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(1) Number of estates under management.

Northern Division.—At the beginning of the year under report there were one large and 24 small estates under management. Two estates (in Kaira) were released, while none was taken newly under management. The year thus closed with 23 estates under management (one large and 22 small).

Central Division.—At the beginning of the year there were 13 small estates under management—two in each of the districts of Ahmednagar and Sholapur, three in Nasik and six in West Khandesh. No new estate was added during the year, but one estate in West Khandesh District was released from management on account of the minor having attained majority. Thus the total number of estates under management at the close of the year was 12, the statistical information regarding which is given in the accompanying three statements.

2. The estate of the minor Giram in Sholapur District was released from management in 1920, but the moveable property of the estate is still in charge of the Collector. Giram died in February 1921; his widow was not likely to manage the estate properly. After she was declared to be a landholder under section 2 (b) (ii) of the Court of Wards Act by Government Resolution No. 3972 dated 7th February 1922, the Collector requested the District Judge to declare her under section 5 (b) of the Act to be incapable of managing the estate. The proceedings are still going on in the District Court as there are other claimants, besides the widow, to the estate.

3. The estate of the minor Katdhare which was under the management of the Collector of Ahmednagar was transferred to the Collector of Ratnagiri whom the District Judge appointed as guardian of the minor's property (*vide* Government Order No. 1154, Revenue Department, dated 22nd April 1921).

Southern Division.—One estate in Belgaum was released and one was added in Ratnagiri.

(2) Income.

Northern Division.—The total gross income of the estates during the year amounted to Rs. 48,152 as against Rs. 32,011 during the preceding year. The increase is mainly due to the favourable nature of the season which enabled the officers concerned to collect most of the current and a portion of the authorized and unauthorized arrears of the previous year.

The decrease of Rs. 5,726 in the income of the estates in the Kaira District is explained as under :—

(a) In the previous year debts to the extent of Rs. 6,448 were recovered, whilst during the year under report such recovery amounted to Rs. 2,840.

(b) Two estates whose income was included in the previous year's report were released from management.

Central Division.—The gross income of the estates amounted to Rs. 10,612 as against Rs. 4,837 in the preceding year. The increase is mainly due to the increase in receipts from rent owing to favourable season and to the realization of a sum of Rs. 1,000 in composition of an old decree in respect of the Mohanlal estate in the Nasik District.

Southern Division.—The gross income rose from Rs. 75,577 to Rs. 93,579 due to collection of past arrears and recovery of debts.