

Madras Forest Dept

Annual Report 1888-89



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The most noticeable item is the failure in Cuddapah to sell the red-sanders wood collections of the year. When the tenders were opened, it was found that there was only one, viz., for Rs. 13-8-0 per ton. The District Forest-officer, thinking that he ought to get at least Rs. 17 as last year, withheld sale. On this the Collector of Cuddapah, Mr. E. J. Sewell, has remarked :—

“When the matter came to my notice from the District-Forest officer's diary, I at once pointed out that the Budget revenue ought to be realized even if the wood, &c., had to be sold at a lower price than usual. I also think that a sale at a low price one year is often recouped in other years by the competition which it leads to. The profits made by the contractor who has bought cheap attract attention and lead others to come and compete at the next year's sales.”

and the Conservator agrees in his remarks, and he considers that it is better and more dignified for the Government to sell its produce yearly at the market rate rather than to keep it back on account of a depression. Since then the price has gone still lower, and it is to be feared that we shall scarcely get more than Rs. 10 per ton. Had the red-sanders wood of this year been sold at Rs. 13-8-0, the gross revenue would have reached nearly 6½ lakhs. No doubt the District Forest-officer thought he was acting for the best, but it is as well to put on record that the Collector and Conservator consider that he ought to have accepted the tender. The short sales in Ganjam are due to the difficulty of obtaining a local market, and especially of selling sleepers since so many of the Indian Railways have now taken to using iron almost exclusively. There is, however, a stock of about 8,000 sleepers on hand; if these had been sold, the financial results of Ganjam would have been converted from a deficit into a surplus.

150. Subjoined is a statement of receipts in and sales from depôts for three years.

	1886-87.		1887-88.		1888-89.	
	Receipts.	Disposals.	Receipts.	Disposals.	Receipts.	Disposals.
Timber c. ft.	115,850	107,650	146,119	126,137	127,169	22,245
Fuel c. ft.	351,700	290,100	23,875	318,725	373,571	249,505
Bamboos No.	1,200	1,200	110	110	..	..
Minor produce Mds.	52,110	46,170	6,852	3,802	3,403	9,866

There is not much to say about these returns. The Conservator agrees with Mr. Horsfall, the Collector, in regretting the necessity for departmental operations in Ganjam for they are not very satisfactory; but if we cannot induce middlemen to come forward and purchase timber in the forests, we must, in order to make the annual yield available and the forests give their proper amount of revenue, undertake the work ourselves. So soon as it is possible, the system of departmental work should again stop, but there seems little prospect of this. The Conservator proposes to see what can be done by means of tramways to reduce the difficulties of transport and obviate the trouble it takes to induce sawyers to work in the forests, and in this connection begs to invite attention to his paragraph 130. The operations in Nellore and Nilgiris were satisfactory.

151. Form No. 71 shows the sales of timber first from depôt, secondly from the forests, thirdly and fourthly from drift and confiscated wood. The following abstract shows the sales of the year :—

Timber.

District.	Depôt.		Local.		Drift.		Confiscated.		Total.	
	C. FT.	RS.	C. FT.	RS.	C. FT.	RS.	C. FT.	RS.	C. FT.	RS.
Ganjam	12,4									

so that the price obtained on the whole was a little over 5 annas per cubic foot solid.

Fuel.

District.	Depôt.		Local.		Drift.		Confiscated.		Total.	
	C. FT.	RS.	C. FT.	RS.	C. FT.	RS.	C. FT.	RS.	C. FT.	RS.
Ganjam ..	2,462	142	13,345	30	..	..	196	19	16,003	191
Vizagapatam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	603	14	603	14
Godavari ..	..	..	486	18	..	..	716	34	1,208	53
Kistna ..	..	..	9,990	39	6	1	490	29		

155. *Removal by purchasers.*—Form 72 gives the sales direct from the forests. The following abstract shows the comparison with last year :—

					1887-88.	1888-89.
					RS.	RS.
Ganjam	...	...	...	...	15,384	14,134
Vizagapatam	...	...	...	...	5,279	6,608
Godavari	...	...	...	...	63,265	64,998
Kistna	...	...	...	...	76,524	96,613
Nellore	...	...	...	...	44,207	28,146
Cuddapah	...	...	...	...	1,12,232	1,02,734
Kurnool	...	...	...	...	75,614	1,05,059
Bellary	...	...	...	...	23,605	36,180
Anantapur	...	...	...	...	18,522	

CHAPTER VI.

FINANCIAL RESULTS.

164. Form 64 gives the summary of district revenue and expenditure as follows:—

Revenue	...	...	...	...	...	RS.	RS.
Expenditure A	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,16,920
Do. B	...	...	...	...	...	2,54,298	
						2,20,844	
							4,74,542
Surplus	...						1,42,378

showing a very good advance on the actuals of previous years, both in gross and net revenue, and a near approximation to the revised estimates which were—

Revenue	...	...	...	...	...	RS.	RS.
Expenditure A	...	...	...	...	...		

Kurnool.—"A small nursery of 24 beds was formed in the compound of the Nandyal bungalow for experiments with the Eucalyptus sent by the Board of Revenue. A small quantity of all these seeds germinated, but on the commencement of the hot weather most of them dried up. The *citriodora* is, however, an exception to this as they germinated freely and produced some rapidly-growing plants, some of which are now two feet high. Attempts have been made to remove these, but owing to the heat they have dried. These species might be made to succeed if sown in the early rains and planted out in the second rains, being rapid growers. In the present case they were not sown till November 1888, and had therefore very little chance. A similar amount of Eucalyptus seeds were handed over to the Department by the Collector and a small nursery was made in the Yerramalais. These were not sown until December. These germinated slowly and with difficulty and having reached a height of about 2 inches the leaves dried up. The result of these experiments may therefore be said to be a failure partly attributable to the fact that the seeds were not distributed until an unfavorable part of the season had been reached and partly due to the unfitness of the climate. The District Forest-officer believes that *citriodora* might be made to grow, perhaps *corymbosa* if considerable care and trouble were taken over the experiment."

Nilgiris.—"A small quantity of each of the marginally-noted kinds of Eucalyptus seeds was received from the Board of Revenue intended for experiment as to whether they can be successfully grown on the plains. Half of the quantity was sown in Kullar and the other half in Moyar nurseries, which are the driest parts of this district." The following is the result :—

Name of seed.	WHEN SOWN.		NUMBER GERMINATED.
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APPENDIX B.

STATEMENT showing the cost and yield up to March 31, 1889, of the Casuarina Plantations in Nellore and Gudur taluks.

Plantation.	Compartment number.	Area.	Year of planting.	Total expenditure up to 31st March 1889.	Cost per acre.	Yield up to 31st March 1889.	APPROXIMATE RETURN UP TO 31st MARCH 1888.		YIELD DURING 1888-89.				APPROXIMATE RETURN DURING 1888-89.		GRAND TOTAL.	
							Rate.	Amount.	Cutting storm wood.		Clean felling.		Rate.	Amount.	Total tons, 7 and 13.	Total amount, 9 and 15.

APPENDIX D.

STATEMENT showing free grants during the year 1888-89.

District.	Authority under which granted.	Range.	Locality.	Name of grantee.	Purpose for which granted.	PRODUCE GRANTED.		
						Description.	Number or quantity.	Value.
Ganjam..	..	Suradā ..	Buguda ..	Inhabitants of Buguda village.	For rebuilding houses destroyed by fire.	Timber ..	C. ft. 1,640	Rs. A. P. 15 6 0
						Bamboos ..	No. 9,840	10 4 0
						Nara ..	C. ft. 820	4 6 0

Statement showing free grants during the year 1888-89—cont.

District.	Authority under which granted.	Range.	Locality.	Name of grantee.	Purpose for which granted.	PRODUCE GRANTED.		
						Description.	Number or quantity.	Value.
Bellary ..	Rule 13 of the rules framed under section 26 of the Madras Forest Act.	Bellary ..	Bondanakallu (Rāvadrug taluk).	24 ryots, each 20 cubic feet.	For rebuilding houses destroyed by fire.	Third-class timber.	C. ft. 480	Rs. A. P. 30 0 0
Total ..							480	30 0 0
Anantapur	Collector's order.	Penukonda.	Somandepalle jungles.	Three ryots of Somandepalle.	For re-building houses destroyed by fire.	Rafters ..	350	3 8

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Area of Reserved Forests, 1888-89—cont.

District.	Range.	Name of Forest.	AREA OF 1st APRIL 1888.		ADDED DURING THE YEAR.	EXCLUDED OR TRANSFERRED TO OTHER HEADS.	AREA ON 31st MARCH 1889.		Number and date of notification of addition or transfer.	Remarks.
			Acres.	Equivalent in square miles.			Acres.	Equivalent in square miles.		
Cudda- pah	Ráyachóti	Sibbyála ...	3,500	5½	...	...	3,500	5½	...	
		Tsundupalle ...	3,000	4½	...	...	3,000	4½	...	
		Gadikota ...	12,462	19½	...	...	12,462	19½	...	

Area of Reserved Lands, 1888-89—cont.

District.	Range.	Name of Forest.	AREA ON 1ST APRIL 1888.		ADDED DURING THE YEAR.	EXCLUDED OR TRANSFERRED TO OTHER HEADS.	AREA ON 31st MARCH 1889.		Number and date of notification of addition or transfer.	Remarks.
			Acres.	Equivalent in square miles.			Acres.	Equivalent in square miles.		
Kistna	Krósúr	Venkatayyapalem.	46,201	72	...	...	46,201	72	Notfn. No. 143 of 30th July 1884.	Transferred to Form No. 59A.
		Bellankonda	1,675	2½	...	...	1,675	2½		
		Nevadipur...</								

Area of Plantations, 1888-89—cont.

District.	Range.	Name of plantation.	ON 1ST APRIL 1888.		ADDED DURING 1888-89.		ON 31ST MARCH 1889.		Remarks.	
			Area.	Cost.	Area.	Cost.	Total Area.	Total Cost.		
Nellore.	Kavali ..	...	ACS. 50	RS. 324	...	...	ACS. 50	RS. 324	Miscellaneous sowings in forest and among prickly-pear.	
	Sriharikót	Sriharikót	10	1,353	100	172	110	1,525	Miscellaneous plantings.	

ANNUAL FORM NO. 61.

Forest Department, Madras, Northern Circle.

Annual Statement of Topes.

District.	Taluk.	Number of topes.	Area.	Cost		Remarks.
				During year.	To end of year.	
Ganjam	Berhampore	3	ACS. 13	RS.	RS.	
	Gumsur	1	83			
	Chicacole	3	5			922
	Total	7	101			922
Vizagapatam	Palkonda	2	56			8
	Total	2	56			8
Godavari	Ramachendrapuram					

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ANNUAL FORM No. 63.

Forest Department, Madras, Northern Circle.

Prosecutions for Breaches of Forest Rules during 1888-89.

District.	Cases pending from 1887-88.	NEW CASES OF THE YEAR.					DISPOSED OF DURING THE YEAR.						Cases pending at close of year.
		Injury to forest by fire.	Unauthorised felling or appropriation of wood and minor forest produce.	Grazing without permission or in tracts in which grazing is prohibited.	Other offences.	Total new cases of the year.	CONVICTIONS.			ACQUITTALS.			

Forest Department, Madras, Northern Circle.

Summary of expenditure of the different districts, 1888-89.

Budget heads.	Dirrec- tion.	Gan- jam.	Vizaga- patam.	Godāvāri	Kistna.	Nellore.	Cudda- pah.	Kurnool.	Bellary.	Ananta- pur.	Nilgiris.	Total.
RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
A.—Conservancy and Works.												
I.—Timber and other produce removed from the forests by Government Agency—												
(a) Timber ...		14,501	10	29	...	...	15,515	243	83	4	2,892	33,277

Outstandings and Liabilities on account of Contractors and Disbursers for 1888-89.

District.	DEPARTMENT DEBTOR.			DEPARTMENT CREDITOR.			BALANCE DUE.	
	At com- mence- ment of year.	Recoveries in cash and value of supplies and work done during the year.	At close of year.	At commence- ment of year.	Payments made during year.	At close of year.	To Department (Outstandings).	By Depart- ment (Liabili- ties).
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Conservator, Northern Circle	...	1,458 2 0	1,458 2 0	193 11 3	1,269 11 1	1,463 6 4	5 4 4	...
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Statement of Timber and other Produce cut and collected

District.	Forest range, Forest or working circle.	Description of Timber or Forest produce.	ON HAND AT COMMENCEMENT OF YEAR.		COLLECTED DURING YEAR.	
			Number.	Cubic feet.	Number.	Cubic feet.
Ganjam ...	Gayagonda forests.	Sál logs ...	215	1,964	2,578	42,206
		Do. sleepers ...	...	...	2,798	7,273
	Chondorgiri forest.	Sál planks ...	...	...	127	...
		Sál slabs ...	...	...	2,160	...
	Gundribadi and Gogodo forests.	Do. demarcation posts ...	3,588	2,171	12</	

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			Number.	Cubic feet.	Number.	Cubic feet.
Ganjam— cont.	Rambha F.D.	Sál slabs	...	...	4,470	...
	Dongabhumí	Sál sleepers	...	...	227	660
	Buguda	Sál logs	...	...	508	4,361
	Kriyamba	Do. sleepers	...	...	94	181
		Sál slabs	...	...	144	...
	Chokapad	Sál logs	1,660	26,201	1,977	11,691

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			Number.	Cubic feet.	Number.	Cubic feet.
Nilgiri— cont.	Naduvatam	Gallnuts	...	...	...	90
		Sheakoy	...	Mds. 88	...	6
		Coffee	...	" 4	...	2
		Wax	...	...	...	1
		Deer horns	...	...	...	1,260
		Gallnuts	...	...	...	30½
	Mudumalai	Vembadam bark ...	...	...	...</	

