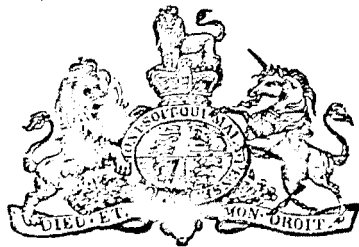


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VALUATION OF THE SAMPLES.

BENGAL.—LOWER PROVINCES.

<i>Presidency Division :</i>	Page.	<i>Rajshahye Division :</i>	
Nuddea district - - - - -	26	Moorsheedabad district - - - - -	27
<i>Burdwan Division :</i>		Rajshahye " - - - - -	27
Beerbhoom district - - - - -	26	<i>Bhagulpore Division :</i>	
Burdwan " - - - - -	26	Bhagulpore district - - - - -	27
Hooghly " - - - - -	26	Monghyr " - - - - -	28
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Manbhoom " - -	29	Sarun " - -	30
Singbhoom " - -	29	Shahabad " - -	30
		Tirhoot " - -	30

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES AND OUDE.

<i>Benares Division :</i>		<i>Jhansi Division :</i>	
Azimgarh district - -	31	Jalaun district - -	38
Benares " - -	31	Jhansi " - -	38
Basti " - -	31	Lalitpur " - -	39
Ghazipur " - -	31		
Gorakhpur " - -	32	<i>Agra Division :</i>	
Mirzapur " - -	32	Agra district - -	39
<i>Allahabad Division :</i>		Etawah " - -	39
Allahabad district - -	32	Etah " - -	40
Banda " - -	32	Furruckabad " - -	40
Cawnpore " - -	33	Muttra " - -	41
Futtehpore " - -	33	Mainpoori " - -	41
Jounpore " - -	34	<i>Rohilkund Division :</i>	
<i>Roy Bareilly Division :</i>		Bareilly district - -	42
Pratabgarh district - -	34	Budaon " - -	42
Roy Bareilly " - -	34	Mooradabad " - -	43
Sultanpur " - -	34	Shahjehanpur " - -	43
<i>Fyzabad Division :</i>		<i>Kumaon Division :</i>	
Bharaich district - -	35	Gurwhal district - -	43
Fyzabad " - -	35	Kumaon " - -	43
Gonda " - -	36	<i>Meerut Division :</i>	
<i>Lucknow Division :</i>		Alighr district - -	43
Barabanki district - -	36	Bulundshahr " - -	44
Lucknow " - -	36	Dehra Doon " - -	44
Unao " - -	37	Meerut " - -	45
<i>Sitapur Division :</i>		Muzaffarnuggur " - -	45
Hardui district - -	37	Saharanpore " - -	46
Kheri " - -	38	<i>Ajmere and Mhairwarra</i> - -	46
Sitapur " - -	38		

PUNJAB.

<i>Delhi Division :</i>		<i>Lahore Division :</i>	
Delhi district - -	46	Ferozepore district - -	49
Gurgaon " - -	46	Gujranwalla " - -	49
Kurnool " - -	46	Lahore " - -	49
<i>Hissar Division :</i>		<i>Mooltan Division :</i>	
Hissar district - -	46	Jhang district - -	49
Rohtak " - -	47	Montgomery " - -	49
Sirsa " - -	47	Mooltan " - -	49
<i>Umballa Division :</i>		Muzaffargarh " - -	49
Umballa district - -	47	<i>Rawulpindee Division :</i>	
Loodiana " - -	47	Gujerat district - -	50
Simla " - -	47	Jhelum " - -	50
<i>Jullundur Division :</i>		Rawulpindee " - -	50
Hoshiarpur district - -	48	Shahpur " - -	50
Jullundur " - -	48	<i>Peshawur Division :</i>	
Kangra " - -	48	Hazara district - -	50
<i>Umritsur Division :</i>		Kohat " - -	50
Umritsur district - -	48	Peshawur " - -	51
Gurdaspur " - -	48	<i>Derajat Division :</i>	
Sialkot " - -	49	Bannu district - -	51
		Dera Ghazi Khan - -	51
		Dera Ismail Khan - -	51

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

<i>Sind :</i>		Thur and Parkur district - -	53
Hyderabad district - -	51	Upper Sind Frontier - -	53
Kurrachee " - -	52	Native States in Guzerat - -	55
Shikarpur " - -	53	Districts of Bhowuggur State - -	55

<i>Northern Division :</i>				<i>Southern Division :</i>			
Ahmedabad district	-	-	- 56	Ahmednuggur district	-	-	- 59
Broach "	-	-	- 56	Belgaum "	-	-	- 59
Kaira "	-	-	- 56	Dharwar "	-	-	- 59
Khandesh "	-	-	- 57	Kaladgi "	-	-	- 60
Nassick "	-	-	- 58	Poona "	-	-	- 60
Punch Mehals	-	-	- 58	Satara "	-	-	- 61
Surat district	-	-	- 58	Sholapur "	-	-	- 61
Thana "	-	-	- 58				

CENTRAL PROVINCES.

<i>Nerbudda Division :</i>				<i>Chutteesgurh Division :</i>			
Baitul district	-	-	- 61	Bilaspur district	-	-	- 63
Chindwarra "	-	-	- 61	Raipore "	-	-	- 63
Hoshangabad "	-	-	- 61				
Nimar "	-	-	- 61	<i>Nagpore Division :</i>			
Nursingpore "	-	-	- 62	Balaghat district	-	-	- 63
<i>Jubbulpore Division :</i>				Bhandara "	-	-	- 63
Damoh district	-	-	- 62	Chanda "	-	-	- 63
Jubbulpore "	-	-	- 62	Nagpore "	-	-	- 64
Mandla "	-	-	- 62	Wurdha "	-	-	- 64
Saugor "	-	-	- 62	Upper Godavery "	-	-	- 64
Seoni "	-	-	- 63				

BERAR.

<i>East Berar :</i>				<i>West Berar :</i>			
Oomraottee district	-	-	- 64	Akola district	-	-	- 65
Ellichpur "	-	-	- 65	Buldana "	-	-	- 66
Woon "	-	-	- 65	Bassim "	-	-	- 66

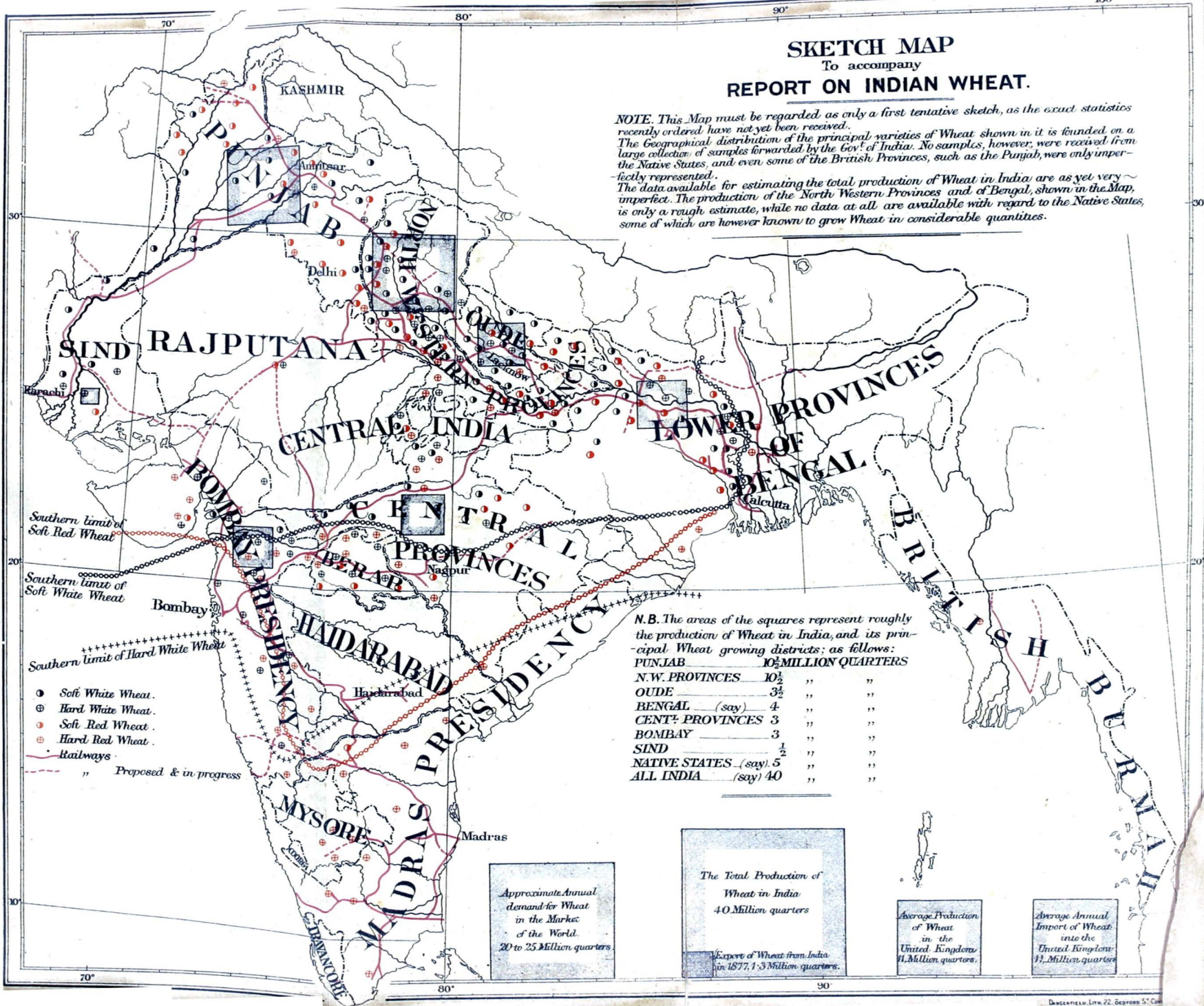
MADRAS PRESIDENCY.

Bellary district	-	-	- 66	Kistna district	-	-	- 67
Coimbatore "	-	-	- 67	Nilgherry "	-	-	- 67
Cuddapah "	-	-	- 67	Tinnevelly "	-	-	- 67
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SKETCH MAP

To accompany
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NOTE. This Map must be regarded as only a first tentative sketch, as the exact statistics recently ordered have not yet been received.
The Geographical distribution of the principal varieties of Wheat shown in it is founded on a large collection of samples forwarded by the Gov^t of India. No samples, however, were received from the Native States, and even some of the British Provinces, such as the Punjab, were only imperfectly represented.
The data available for estimating the total production of Wheat in India are as yet very imperfect. The production of the North Western Provinces and of Bengal, shown in the Map, is only a rough estimate, while no data at all are available with regard to the Native States, some of which are however known to grow Wheat in considerable quantities.



N.B. The areas of the squares represent roughly the production of Wheat in India, and its principal Wheat growing districts; as follows:

PUNJAB	10½	MILLION	QUARTERS
N.W. PROVINCES	10½	"	"
OUDE	3½	"	"
BENGAL (say)	4	"	"
CENT ^r PROVINCES	3	"	"
BOMBAY	3	"	"
SIND	½	"	"
NATIVE STATES (say)	5	"	"
ALL INDIA (say)	40	"	"

Approximate Annual demand for Wheat in the Market of the World 20 to 25 Million quarters.

The Total Production of Wheat in India 40 Million quarters.

Export of Wheat from India in 1877, 1.3 Million quarters.

Average Production of Wheat in the United Kingdom 11 Million quarters.

Average Annual Import of Wheat into the United Kingdom 11 Million quarters.