

REPORT

ON THE

RAIL-BORNE TRADE. (S)

OF THE

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

EXCLUSIVE OF SIND

FOR THE

OFFICIAL YEAR 1912-1913.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

On the system of trade registration in the Bombay Presidency and compilation of trade statistics in the office of the Government Examiner of Accounts, B. B. & C. I. Railway, Bombay.

For purposes of trade registration, India has been divided into blocks

British Provinces (excluding Chief Sea-port Towns).	Native States.
1. Madras.	1. Rájputána and Central India.
2. Bombay.	2. Nizám's Territory.
3. Sind and British Baluchistan.	3. Mysore.
4. Bengal.	4. Kashmir.
5. Bihar and Orisa.	
6. United Provinces of Agra and Oudh.	Sea-ports.
7. Punjab.	1. Madras Ports.
8. Central Provinces and Berar.	2. Bombay Port.
9. Assam.	3. Karáchi Port.
	4. Calcutta Port.

comprising the Presidencies, Provinces and Native States, named in the margin, according to administrative boundaries. The trade with the principal sea-ports referred to in the margin is dealt with separately from that of the Presidency or Province in which the port is situated. These main blocks are called "External" blocks with reference to each other.

The Bombay Presidency (exclusive of Sind) is divided into eight blocks, viz. :—

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bombay Port (the Island of Bombay). 2. Gujarát and Káthiáwár (all Gujarát Districts and Káthiáwár). 3. Konkan (Thána and Kolába). 4. North Deccan (Khándesh and Násik). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. East Deccan (Ahmednagar, Sholápur and Bijápur). 6. West Deccan (Poona and Sátára). 7. Southern Marátha Country (Belgaum, Dhárwár, Kolhápur and Southern Marátha Country States). 8. Goa. |
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The latter seven are the "Internal" blocks of the Presidency and the group is known as "Bombay" or "Bombay Presidency" excluding Bombay Port as distinguished from "Bombay Port" which is a main block.

The trade of the Bombay Presidency is of three kinds :—

- (1) Imports from "External" blocks.
- (2) Exports to "External" blocks.
- (3) Local trade, *i. e.*, traffic between "Internal" blocks.

(1) G. I. P. Railway Audit Office. and is registered by the fifteen
 (2) B. B. & C. I. Railway do. Railway Audit Offices shown in the
 (3) Madras and S. M. Railway do. margin.
 (4) H. H. the Nizám's Guarantees State Railways do.

Nos. (2) to (15) submit to the Government Examiner of Accounts quarterly returns of Trade and No. (1) submits weekly ones from which latter quarterly returns are prepared in the Government Examiner's Office similar to those submitted by the other offices named. From these returns quarterly statements are prepared showing—

(10) Eastern Bengal State Railway do.
 (11) Jodhpur-Bikaner Railway do.
 (12) Bengal-Nagpur Railway do.
 (13) Rohilkhand and Kumaon Railway do.
 (14) Bengal Provincial Railway do.
 (15) Assam Railways and Trading Co. do.

- (i) The trade of each "Internal" block in the Presidency with other Presidencies, Provinces, etc.

- (ii) The trade of the "Internal" blocks of the Presidency with each other;

and from these two, another statement is compiled showing the trade of the Bombay Presidency with the "Bombay Port" and the "External" blocks.

The figures contained in Statements (i) and (ii) are registered, and at the end of the year the postings for the four quarters are totalled, and the following three statements prepared for the official year:—

- (a) Statement No. II(a) showing imports into "Internal" blocks of the Bombay Presidency from "External" blocks.
- (b) Statement No. II(b) showing exports from "Internal" blocks of the Presidency to "External" blocks.
- (c) Statement No. III showing the local trade of the Bombay Presidency, including Bombay Port.

In preparing Statements Nos. II(a) and II(b) all external trade in any commodity which falls below Rs. 10,000 in value is not shown under the block concerned but is grouped together under the head "other places."

No. $\frac{A}{100\ 3}$ of 1913.

From

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To

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Poona, 15th November 1913.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Returns of the Rail-borne Traffic of the Bombay Presidency (exclusive of Sind) for the year ending 31st March 1913.

2. The registration of the Rail-borne Trade was as usual carried out by the Railway Administrations concerned, the compilation by the Government Examiner of Accounts, B. B. & C. I. Railway, Bombay, and the review and the publication by this Department.

3. During the year under report there has been an addition of 103 miles to open mileage of railway. A branch line was opened from Nadiad on the B. B. & C. I. Railway to Kapadvanj, a distance of 28 miles, and another from Kosamba on the same Railway to Zankhvav (26 miles) in the Baroda Territory. There were two extensions in Káthiáwár on the B.-G.-J.-P. Railway, one of 27 miles from Junágad to Visavádar and the other of 17 miles from Khajadia to Gavadka. A small addition of 5 miles was made to the Vijapur-Kalol Railway by extension of the line from Kodi to Bhoyani.

4. *Season.*—The late rains of 1911-12 were considerably in defect of the average over the greater part of the Presidency, and crops yielded a moderate outturn in favourable situations only or where water was available to help them through the dry weather. Elsewhere they either withered or yielded poorly. During 1912-13 the monsoon opened timely but rain in July was continuous and heavy in almost every district and interfered with agricultural operations. Later rains were deficient and crops suffered particularly in the eastern parts of the Deccan. Elsewhere they made fair progress and yielded fair to good outturn.

5. *Prices.*—The table in the margin exhibits the variations in prices of the principal articles of trade as obtained in the Bombay market. They show a

Articles.	Percentage rise (+) or fall (–) as compared with previous year's prices.
Cotton raw	–4.8
European. { Cotton Twist and Yarn	–3.2
{ Piece-goods, all sorts	–1.9
Indian. { Cotton Twist and Yarn	–4.0
{ Piece-goods, all sorts	+9.7
Sugar	–12.5
Opium	+5.3
Wheat	+9.9
Rice without husk	+12.2
Jowár and Bájra	+16.7
Gram and Pulse	+9.6
Linseed	–9.9
Rape-seed	+11.9
Sesame	+6.5
Castor-seed	+2.2
Wool raw	+1.7
Copper	+4.1
Iron and Steel	+3.6

general rise over the prices of 1911-12 except in the case of cotton (raw) cotton manufactures, sugar and linseed. The drop in the price of cotton (raw) was in sympathy with the price of the American article in the home market on which it usually depends. The price of Indian piece-goods rose owing to considerable demand, but that of other cotton manufactures was kept down owing to large stocks on hand. The low price of sugar was due to the receipt of larger supplies from Mauritius and Austria where there were good harvests. The rise in the price of opium was due to the introduction of the system of auction-sales for right of export and to restrictions on the trade with China. Shorter supplies of wheat from Russia owing to the war in the near East raised the price of Indian wheat in the European market, and there was a greater demand for other food-grains also. Abundant crop of linseed in the Argentine lowered the price of the oil-seed, which had ruled very high in the previous year. Other oil-seeds were dearer owing to higher demand. The rise in price of copper was due to greater activity in the ship-building and electrical industries. The price of kerosene was about

LIST OF TABULAR STATEMENTS.

II (a).—Statement showing Imports by Rail into the Bombay Presidency during the Year ending 31st March 1913.

II (b).—Statement showing Exports by Rail from the Bombay Presidency during the Year ending 31st March 1913.

III.—Statement showing the Trade by Rail between the different Blocks of the Bombay Presidency during the Year ending 31st March 1913.

Note.—Statement No. I in Imperial form has been omitted from the Provincial Returns from the year 1908-09 (Government Resolution No. 7504, dated 3rd August 1909, Revenue Department).

STATEMENT II (a)—continued.

Hides, and whence imported.	IMPORTS INTO										
	Bombay Presidency, excluding Bombay Port.									Grand Total.	
	Bombay Port.	Gujarāt and Kathiāwār.	Konkan.	North Deccan.	East Deccan.	West Deccan.	Southern Marāṭha Country.	Goa.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
TON—continued.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Rs.
MANUFACTURED—continued.											
(c) OTHERS—											
Madras	851	7	...	149	588	49	560	8	1,361	2,212	1,75,578
United Provinces of Agra and Oudh ...	1,958	126	6	259	26	323	...	...	740	2,698	80,940
Punjab	219	7	...	7	...	43	...	...	57	276	10,572
Central Provinces and Berār	637	19	...	61	7	12	...	...	99	736	62,560
Rājputāna and Central India	171	277	1	2	...	1	...	...	281	452	34,711
Nizām's Territory ...	615	3	...	2	14	2	3	...	24	669	49,182
Mysore	294	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	296	20,869
Other places	72	9	...	...	1	...	...	...	10	82	6,803
Total	4,847	448	7	480	636	431	564	8	2,574	7,421	4,41,215
JCS—											
INTOXICATING, OTHER THAN OPIUM—											
Punjab	126	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	188	47,258
Other places	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	776
Total	130	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	192	48,034
NON-INTOXICATING—											
(a) Medicinal preparations—											
Madras Sea-ports ...	158	...	3	2	13	1	108	12	139	297	30,312
Calcutta	81	6	...	...	...	1	1	...	8	89	27,374
Other places	114	28	...	3	4	2	...	...	37	181	13,483
Total	353	34	3	5	17	4	109	12	184	567	71,169
(b) Others—											
Madras	8,714	5	...	271	181	41	49	161	708	9,422	18,62,576
United Provinces of Agra and Oudh ...	3,537	905	...	187	253	10	...	...	1,355	4,892	48,920
Punjab	2,506	409	...	1	...	...	120	...	530	8,036	1,13,561
Central Provinces and Berār	710	22	...	382	92	126	25	...	647	1,357	10,856
Rājputāna and Central India	6,537	962	2	700	2	1	...	...	1,667	8,204	1,47,672
Nizām's Territory ...	1,684	1	28	44	392	17	19	...	501	2,185	39,330
Mysore	378	...	...	...	39	...	175	...	214	592	10,656
Madras Sea-ports ...	4										

STATEMENT II (a)—continued.

Articles, and whence imported.	IMPORTS INTO										
	Bombay Port.	Bombay Presidency, excluding Bombay Port.								Grand Total.	
		Gujarāt and Kathiāwār.	Konkan.	North Deccan.	East Deccan.	West Deccan.	Southern Marāṭha Country.	Goa.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
HIDES AND SKINS— <i>continued.</i>	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Mds.	Rs.
(2) SKINS OF SHEEP AND OTHER ANIMALS—											
(a) Raw—											
Madras	12,089	...	...	...	34	113	1,793	...	1,940	14,029	5,81,540
United Provinces of Agra and Oudh	89,749	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89,749	31,41,215
Punjab	26,410	14	2	...	...	...	...	...	16	26,426	8,80,737
Central Provinces and Berār	12,360	...	9,761	1,080	...	2,876	...	...	13,717	26,077	6,84,228
Rājputāna and Central India	6,951	922	19	286	5	...	...	...	1,232	8,183	2,12,739
Nizām's Territory	10,032	...	35	1,224	1,021	739	175	...	3,194	13,226	3,43,332
Mysore	7,272	...	...	...	6	3	464	...	473	7,745	2,03,049
Madras Sea-ports	413	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	413	17,115
Other places	185	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	185	6,829
Total	165,471	936	9,817	2,590	1,066	3,731	2,432	...	20,572	186,043	60,70,784
(b) Dressed or Tanned—											
Madras	...	2	1	...	...	...	179	...	179	179	19,598
Other places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	181
Total	2	1	...	...	...	...	179	...	180	182	19,779
HORNS—											
Madras	1,435	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	20	1,455	22,053
Central Provinces and Berār	10,533	1	2	6	...	...	...	...	9	10,542	1,64,626
Rājputāna and Central India	2,251	143	16	...	...	4	...	...	163	2,414	29,983
Nizām's Territory	8,292	...	...	3	13	...	3	...	19	8,311	1,04,290
Other places	2,484	20	...	1	...	6	72	...	99	2,583	25,807
Total	24,995	164	18	10	13	10	95	...	310	25,305	3,46,769
UTE—											
(1) Raw—											
United Provinces of Agra and Oudh	3,792	105	...	73	19	...	...	...	197	3,989	17,950
Other places	667	...	...	26	...	...	...	...	26	693	5,362
Total	4,459	105	...	99	19	...	...	...	223	4,682	23,312
(2) GUNNY BAGS AND CLOTH—											
Madras	576	25									

