
|  | Ahmedabad ... ... |  |  | .....0 | 26617 | 8,690 12 8 |
|  | Broach ... ... ... | Do. | 486 <br> 8 | ...... | 5000 | $\begin{array}{llll}630 & 2 & 2\end{array}$ |
|  | Kaira | Do. . | 54212 B | . | 40105 | $\check{883} 611$ |
|  | Panch Mabals ... ... | Do. | $\begin{array}{ll}19 & 010\end{array}$ |  | 11100 | $130 \quad 010$ |
|  | Surat ... ... ... | Do. | 3,108 00 | .....0. | 79110 | $\begin{array}{r} 3,89710 \\ \text { Not commenced } \end{array}$ |
|  | Thána ... ... ... | No. |  | . |  |  |
|  |  | Total ... $\left\{\begin{aligned} \text { Central } & . . . \\ \text { Urban } & . . .\end{aligned}\right.$ | 7,587 107 | ...... | 1,258 130 | S,846 77 |
|  |  |  | 1,577 <br> 1,459 <br> 15 <br> 15 <br> 18 |  | $130140$ | $\left.\begin{array}{lll} 1,794 & 10 & 9 \\ 1,590 & 13 & 93 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Grand Total, $\mathrm{N}_{0}$ D. including Bombay ... | 10,624 12 ] ${ }^{2}$ | $\cdots$ | 1,607 4 \% 0 | 12,232 0011 |
| . | Central Division. |  |  | ... - | 8ت゙6 113 | $1,130108$ |
|  | Ahmednagar $\quad . .0$ | Cask, Ualimited ... ... |  |  |  |  |
| 8 | E st Khándegh .... | . Do. $\quad . . \quad$ - | 554611 | ...... | 302 | 55771 |
| 9 | West Khándesh | '. Do. ... ... | 492 2 6 | ...... | 5000 | 49726 |
| 10 | Pooza ...' ... | Do. ... ... | 3681511 | ...... | 23880 | $392 \quad 711$ |
| 11 | Sátára ... ... ... | Do. | 2,422 71 | ...... | 24101 | 2,447 112 |
| 12 | Sholápur | Do. | 193137 | ...... | 5800 | 251137 |
|  |  | Toial $\ldots .\left\{\begin{aligned} \text { Eural } & . . \\ \text { Central } & . . \\ \text { Urban } & . .\end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr} 4,314 & 13 & 5 \\ 177 & 9 & 10 \\ 4,245 & 7 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\therefore . .00$ $\cdots \cdots$ 1,69710 | $\begin{array}{ccc} 970^{\prime} 13 & 6 \\ \ldots \ldots . & \\ 1,287 & 3 & 6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rlll} 5,285 & 10 & 11 \\ 177 & 9 & 10 \\ 7,230 & 4 & 9 \end{array}$ |
|  |  | Grand Total, C. D. ... | 8,737 14 6 | 1,697 100 | 2,258 10 | 12,693 96 |
|  | Southarn Division. | Casio, V̌nliuited ... | $\begin{array}{llll}420 & 1 & 8\end{array}$ |  |  | 43618 |
| 13 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Belgauan } & . . & . . . \\ \text { Do. } & \ldots & . .\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Other } \\ \text { Cash, Unlin } & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}281 & 0 & 1 \\ 6885 & 9 & 8\end{array}$ | - ... $\cdot$ |  | 25167 |
|  | Dhúrwár |  | $\begin{array}{llll}6,805 & 9 & 8 \\ 2,500 & 7 & 4\end{array}$ | ........ | *378 138 | 7,23474 |
| 15 | Dijspus | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc}\text { Casa, Unlinnited } & \cdots & \cdots \\ \text { Do. } & & \end{array}\right.$ |  | $\ldots$ | ${ }^{2} 25378$ | 2,703 149 |
| 10 | Kánara $\cdots$ $\cdots$ <br> Kolábs $\cdots$ $\cdots$ <br> Katnágiri $\cdots$ $\cdots$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Do. } & \ldots & \ldots \\ \text { Do. } & \ldots & \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr} \\ 122 & 5 & 5\end{array}$ | ....... |  | $12 \pm 55$ |
| 17 |  |  | 61120 | -4... |  | 0112.6 |
| 13 | Ratnágiri .... ... | $\text { Total ... }\left\{\begin{array}{rr} \text { Raral } & . . \\ \text { Central } & \ldots \\ \text { Urban } & . . . \end{array}\right.$ <br> Grand Total, So D. | 4211310 | $\cdots$ | 45380 | $467 \quad 510$ |
|  |  |  | 10,669 2 c | ...00 | 69037 | 11,359 61 |
|  |  |  | 0,643 3 3 | 35867 | 2513 | 7,2s2al3 0 |
|  |  |  | 10,619 116 | ...... | 685 76 |  |
|  |  |  | 27,933 13 | 35867 | 1,656 142 | 20,917 6.0 |

III-C.
Account.
Societies.


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IV-A.
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Poona, 1st Norcmber 1910.
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2. The report shows steady progross all round.
G. $\mathfrak{F}$. KEITINGE, Director of Agriculturi.

No. 073 of 1910.
From

> HAMID A. ALI, Esquire, I. C. S.,
> Superintendent, Land Records and Recistration and $\quad$ Reg̣istrar, Co-operatire Credit Sooietics in Sind;

To
THE COMMISSIONER IN SIND.

> Registrar's Odice, IIyderabad, 27th Jlay 1010.

SIr,
I have the honour to submit the following report on Co-operative Crodit Socioties in Sind for the period from July 1st, 1009 to March 31st, 1010.

I took charge from Mr. R. E. Gibson, I. O. S., on 11 th Decomber 1000.
To the end of March last, Khairpur Daharki was still tho only Socioty in existence in the province, but since then I have registered 3 others, which promise to do well. Two or 3 more are being discussed and likely to bo roristered during the persent year.

The examination of accounts of the Khairpur Daharki Socicty on Fubruary 5th, 1910 showed considerable improvement in the keeping of accounts.

In the 9 months under report, the membership of the Socioty inorassed from 119 to 144 and the working capital from Rs. 3,670 to Rs. $\mathbf{j , 1 7 4}$ i. c. by Rs. 1,798, inspite of the repayment of Rs. 505 out of the sums, whioh had beon previously borrowed from non-mombers. Tho Socicty horrowal Its. 1,500 from local capitalists at an interest of $0 \ddagger$ per cent., which is a satisfactorily low-rate.

Loans to members (Rs. 3,563) and profits (Rs. 370) in thuso 0 monthe largely exceeded those for the previous 12 months (lls. 3,6C5 and Rs. 2 j 2 respectively), thus showing much extended activity.

When I visited Kbairpur Daharki in February last, I saw that tho mombers were well-satisfied with tho rorking of their Society. Zakar Khan continues to display an intelligent zeal in the interests of the Socicty, which is fortunato in having, besides, an excellent and energetic Secretary in Mr. Wasanmal, Head Master of the local sohool.

The usual statements are herewith submittod.
I regret the delay in the submission of this report, which is dus to late receipt of certain details from tho Doputy Collector, SLirpur.

> I have tho honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient servant,
> IIAMID $\Lambda . ~ \Lambda L I$,

Saperintendent, Land Records and Registration, and Registrar Co-operative Credit Socictios in Sind.

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## STATEMENT I-C.

- Genieral progress for the period commencing from 1st july 1909 to 31st March 1910.
Rural Society at Khairpur-Daharlii (Tálulka Dbaura).

| Province, | Eind of society. | Namber of eocietios. |  | Number of members. |  | Worling capital. |  | Remarks. |
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|  |  | At the beginning of the year. | At the end of the year. | At the begtaning of the year. | At the end of the year. | At the beginning of the year. | At the end of the year. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Sind | Cash, unlimited. | 1 | 1 | 119 | 144 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 3,676 & 11 & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{crr}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \mathrm{p}_{0} \\ \mathbf{5 , 4 7 4} & 1 & \mathbf{9}\end{array}$ |  |
|  |  | Registrar, Oo-operative Credit Societies in Sind. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## STATEMENT II-C.

 Rural Socicty at Khairpur-haharki (Tiluka Iiania).


## STATEMENT III-C.

Profit and Loss Account for the peniod commencing phom Ist Joly 1909 to 31st Marci 1910.

Zural Co-oncrative Credit Society Khairpur-Daharki.



> IIAMID A. ALI,
> Registrar, Co-operative Credit Societies in Sind.

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HAMID A. ALI, Hegistrar, Coopperativo Crodif Societica in Sind.

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The Hon'ble Mr. P. G. Merttes, o.t.s., s.c.o.,
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I am directed to submit the Annual Report of tho Registrar, Co-oporativo Credit Societies, 'Eastern' Bengal and Assam, for tho jear 1000-1010.
2. Although the number of "socictics and work connected with them inceresed considerably; there was practically no change in' tho Registrar's staff during the ycar.
3. The Registrar's touring was not up to the arcrago of previous years; but this was due to his continued ill-health and his employment on ollice work connocted with the Fieheries of the Province. Ho ras; however, able to inspect 20 urban and 120 rural societies, besides addressing several public mectings, including one at the Dhuhri Exhibition, and holding Conferences with influential peoplo in screral districta for the furtherance of the cause. He aloo held a class at Faridpur for training subDeputy Collectors and some non-oflicial gentlemen in tho work of organicing and supervising Co-operative Credit Societics. Mr. Scott, who officiated for tho ligistrar for 54 days, attended the Conference of the Registrars held in Calcutta in Norember last, and inspected 23 societios. The touring of Maulvi A. K. Fazl-ul-Iluq, Brijut 'Probodh Chandra Bardalai, Babu Bata Krishna' Das and Babu Jjotish Chandra Chakravarti was satisfactory, ind they are all reported to have done good work during their tours.
4. The number of societios incroased from 231 to 3CO. $A$ ner fenture of the year has becn' the' formation of a Co-operative union at Gauripur in the district of Goalpara. The union is under the administration of a Committee composed of the Ohairman of the rural societies and employs a paid manager.. It has only rocently comeinto existence and has'not yet had time to show whether it will provo succensful. - . The average membership in thd case of urban sociotios has risen from 101 to 111 while that of rural socictice have fallen from 41 to 39 , though the actual membership in the case of the lafter has increased from 8,442 to $12,02 \mathrm{~J}$.
6. The capital of urban societies is now nearly doublo that of last year, i.e., Rs. 3;50,497 against Rs. 1,87,882, the greater portion, riz., Ms. $1,00,035$ luing contributed by members themselves. Loans from non-members amounted to lis. 1,50,4f2 against Ms. 40,074 or more than threo times that of last year. This is very natisfactury and indicates the growing confidence of the public in theso societies. lia. O2, (ij; were adranced by urban societics as loans to other socictics and Iss. $1,00,15$, to members against Rs.' 55,377 and Rs. 1,21,783, respectircly, Last jear. Lonns wre as usual for short periods and recoverics gonerally wero punctual. It is a matter of rearet, howerer, that three suits had to be instituted for the recorcry of overdue debls. Tho esstem of opening of current deposits on members' accounts in soms of the lank noticed last jear has now been adopted by cight banks and has proved very useful and popular.
7. The total capital of rural societics has increascd to Re. $8,41,503$ or ly over 63 per cent. though the arerage per society has decreased from Ihs. 1,733 to lis. 1,$1 ; 11$ and that for each member remains the same as last Jcar, viz., lis. 41-1.1. Deposits by membery rose from Ds. $\mathbf{7 2 , 7 7 3}$ to Ms. $1,13,520$.
8. Loans amountina to Rs. 2,67,051 against Re. 2,18,071 last ycar were inaucd to members by rural socicties, most of which were for productive purposes and for short periods. The rates of intercst charged raricd from 124 to 183 per cent. per annum.
9. In paragraph 8 of their resolution on the Registrar's Last report, the Bo invitcd the attention of Government to the exorbitant rates of interest levied by mor lenders as disclosed in the Registrar's reports, and in particular to the realisation usurious interest through Courts of Justice. In paragraph 6 of the Governm Resolution on the same report the Board were desired to canse an enquiry to be $m$ into the question of exorbitant rates of interest levied by professional and se professional money-lenders in this province and to submit any recommendations $t$ wished to make on the subject. There are two subjects here which should be $k$ distinct, first, the realisation of usurious interest through the Courts, and second, rate of interest charged by money-lenders. The first subject is an extremely diffi, one, and the information before the Board is as yet insufficient to enable them to o any definite suggestions. Further enquiry is being made, bat its progress necessarily be slow. On the second subject there is not much new to report, but Registrar has summed up the information available up to date in paragraph 2: his report. It is reported that the prevailing rate of interest is as high as $37 \frac{1}{2}$ cent. per annum and the minimum rate 24 per cent. The Registrar reports 1 many cases of intorest at 150 per cent. and over came to his notice. These figures, Board presume, refer chiofly to village rates. In the towns, where money lendin carried out on more systematic lines, and where the people are, as a rule, more intellig and capable of looking after themselves, the rates of interest are generally lo but vary according to the nature of the transaction and the security. It is satisfacl to find that in some places where Co-operative Credit Societies have been establis] the rates of interest charged by money-lenders have been considerably redu Closely allied with the rates of interest charged is the question of the actual pr realised by money-lenders. This is another very difficult subject about which relic information is seldom procurable, and on which it seems impossible to arrive at conclusions with any degree of confidence. The member in charge enquired into point in a tour of inspection of Co-operative Societies in Eastern Bengal which made with the Registrar in January-February 1909, and the provinsional 1 clusions whioh he then arrived at, anid which have been more or less supported by further enquiries which he has frequently made on tour since then in different pla are summed up in the following paragraphs of his note, dated the 22nd February 1! copy of which was forwarded to Gavernment with the Board's letter No. 27C. -G., dated the 2nd March 1909.

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## Soth June igio.

I.-Administration axd Tour.

I held the office of the Registrar throughout the yeir execpt for a period of

## Registrar and his assistants.

 54 daps when I went on privilego leave, combined with the Puja holidays, and Mr. W. L. Scott, spa., d.sc., I.O.S., acted for me. The first assistant to the Registrar, Maulvi A. K. Fazl-ul-Hakk, m.A., b.t., held his office for the whole year except when he went on privilege leare for 29 days. The second assistant, Srijut Prabodh Chandra Bardalai, m.a., worked throughout the year and was promoted to the 8th grade of the Exccutire Branch of the Provincial Civil Service on the 8th March 1010.2. $\Delta$ Sub-Deputy Collector was appointed from 1st July 1000 to superviso the Co-operative Credit Socicties in Faridpur. Maulvi Saiyid

> Special officers, Inapectors and catablishment. Abu'Tahir, b.a., held this offico till the 0th May 1010, when he was relicved by Maulri Abu Mlnhammad Hossamuddin Haidar, b.A, who held the office till the end of tho ycar. The auditor, Babu Batakrishna Das, held his post throughout the ycar, and his denignation was altered to First Inspector. My Mead $\Lambda$ ssistant, Babu Jyotis Chandra Chakravarti, remained on special duty in supervising the societies in Mymensingh till the sth Oćtober, when he reverted to his permanent post in my oflicc. Ifo was appointed Second Inspector from the 1st January 1010 for the Dacca Division and worked till the end of the year. The ministerial staff remained tho same as in the previous year.
3. The Begistrars' tour extended to 142 days. The shortago is due to my Tour. continucd ill-health and my becing cmplored fur threo montbs in writing the Report on the Visheries of the Provinco. During my tour I held a class of Sub-Deputy Collectors and non-oflicialy interested in this movement in Faridpur for training in the work of organining and supervising Co-operative Crcdit Societics and inspected 20 urban and 120 rural societies. I also addressed several publie mectings, including ono in tho Dhubri Exhibition, and held conferences with influential people in several districts for the furtherance of this cause. $\Lambda$ s in the previous year I took a less active part in organisation of new societies, and only 13 wero personally organised by mo this year. Mr. W.L. Scott attended tho Conference of the liesistrars held in Calcutta in Nurcubler, inspected 23 societies and organised an urban bank. Manlvi A. K. Fazl-ul-ILakk way 20.4 days on tour and inspected practically all the socictics in the Dacca, Chitta\%ong and Rajshahi Divisions. His work during the litter part of the year was confincl to the Madaripur subdivision of Faridpur, in consolidating the existargsecictics and in ratending the morement t) the ncighbouring villages. His nctible achicvenents were the revival of the drooping Central Bank of Muhammalans at Dacea, orgabisin; an urban lank amons the Muhammadans of Chittisong, and winnins over the eympathics of the higher classes of his co-religionist; by a brilliant ywech in tho Itulammadan Thucational Conference at Bugra. He organied 17 new secieti.s. Srijut l'rabodh Chandra Dardahai was 243 days on tour am inswetal yo wcietine and organised 16 new ones in tho $A$ sam Vally and the Surmb Valley Divi-in:.i. 11 .
 we in cronaisira the Co-cperatiro Union ia Ciauripur. His work was very through
and sound and the societies in his charge slomed stealy progress in every way. Maulri Eajyil Abn Tahir organised 8 societies incluling the urhan hanks at Muksudpur and Gopalganj and inopected 25 societies. I regret to notice that his work was not very satisfactory. Mis suceessor, Maulvi Mbu Muhammad Hossamuddin Hailar, inspected 10 socictics, and is taking keen irterest in his work. Babn Batakrishna Das was 274 days on tour when lie inspeoted 137 societies and organised 9 new societies. His work was signaiiced ly the organisation of a very promisiug urban bank at lahna and the opening of two new centres in langpur di trict at Kikina and near Gaibandha. He also wonked rery hard at the revival of the languishing socicties at the Tenta centre of the Dacea distriet Babu Jyotis Chandra Chakravarti was out on tour for 212 days out of 281 days in his present post when he inspected 62 societies in Mumensingh and organised 20 new ones in the Raipura thana of Dacea district. Economic and rgrariun t:oulles, very similar to those at Dewanganj, were apprehended in Rapura and wref fortunately allayed, if not entirely dispelled, by the timely formation of these Co-operativo Crelit Socictios.
4. Among the IIonorary Organisers Babu K ui Prasanna Sarkar, B.A., did very little work during the year. Srijut Phanidhar Chaliha, of Sibsagar, worked in the Golag!at subdivision and formed an urban and threc rural societies He also attended the Conference of Registrars and thence went to the United Prorinces to visit the weavers' socioties there with a view to form similar ones in Assam. There have been no practical result of this visit yet. Balbu Pramatha Naraia Chaudhuri, of Bharenga in Pabna, worked hard for most part of the year, revired the dronping sociotics at Ukiara in Dacca and Deonai in l'abua, helped in the organisation of the Mahadebpur society in Dacca, strengthened all the societies in Pabna, opened a new centre in sicrajganj and orgranised 10 new socicties. Babu Upendra Nath Sen Gupta, b.A., worked very hard in Mymensiugh throughout the year and organisel 20 new socicties in Sherpmr and Nalitabari thana. liabu Barada Sundar Pal, the chief officer of the estate of the IIon'ble Khan Bahadur Saiyid Iossam Eaidar Chaudhuri, of Cippera, was appointed an llonorary Organiser in this estate and organised 10 rural societics, besides a Central Bank at Comilla to finance them. Maulvi Wasimuddin Ahmed, b.l., a plealor in l'alma, was also appointed an Honorary Organiser and helped in the organination of 2 rural societies. Srijut Bhibiram Barua, a retired Accountant of the l'ublic Works Department, was recently appointed Honorary Organiser in Kamrup aud is still learning the work.

## II.-Societies.

6. As stated in previous reports there is no purely Central Bank in the Province. Central Banks. But fourteen societies, registered as urban, are working as Central Banks, i.e., financing other Co-operative Credit Sociplies, four in exclusion to all other work and ten along with the business of financing their own members. This year a sum of lis. 92,665 was advanced by these socicii's to others, and the total amount due to them from other societics at the close of the year was lis. 1,52,891-10-4.
7. The number of urban banks increased from 27 to 36 by the remistration of 9

[^1] new socicties. No urban lank was closed this year. The pregress of these societies was satisfactory in all cases. execpt in that of a nerly-formed society in Kalina. The memberslip of these societies increased from 2,73S to 4,015, and their united capital from Rs. 1,87,882 to Rs. $3,50,497$. The largest capital was raised by the Pioncer Co-operative Central Jiank with headquarters at Shilong which had Ins. 53,577 at the close of the year, and the next largest sum was shown by the Jamalpur Co-operative Town Bank, limited, with a capital of Rs. $37,585$.
7. During the jear under report 128 rural societies and one co-operative union

> Ihu:al Societios. were registerel, and three rural societies were closed, bringing up the number of existing societies to 330 from Q01 in the leginning of the year. Of the three socicties that were closed, two bad ben formed this cear and were wound up sonn afterwards, as the men conposing them now found to be unsatisfactory and the societies could not obtain any loan. The thiril was an old flourihing institution that was closed only to be re-organised into four separate socioties combined in an Union. A rural socictry in Sylhet (Guabhnia) is volumatic winding upits affairs, as the members do not repay their loans and the soridy camot lo norkel on co-operative lines. At the close of the year, therefore Thew was one luim and $\mathbf{3 2 9}$ rural societies, all of which except one are workir: f:int sucorfully. The number of members in the rural societies has risen from $\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{I}:$ (1) $12,0 \cdot 5$ and their united capital from hs. $3,53,075$ to lis. $5,41,59 \mathrm{~s}$.
8. There is only one Cooperative Union at Gauripur in Goalpara, resitured this

Co-cperative Unic us. year. It is composed of the members of four rural socicties situated iu close proximity to each other, erery one of rhom has undertaken joint and unlinited liability for the debts of the Union. The Union raises capital for the rural socistics and keeps their accounts. The individual societie- recruit members, issue loans and recover them. All the profits of the individual socictics $g$ g form the common Reserre liund of the Union. At present there are 100 members and tho total arailable capital is lis. 1,$3 ; 1$ and attempts are being made to raise a larger sum. The Union is under the ndminitration of a Committee cumposed of the Chairmen of the rural socicics and coploys a paid Manager. The Union has not yet provel a complete success, but I hope it will do so before long.

## III.-Working of tie Societies.

## (b) Urban Societies.

9. The nine socicties registered this year aro all of the same modified type of

## 1. Type and constitution.

Schultze-Delitzsch bank's on which the majority of our urban societies are formed. Two of these, at hahhipur in Noakhali and Dhubri in Goalpara District, are confined to Government oflicers statimed at these places, while the other six do not limit their membership to any particular class. The constitution of the older socictics remained unchanged.
10. The capital of the urban banks increased by nearly 90 per cent., though the
2. Capital.
advance in the number of socictics was only 33 per cent. As in the previous ycar, the larger siare was contribuled by the members themselves. The total capital of Rs, $3,50,497$ is made up as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  | Mo. Ier rent.$1,16,52$ or $33 \cdot 2$$66,355^{\circ}$ or $19 \cdot 0$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Share capital | ... | ... | ... | . |  |
| Deposits of members | ... | ... | ... | ... |  |
| Reserve fund | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5,078 or 8.3 |
| Total contributed by | e members | -• | - | -. | 1,90,635 1755 |
| Deposits of the subsi Central Banks. | ary societies | and loa |  | . 0 | 3,451 or 0.9 |
| Leans from Governmo |  |  | $\ldots$ | ... | 21,600 or 0\%? |
| Deposits of non-mem | s and publi | funds | . | $\cdots$ | $9 \mathrm{j}, 201$ or 2i•1 |
| Debenture bonds | ... | ... | ... | ... | 85,500 or 11'3 |
| Total contributed by | n-membera | ... | . $\cdot$ | .. | 1,59, 562 or $45 \cdot 5$ |

The last item (debenture bonds) contains a good deal of members' contribut:ons also, but the exact amount cannot be ascertained. The increase is sharal equally under all the heads except loans from Government which have diminishod in amount from Rs. 23,568 to Rs. 21,650 , and in proportion from 12 to 0 per cent. The average capital of cach society has increased from lis. $\mathbf{6}, 050$ to Rs. 9,730.
11. Eight of the urban societies have taken up the business of opening current
3. Deposits of membera. accounts for the bencfit of the members and this has proved very useful and popular. The amount outstandia; in the beginning of the jear was Rs. 815-3-6, whilo lis. 11,563-4-10 was received and Is. $\mathrm{G}, 418-\mathrm{G}-8$ paid this year, leariog Ms. $5,060 \cdot 1-8$ outstanding at the close of the ycar. The rate of interest paid on the floating accounts varics from 3 to $11 \begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & \text { per cent., }\end{aligned}$ though in two societies no interest is paid. The fixed deposits bear interest from $6 t$, 9 per cent., and the terms for which they are fixed rango from 3 months to 15 jears. The total amount of fixed deposits that were outstanding in the beginning of the jrar Was Rs. 32,822-0-6 and Rs. 39,079-3-6 mas reccived and Rs. $11,606-10-7$ repaid, learin: Iis. c0,391-0-5 outstanding at the close of the year. There has been a very satisfactory increase of deposits and there are indications now that the poorer members are beginning to save and place their sarings in cooperative banks.
12. $\Lambda$ sum of Rs. $71,410-11-8$ mas duc from other socictics in the lerinning of thr
4. Lobng isqued-
(a) to other bucieties.
year and lis. 92,GG5 was issued in lan3 thiq y:ar, while lis. 11,1S1-1-1 was recovered, licaring a halance of Rs. 1,52,891-10-4 outstanding at the clowe of the vear.
socictics. Fourtecn of the urban banks hare taken up this business and almost all others aro preparing for it, for it allows a safe and lucrative investment for their surplus funds.
13. During this year the urban banks issued $1,4,93$ loans for Rs. $1,90,489$ to theit
(l) to members. members against 1,011 loans for Rs. $1,21,783$ of the provious year. The average value of a loan was Rs. 128. Tho rates of interest levied varied from 9 to $12 \frac{1}{y}$ per cent., and in one society was $18 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent., but this rate has been reduced this year to $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The bulk of tho louns, 1,266 aggregating Rs. $1,40,718$, was issued for the period of a year or less and the rist for longer terms, the maximum being three years. No security was demanded for 773 loans for Rs. 80,181, while personal security sufficed for 554 loans for Rs. 77,319 . In only 70 cases land was mortgaged and in the remaining 87 moveable property, such as Government Promissory Notes and Life Assurance Policies, were given in pledge.
14. Tho following table shows the number and aggregate amount of the loans

Purfoss of the loans. issued for different purposes. It will bo seen that the largest amounts were granted for repayment of older debts at heavier rates of interest and ordinary and emergent household expenses. Among the latter I noticed two loans for Rs. 3,200 for the expenses of the education of sons in England, and one of Rs. 700 granted to an Assistant Settlement Officer to import ponics from Manipur for the use of Limself and other Assistant Settlement Officers. The amounts employed on ontirely unproductive purposes are very small.

15. The case and punctuality with which the loans were recovered in previous

Repayments and defalts. years was maintained. The collection of principal amounts to Rs. $1,21,287-9-5$ this year. Only a small debt of Ths. 3S-15 with Rs. 4-2-9 intercst, due from a member who dicd suddenly, was remitted by the Shillong Bank. There are not many overdue debts and none irrecoverablo. 'Three suits had to be instituted by the Dacca clerks' bank, the Chittagong clerks' bank and the Gaulati bank and they were all decreed in full and tho collection in every caso is procecding satisfactorily. The collection of interest is also satisfactory, thourd not so punctual as that of the principal. $\Lambda$ heavy penalty is imposed in most of the socictics on defaulters, but there is no ponalty leviable for delay in payment of interest.
16. The Wearcrs' society at Bharenga supplics yarn to the members and also

Class of business donc. undertakes to sell the cloth produced, though not compelled to do so always. This society showed consilerable procress this ycar. The Noakhali and the Dibrugarh socicties have opened Stores branches where they sell the necessary articles of bouschold use to the members. The venture was not saccessful at Dibrugarh and this Branch was closed from the end of the year. The other socicties do only cash banking for the members and fourteen of them aro dinaucing other Co-operative Credit Societies.
17. As in the previous years I give below a statement showing the gradual. Volume of businosa dona, incrcase in the volume of business dune by theso socictics :-

|  |  | - |  | Lonas insood to membera. | Loant ismed to or her nociotion. | Stook mold. | Grand total of reesipte and dinburac menta |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 |  |  |  | 2 | 8 | $\cdot 4$ | 6 |
|  |  |  |  |  | B. | I. | Ra, |
| 1904-1905 | ... | $\because$ | ..' | 8,200 |  | $\cdots$ | 10,201 |
| 1905-1906 | ... | - | ... | 21!485 | 1,000 | . ${ }^{\prime}$ | 20,835 |
| 1906-1907 | ... |  | ... | 65,839 | 1,101 |  | 75,045 |
| 1007-1908 | ... | ..' | .." | 92,041 | 22, 21 | 1,150 | 1,74,451 |
| 1908-1909 | $\ldots$ | -0. | - | 1,21,784 | 55,377 | 0,310 | 2,42,508 |
| 1909.1010 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 1,90,489 | 02,065 | 6,385 | 8,83,050 |

(c) Rural Societies.
18. Hitherto we had been forming our rural scoiotics of the Raiffecen type,

1. Type and conatitation. without any shares and depending on voluntary deposite of members for our internal carital. The erperience af the last five years has shown, however, that in the older societies thore is no tendoncy towards a safisfactory increase of the deposits year by year and a system of compulsory deposits adopted in a few rocieties failed to serve any usoful purpnso. Following the example shown in the Punjab, I have this year organisell a fow socictios on the basis of share capital. The shares are of the value Rs. 100 or Rs. 60 cach, payablo by annual instalments of Rs, 10 or Rs. B. Jevery momber is compolled to take at "least one share and make the contributions to it regularly on pain of cxpulsion and forfeiture of the paid-ap share capital. No dividend is payable for ton years on the
1 shares. The liability of the members is unlimited as in all other rural sociofios. In this way eight new societies have been formed-three in Faridpur, two in Rangpur, two in Pabna and one in Sylhet, and lia, 1,015 raised in shafo capital. I cannot but admit that these societies are not very popular and their superiority over the Raiffeison societies cannot be proved unless we obtain experience of the working of eoveral yeart. The type and the constitution of all other societies remained unchanged. The constitution of the co-operative union at Gauripur has been described in paragmph 8.
2. The capital of the rural societies increased from Ia. $\mathbf{3 , 5 3 , 5 7 5}$ to F.a. $8,41,008$, or

> 2. Capital.
by over 53 per cent., giving an average of Ra, 1,041 por society. The average capital available as loan to individual members remained the same as in the previous year, vis., Me, 41-11. The amount and proportion of the capital dorived from diferent eources is given below:

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Share capital ... ... | -0. | $\cdots$ | ..0 1, 1,61jo | 08 |
| Depusits of members | ... | .a0 | -0. 1,13,820 or | 21 |
| Reserve Fund | ... | -00 | -0. 82,422 | 6 |
| Total contributed by the members | ... | - 0 | .0. 1,47,757 or | 27.8 |
| Loans from individual non-memberr | $\cdots$ | ... | ... 25,916 or | 4.7 |
| Loans from Central Banks .o. | ... | . | coc 1,61,800 or | 29 |
| Lonns from Government .as | .0. | -0. | -0. 8,16,619 o | 10 |
| Total contribated by non-members | 100 | .." | ... 8,93,841 or |  |

20. In the beginning of the year the total amount of dpposits of the membere umounted to Re, 72,772-16-0. This ycar Re. 47,882-11-6 was fresily deposited and ja. 6,835-10-7 was refunded,

## 8. Deporitu of members.

 leaving Rs, 1,18,820-0-8 outstanding at the close of the ycar. The avcrage deposit permember fell slightly below Rs. 9 , the same figure as in the lnst jcar, proving tint member fell slightly below Rs. 9, the same figure as in the lant jear, proving tinat there was no progress in the collection of intornal capital in tho older wocictic gencrally. The rate of interest payable on deposits has been raiscd in some societics to 71 per cent., 9 per cent. and even to $12 \frac{1}{3}$ per oent, but not much progrese has been made yet in tho unearthing of the hoarded wealth of the villagers.
21. The rural socicties issucd 7,558 loans aggregating Rs. 2,67,050-11-10

## 4. Loana issued.

 against 6,117 loans for Rs. 2,48,071-3-0 of the members is 53 against $72 \cdot 6$ of $1005-09$ and 58 of $1007-08$. The bulk oans to tho namely, 4,529 aggregating Ins. 1,50,071-11-10 were granted on the porsons, sccurity of fellow members, 2,200 loans amounting to Rs 65,412 were granted personal any sccurity and 7 729 lons I am still impressing on the societics 51,567 were issued on simple mortgage of land. for every loan, but this proves irksome in many oases, and for small sums borrority for short terms no security is ordinarily taken. The loans are issued usually forsed agricultural season, i.e., till the next harrest, and so wo find that 4,626 loans for one gating Rs. ],53,430-1-3 were issued for periods betweon six months and year, whilo 2,021 loans for Rs. 52 309-2-7 were for shortur periods and 911 for hs . 62,211-8 for longer. The different purposes for which loans weru granted by rural societies are shown in the following table:-|  |  |  | No. of loams. | Amounts, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purchase and sttlement of land |  | $\ldots$ | 165 | ${ }_{6,303}$ |  |  |
| Improvement of land ... | ... |  | 123 | 5,255 | 0 |  |
| Payment of revenue or rent | ... | ..0 | 4.80 | 10,980 | 0 |  |
| Parchase of sced | ... | ... | 313 | 4,523 | 0 |  |
| Purchase of cattle ... | ... | ... | 1,198 | 41,773 | 2 |  |
| Agrieultural operations | ... | .0. | 1,617 | 45,920 |  |  |
| Building and repairs of houses | ... |  | 30 | 1,840 | 0 |  |
| Trade ... $\quad$ - | ... | ... | 7 804 | 17,341 | 7 |  |
| Maintenance ${ }_{\text {Repayment of older debts at }}$ | er rata | Otere | 1,449 | 90,236 | 0 |  |
| Social and religious coremonies |  |  | 144 | 3,950 |  |  |
| Miscellaneous productive and unp | duct | poses | 205 | 12,336 | 0 |  |

It will be seen that a very small proportion was issued for unproductive purposes.
22. The rural societies in the Eastern Bengal districts, as a general rule, levy Rates of intorent chargod by the interest at the rate of $18 \frac{3}{3}$ per cent. per annum, while jn the societiss. Assam Valley and Surma Valley Divisions, where capital is obtained locally at cheaper rates, the rate is $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
23. In paragraph 8 of the Resolution of the Board of Revenue on my last report, it was proposed to make an enquiry into the matter of Rates of Interest charged by manay-lenders. recovery of usurious interest through the Courts of Justice, and in paragraph 6 of the Resolution of the Local Government on tho same, an enquiry was directed to be made into the question of the exorbitant rates of interest levied by professional and semi-professional moneylenders in the province. I regret that I could obtain no conclusive results of my enquiries on the Board's question about the recovery of usurious interest through tho Courts, for, though many decrees are granted with heavy rates of interest, there is no possible means of knowing accurately how these decrees are ultimatcly satisfied. In the majority of cases, these decrecs are recovered privately and satisfaction is not entered in the Courts, while in others, fresh bonds are takon on the basis of the decrecs and the debts run indefinitely. The satisfaction of such decrecs depends entirely on the mcans of the judgment-debtors, and the creditors have in almost every caso to wait for a long time and then to remit most of the usurious interest decrecd, so that, even when full satisfaction is certified in the Courts, wo have no means of knowing that a good proportion has not been remitted privately. As regards the rates charged by money-lenders, a pretty exhaustive cnquiry was made in the provious ycars and the results described in paragraph 38 of my Annual Report for 1007-03. The cnquiry has becn continued every year since thon and the facts discovered at that time are found to be still unchanged. The provailing rate may be said to be $37 \frac{1}{\frac{1}{d}}$ per cent. per annum, and the minimum rate is 24 per cent. Thero is apparently no maximum. Several cases of heavy rates were described, in my two preccding Annual Reports, and although I have not found any instance this year of any heavier rate, many cases of interest at 150 per cent. and over came to my notice. Compound interest is charged very often and enhances the rate to an extent that the ignorant debtor never dreams of. These are the rates on simple bonds. On mortgages the rates are usually lower, the prevailing rate being 21 per cent. But this is also ofton compounded, and the actual rate vastly increased, an example of which may be seen in a case pending in Barisal, where a decree is

Case No. to of 1910, before the Second Subordinate Judgo of Juaisal.
sought for Rs. 3,800 on a mortrage bond of Rs. $\varepsilon 00$ at 24 per cent. compounded annually. I have been informed by most reliable authorities that in some places where

Co-operative Credit Socictics have been established, tho rates of interest charie. by money-lenders haro been considorably reduced, and I feel conrincel that tho best and surest means of combating the evils of usury lio in tho organisation of Co-operative Credit Societics.
24. I regret to report that the repayments in most of tho rural socictics during

Repaymenta and defaults. the last year bave not been so satisfactory as was expected. Tho amount outstanding in tho beginning of tho ycar was Rs. 3,30,520-5-10 and Rs. 2,67,050-11-10 was issucd this ycar, whilo Rs. 1,03,537-10-8 was collected and Rs. 10 remittod, leaving lis. 5,00,023-7 ns tho balance outstanding at the close of the year. The remission is nominal, being duo to mistakes in account, the principal having been wrongly credited as interest. Tho bad collection is attributed by the societies themsolves to failuro of harrests on nocount of floods, but the failures have been only very partial and do not oxplain tho small collection in most of the socictics. The real reason is the negligence and apathy of the Managing Committecs, who, in most cases, did not appreciato tho raluo nad necessity of punctual repayments, and to tho want of sufficient staff at my disposal to go round the societies at the collection scasons to teach them thoir paramount duties. Defaults were numerous in most of the sociotics in tho Eastern Bengal districts. The by-laws of all the societies prescribed the levg of a penalty for defuult, but it was seldom enforced. One suit was institutod for recovery of debt in a rural society in Faridpur which was fully decreed after the closo of the year.
6. Class of basiness dono.
6. Working of methods. 27. The following table gives the amount of loans issucd and the grand total of
7. Volume of basinoss done. receipts and disbursements of rural societics during theso
six years, showing tho increaso in the volumo of 27. The following table gives the amount of loans issucd and the grand total of
7. Volume of basiness done. receipts and disbursements of rural socictics during theso
six years, showing tho increaso in tho volumo of business.
Year.
$1004-1905$
$1905-1906$
$1906-1907$
$1907-1903$
$1908-1909$
$1909-1910$ banking.
26. There has been no change in tho methods of morking in rural socioties. six years, showing the increaso in the rolumo of

|  | Iosns issued. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| * 0 | 000 | 987 |
| . 9 | $0 \cdot 0$ | 4,076 |
| . | * ${ }^{\circ}$ | 30,717 |
| -0\% | *** | 1,55,182 |
| ... |  | 2,48,071 |
| $\bullet$ |  | 2,67,951 |


|  | Grand total of recript and disburnementa. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Re. |
| ** | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | 1,07. |
| ... | - 0 | 6,063 |
| ... | . $\cdot$ | 30,35. |
| ... | -00 | 1,74,431 |
| .. | -0* | 8,02,224 |
| -0* | -0\% | 8,70,450 |

25. Tho only business done by rural socictics is cash
(d)'Grain Banks.
26. No grain bank has been registored under the Act in tho Province. Tho

Dharmagolar. Dharmagolas described in the previous reports continue to work satisfactorily.
(e) Other Co-operative Societies.
29. The Co-operative Store at Noakhali continucd to do good busincss, but on a diminished scale. Tho stock brought from the previous year was valued at Rs. 1,278, while stock worth Rs. 721-11-1 only was purchased this year. The sales amounted to Rs. 2,501-10-0 and a profit to Rs. 140-12-2 made, leaving stock worth only H s. 165-7-3 in hand. The profits amounted to 5.6 per cent. on the sales, out of which a rebate of about 23 por cont. Wras given to the purchasers. The Co-operative Store at Dibrugarh proved a failure and will soon be closed. Stock worth Rs. 105-8 was purchased and lis. 7-3 or about 68 p pr cent. was added as profit. The salos amounted to Rs. 51-7, leaving Ils. $01-1$ worth of stores in hand. No rebate was allowed. $\Lambda$ purely Co-operative Store was founded in Sibsa;ar and began work without registration. It proved a success having made a profit of Rs. 1,910-14, and the members applicd to me for recistration in June. Che socicty was registered under section 29 after the close of the jear.
30. The Weavers' Bank at Jaffrabad in Tippera, reristered as a rural sacicty, conWeavers' Banks. tinued to work satisfactorily, but tho mombers beins also cultivators, tho loans wero issucd only for arricultural parposes. The Weavers' Llank at Bharenga in Pabna showed consilerablo promres. The capital increased by a loan of Rs. 1,000 from Gorernment. Yarn was purchased from Calcutta at the cheapest retail rates and sold to the members with a profit of $2 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. Tho clothes manufactiared by the members wero slso purchased and sold mith the same profit. The total purchascs amounted
to Rs. 1,023-7-9 and the profits to Rs. 45-12-6. The sales aggregated Rs. 1,501.13 lcaving stock worth Rs. 680-15-3 in hand at the close of the year. The members had the adrantare of the instructions of Mr. N. Pillay, the Government Instructor of Weaving, for three months, and learned many improved methods of weaving.

## IV.-Profits, Dividends and Reserve Fund.

Profits of the urban socicties. as follows :-

31. All the urban societies worked at a profit. The total profits came to Rs. 18,009-0-10 and wero distributed

The other funds consist of the Building Fund of Faridpur (Rs. 400 ); the Muhammadan Education Fund of the Eastern Bengal and Assam Co-operative Central Bank of Dacca (Rs. 32-13-4) and Lawsuit Fund of Gauhati (Rs. 31-13-6).
32. Every urban society except the Weavers' Bank at Bharenga has shares and

Dividends. 32. pays a dividend on the share capital out of the profits. The rate of dividend paid out of the profits of the year under report is in no case lower than that in the preceding year and varies from $2=2$ per cont. of the nerr-formed society at Golaghat to 17.55 per cent. of the Silchar Bank.
33. All the rural soceities but ono worked at a profit. The loss in this socicty

Profits of the rural societies. (Fagunda in Tippera) is small, amounting to Rs. 2-2-11 and was caused by capital lying idle for a long time owing to the illness and subsequent resignation of the Chairman. The old rural society at Gauripur, which was converted to an Union, also shorrs a nominal loss of Rs. 332-10-8, which was its Reserve Fund transferred at dissolution to the account of the Union. The total profits of the rural societies after deducting the above items of loss amounted to Rs. $40,056-7$, the whole of which was carried to the Reserve Fund this year.
81. The total of the Reserve Fund of the urban societies in the boginning of the

Reserve Fund. year was Rs. 4,175-0-11 to which Rs. 3,902-6-8 was added out of the profits of 1908-1909, making a total of Rs. 8,077-7.7. To this sum, Rs. $\mathbf{5}, 841-15-1$ has been added out of the profits of 19091010, so that the Reserve Funds of the urban societies aggregate to-day to Rs. 13,9196.8. The total of the Reserve Funds of the rural societies in the beginning of the year was Rs. 10,890-15-4, to which was added Rs. 21,522-6-1, the profit of 1908 1909, making a total of Rs. 32,422-5-5. To that has been added the profits of 1900-1010, Rs. 40,056-7.0, making a total sum of Rs. 72,478-12-5 as the present rescrve. The Reserve Funds of the urban societies are invested in the Post Office Savings Bank or debenturo bonds of other urban banks. The Reserve Funds of some of tho rural societics are invested as deposits in the urban banks which finance them or in the Post Oflice Savings Bank, and of some others as revenue deposits in the Government Treasuries. But in many others the Reserve Funds are being employed in tho societies themselves as capital. In the Madaripur subdivision of Faridpur the Reservo Funds of tho rural societies are invested as shares of the urban bank at Madaripur.

## V.mudit and Inspection.

33. All the societies recre inspected and their accounts audited at least twice mithin tho year and in somo cases thrice by the officers of the Department. The District Oficers have also in many cases inspected the societics. The results of theso audits were generally satisfactory, and some improvement is seen now in the keeping of nccounts. No case of dishoncsty, fraud or embezzlement was reported, though in somo instances the Sccretaries could not produce the cash balance before the inspecting : flicers. The socictics, howerer, suffered badly from want of supervision, The
principles of co-operation and tho lessons of thrift and self-help inculcated at tho timo of organisation are too easily forgotten. After the capital is once raised, unless constantly reminded in the proper scason, the socictics lapso back into apathy, misma. nagement and the instinctive ways of the village money-lenders. The progress of tho movement has been very fast in the Prorince and socictios have sprung up in such profusion as to make it impossible for my staff to excrciso the necessary control and supervision. The Ccntral Banks are very small concerns, and aro unablo to allord to entertain supervising officers. The political situation of the country has becu strained, and disinterested non-official assistance in supervision has been lickin.:. Many of our rural socictics have suffered in consequence, and at the present moment I cannot see any solution unless Government comes to our aid and increases tho stall sufficiently.

> VI.-Resodices.
30. $\Lambda$ sum of Rs. 11,568-5 was due from urban societics on account of loans from Stato

> Loang from Government under the Co-operative Crodit Societies' Rales
> (1) to urban societies. Rs.
with unlimited liability under special sanction of the Government of India in each case, and Rs. 1,018-5 was recorered, leaving 1ts. 12,050 outstanding at the close of the year. There was one default owing to a misapprchonsion of the date, and the arrears were casily collected with penal interest. These loans are being collected quickly and fresh loans will bo granted very rarcly in future to urban societies.
37. A sum of Rs. 48,570 was outstanding in the beginning of the jear and (ii) to raral societies. Funds under the Co-oporative Credit Societies' Rules in the beginning of the year. This Jear tiro loans of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 were granted to two urban banks



of which Rs. 40 was repaid and Rs. 1,589-8 was outstanding. The accounts of the horrowing sociotics show some difference due to Rs. 1,400 being on transit and the Central Banks haviog credited as interost some items sent as principal.
43. Four Central Banks, namely, the Teota, the Eastern Bengal and Assam, Doteritnie bonds. the Faridpur and the Pioncer, have the power to issue negotiable debenture bonds, but only the last two have isucd them. These bonds are held by the members and non-members alike and are of the value of Rs. 50 cach. In the Paridpur Bank, they are repayable after 7 years, and the interest is at the rate of $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum payable half-yearly. In the lioncer lank they are repayable after 5 years, and the rate of interest is $7 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent. per ammum in all cases except of the first issue of 95 bonds on which it is $6 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent., piryablo half-ycarly. The total value of the bonds issued previous to this year was Rs. 22,600 and bonds valued at Rs. 16,900 were sold this year, while none was discharged. At the close of the year, 790 bonds valued at Rs. 39,500 were out. I terest was paid punctually on presentation of tho bond in every case.
41. The deposits of non-members, including public funds, in the urban societies

Inans from non-menbers. (i) To urban socielies. amounted to Rs. $38,227-7-0$ in the beginning of the year. $\Lambda$ sum of R. 72,752-10-1 was paid in this ycar and Rs. 15,710-7-9 repaid, leaving Rs. 95,260-9-4 outstanding at the close of the joar. The deposits bear interest at $6+$ per cent. for small sums deposited for short periods, rising to $7 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and 9 per cent. for large sums dcposited for longer periods, while on floating deposits interest is paid at $\mathbf{3}$ to 4 per cont. Notable among the deposits of the public funds are the following:-Rs. 10,000 at 9 per cent. for 10 years deposited in the Pioneer Bank by the Anandamohan College at Mymensingh; Rs. 10,000 for 10 years without interest of the Nawab Sir Abdul Ghani Famine Relicf Fund in the Eastern Bengal and Assam Central Bank; and deposits of Dispensary Funds in Cachar amounting to over Rs. 6,000 in the Silchar lBank. There have been a remarkable increase of deposits in the names of women, which are cither the funds of the widows, the savings of the thrifty wives or the marriage portions of girls. They show an increasing confidence in these societies which is very reassuring.
45. The rural societies have not been so fortunate, though they also show
(ii) To rural societies.
ing at the close of the year. These deposits bear interest at $6 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. to $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and are fixed for at least a year. They include Rs. 6,000 deposited by a senior member of the Indian Melical Service in the rural societies in the Madaripur subdivision.
46. Neither the rural nor the urban societies have yet any

General money marlet. access to the general money market and the banking houses or joint stock banks have not come to our assistance yet.

## VII.-Work done by tie Committees and Controllers.

47. The work done by the committees of the urban societics has been uniformly satisfactory and in many cases of remarkable excellence. In the rural socictics, howerer, the work was often badly neglected. In many societies, in Mymensingh for instance, the committees never met, and the work was left in the hands of the Chairmen and Scerctarics. The consequence is that the management was not efficient and loans were granted without sufficient consideration and recoveries were bad. There has been no embezzlement, but in some rural socicties in Faridpur, the Chairman or Scerctary who holds the custody of funds could not produca the cash balance at tho timo of tho inspection. There is no doubt that they were temporarily misappropriated and were generally made good shortly after. The members of the committecs of some rural societics havo beon found also to have taken large loans out of the funds of the societics, in the name of their relations. The accounts have been found in some cases untouched from one inspection to another. The staff of official Inspectors requires to be increased largely before theso evils can be removed.
48. The Controllers and Auditors of the Urban Banks did very useful work s.ncrally, but in rural socictics, again, I found neglect and apathy prevailing almost everywhere.
49. Many officers of both rural and urban societies did specially commendable work, but for want of space I am not able to cnumerate them.

## VIII.-Drsirtis $\therefore$ : : hit! 1,1

50. Thore wore no disputes reported to m. Inice suits, imblutel hy thre urban societics and one by a rural saciety to reeser duss, and ..n were decred iu full, and the collections are procecding salisfactorily.
IX.-Tue Act, Tiche anti Defiws.
51. No particular new difficult has tecu encountered in the working of the Act or the Rules. The amendment of tho Act, particularly on the point of including other societics as members of a Co-operative Credit Suciety, has become necessary fur the purpose of forming Unions and strengthening tho Central llanks.
X.-Attitude of tie public, assistance received, official and gon-orficinl.
52. There has been a salutary change in the attitude of the educated public durin: the yoar ander report, and both Hindu and Muhammadan gentlemen in all parts of the Province are now coming forward to our assistance, at least financially. Their sympathy and help are invaluable and I trust that with their aid the dillicult problem of supervision of the rural socictios will be solved. The information about Co-operative Credit Societies has spread to the remoto villiges and tho cultiratirs are now very anxious to form socicties. I am orcrwhelmed with applications for the organisation of societies from all parts of the Province, which I cannot attend to for tho want of sufficient staff. Everywhere these socictics havo been admitted to bo a blessing for the poor people and the attitude of distrust manifested in previous ycars is fast disappearing.
53. As in the previous years, I have reccived extremely valualle assistanco from officials of every department and many non-officials. I again express my decp obligation to them, for without their belp this morement could not have reached its present promising condition.
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## STATENENT I-B.

Geniral Progiess.
Urlan Socicties.

| District. |  |  | Find of Socioty. | Number od Socio-ties. |  | Number of Nembers. |  | Working Capital. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | \% |  | \% | 9 -1 3 4 4 4 4 4 |
|  | 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | In. | Jia. |
| Dacca | ... | ... | Cash, Limited ... | 3 | 3 | 158 | 200 | 10,570 | 28,210 |
| Mymensingh | ... | ... | Ditto ... | 3 | 3 | 403 | 010 | 28,210 | 6105 |
| Faridpur | ... | ... | Ditto | 3 | 5 | 608 | 003 | 23, 178 | 43,987 |
| CLittagong | .* | ... | Ditto . | 1 | 2 | 68 | 117 | 1,475 | 2,334 |
| Tippera | ... | ... | Ditto ... | 1 | 2 | 23 | 123 | 1,300 | 8,776 |
| Noakbali | ... | -* | Cash and Stores, Limited. | 1 | 2 | 115 | 216 | B,670 | 0,363 |
| Rangpur | ... | ." | Cash, Limited ... | 1 | 2 | 61 | 69 | C18 | 727 |
| Tabra | - | ... | 3 Cash, Limited. and 1 Productive, Unlimited. | 3 | 4 | 225 | 317 | 7,278 | 25,635 |
| Cachar | ... | ... | Cash, Limited ... | 1 | 1 | 118 | 150 | 8,230 | 10.010 |
| Sylhet | ... | ... | Cash, 1 Limitod and 1 Unlimited. | 2 | 2 | $201$ | 232 | 11,783 | 13,900 |
| Khasi and Jai | IIills | ... | Cash, Limited ` ... | 2 | 2 | 271 | 430 | 64.833 | 77,186 |
| Goalpars | - | ... | Ditto ... | "• | 1 | $\cdots$ | 43 | $\cdots$ | 890 |
| Kamrup | -* | ... | Ditto ... | 1 | 1 | 102 | 129 | 17,889 | 23,1:0 |
| Darrang | ... | ... | Ditto ... | 1 | 1 | 81 | 78 | 4,bis | 7,131 |
| Nowgong | -. | ... | Cash, Unlimitel ... | 1 | 1 | - 23 | 25 | 410 | 1,250 |
| Sibsagar | ... | ... | Cash, Limited ... | 2 | 3 | 173 | 2 Cl | 15,5\%. | 2, 2135 |
| Lakhimiar | $\cdots$ | ... | Cash and Stores, Limited. | 1 | 1 | $: 1$ | c7 | 1,213 | 2,878 |
| Total of $t$ | Province | ... |  | 27 | 30 | 2,739 | 4,015 | 1,67, 6 S 2 | 3,50,617 |


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## STATEMENT I．C．

General Progress of Raral Co－operative Credit Societies in 1903．1910．

| District． | Eind of Soclaty． | Nomber of Buctertion． |  | Yambe of mambern． |  | Fortionicapilas． |  | Bamaria |
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|  |  | As the begio－ oing of the jown． | $\begin{gathered} \text { At the } \\ \text { tha } \\ \text { the your } \\ \text { vor } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { at the } \\ \text { Befinding } \\ \text { of the } \end{array}$ mar. | At the ond of the joar． | $\Delta t$ the berinulat of the jour． | At the ond of the |  |
| 1 | 8 | $\bullet$ | － | $\square$ | © | 7 | － | － |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | In． | R． |  |
| Daccs ．．．．．． | ． | 18 | 33 | 234 | 676 | 12，163 | 23，110 |  |
| Mymentingh ．．． |  | 52 | 77 | 036 | 1，383 | 1，71，093 | 2，19，837 |  |
| Faridpar ．．．．．． |  | 62 | 91 | 2，652 | 8，734 | 68，780 | 1，22，710 |  |
| Chittagong ．．．． |  | 1 | 1 | 276 | 300 | 2，007 | 2，80． |  |
| Tippors ．．．．．． |  | 3 | 14 | 100 | 430 | 3，000 | 11，031 |  |
| Chittagong IIill Tracts ．．． |  | 4 | 4 | 73 | 163 | 916 | 8，271 |  |
| Dinajpar ．．．$\quad$－ | 首 | 1 | 1 | 33 | 42 | 1，644 | 1，403 |  |
| Jalpaiguri ．．．．．． | 完 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 27 | 1，080 | 1，151 |  |
| Rangpur ．．．．．． | 岂 | 1 | 4 | 53 | 131 | c62 | 3，000 |  |
| Pabna ．．．．．． |  | 6 | 15 | 308 | 88 | 4，631 | 25，012 |  |
| Malds ．．．．．．． |  | 1 | 3 | 321 | 352 | 1，278 | 1，050 |  |
| Cachar ．．．．．． |  | 1 | 1 | 23 | 27 | 408 | 823 |  |
| Sylhet ．．．．．． |  | 27 | 39 | 617 | 909 | 20，200 | 47，001 |  |
| Khasi and Jaintia Hillso．． |  | ．． | 1 | ＊－ | 21 | － | 433 |  |
| Goslpara ．．．．．． |  | 1 | 6 | － 97 | 200 | 2，572 | 8.184 |  |
| Kımrap ．．．．．． |  | 5 | 11 | 274 | 633 | 8，962 | 17，518 |  |
| Kowgong ．．．．．0 |  | 6 | 6 | 301 | 323 | 7，609 | 7.810 |  |
| Sibaagar ．．．．．． |  | 17 | 20 | 1，723 | 2，104 | 92，762 | 40,283 |  |
| Lakhimpur ．．．．．． |  | 4 | 4 | 605 | 658 | 8，257 | 10，183 |  |
| Total of the Province ．．． |  | 204 | 330 | 8，143 | 18，025 | 8，83，675 | B，41，008 |  |

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| Jalpaiguri ．．．．．． | 完 | 1 | 1 | 27 | 27 | 1，080 | 1，151 |  |
| Rangpur ．．．．．． | 岂 | 1 | 4 | 53 | 131 | c62 | 3，000 |  |
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STATEMENT
Profit and Loss Account of Rural Co-operative

III.C.

Cralit Sucieties for the year ending 30 th $J_{\text {une }} 1910$.

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Balance Shect of the Rural Co.oft:


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Crellit Societies on the 30th June 1010.

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Entublihment and contingent charges |  |  | 㗊 |
| 13 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 27 | 28 | 10 | 20 | 11 | 28 |
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| 2,670 00 | 25180 | 10,131 E 8 | $\cdots$ | 8,4840 | 7688 | 8,500 98 | $\cdots$ | 2,894 106 | 21,0890 | 2,450 18 |
| 1,43,044 8 c | 7,071 | 2,07,530 141 | '* | 1,000 11 | [65 124 | 1,000 28 | ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 15,109 1110 | 2,25,408 11 2 | 20.03: 110 |
| 23,00000 | 109130 | 87,179 78 | 555 | 20,872 152 | 981 76 | 82,37068 | ** | 7,320149 | 2,26,8:0. 19 | 6,277 6 |
| 81000 | * | 1,835 00 | -'0 | 00080 | ** | 00080 | - | $869 \leqslant 0$ | 2,803 120 | 20010. |
| 1,850 00 | *' | 13,2N5 011 | $\cdots$ | 2,020 00 | 89810 | 2,040 810 | " ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 100108 | 15,315 ${ }^{\text {c }} 0$ | 702100 |
| 20000 | $\cdots$ | 8,181810 | . $*$ | 14000 | 680 | - 2050 | ** | 77610 | 8,614 78 | 12 U 14 |
| 80000 | '' | DSS 10 | ** | 40000 | 890 | 47790 | 0120 | 8178 | 1,516 10 | 2630 |
| 000.0 | 6100 | 70680 | $\cdots$ | 4800 | 8056 | 82056 | *' | 276 8 | 1,402 121 | 79.8 |
| 8000 | ** | 1,081 $\leqslant 0$ | 810 | B65 00 | 1798 | 2,032 $0 \cdot 8$ | * | 198 8 | 8,180 10 | 121.0 |
| 8,7000 | 200810 | 18,580 100 | 800 | 8,14 40 | 5351410 | 8,788 210 | 8120 | 402105 | 23,876 68 | 1,201 19 |
| 00000 | ** | 00000 | $\cdots$ | 1,149 80 | 62156 | 1,002 76 | ** | 23010 | 1,032 0 | 137108 |
| 6000 | 2148 | 60478 | $\cdots$ | 10000 | 5146 | 214 146 | $\because{ }^{\circ}$ | Es 79 | 83818 | $75:$ |
| 18,000 00 | C810 | 25,889 86 | 130 | 20,357 40 | . 60478 | 21,101 1111 | ${ }^{* \prime}$ | 1,468 E 8 | 48,653 810 | 2,858 © |
| 23000 | "' | 2000 | $\square$ | 23910 | 117 | 247157 | *' | . $0 \times$ | 617157 | 102812 |
| B50 00 | 878 | 2,230 18 | ** | 6780 | 88.0 | 710.0 | - | 838118 | 8,273 0 11 | $63: 0$ |
| 8,00000 | ** | 0,85018 | $\cdots$ | 7,488 818 | 2189 | 7.080188 | "' |  | 17,003 711 | 004 810 |
| 2,045 00 | 890 | 8,45820 | $\cdots$ | 8,488 00 | 1060 | 8,639 24 | cos 6 | $00714 \%$ | 8,058 1 e | 431615 |
| 32,808 0 | 93139 | 12,423 109 | "' | 24,983 is 8 | 8575 | 25,82! 1 | 258 00 | 2,038 27 | 41.835 ¢ | 1,85s 70 |
| 2,20500 | ** | 2,203 00 | ** | 7,009 8 | 41820 | 7,455 $¢$ | es 00 | 878149 | 20,604 80 | 70800 |
| 2,16,619 5 \% | 7,433 10 | 4,00,9:11 11 | 1,515 | 1,13,820 0 | 8,008 182 | 1,10,211 189 | 21900 | 82,48 5 | 6,6L824 78 | 0,038 70 |

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RESOLUTION.
Tue year witnessed a continuance of the developenent of tho co-operntive credit movement. The number of urban banks incroased from 27 to 30 and tho number of rural societies from 201 to 330 . The capital inverted in urban societics at the closo of the year was three and-a-half lakhs of rupees or nearly double the capital with which the year bogan, and tho working capital of the rural socicties roco from threo and-a-half lakbs of rupecs to nearly five and-a-half lakhs. There wiss a slight increase in the average membership of urban sociotics and $a$ small decreaso in that of rural societies. Both of theso movements were, in the opinion of the LicutnnantGovernor, in the right direction, as rural societics aro more likely to bo efliciont when the membership is small.
2. Fifty-five per cent. of the capital invested in urban socictics was contributed by the members themselves and no less than 27 per cent. was provided frota tho deposits of non-members and public funds, a fact which indicates a steady growth of confidence in the movement. The amount provided by Government was onls 0 per cent. of the total. Rural societics are, however, still unablo to obtain access to much outside capital. Only 27 per cent. was contributed by the members themsolves and no less than 40 per cent. of the capital mas adranced by Government and 23 per cent. by Central Banks. The bulk of the loans taken from Central Banks aro still taken for the purpose of the repayment of money borrowed at higher rates of intercst and little money is used for reproductive purposes. Tho lieutenant-Governor is glad to see that this tendency is not so marked in rural societios and that largo sums are now borrowed for the purchase of cattlo and land and for agricultural operations. This is a most encouraging sign, for though the repayment of loans which carry a usurious rate of interest is an essential preliminary to all progress, tho full benefits of the movement will not be obtained till moncy is borrorred and used in enterprises which yield not only the interest demanded by the capitalist but a reasonable margin of profit to the borrorrer.
3. All the urban societies worked at a profit and paid dividonds ranging from 2.2 to $17 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. In the case of rural socictics only one failed to show a gond return on the ycar's working ; but the total profits which amounted to lis. 10,000 were all carried to the reserve fund. This fund now amounts to the very respectablo total of Rs. 72,000 as against a capital of less than five and-a-hall lakhs, and a Tords welcome evidence of the sound financial basis of the movement.
4. Loans issued by urban socicties carry intercst ranging from 0 to 12$\}$ per cent. In Eastern Bengal rural societics usually chargo 18 per cont., but in the $\Lambda$ asam Valley and Surma Valley Divisions, where capital can be obtained at cheaper rates, 121 $\frac{1}{2}$ percent. only is charged. Tho Registrar and the Board havo continucd during the year their enquirics into the rates of interest charged by mahajans, instances of excessive intercst recovercd through thio Courts, and the gencral profts of money lending. It is said that in villages the prevailing rate is $37 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. and tho minimum 24 per cent., but many cases came to the notice of the Registrar in which 150 per oent. was charged. In towns, whare the peoplo are more intellizent and where better secarity is doubtless offered the rates of interest are lower. Great difficulty was experienced in coming to a definite conclusion as to the actual profits of professional money-lenders. The First Member of the Board of lierenue who personally enquircd into the matter is of opinion that villige mahajans with small capital and no establishment, who deal dircet with their clients, may prasilily obtain a return of 25 or even $37 \frac{1}{y}$ per cent. on the amount insested in their busincsa. In the case of larger mones-lenders he was inclined to think that after delucting the charges of establishment, legal expenses and bad debts, the margit of profit way not more than from 10 to 20 per cent. The Licutcnant-Gorcrnor is glat to learn that in certain arcas the organization of sccictics has alrcady caused a rejuction in tho 1nanl -atn af intownct
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