

REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION  
OF THE  
POLICE OF THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY  
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2. The sanctioned strength of the permanent force on the last day of the year was 32,986 or 97 more than the figure for the previous year. The main causes of the increase were—

- (i) the addition to the strength of the Government House guard and Harbour Police in the Madras City,  
 (ii) the strengthening of the prosecuting staff in certain districts,  
 (iii) the revival of the Part Police, Cuddalore and  
 (iv) addition to the strength of some districts owing to the re-allocation of stations, etc.

The temporary additional forces (1,434) shown at the end of the statement D consisted of—

- (1) Plague Police (905),  
 (2) Punitive Police at Kamudi (58),  
 (3) Temporary private guards (59),  
 (4) Police force at the criminal settlements (126) and  
 (5) Temporary forces enlisted for other purposes (286).

The shortage of 1,004 in the sanctioned strength with which the year opened declined to 541 at the end of the year. In most districts recruitment was easy, but the quality of the recruits was inferior. A large number of demobilized sepoys was available, but what chiefly facilitated recruitment was the grant of the additional temporary allowance which raised the pay of the constabulary by 50 per cent. There were no vacancies in Kistna and in a few other districts the force was almost up to strength. Chingleput had the largest number of vacancies (89). With the Madras City, to which labour gravitates within its limits, this district suffers from a serious disadvantage in the matter of recruitment and even at the best of times it is impracticable to bring the force up to strength. The District Magistrate suggests that in those portions at least of the district within a radius of 10 miles from Madras the pay of the constabulary should be brought on a par with that obtaining in the city. A proposal to this effect was submitted to Government but was vetoed. The conditions in many of the suburbs of Madras, such as Perambur, are exactly the same as in the city and police work in them is more concerned with the city than the mufassal, particularly that part of it which is concerned with the factories. It would be an excellent thing if the jurisdiction of the city police were extended to such areas. If this is not done, a considerable increase in the mufassal police and the number of police stations will, in a very short time, be inevitable. The district with the next largest number of vacancies was Coimbatore (79) where work in mills and factories offers better attraction to local men. Vacancies in Salem and Rāmnād numbered 40 and 34 respectively. In the former difficulty is experienced in finding men to serve in the upland taluks and in the latter the location of the headquarters outside the district is reported to have partially hampered recruitment. There was a considerable fall in vacancies in Anantapur, Bellary, Kurnool, Tanjore and Madras City. The decrease in Bellary was due to the enlistment of more men in the permanent force. In this district men would not accept service in the police away from their homes or undergo training in a Recruits' School and consequently a large number were being taken on only temporarily in former years. As regards the quality of recruits, many Superintendents complain that it is far from satisfactory. A large proportion of those who volunteer for enlistment are unsuitable and usually rejected—for example, out of 304 men who offered for enlistment in South Arcot no less than 170 were rejected by the Superintendent and 51 declared unfit by the Medical Officer. The statistics of desertions, resignations and discharges during the probationary period and of enlistments of undersized or overaged men continue to be as high as ever. All these circumstances point to the fact that the proper type of man is not attracted to the police, the reason being that work elsewhere is either easier or more remunerative. However, a further revision of pay has just been sanctioned which, in addition to increased pay, gives to each man an allowance of rupee one for the upkeep of uniform and exemption from the payment of scavenging and water charges; and the

recoverable advance of Rs. 6 allowed to constables at the time of recruitment will become a bonus provided that the recruit serves for a period of one year. These concessions are, I consider, opportune, but of their adequacy or otherwise it is too soon to judge. For the present revision is accompanied by a curtailment of the strength by nearly a sixth to effect which there should be a gradual weeding out of the undesirable material until the force is brought down to its newly sanctioned strength. This will take some time and, in the meanwhile, fresh enlistment will have to be stopped and the problem of recruitment will, for the present, give no trouble. Recommendations for the discontinuance of the Naik scheme tentatively tried in the Coimbatore district have been submitted to Government as the recent revision in the pay of the constabulary will secure for the men the same benefits as the Naik scheme was intended to confer and conserves the same principle, i.e., improved pay with a reduced staff. The direct recruitment of head constables was stopped as the results were not wholly satisfactory and the 16 head constables already enlisted were under training in the Recruits' Schools and had not yet been tried in district work. Recruitment is likely to continue difficult in parts of the Agency division and the question of opening a school at Koraput for training local men is under contemplation. For some years it will be necessary to continue the practice of transferring men from the plains to serve a period in turn in the Agency tracts.

There was a further fall in the number of casualties in the permanent force. The decrease occurred under every head and was noticeable under resignations (— 81). Desertions and discharges fell by 4 and 55 respectively. Desertions in the Central Recruits' Schools, Coimbatore, Anantapur and Vellore numbered 94, 52 and 48 respectively and in Madura 34. The number of men discharged was again largest in Bellary, Madras City, Chittoor and Kurnool ranking next in succession. The largest number of resignations was in the Central Recruits' School, Vellore (90) and the number was high in Madras City, Coimbatore and Trichinopoly.

The year was free from epidemics and the health of the force improved. The number of deaths decreased from 536 to 475, the percentage to the actual strength being 1.5 against 1.7. The percentage of admissions into hospitals rose from 162.7 to 167.3 but that of the daily sick rate fell from 3.0 to 2.6.

3. The percentage of departmental punishments for all offences decreased slightly (31.4 against 32.4).

The highest percentage was returned by Trichinopoly (68.5 against 46.1) where the increase was the largest. Both in this district and in Kurnool where also the percentage was high (48.6 against 42.5), the increase was due to closer supervision which was possible by the restoration of the Circle Inspectors. Discipline suffered seriously by the tentative abolition of the rank in these districts and it was found impossible to do without it. In the former, absence without leave is a very common offence in spite of the free grant of leave and about half the number of punishments were for absence alone. Mr. Armitage, after an inspection of the district, has found that the punishments were fully justified. In eleven other districts besides Madras City, the percentage exceeded the average and it was high in Bellary (57.4 against 62.1), Madura (54.9 against 55.1), Anantapur (47.5 against 42.5), Rāmnād (49.3 against 40.1) and the Railway Police, Trichinopoly (43.6 against 39.6). In Madura beat and patrol work received greater attention, and neglect of this duty had to be put down by severe punishments. In Anantapur, besides numerous absences without leave, discipline suffered for a time under a slack Inspector. In the Railway Police, Trichinopoly,

| Conduct:<br>Departmental punishments: Statement E, columns 10 to 18.                         |       |       |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Percentage of the number of officers and men departmentally punished to the actual strength. |       |       |       |
|                                                                                              | 1918. | 1919. | 1920. |
| For absence without leave                                                                    | 9.0   | 8.6   | 7.8   |
| For offences other than absence without leave                                                | 20.2  | 24.4  | 23.6  |
| Total                                                                                        | 29.2  | 32.4  | 31.4  |

neglect of duty and interfering with passengers are the common offences. In Chittoor and the Railway Police, Madras, there was a considerable decrease in punishments which, in the latter, is attributed to over-leniency rather than to an improvement in the conduct of the force.

The percentage of punishments for absence without leave declined slightly. It was highest in Trichinopoly, and in Madras City and eleven districts the average was exceeded. Eighteen districts showed a decrease compared with the previous year which was marked in Chittoor and Guntūr. In the last named district the fall is attributed to the free grant of leave. North Malabar, Vizagapatam, South Kanara and South Malabar again returned the lowest percentages. To some extent at least, absence without leave is due to the delay that occurs in the issue of orders granting leave. To obviate this Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors have recently been authorized to let the men proceed on leave within certain limits in emergent cases in anticipation of sanction.

There was a slight fall also in the percentage of punishments for offences other than absence without leave. In sixteen districts including the Madras City, the average was exceeded, Madura returning the highest percentage (45.9) followed by Rāmnād (38.2), Trichinopoly (38.0), Kurnool (37.8), Bellary (36.4) and the Railway Police, Trichinopoly (36.2). The decrease in the Railway Police, Madras, Chingleput and Chittoor was appreciable.

Both dismissals and suspensions decreased, the former slightly (279 against 314) and the latter appreciably (359 against 444). The decrease in the former was contributed by fifteen districts besides Madras City and was most noticeable in Tanjore and Kistna. The number of dismissals was largest in Tinnevely and high in Madras City, Rāmnād and Madura. Dismissals were awarded only for serious misconduct. Seventeen districts, besides Madras City, contributed to the decrease in suspensions which was remarkable in Madura and Tanjore. Suspensions were numerous in Madras City and Bellary. In the latter district as many as 16 men of a station were suspended for conspiring against their head constable and bringing a number of false charges against him.

The proportion of blackmarks awarded increased from 22.2 to 23.1. The increase was marked in Trichinopoly (+ 174), Madura (+ 154), Kurnool (+ 125), Anantapur (+ 109) and Tinnevely (+ 100), while there was a considerable decrease in Chittoor, the Railway Police, Madras and South Malabar.

The system of awarding deferred blackmarks was resorted to freely. The number awarded in the year was 4,931 and that pending at the beginning of the year 1,874. Of the total, 1,611 were confirmed, 3,321 remitted and 1,873 were pending at the end of the year. The percentage of the number cancelled to the total disposed of was 67.3.

There was a slight increase in the number of appeals disposed of by the Deputy Inspectors-General, the number in the Southern Range being the largest. The proportion of those in which the punishments were cancelled or modified, however, decreased. In only 5 out of 52 appeals from Tinnevely where the number was the largest, were the original orders either cancelled or modified, the corresponding figures for Rāmnād, the district with the next largest number of appeals, and Madura being 6 out of 46 and 4 out of 33, respectively. In none out of the 17 appeals from Coimbatore, 16 from South Arcot and 9 from Cuddapah was the original punishment interfered with. The number of appeals disposed of by me rose slightly with a corresponding increase in the proportion of those in which the punishments were set aside or modified. There were 17 appeals to Government, of which 2 are pending and in the others the punishments appealed against were maintained.

There was a fall in the number of officers punished judicially, 179 against 207, and of these 107 were convicted for offences committed in their official capacity and 72 for offences committed in their private capacity, against 122 and 85 respectively, convicted in the previous year. Convictions under the Police Act numbered 84 against 46 and those for allowing prisoners to escape, 52 or one more. The number convicted for extortion remained the same, i.e., 10. The fall in convictions was marked in

Judicial punishments:  
Statement E, columns  
14 to 21.

Madras City, Gōdāvari and Salem. None were punished by a court in Ganjam, Vizagapatam, the Nilgiris and North Malabar. In each of the districts of Coimbatore and Bellary, a constable was convicted for murder and sentenced to transportation and in Chingleput a constable was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for two years for theft and was also ordered to notify residence to the police for two years.

4. Six officers were awarded the King's Police Medal, viz., Deputy Inspector-General Mr. N. E. Q. Mainwaring, Superintendents Messrs. O. E. Windle and H. E. Williams and M. R. Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. Parankusam Nayudu Garu who was also made Companion of the Imperial Service Order, Inspector S. Abdur Rahim Sahib and Sub-Inspector A. Sadagopa Pillai. The title of Khan Sahib was conferred on Muhammad Kalim-ul-lah Sahib Chida Bahadur, Deputy Superintendent of Police, and that of Rao Sahib on M. R. Ry. K. Narayana Rao Avargal, Inspector, and M. R. Ry. M. Srinivasa Rao Avargal, Shorthand Instructor, Provincial Training School, Vellore.

The number of police officers rewarded by promotion was 14 against 20.

A statement of money rewards granted in the last two years is given below:—

|                                                            |                                                        | 1919.              |           | 1920.              |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
|                                                            |                                                        | Number of persons. | Amount    | Number of persons. | Amount.   |
| Rewards to the police.                                     | Madras City...                                         | 585                | Rs. 4,140 | 487                | Rs. 4,918 |
|                                                            | Districts including Criminal Investigation Department. | 6,708              | 49,550    | 5,703              | 41,681    |
|                                                            | Total ...                                              | 7,293              | 53,690    | 6,190              | 46,602    |
| Rewards to private individuals including village officers. | Madras City...                                         | 85                 | 779       | 127                | 1,142     |
|                                                            | Districts including Criminal Investigation Department. | 4,605              | 33,749    | 4,631              | 36,648    |
|                                                            | Total ...                                              | 4,690              | 34,528    | 4,758              | 37,790    |

The expenditure on rewards was slightly less than in the previous year, the number of police officers who earned rewards and the amount disbursed to them being smaller. The districts where large amounts were spent were Madura, Nellore, Kurnool and Madras City. In the last named district 139 police officers received Rs. 1,664 for putting down a scare of kidnapping of children. In the others large sums were paid for the capture and breaking up of gangs of dacoits. The services of private individuals were more freely rewarded than for some years past in Bellary where Mr. Powell refused to believe in the utility of granting rewards. Individual opinions apart, it cannot be denied that the policy of a free grant of rewards has effected a vast improvement in the co-operation of the public with the police and the steady expansion of the expenditure under the head during the last five years is highly satisfactory. Numerous instances of acts of bravery and valuable help to the police find mention in district reports. In Kistna, eight private individuals captured, at great personal risk, a gang of dacoits and were paid Rs. 450 as rewards, and in Guntūr, six persons were given Rs. 250 for good work in boldly attacking three armed dacoits and arresting them. In Kurnool, a number of villagers offered resistance to a gang of dacoits and killed two of them but lost one of their number. They were paid Rs. 400, of which a villager got Rs. 200 and a Village Magistrate Rs. 50. In the same district Rs. 500 were paid to a Forest Deputy Ranger for the arrest of the leader of Chenchu dacoits and another Rs. 500 to six forest subordinates and a number of Chenchus for the arrest of other Chenchu criminals.

Among the noteworthy rewards of the year were Rs. 720 paid to certain police officers in Madura for the arrest of 171 Kallars; Rs. 630 to six police officers in Bellary for good work in a torchlight dacoity case, of which Inspector M. R. Ry. G. Krishnaswami Nayudu (since retired) got Rs. 300; Rs. 600 and

Rs. 500 to Acting Deputy Superintendents Muhammad Abdul Kasim Razvi Sahib Bahadur and M.R.Ry. R. Narayana Ayyangar Avargal, respectively, for the arrest of leaders of dacoits and breaking up their gangs.

The most noteworthy instance of reward from sources other than Government was the award of Rs. 2,000 by a merchant in Vaniyambadi for the creditable detection of a heavy case of house-breaking, in which property worth Rs. 50,000 was stolen. The amount was distributed among a number of police officers of whom Inspector Abdul Rahim Sahib got Rs. 1,000 and a Sub-Inspector Rs. 500.

5. Out of 3,449 head constables and 4,888 constables in the force on the last day of the year, 31 head constables or 0.9 per cent and 2,660 constables or 9.9 per cent were classed as illiterate.

Education:  
Statement E, columns 24  
and 25.

Under Mr. Mullaly's able management, the school recorded another year's efficient work. The Probationary Assistant Superintendent of Police and the Probationary Deputy Superintendent of Police who were in the school at the beginning of the year were posted to districts. Eight Probationary Assistant Superintendents and a Probationary Deputy Superintendent joined the school during the year, and of the former 2 were posted to districts in October after training. The former practice of sending out Probationary Assistant Superintendents under training to different districts during the recess to pursue their studies under District Superintendents concerned was reverted to.

Vacancies among Sub-Inspectors in districts having become normal, recruitment for this cadre was restricted and the temporary lecturer was posted back to a district. The direct recruitment of Inspectors which had been stopped for some years was revived and the Government granted permission to make enlistments up to the full number admissible, the educational standard of the Sub-Inspectors being much below the mark.

There were 104 Sub-Inspectors of the district police, 8 of Madras City, 1 of Coorg, 2 Sergeants and an Inspector on the rolls at the beginning of the year. Eleven Inspectors, 59 Sub-Inspectors of the district police, 3 of the city, 6 of Pudukkottai and 2 of Bangalore and a district Sergeant were admitted into the school during the year, of whom 2 Inspectors, 2 Sergeants, 1 of the district and 1 of the city, 93 Sub-Inspectors of the district police, 5 of the city and 1 of Coorg were passed out after the final examinations in April and October, and 1 Inspector, 5 Sub-Inspectors of the district police, 3 of the city and 1 of Bangalore resigned and the probation of a district Sub-Inspector was terminated. The number under training on the last day of the year was 9 Inspectors, 64 Sub-Inspectors of the district police, 2 of the city, 6 of Pudukkottai, 1 of Bangalore and 1 district Sergeant. Of the Inspectors, 3 are B.A.'s, 3 F.A.'s, 2 hold Secondary School Leaving Certificate and one is unpassed, and of the 64 Sub-Inspectors of the district police 1 is a F.A., 3 Matriculates, 57 hold Secondary School Leaving Certificate and 3 are unpassed.

The Principal reports that the material received in the school is not of a very high standard and that the majority of the Sub-Inspectors find it difficult to pass in all subjects, but that they were passed out well equipped with muscle and grit.

The Shorthand Bureau with 24 Sub-Inspectors began regular work on 1st February 1920 and the staff attended and reported speeches delivered at no less than 1,131 public meetings of which 743 were in Tamil, 237 in Telugu, and 151 in English. As the staff was subjected to heavy strain owing to frequent demands for reporting, a training reserve of four Sub-Inspectors was added to it in August. The rule requiring from every Shorthand Sub-Inspector high proficiency in two languages was withdrawn owing to the impossibility of maintaining efficiency in both, and every Shorthand Sub-Inspector will in future be required to pass a high proficiency test in one language only at the end of 18 months after joining the Bureau. A knowledge of type-writing has also been made compulsory for these Sub-Inspectors and they are having practice in the subject. The Bureau has fully justified itself and has met a real want. To procure efficient reporters in Urdu

in which language most khilafat meetings are conducted, two Muhammadan Sub-Inspectors have been deputed to the Christian School of Commerce, Lucknow, to learn Urdu shorthand. The preparation of the Kanarese Shorthand Manual is nearing completion.

Instruction in "First-aid to the injured," riding, Swedish drill, and Jiu Jitsu was given as usual. The results in both the final examinations in First-aid were poor as the subject, not being compulsory, is neglected by the Sub-Inspectors. The school was visited by the Principal, Police Training School, Nasik, and as a result some physical training games were introduced in order to relieve the monotony of drill and assist in making men think and act sharply.

The Police band continued efficient and up to date in regard to music and had ten private engagements in the year.

The annual Police conference and Police sports were held as usual in January. Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon paid a visit to the school and left appreciatory remarks.

The Central Recruits' School, Vizianagram, was re-opened on the 15th January and all the schools were working. Instruction in "First-aid to the injured" was given in all except the Anantapur School, but it was not quite satisfactory in the Coimbatore School owing to insufficient interest taken by the Sub-Assistant Surgeon. Special prizes instituted in the Vellore School for Jiu Jitsu and good shooting were keenly competed for. Probationary head constables were as usual given special instruction. The revision of the school curriculum is under consideration.

The schools were all inspected by me and by the Deputy Inspector-General regularly and the Vellore School was visited by His Excellency the Governor.

The following statement shows the number of recruits trained in each school and the details of prizes awarded :—

| School.         | Number who passed out during the year. | Number who received prizes |                                                 |                                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                                        | For good conduct (Rs. 2).  | For obtaining high marks.                       |                                                  |
|                 |                                        |                            | First prize (75 per cent of the marks : Rs. 2). | Second prize (60 per cent of the marks : Rs. 1). |
| Vellore ...     | 344                                    | 93                         | 14                                              | 40                                               |
| Coimbatore ...  | 481                                    | 209                        | 16                                              | 77                                               |
| Anantapur ...   | 426                                    | 190                        | 13                                              | 94                                               |
| Vizianagram ... | 225                                    | 68                         | 17                                              | 106                                              |
| Total ...       | 1,476                                  | 560                        | 60                                              | 317                                              |

The number of recruits under training in the four schools at the end of the year was 937 inclusive of 16 probationary head constables. As usual men enlisted were given instruction in the district headquarter schools in the interval between the dates of enlistment and despatch to the Recruits' School.

6. A statement showing the religion or caste of officers and men in the force on the 31st December 1920 which should be published quinquennially is appended to this report.

7. The total cost of the department for the year 1920-21 excluding the final account for March 1921 was Rs. 1,52,67,074 or an increase of Rs. 32,94,750 over the figure for the previous year. The increase mainly occurred under "Presidency Police," "District Executive Force" and "Railway Police" and was due to the (1) grant of temporary additions to pay to all non-gazetted officers from 1st April 1920, (2) increased expenditure under "Travelling Allowance" including the cost of "railway warrants" and "other contingencies" such as grants for Police sports, Mahamakham festival charges, etc.

Cost:  
Statement D, columns  
16 to 18.

8. Co-operation on the part of the village staff is reported to be generally improving. During the year 854 village officers earned rewards aggregating to Rs. 7,725 against 955 officers and Rs. 8,843 respectively in the previous year. The decrease does not, however, point to any lack of appreciation of their services but was due partly to restricting the grant of rewards to specially deserving cases and partly to the fewer opportunities for earning them in a year of less crime. The village officers are now displaying greater zeal and energy in helping the police in arresting offenders, raiding haunts of criminal gangs both on their own initiative and in conjunction with the police. Numerous instances of creditable work are reported in district reports which were suitably recognized. In Guntūr 3 village magistrates and a karnam were paid Rs. 100, 75, 80 and 25 respectively for helping the police in the detection of a torchlight dacoity and a karnam in the same district received Rs. 100 for assistance rendered in a series of dacoities. Surveillance of bad characters, reporting movements of strangers and village patrol continue to be neglected and this is due to some extent to inadequate village visiting by the police, especially the subordinate ranks, and the consequent failure to get into personal touch with the village staff. Superior officers are keenly alive to the importance of this matter and in a number of districts have personally interviewed village officers and explained to them their police duties and have insisted on their subordinates doing likewise and cultivating their acquaintance. Mr. Beckett in Anantapur made a point of recording instructions in the stranger's register maintained by village headmen as to the criminals they were expected to watch and this resulted in improved work. In several districts District Magistrates have, at the instance of Superintendents, drawn the attention of the village staff to their obligations in regard to their police work. In South Arcot the District Magistrate issued a circular that the talaiyari should accompany the constable on road patrol duty within the limits of the village with a view to economise the services of constables, and in Kurnool similar action by the District Magistrate was accompanied by better village patrol. The re-introduction of the circle scheme in Trichinopoly is reported to have resulted in more village visiting by the police and better work by the village staff. Day by day the problem of the village police is becoming increasingly difficult. Discontent with existing conditions has manifested itself among this class of servants and on their efficiency that of the regular police largely depends. The reduction in the strength of the police by the abolition of the vacancy reserve which will soon materialize brings this question and that of ghat talaiyaris into greater prominence. The recent enhancement of the pay of the village talaiyaris has brought about some improvement here and there, but the chief defect is the insufficiency of their numbers.

Ghat talaiyaris have done useful work both in preventing crime and ensuring the safety of roads in all districts where they are employed and several earned rewards. The only Superintendent who reported that they were not useful was the Superintendent of Bollary, but he himself asked for extra talaiyaris for his district. In Guntūr a gang of dacoits attacked 3 travellers near a ghat. The talaiyaris on hearing the alarm hurried to the scene, chased the dacoits and fired on them, injuring one whom they arrested. Crimes stopped at the place. Grave crimes rarely occur in the neighbourhood of ghats where talaiyaris actually live, but it is impossible to make them live at the ghats, a condition essential to their efficiency, unless they are provided with suitable accommodation, good lands and wells. This is receiving more attention from District Magistrates and District Superintendents of Police than formerly, but still not to a sufficient extent; and there is no doubt that their utility might be doubled if more attention were paid to their equipment and welfare generally.

9. The reserves were all up to strength and efficient. Drill and discipline were satisfactory. The emergency force was maintained at full strength in most districts but this was not possible in the old Jeypore district on account of frequent escorts. On the formation of the Agency division the reserves at Russellkonda, Pārvatipuram and Rajahmundry were

transferred to the new district. The reserve at Chodavaram in Gōdāvari district was abolished and the men set free were transferred to the Cocanada reserve. A redistribution of the strength of this and the Rajahmundry reserve is under consideration. The reserve for Madras City, which had been sanctioned temporarily, was made permanent. The Cordite Factory guard has just been restored to its pre-war strength. I am formulating proposals for the establishment of a separate armed reserve for the Nilgiris, but the strength of this reserve will not be sufficiently large to supply all the men required for the guard and it will be necessary to continue to draft some of the men from outside. Care will, however, be taken to see that the strain on other reserves on this account will be as little as possible. Instruction in "First aid to the injured" and signalling continued to be given in reserves. With the approval of Government the services of a military officer have been obtained to test the efficiency of the training now given in signalling. He has just completed his tour and his report is awaited. With a view to bring our system of signalling up to date, arrangements have been made to depute an Assistant Superintendent and a squad of 12 head constables for a course of training at the Army Signalling school at Poona. During the year parties of reserves were engaged in rounding up dangerous outlaws, the most successful of these operations being in Kurnool in connection with the capture of a number of notorious Chenchu outlaws. In these operations the signalling parties were found to be of the greatest possible use.

I recently received applications from some districts for the grant of small advances to the men of armed reserves for the purchase of foodstuffs and suggested to Government that I might be empowered to sanction these advances, but the Government vetoed the proposal. I am strongly of opinion that the grant of such advances is very desirable, as they cost Government practically nothing and tend to popularise service in reserves the efficiency of which is of prime importance. They help the men in getting provisions by buying them in bulk at the season when they are cheap and it seems unwise not to adopt such a simple method of benefiting the men. It costs Government practically nothing and has everything in its favour. The reserves are compact bodies of men under strict discipline and confined to barracks in fixed localities. They have not the same opportunities for purchasing in the cheaper markets as the ordinary taluk police.

10. The mileage under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent, Railway Police, Madras, rose from 2,171½ to 2,187½, owing to the reopening at the end of the year of the Guntūr-Tenali section of the line which had been dismantled during the war. There was no change in the mileage under the Superintendent, Railway Police, Trichinopoly. The strength of the Madras Railway Police was increased by 1 Sergeant, 1 head constable and 16 constables, and that of the Trichinopoly Railway Police by one Prosecuting Sub-Inspector. As usual, thefts constituted the bulk of crime and there was a satisfactory fall in them, due to systematic patrols over various parts of the line, special patrols over important station yards where crime was rife, deputation of men in plain clothes in goods trains to watch seals and the arrest and conviction of a number of offenders. A patrol party at Guntakal station yard came upon a gang of thieves stealing bags from a wagon, who, when challenged by the police, pelted stones at a head constable and rushed at a sergeant in a body. The police opened fire and one of the gang was mortally wounded. Thefts stopped at the place. Railway menials were responsible for a number of thefts from running trains and in one case the menials stole a bale of cloth worth Rs. 1,500 from the brakevan of a train starting from a station. The beat constable who learnt of the occurrence at the next station walked back to the scene the same night and arrested the culprits who were convicted. To prevent thefts from passenger sheds on the South Indian Railway men were placed on duty at important stations to spot bad characters. The Railway Police were also made to acquaint themselves with local criminals by visits to their villages with the local police so that they might recognize them when travelling by rail, and the system is reported to have produced good results. The independent seal-checking of wagons by the Railway Police, Madras,

continued to be useful in localizing thefts from goods trains. In one case, however, on this railway two firemen who were systematically stealing articles from running goods trains through trap doors in the wagons next to the engine without tampering with the doors were convicted and this resulted in a drop in such thefts. It is not possible to deal effectively with these thefts unless the Railway Police are adequately armed, as the crimes are frequently committed by gangs who board the trains when they slow down or stop at out signals, and overawe the railway staff by pelting stones and an unarmed police patrol can effect but little good. I am now formulating proposals for the establishment of an armed Railway Police reserve, the men being found from the existing unarmed strength. Such a reserve will be able to supply armed patrols where they are wanted from time to time, and can also profitably take over a part of the escort duty in the railway, which is now such a heavy drain on some of the district reserves. The fall in thefts of railway materials on the South Indian Railway was partly due to the joint check of fittings by the Railway Police and railway servants, and partly to greater care on the part of the latter in reporting losses. The value of property lost fell slightly, but the proportion recovered decreased appreciably, as most of the property was unidentifiable. Crime was well handled and detection showed no deterioration. Complaints of shortages decreased (520 against 569), but there is still room for greater discrimination in reporting by the railway authorities. A gang of Iranis, who are a source of increasing nuisance on the railway, caused a disturbance at the Trichinopoly Fort station, robbed passengers in a carriage and assaulted the police. They were quickly removed and ten were charged for rioting, of whom seven were convicted but were let off on appeal. An appeal against the acquittal is pending in the High Court. There were six cases of attempts to derail trains and 40 cases of stone-throwing. Collisions numbered ten and derailments five. Labour unrest, which was widespread, became more pronounced among the railway employees on the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. About 300 gangmen who went on strike, because their pay was not increased, were either dismissed or made to lose their appointments and they retaliated by making a series of deliberate attempts to derail trains, the most serious of which was the wrecking of the Bangalore Mail train on the night of 7th October between Arkonam and Munnal stations caused by the removal of a rail from one side of the line. The engine and tender capsized and the first two third-class bogie carriages telescoped with the result that fourteen passengers were killed and twenty-two seriously injured. In spite of vigorous inquiries and the offer of handsome rewards the culprits could not be traced. As a preventive measure special police parties were detailed to patrol the affected areas and watch the villages in which suspected persons lived and a special staff of 2 sergeants, 20 head constables and 199 constables was employed for the purpose until 31st March last. Another equally serious accident occurred on the night of the 13th December at Bommiadi station owing to the collision of a mail train with a goods train. The latter which had arrived earlier was being taken contrary to traffic rules in the direction from which the mail was expected, when the assistant station master gave line clear for the mail to pass through. The outer signals had, however, not been lowered. But the mail passed on and collided with the goods train, with the result that four vehicles and a brakevan of the latter were smashed, another brakevan damaged, the engine tender derailed and three wagons behind the goods engine broken up. The engine and tender of the mail train capsized and were partially buried under the three wrecked wagons and three coaches capsized, caught fire and burnt. Thirty-one dead bodies and 9 charred bodies were counted among the debris. Among the dead were 1 head constable and 6 constables of Salem, 1 head constable and 1 constable of North Malabar and a constable of the Railway Police, Madras. Thirty-two injured persons were taken to hospital, of whom 8 died either on the way or subsequently. A joint enquiry and a judicial enquiry were held and the prosecution of the driver of the mail train and the assistant station master is pending orders of Government. A goods train carrying passengers was derailed near Tiruppuvanam station owing to the removal of keys and fishplates and a check rail. Twelve vehicles were derailed of which 4 capsized. No persons were

injured, 2 men who were charged were acquitted and an appeal against the acquittal is pending in the High Court. Government have instructed the District Magistrate, Rāmnād, to warn all village magistrates within a radius of 5 miles of the railway line between Silaiman and Manamadura stations that a repetition of serious mischief or damage to the permanent way will result in the quartering of additional police in the locality for patrolling the line at the cost, wholly or partly, of the local inhabitants. In another collision between a passenger train and a mixed train near Hagari railway station both the engines were partly damaged and a family composite saloon completely shattered. There was no loss of life nor serious injury. The assistant station master was dismissed and the drivers fined. The number of persons run over by trains and killed was 301. The north-east line of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway which is unprotected contributed a large number of cases.

Owing to labour unrest the year was an anxious one on both lines and entailed much additional and anxious work on the Railway Police. Special police arrangements were made on the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway for the Pushkaram festival at Gōdāvari and were satisfactory. Relations between the Railway Police and district police continued to be harmonious. Special efforts made by both Railway Police Superintendents tended to increased cordiality between the Railway Police and the railway staff.

## PART II.

### STATISTICS OF CRIME.

11. The prices of food-grains remained practically at the level reached in the previous year but with a fairly good rainfall in most parts of the Presidency and the gradual resumption of trade, conditions generally improved with the result that there was a decrease in crime which in volume approximated to that of 1918. This decrease unaccompanied as it was by a fall in prices is, I think, to be attributed, in some measure, to the gradual adjustment of wages to prices. The following table gives the prices of food-grains and the volume of grave crime in the past five years:—

| Year.       | Number of Government seers per rupee. |         |       | Grave crime (true cases). |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|---------------------------|
|             | Rice.                                 | Cholam. | Ragi. |                           |
| 1916 ... .. | 7.8                                   | 14.5    | 14.8  | 35,680                    |
| 1917 ... .. | 7.8                                   | 12.6    | 14.0  | 33,960                    |
| 1918 ... .. | 6.9                                   | 9.9     | 12.0  | 42,956                    |
| 1919 ... .. | 4.7                                   | 6.5     | 6.9   | 50,764                    |
| 1920 ... .. | 4.6                                   | 6.6     | 6.7   | 42,882                    |

12. True cases of cognizable crime under the Indian Penal Code, excluding nuisances, numbered 59,109 or 8,764 less than in the previous year. The decrease occurred in all districts except Anantapur and Tinnevely, where the increase was inappreciable. A good agricultural year provided work for the poorer classes and both house-breakings and thefts which are the principal forms of crime affected by economic conditions decreased considerably. The increase in Anantapur is attributed to the bad season and improved registration and in Tinnevely to the latter. I attach credit to this explanation, the police administration of both districts under Messrs. Chetham and Beckett having certainly been vigorous. An appreciable decrease occurred in South Malabar (— 707), Gōdāvari (— 678), Madras City (— 675), Ganjam (— 668) and South Arcot (— 611). As in previous years Kistna took

the lead in point of heaviness of crime with 4,640 cases and was followed by Gōdāvari (3,848), Madura (3,317), and Madras City (2,943). Other districts which returned heavy crime were Guntūr (2,870), Salem (2,857) and South Arcot (2,833). The causes which contributed to the incidence of crime in these districts were practically the same as in the previous year.

Offences under special and local laws numbered 17,240 against 17,814 and nuisances 93,356 against 94,368.

13. The usual map showing the local distribution of offences against person and property is prefixed to this report. The number of such cases fell from 26,585 to 22,945, the ratio being one case to every 1,804 persons as against one case to every 1,557 persons. Leaving out the districts of Ganjūm, Vizagapatam, Agency and Gōdāvari for which the proportion cannot be worked out individually owing to their recent reconstitution, the districts which ranked as the most criminal were again Madras City, Kistna, Guntūr, Kurnool, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Madura and the Nilgiris. The average proportion was exceeded in four other districts.

14. Statistics of grave crime for the last three years are given in the subjoined statement. The volume of grave crime decreased by 7,872 cases, the decrease being general and occurring under every head. Anantapur, Tinnevely and the Nilgiris were the only districts to show an increase. Close supervision over local criminals and efficient preventive work brought about a remarkable fall in burglaries, thefts and cattle-thefts. A marked feature of the year was the concentration of attention in various parts of the Presidency, particularly in the districts of the Central Range, on dangerous wandering gangs which was accompanied by a gratifying fall in violent crime.

True cases of grave crime reported during the three years ending with 1920. (Compiled from special returns from districts.)

| Districts.          | Murder,<br>302, 308, 306, I.P.C. |       |       | Decoy,<br>395, 397, 398, 399,<br>402, I.P.C. |       |       | Robbery,<br>392, 393, 394, 397,<br>398, I.P.C. |       |       | House-breaking,<br>449 to 452, 454, 456, 457 to<br>460, I.P.C. |        |        | Theft, ordinary,<br>379 to 382, I.P.C. |        |        | Cattle-theft,<br>379 to 382, I.P.C. |       |       | Total. |        |        |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|----------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
|                     | 1918.                            | 1919. | 1920. | 1918.                                        | 1919. | 1920. | 1918.                                          | 1919. | 1920. | 1918.                                                          | 1919.  | 1920.  | 1918.                                  | 1919.  | 1920.  | 1918.                               | 1919. | 1920. | 1918.  | 1919.  | 1920.  |
| Madras City         | 16                               | 16    | 9     | 1                                            | 1     | 8     | 12                                             | 17    | 7     | 325                                                            | 493    | 491    | 1,756                                  | 2,149  | 1,765  | 12                                  | 23    | 11    | 2,313  | 2,749  | 2,264  |
| Ganjūm              | 28                               | 27    | 23    | 14                                           | 17    | 8     | 17                                             | 19    | 14    | 493                                                            | 865    | 607    | 588                                    | 1,102  | 879    | 61                                  | 147   | 110   | 1,453  | 2,234  | 1,641  |
| Vizagapatam         | 35                               | 29    | 23    | 9                                            | 17    | 8     | 29                                             | 20    | 14    | 366                                                            | 589    | 408    | 711                                    | 958    | 844    | 78                                  | 163   | 137   | 1,258  | 1,778  | 1,449  |
| Gōdāvari            | 24                               | 28    | 19    | 44                                           | 32    | 15    | 76                                             | 88    | 46    | 713                                                            | 836    | 722    | 1,870                                  | 2,100  | 1,818  | 145                                 | 212   | 163   | 2,851  | 3,804  | 2,753  |
| Agency              | 12                               | 16    | 18    | 14                                           | 14    | 23    | 15                                             | 21    | 34    | 289                                                            | 296    | 241    | 1,05                                   | 1,78   | 1,59   | 329                                 | 158   | 121   | 634    | 797    | 665    |
| Kistna              | 27                               | 38    | 18    | 20                                           | 18    | 19    | 84                                             | 43    | 34    | 1,135                                                          | 1,322  | 1,333  | 2,022                                  | 2,134  | 1,959  | 397                                 | 397   | 311   | 3,567  | 3,562  | 3,674  |
| Guntūr              | 48                               | 46    | 31    | 57                                           | 66    | 67    | 84                                             | 67    | 60    | 813                                                            | 861    | 663    | 1,181                                  | 1,010  | 1,043  | 190                                 | 251   | 212   | 2,305  | 2,391  | 2,076  |
| Nellore             | 31                               | 31    | 35    | 37                                           | 37    | 53    | 80                                             | 59    | 71    | 529                                                            | 557    | 415    | 840                                    | 705    | 689    | 98                                  | 177   | 123   | 1,831  | 1,656  | 1,386  |
| Kurnool             | 53                               | 62    | 67    | 191                                          | 191   | 122   | 104                                            | 74    | 75    | 748                                                            | 735    | 594    | 678                                    | 683    | 559    | 108                                 | 166   | 126   | 1,888  | 1,901  | 1,553  |
| Bellary             | 40                               | 33    | 36    | 77                                           | 77    | 33    | 43                                             | 52    | 56    | 315                                                            | 395    | 286    | 387                                    | 349    | 337    | 73                                  | 65    | 76    | 982    | 976    | 824    |
| Anantapur           | 81                               | 81    | 68    | 59                                           | 61    | 94    | 42                                             | 43    | 38    | 842                                                            | 437    | 422    | 852                                    | 423    | 445    | 125                                 | 122   | 122   | 1,138  | 1,138  | 1,233  |
| Cuddapah            | 58                               | 51    | 57    | 19                                           | 17    | 25    | 13                                             | 42    | 34    | 348                                                            | 431    | 279    | 271                                    | 290    | 241    | 42                                  | 72    | 77    | 751    | 751    | 763    |
| Chingleput          | 20                               | 36    | 28    | 22                                           | 40    | 25    | 37                                             | 56    | 31    | 449                                                            | 706    | 493    | 552                                    | 628    | 607    | 101                                 | 273   | 223   | 1,184  | 1,740  | 1,467  |
| North Arcot         | 18                               | 18    | 3     | 5                                            | 8     | 3     | 16                                             | 16    | 14    | 751                                                            | 413    | 318    | 867                                    | 778    | 807    | 73                                  | 109   | 79    | 1,127  | 1,341  | 1,094  |
| South Arcot         | 28                               | 30    | 20    | 21                                           | 25    | 20    | 21                                             | 35    | 20    | 452                                                            | 680    | 505    | 860                                    | 1,014  | 836    | 145                                 | 267   | 191   | 1,327  | 2,052  | 1,575  |
| Tanjore             | 18                               | 14    | 15    | 12                                           | 19    | 9     | 36                                             | 37    | 11    | 659                                                            | 613    | 507    | 1,326                                  | 1,420  | 1,233  | 353                                 | 408   | 247   | 2,411  | 2,514  | 2,022  |
| Madura              | 73                               | 57    | 59    | 42                                           | 32    | 3     | 45                                             | 45    | 37    | 567                                                            | 632    | 527    | 724                                    | 828    | 788    | 140                                 | 237   | 177   | 1,478  | 1,773  | 1,566  |
| Ramanād             | 46                               | 46    | 50    | 37                                           | 37    | 37    | 47                                             | 63    | 55    | 816                                                            | 1,033  | 767    | 922                                    | 992    | 879    | 378                                 | 466   | 435   | 2,278  | 2,642  | 2,252  |
| Tinnevely           | 40                               | 57    | 35    | 27                                           | 18    | 31    | 93                                             | 61    | 73    | 631                                                            | 615    | 562    | 628                                    | 674    | 753    | 171                                 | 159   | 188   | 1,007  | 1,095  | 1,053  |
| Salem               | 56                               | 60    | 50    | 32                                           | 32    | 34    | 34                                             | 65    | 64    | 455                                                            | 534    | 470    | 845                                    | 1,129  | 943    | 375                                 | 557   | 461   | 1,871  | 2,418  | 1,642  |
| Trichinopoly        | 22                               | 23    | 35    | 12                                           | 32    | 13    | 34                                             | 38    | 38    | 422                                                            | 534    | 420    | 651                                    | 890    | 955    | 182                                 | 245   | 261   | 1,323  | 1,773  | 1,723  |
| Coimbatore          | 83                               | 188   | 113   | 15                                           | 15    | 12    | 39                                             | 38    | 27    | 227                                                            | 240    | 239    | 172                                    | 191    | 188    | 298                                 | 380   | 353   | 1,913  | 1,987  | 1,287  |
| The Nilgiris        | 1                                | 1     | 9     | 1                                            | 2     | 2     | 3                                              | 3     | 3     | 73                                                             | 130    | 127    | 127                                    | 191    | 188    | 3                                   | 7     | 5     | 252    | 380    | 334    |
| South Malabar       | 40                               | 32    | 37    | 13                                           | 22    | 8     | 27                                             | 41    | 17    | 637                                                            | 788    | 504    | 619                                    | 891    | 624    | 191                                 | 261   | 150   | 1,527  | 2,035  | 1,340  |
| North Malabar       | 5                                | 3     | 6     | 3                                            | 3     | 3     | 7                                              | 10    | 6     | 167                                                            | 204    | 108    | 181                                    | 265    | 209    | 25                                  | 30    | 17    | 381    | 516    | 348    |
| South Kanara        | 19                               | 29    | 23    | 10                                           | 16    | 14    | 8                                              | 15    | 14    | 185                                                            | 281    | 167    | 408                                    | 596    | 461    | 31                                  | 32    | 17    | 656    | 969    | 624    |
| The Railway Police. | ..                               | ..    | 2     | ..                                           | ..    | 2     | 3                                              | 4     | 5     | 84                                                             | 42     | 25     | 1,468                                  | 1,658  | 1,291  | ..                                  | ..    | ..    | 1,305  | 1,710  | 1,305  |
| Madras.             | ..                               | ..    | ..    | ..                                           | ..    | ..    | ..                                             | ..    | ..    | ..                                                             | ..     | ..     | ..                                     | ..     | ..     | ..                                  | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..     | ..     |
| The Railway Police. | 1                                | ..    | 2     | 1                                            | 1     | 1     | 2                                              | ..    | 5     | 22                                                             | 16     | 21     | 1,148                                  | 1,268  | 1,016  | ..                                  | 1     | ..    | 1,173  | 1,266  | 1,045  |
| Trichinopoly.       | ..                               | ..    | ..    | ..                                           | ..    | ..    | ..                                             | ..    | ..    | ..                                                             | ..     | ..     | ..                                     | ..     | ..     | ..                                  | ..    | ..    | ..     | ..     | ..     |
| Total               | 893                              | 982   | 974   | 879                                          | 985   | 699   | 1,052                                          | 1,144 | 956   | 19,146                                                         | 15,783 | 12,669 | 23,095                                 | 20,287 | 23,019 | 3,891                               | 5,583 | 4,565 | 42,956 | 50,754 | 42,982 |

15. Murders were only 3 less in number than in the previous year—974 as against 982. In spite of a decrease of 25 cases Coimbatore again registered the largest number. Next in order came

Murder.

Madura, Salem, Anantapur, Kurnool, Cuddapah and Rāmnād in all of which there was an increase which was marked in the first three. The fall in Tiunvelly, Kistna, Guntūr and Chingleput was satisfactory. A very large proportion of the murders in the Ceded districts arises out of factions. In Anantapur, where the number was 35 more than in the previous year, there has been a recrudescence of murders and the imposition of additional police in parts of the district where lawlessness is rampant has been recommended. An attempt made to prevent factional murders in the district by binding over the parties under section 107, Criminal Procedure Code, did not meet with success largely owing to the meticulous standard of evidence required by the magistracy. In one case, for instance, where the magistrate declined to bind over the parties as he was not satisfied that the faction was dangerous, a witness was brutally murdered by the opposite party within a few months after the trial and the very persons whom the Magistrate considered harmless were convicted of the murder. In Cuddapah the partisans of one of two Kapu families at enmity with each other waylaid and attacked those of the other killing four and causing injuries to five. The case is under trial.

As usual, a large proportion of murders arose out of sexual relations. The most sensational case of the year was the murder of a photographer in Coimbatore at the instance, it is alleged, of a wealthy young Brahman who became enamoured of the photographer's daughter and found the father an obstacle to the fulfilment of his desire. The photographer was abducted to a distant village, ostensibly for the purpose of taking some photographs, and was brutally murdered on the way. The head was severed and the body removed in a motor car to a distant place and buried. The case was difficult from the beginning as the police had to contend against the wealth and influence of the principal accused. In the Sessions Court four persons were sentenced to death, but they were all acquitted by the High Court on appeal on the ground that the identity of the corpse was not established.

A Tiyyan in South Malabar murdered his lady-love and her parents as he suspected that the latter were opposed to the marriage. He was sentenced to death. In another love tragedy in the same district a Nayar stabbed his sweetheart of the barber caste with her full consent because she was given in marriage to a man of her caste and then hanged himself.

In North Arcot a Goundan murdered his brother whom he suspected of being in illegal intimacy with his wife and was sentenced to death.

In South Kanara a police constable of Mysore was strangled by the paramours of his wife for preferring a complaint against them for adultery. The case is under trial.

As instances of the serious risk which policemen have to undergo in the discharge of their duty may be cited the murder of the Sub-Inspector of Chekkroyapet in Cuddapah district and that of a head constable and constable in Coimbatore. In the former, certain bad characters against whom the Sub-Inspector had instituted security proceedings waylaid him as he was returning home from the station, drowned him in the river and burnt the body on the top of a hill. The deed was so cleverly done that for some days there was no suspicion of foul play and, even afterwards, the absence of any clue rendered detection extremely difficult. The work of Inspector Bhujanga Rao who was put on special duty in this case was very creditable. Five persons were charged of whom one was sentenced to be hanged and the others acquitted. The Government granted the widow of the Sub-Inspector an extraordinary pension. In the Coimbatore case the policemen who had gone to arrest some Valayars under warrants were attacked. They opened fire and killed two of their opponents but were over-powered by the clansmen of the victims and murdered. The widows of the deceased head constable and constable were granted an extraordinary family pension of Rs. 8-8-0 and Rs. 7 per mensem respectively.

Out of dread of service in the Agency a constable in Ganjam, when chaffed by a brother constable that he had been transferred to the Agency, took the joke seriously and shot the Sub-Inspector working in the station and going home shot his wife and himself. For assisting the police in the matter of registration of the Kallars under the Criminal Tribes Act an influential member of the Kalla caste who was also a District Board member was brutally murdered by some of his caste men. Nine men were charged but the case ended in acquittal.

In another similar case in Kurnool one of two dangerous Boya criminals after escaping from custody killed both the informant who led the police party to their house and his wife.

In Rāmnād a notorious bad character with a band of his associates waylaid three persons who were his enemies and brutally murdered them, burnt their trunks in a hayrick and buried their heads in a tank. Four accused were sentenced to transportation.

In Coimbatore a little boy of 12 pushed another boy aged 5½ years into a well because the latter was wearing his silver waistband which had been pledged with the deceased's father. He was convicted of murder but was ordered to be detained in the Reformatory.

In Salem a man with the help of his sister-in-law, murdered his wife for instituting a suit for maintenance against him. In South Malabar a father shot his son in the heat of a quarrel. The death sentence passed on him was commuted into one of rigorous imprisonment for seven years.

In Rāmnād in the course of a petty quarrel between the servants of two rival motor companies, a man was stabbed by the opposite party. The case is under trial.

16. There were four cases in which women were found guilty of murdering their children. In all cases the children were legitimate. In two cases, one in South Arcot and the other in Coimbatore, in which the mothers threw their little children into a well, the reason assigned was ill-treatment by the husband. In the third case, in Rāmnād, ill-treatment and starvation combined to drive a woman to throw her children and herself into a well. The children were drowned, but she was rescued. In the fourth a woman in Chittoor felt her sense of honour outraged because her brother stole a cloth from her neighbour who had promised her a charm and therefore threw her child and herself into a well. The child died. In all four cases the sentence awarded was transportation for life which was commuted into rigorous imprisonment for 3 years in two and 2 years in one.

17. Political agitation, which was carried on vigorously in certain parts of the Presidency, threw much extra work on the police in the preservation of order. In places disturbances between Hindus and Muhammadans in connection with the celebration of religious festivals were threatened. In all cases timely action was taken and trouble averted. Discontent among labourers employed in the mills and factories became acute giving rise to a number of strikes and lock-outs. The situation caused much anxiety but was well handled. In Madras City manifestations of labour unrest were frequent and of long duration and culminated in a riot on the 9th December. For sometime previously there had been a lock-out of the mill-hands of the Buckingham Mills on account of frequent disturbances. For the mill work the management arranged to bring coolies from the harbour in motor lorries. As these coolies were, on their way to and from the mill, subjected to repeated assaults by the mill-hands, an armed police escort of one European officer and five men was supplied to take them to the mill and back. On the evening of the 8th December a mob attacked with stones the lorries containing the police escort and the coolies on their way home from the mill and the stone-throwing was repeated the next morning when the coolies were being taken to the mill for work. On the latter occasion the police guard attempted to arrest some of the stone-throwers but had to retreat to the mill under a fusillade of stones. That evening the police escort was raised to one Inspector, two head constables and 20 constables with Mr. Dawson, the Deputy Commissioner, in charge, the escort going in one lorry and the coolies

in another and five mounted officers going in advance. The journey passed off without incident but crowds had gathered thick at various places. On the return journey to escort a fresh batch of coolies the police lorry was assailed with incessant volleys of stones by the crowd. The lorry was stopped and the police arrested two men. The lorry then resumed its journey and reached the mill amidst a shower of stones both from the rear and from the sides. On the second journey with coolies from the mill the two lorries started at 4-55 p.m., with five mounted officers in front, the coolie lorry in the centre and the police lorry about 150 yards behind. Large crowds had assembled at the corner of Farren's Road and Perambur Barracks Road and at the open spaces alongside the latter and, at the first-named place, both the lorries were subjected to heavy stone-throwing, several persons being struck and a constable injured. The situation was grave and it became a question of the Deputy Commissioner's men being killed, or deserting the coolie lorry ahead of them, or of dispersing the crowd by fire. The police under the Deputy Commissioner's order fired three rounds of buckshot and the crowd dispersed. Though pelting of stones continued on the road, both the lorries managed to force their way out and the coolies were safely delivered at their destination. The police lorry then returned to the mill to relieve the men of the guard there and was accompanied this time by the Commissioner of Police. At the same places as before stone-throwing continued, but the police party reached the mill, and after relieving the guard the party accompanied by the Commissioner of Police, two Deputy Commissioners, the Assistant Commissioner and the Reserve Inspector and 20 men, returned in the lorry at dusk. Pelting of stones began again near the corner of Farren's Road and Perambur Barracks Road increasing in intensity as the lorry passed on and the hail of stones became so great and so many men were hit that the safety of those in the lorry was seriously imperilled. The Commissioner therefore gave orders to fire on the mob. Three rounds were fired and the crowd immediately dispersed. The lorry was stopped and both the Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioners got down to find out if there were any casualties but could find none. It was subsequently ascertained that 16 persons, mostly mill-hands, were injured, of whom, two died subsequently.

The most serious case of riot of the year occurred at Perungamanallur in Madura district on 3rd April 1920. The Kallars of the village who had been proclaimed under the Criminal Tribes Act refused to appear for registration before the Special Magistrate appointed for the purpose in spite of persuasions and warnings. Warrants were therefore issued against them and, with a view to facilitate arrest and overawe the Kallars, a party of 50 men of the Reserve Police with a Sergeant was sent to the village. The Kallars, who had been instigated by political agitators, were determined to resist arrest and about a thousand of them armed with deadly weapons had already assembled in fields near the village. On the arrival of the police they fired an *adhivedi* or gun warning as a signal for other Kallars from villages to join. The Sub-Magistrate and the Special Deputy Magistrate arrived soon after and they exhorted the Kallars to surrender and submit to registration, the warrants being shown and the names read out. Prolonged discussion followed and with a view to effect the arrest as peacefully as possible, even the Reserve Police were, at the request of the Kallars, ordered to recede and pile arms. But the Kallars absolutely refused to submit to registration or produce the men wanted. The police thereupon arrested one man who was known, but he was immediately rescued by the mob. Their attitude then became threatening and they began to shout and brandish their weapons and enveloped the police and magistrates on three sides. The authorities stood in imminent danger of being attacked by the mob which had been reinforced by a number of Kallars from villages. As it refused to disperse the Sub-Magistrate ordered fire to be opened with the result that 11 were killed on the spot and 8 injured of whom three died subsequently and the mob dispersed. The riot was entirely unexpected but the action of the police has effected a revolution in the attitude of the Kallars towards Government which for long has been one of defiance and has paved the way for the introduction of measures for their reformation. The officers concerned deserve much praise for having acted with commendable coolness and self-restraint.

A disturbance occurred at Muttupet in Tanjore district on 2nd May 1920 in connection with the passage of a Hindu marriage procession accompanied by music round the corner of a Muhammadan mosque. When the procession was nearing the mosque on its return journey a Muhammadan rowdy complained to the Sub-Inspector who was accompanying the procession that the playing of music was contrary to orders and when the Sub-Inspector was making enquiries another Muhammadan rowdy stopped the procession. An altercation followed and the procession forced its way home. To avert trouble a head constable and two constables were detailed to patrol the road between the mosque and the house in which the marriage was celebrated. At about 10 p.m. in the night a large number of Muhammadans gathered near the mosque and from there proceeded towards the marriage pandal pelting stones. The patrol constables were assaulted and they carried news to the station. The Sub-Inspector with four men reached the scene and ordered the mob to disperse and as they refused to do so and had already set fire to a thatched house and as looting was apprehended he ordered the men to fire. The crowd at once dispersed. Only one Muhammadan had an injury on his knee. In the meanwhile some of the Hindus entered the mosque and defiled it. The dead body of a Muhammadan with injuries on his head was found floating in the mosque tank. The murder was undetected. A number of Hindus and Muhammadans have been charged for rioting and are under trial.

18. The number of dacoities was 699 or 266 less and of robberies 956 or 188 less than in the previous year. Only six districts showed an increase in the total under the two heads which was marked in Anantapur and appreciable in Nellore and Tinnevely. The fall in dacoities was remarkable in Kurnool where the number reported was again the largest and in Bellary and appreciable in Gōdāvari, Madura, Agency division, North Arcot and South Arcot. The arrest and conviction of a number of organizers of crime in the previous year partly accounts for the fall. During the year a vigorous campaign was carried on to tackle gang crime. Armed police parties were detailed to trace offenders and their raids resulted in the capture of a number of leaders of notorious gangs. In Kurnool, where as I reported last year the Chenchus had got completely out of control, Mr. Pitt who was placed on special duty with a force of armed police for this special purpose did very fine work in arresting 50 out of 55 notorious outlaws. A special report of these operations was submitted to Government who appreciated the services of Mr. Pitt and those who assisted him. The effect of his work has been that Chenchu crime has practically stopped in Kurnool. In order, however, that it may be lasting it is necessary to keep the tribe under continued surveillance, and a Deputy Superintendent with a special force of 25 men has accordingly been placed on special duty for the purpose. During a raid in Guntūr district the police came face to face with a dangerous armed gang of Yerukalas in a forest when their leader, who was responsible for a series of dacoities, opened fire. The police returned the fire killing him, and succeeded in capturing the rest of the gang. This excellent piece of work considerably brought down dacoities. Gang crime is very rife in the districts of the Central Range. The transfer of Guntūr and Nellore to this range has facilitated concerted action, and the special preventive measures adopted, such as posting parties at important places on gang routes, opening additional tanahs, and institution of a regular chain of patrols have been productive of satisfactory results. The fall in Bellary was due to efficient security work and in Madura to the conviction of a number of Kallars, improved police work and the arrest of as many as 171 Kallars by the Reserve Police. The conviction of a number of Vellayankuppam Padaiyachis in a gang case was followed by a rapid fall in crime in South Arcot. Tinnevely would have shown a decrease in dacoities but for the escape from the sub-jail of the members of a dangerous gang who had been arrested by the police and a consequent fresh outbreak of serious crime. Most of the offenders have since been arrested.

A gang of Yerukalas in Nellore, some of whom were dressed as constables, waylaid in the course of a day about 60 to 70 travellers near a forest and after robbing them of their property, blindfolded them and kept them confined until evening. Among the victims were a Sub-Inspector and five constables. Eleven of

the culprits were traced and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment and also ordered to notify residence to the police for three years. A similar gang in Guntūr also in police uniform demanded from a traveller going in a bandy the production of the licence for his gun and, as he was producing it, they fell upon him, snatched the gun and walked away with his property. About 20 armed dacoits broke into the house of a rich merchant in Kistna and carried away property worth Rs. 10,000. Some of the culprits are under trial. Thirty dacoits of Tanjore, Trichinopoly and South Arcot committed a torchlight dacoity in a village in Tanjore and walked away with property worth Rs. 5,550. Nineteen were arrested, of whom six were sent to jail for various periods. In a case in Vizagapatam property worth over Rs. 15,000 was lost. Seven of the offenders were convicted. In a similar case in Rāmnād four Muhammadans broke into the house of another Muhammadan and carried away jewels worth Rs. 32,787, of which a portion was recovered. Three of the culprits were convicted but got off on appeal.

19. House-breakings decreased from 15,783 to 12,669. The largest number was again returned by Kistna. This and the Railway Police, Trichinopoly, were the only districts which showed a slight increase. A better season and a closer supervision over criminals were the main causes of the fall. The appreciable decline in South Malabar was attributable to the conviction of notorious burglars in the previous year, while that in Madura to better preventive work and drastic action taken against Kallars as a result of which crimes practically ceased in parts of the district.

20. The number of thefts was 23,019 or 3,278 less than in the previous year. The decrease occurred in all but seven districts and was marked in Madras City, Railway Police, Madras, Ganjām, Gōdāvari and South Malabar. The increase was noticeable in Tinnevely and Trichinopoly and in the latter it was due to better registration. Kistna, Gōdāvari and Madras City again returned high figures.

Dissensions between two rival factions in the palace of the Raja of Jeypore resulted in a few cases of thefts being reported in which the property alleged to be stolen was considerable. In one, a cash chest said to contain jewels worth Rs. 10,000 was reported to have been stolen and the case is under investigation. In another, jewels worth Rs. 12,000 were stolen from the residence of the Raja's sister and four palace servants were convicted and sentenced. In Kistna, a cash chest containing property worth Rs. 17,000 in cash and currency notes was rifled of its contents by two persons aided by the son of the owner. The son has been arrested but the other two offenders are absconding.

21. The number of cattle thefts decreased from 5,583 to 4,565. There was an increase in five districts which was inconsiderable. The decrease was marked in South Arcot and South Malabar. The number was again high in Salem, Madura, Coimbatore and Kistna. Skins fetched high prices for a time and in a few districts cattle was stolen by the poorer classes for the sake of meat. The cattle-branding system in force in Madura and Coimbatore was abandoned as it proved a consistent failure.

The number of cattle-poisoning cases fell from 13 to 29. The highest figure was returned by Nellore (5).

22. The number of true cases of coining dealt with in the year was 38, or one less than in the previous year and 25 of these ended in conviction.

In North Arcot a Muhammadan and two accomplices who were counterfeiting eight-anna nickel coins were convicted, the principal offender being sent to jail for seven years; while, in South Malabar, a person who was manufacturing two-and-a-half rupee notes was sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment. A native of Cuddapah who successfully palmed off a forged hundred rupee note on a Chetti of Chittoor was caught in his second attempt on the same man and got five years' rigorous imprisonment.

23. A notorious bad character from Palghat in the garb of an ascetic took up residence in a matam near a temple in Kallakurchi taluk in South Arcot collected Rs. 2,000 from villagers alleging that he was going to repair the temple and decamped. He was traced and sentenced to ten years' rigorous imprisonment. In South Kanara the Secretary of the Mangalore Roman Catholic Co-operative Society induced a large number of people to deposit their savings in the society and embezzled money to the extent of one lakh of rupees. He was sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 300.

In a case of gold smuggling near Tiruvanniyur in Chingleput district the fishermen of the village attacked the Customs officers who were there to seize the gold and rescued the packages. Forty-five persons were arrested, of whom ten were sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for two years. In a similar case in South Arcot, the Customs officers seized gold coins valued Rs. 7,500 smuggled by some Reddis into British territory. The culprits assaulted the officers and made away with the coins. Six were charged, of whom one died and four were sentenced to a fine of Rs. 250 each.

24. There were 43 cases of justifiable homicide. Twenty-five of these including ten in the Perangamanallur riot and two in the Perambur disturbance (vide paragraph 17 ante) were caused by the police in the execution of their duty and in resisting criminals who attacked them to evade arrest, and the rest by private individuals in self-defence and preventing crime. During the year there were frequent collisions between the police and villagers on the one hand and armed criminal gangs on the other. In the course of a raid by the police in Kurnool, a Boya attacked a Sub-Inspector with a battle axe and was shot. In the same district 20 villagers offered resistance to a gang of 30 Chenchus who committed theft in the village with a casualty on either side. In Anantapur, another gang of 50 dacoits who were committing a torchlight dacoity in a village, were attacked by villagers who killed the leader of the gang. In Rāmnād, three robbers after removing the property of a person, threatened to cut off his wrist for the sake of his bangle when he stabbed one of his assailants to death.

Culpable negligence was disclosed only in three cases of death from drowning, all of which occurred in Bellary. The owners were warned in two and the prosecution of the owner in the third is pending.

### PART III.

#### DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF CRIME.

25. Although crime fell to the level of 1918, the percentage of detection was higher than in that year but lower than in 1919—vide statistics in the margin. The retrogression was mainly due to a marked failure in murder cases—a class of crime which is neither preventable nor easy of detection. In Nellore out of 32 cases not a single one ended in conviction, while in Guntūr the number detected was only 3 out of 27, in Bellary 5 out of 44 and in Anantapur 6 out of 50. In the last-named district it is reported that the fear of reprisals deterred witnesses from coming forward to give evidence—a characteristic of the Ceded and some other districts in which factions and organized crime are rife. The worst results were produced by Anantapur—a distinction which hitherto belonged to Madura. In this district there was an improvement which, however, was not such as to raise it above the penultimate rank in the list. The districts in which there was a noticeable deterioration in detection were Bellary, Tanjore and North Malabar, in the latter two of which, however, the percentage was above the average. Gōdāvari showed most improvement but the percentage only neared the average. The variations in other districts were not remarkable.

I have very little to add to the remarks I made in my last report on the work of Sub-Inspectors which continues to be far from satisfactory. The prevailing opinion is that there has been a marked deterioration in the type of

Sub-Inspectors that we now get and the Principal, Provincial Training School, Vellore, has more than once reported that the cadets who have been under training in recent years are much inferior to their predecessors in mental equipment and those qualities which go to make an efficient police officer. The method of selection is now stricter than before and if, nevertheless, the quality of our Sub-Inspectors has deteriorated, the fault seems to lie in the educational standard fixed for these appointments. Some officers advocate that this standard should be raised and this subject is engaging my attention. As regards the work of Circle Inspectors I am glad to note a slight improvement which, no doubt, is the result of the strict supervision exercised by superior officers. The scrutiny of their work conducted as in the previous year disclosed that in 7 districts it was good, in 4 fair to good and in 13 fair. In the remaining districts it was either bad or poor. I am, however, inclined to think that the improvement, such as it is, is more apparent than real and that the average Inspector cannot grasp his true function. His inspections are more or less formal and routine, his meetings with neighbouring Inspectors aimless and his personal investigation confined to visiting the scene of crime and examining a few witnesses. The idea that he should secure co-operation and co-ordination in the detection and prevention of crime is foreign to him. Although superior officers are doing their best to correct this, he has not yet recovered the conception of his duties which he had before the institution of Sub-Inspector's appointment or the same sense of responsibility for his circle as he used to have when his stations were in charge of inferior head constables. I am convinced that the rank needs stiffening by the importation of fresh blood from outside and have enlisted a few suitable youths as Inspectors and sent them to school for training. This is only a revival of the practice that had been discontinued for some years and the number so enlisted is less than the number that should have been appointed if the system had not been temporarily stopped.

The number of cases under classes I to V reported to the police during the year was 57,068 and investigation was refused in 5,529 or 9.7 per cent of them as against 9.8 in 1919. The highest percentage was again returned by South Kanara with Salem, North Malabar, South Malabar and Vizagapatam ranking next. In the last-named district as well as in Anantapur, Trichinopoly and Tanjore there was a noticeable increase in the percentage. The power to abstain from enquiry was judiciously exercised and cases so treated were scrutinized by superior officers. As usual, refusals were mainly in cases of theft and hurt. I find, however, that though the proportion of hurt cases in which enquiry was refused has doubled itself in the past four years, the number of complaints has by no means decreased.

There was a satisfactory decline in the number of cases referred to the police by the Magistrates under section 202 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Out of 1,391 cases referred as against 1,592 in the previous year, 1,301 were cognizable and 90 non-cognizable and 977 of these cases were referred back as false.

The number of references was large in Coimbatore, North Arcot, Kistna and Salem, the first three districts showing an increase and the last a decrease. In South Arcot, Bellary, South Malabar and South Kanara the decrease was appreciable. In all cases where the number of references to the police was excessive, the matter was brought to the notice of the District Magistrates who issued the necessary instructions to the subordinate magistracy. The unduly large proportion of false cases referred to the police means that the energies of the police are largely misapplied. It is true, as one District Magistrate remarks, that it is an impossible ideal to restrict the work of the police to the investigation of true crime, but his argument that the preliminary enquiry into doubtful complaints made to the Magistrates should be made by the police does not seem to be sound. In the first place, the police have their own fair share of investigation of false complaints among those reported to them direct. Secondly, the fact that a complaint is made to the Magistrate direct usually presupposes a want of confidence on the part of complainants in the police and it is futile to employ police agency to examine the character of such complaints.

Out of 305 sessions held in the mufassal as against 314, District Superintendents attended 58, their Personal Assistants 48 and the Subdivisional officers 98, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 70, 31 and 96, respectively. In Madras City, as usual, the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners attended all the four sessions held.

26. The following statement shows the loss and recovery of property during the last three years :—

Property lost and recovered (Police cases).

| District.                         | 1918.        |                 |                       | 1919.        |                 |                       | 1920.        |                 |                       | Remarks.                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                   | Lost.        | Recov-<br>ered. | Per-<br>cent-<br>age. | Lost.        | Recov-<br>ered. | Per-<br>cent-<br>age. | Lost.        | Recov-<br>ered. | Per-<br>cent-<br>age. |                                                                                       |
| Madras City                       | Rs. 2,33,012 | Rs. 44,117      | 19.1                  | Rs. 2,64,051 | 71,806          | 27.2                  | Rs. 2,25,380 | 72,998          | 32.4                  | Recoveries made during the year of property lost in previous years' cases—Rs. 13,591. |
| Ganjām                            | 1,15,745     | 50,085          | 43.3                  | 1,64,006     | 21,326          | 13.2                  | 74,304       | 15,535          | 20.9                  |                                                                                       |
| Vizagapatam                       | 2,96,582     | 1,72,732        | 58.2                  | 1,39,668     | 32,141          | 23.0                  | 87,757       | 24,944          | 28.4                  |                                                                                       |
| Godāvari                          | 1,75,343     | 26,180          | 14.9                  | 1,50,030     | 16,754          | 9.3                   | 1,55,279     | 90,719          | 58.4                  |                                                                                       |
| Agency                            | 22,538       | 5,276           | 23.4                  | 30,934       | 11,370          | 36.8                  | 55,125       | 20,124          | 36.5                  |                                                                                       |
| Kistna                            | 3,04,039     | 47,385          | 15.6                  | 3,40,795     | 47,269          | 13.9                  | 2,98,548     | 40,595          | 13.6                  |                                                                                       |
| Guntur                            | 1,38,678     | 19,657          | 14.2                  | 1,71,691     | 36,818          | 21.4                  | 1,31,099     | 25,505          | 19.5                  |                                                                                       |
| Nellore                           | 1,25,203     | 19,573          | 14.8                  | 1,37,499     | 35,443          | 25.8                  | 89,078       | 16,438          | 18.5                  |                                                                                       |
| Kurnool                           | 2,36,083     | 25,866          | 11.0                  | 2,09,485     | 29,412          | 14.0                  | 1,46,641     | 21,064          | 14.4                  |                                                                                       |
| Bellary                           | 1,33,953     | 28,528          | 21.3                  | 1,52,302     | 25,508          | 16.0                  | 90,207       | 19,844          | 21.4                  |                                                                                       |
| Anantapur.                        | 89,263       | 15,832          | 17.7                  | 1,21,914     | 13,947          | 10.7                  | 94,885       | 13,997          | 14.8                  |                                                                                       |
| Cuddapah                          | 85,505       | 13,267          | 15.5                  | 1,25,384     | 22,648          | 18.1                  | 76,781       | 13,512          | 17.6                  |                                                                                       |
| Chittoor                          | 71,341       | 14,442          | 20.2                  | 1,02,292     | 17,950          | 17.5                  | 83,623       | 9,855           | 11.8                  |                                                                                       |
| Chingleput                        | 56,492       | 11,101          | 19.7                  | 1,00,488     | 14,669          | 14.6                  | 63,687       | 15,564          | 24.4                  |                                                                                       |
| North Arcot                       | 75,794       | 22,648          | 29.9                  | 1,21,678     | 52,893          | 43.5                  | 87,433       | 27,990          | 32.0                  |                                                                                       |
| South Arcot                       | 94,683       | 21,687          | 22.9                  | 1,30,470     | 49,201          | 37.7                  | 1,22,757     | 24,896          | 20.3                  |                                                                                       |
| Tanjore                           | 1,79,807     | 52,894          | 29.6                  | 1,28,318     | 39,209          | 30.6                  | 1,70,993     | 35,206          | 20.6                  |                                                                                       |
| Madura                            | 1,51,903     | 21,171          | 13.9                  | 2,02,082     | 40,379          | 20.0                  | 1,99,379     | 49,747          | 25.0                  |                                                                                       |
| Rāmnād                            | 99,627       | 18,969          | 19.1                  | 1,51,340     | 48,058          | 31.8                  | 1,61,242     | 19,825          | 12.3                  |                                                                                       |
| Tinnevely                         | 1,24,689     | 15,143          | 12.1                  | 1,10,822     | 13,712          | 12.4                  | 1,55,494     | 22,685          | 14.6                  |                                                                                       |
| Salem                             | 78,317       | 21,942          | 27.8                  | 90,867       | 20,332          | 22.3                  | 86,074       | 22,625          | 26.3                  |                                                                                       |
| Trichinopoly                      | 95,836       | 20,352          | 21.2                  | 1,01,095     | 19,331          | 19.7                  | 99,217       | 19,143          | 19.3                  |                                                                                       |
| Coimbatore                        | 92,408       | 38,357          | 41.5                  | 65,181       | 27,590          | 42.3                  | 99,758       | 31,492          | 31.6                  |                                                                                       |
| The Nilgiris                      | 24,593       | 16,291          | 66.3                  | 48,613       | 26,085          | 53.7                  | 30,828       | 19,578          | 63.6                  |                                                                                       |
| South Malabar                     | 87,643       | 18,503          | 21.1                  | 2,13,266     | 13,787          | 6.4                   | 65,131       | 11,796          | 18.1                  |                                                                                       |
| North Malabar                     | 21,033       | 7,084           | 33.7                  | 17,069       | 4,519           | 26.6                  | 13,605       | 3,789           | 27.9                  |                                                                                       |
| South Kanara                      | 41,346       | 6,032           | 14.6                  | 52,614       | 12,658          | 24.2                  | 54,338       | 11,127          | 20.5                  |                                                                                       |
| The Railway Police, Madras.       | 58,667       | 19,517          | 33.3                  | 66,777       | 42,761          | 64.2                  | 50,092       | 26,015          | 52.0                  |                                                                                       |
| The Railway Police, Trichinopoly. | 51,004       | 12,787          | 25.1                  | 62,566       | 18,834          | 30.1                  | 75,031       | 16,756          | 22.3                  |                                                                                       |
| Total                             | 33,63,669    | 8,06,628        | 24.0                  | 38,34,887    | 8,25,620        | 21.5                  | 32,01,706    | 7,42,780        | 23.2                  |                                                                                       |

*Pari passu* with a fall in crime there was a decrease in the amount of property lost, but the percentage of recovery was higher than in 1919 and approximated that in 1918. The principal heads under which losses occurred were, as usual, house-breaking and theft. The amount lost was again largest in Kistna. The percentage of recovery was highest in the Nilgiris and in Godāvari where the improvement was remarkable and lowest in Chittoor. South Malabar showed a satisfactory increase in the percentage, while the reverse was the case in Rāmnād and South Arcot. A few of the cases in which the property lost was considerable have been already mentioned.

27. The number of cases under classes I to V decided by courts during the year was 19,210 as against 21,485 and of these 14,160 or 73.7 per cent ended in conviction against 76.4 per cent. There was a falling off in the percentage of convicted cases in all but six districts and Madras City, which was noticeable in Cuddapah, Bellary, Nellore and Rāmnād. Madras City again returned the highest percentage (95.4) and Nellore the lowest (56.3). The number of cases prosecuted was largest in Kistna followed by Godāvari, and in the latter as well as in Salem and North Arcot the results showed a noticeable improvement.

Out of 39,413 persons tried in these cases, as against 44,148 in the previous year, 21,833 or 55.4 per cent were convicted as against 58.3 per cent. There was a decline in 18 districts besides Madras

City which was marked in Rāmnād, Nellore and South Malabar, while there was an appreciable improvement in the Nilgiris, Salem and Vizagapatam.

The number of cases prosecuted by the Prosecuting Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors in the mufassal was 7,412 as against 6,816 and of these 65.7 per cent were successful as against 68.9 per cent.

*Prosecuting Staff.*

They appeared in 835 appeals as against 907 and the percentage of success was 71.5 against 72.5. The prosecuting staff was strengthened in the latter part of the year in 16 districts and some of the Sub-Inspectors appointed were undergoing training under the Public Prosecutor at the close of the year. In Madras City the prosecuting staff prosecuted 1,925 cases against 2,126, of which 1,731 ended in conviction. The District Magistrate, Nellore, has issued instructions to the subordinate magistracy to set apart certain days of the week for the trial of police cases and the Superintendent of Police, Trichinopoly, has moved his District Magistrate for the issue of similar orders. This step is calculated to obviate frequent adjournments and delay in the disposal of cases which at present hamper successful prosecution and is commended for adoption in other districts.

28. The subject of inadequate sentences and improper discharges received the close attention of District Superintendents of Police and all such cases were brought to the notice of the District Magistrates. In Nellore the accused in a case of robbery was discharged by the Sub-Magistrate, Kovur, and on retrial at the instance of the District Magistrate was sentenced by the Sessions Judge to seven years' rigorous imprisonment. In Tanjore, six persons who assaulted the police and rescued two offenders arrested on warrant, were sentenced to six weeks' rigorous imprisonment. The District Magistrate who was moved agreed that the sentence was lenient but did not take the matter up to the High Court owing to lapse of time. In Rāmnād, the tendency of Magistrates to inflict fines for offences under the Criminal Tribes Act was checked by the District Magistrate and sentences are now said to be adequate. In South Malabar where cattle thefts are rife and call for deterrent punishments the award of a sentence of six months' imprisonment was the subject of a reference to the District Magistrate who ordered that these cases should be tried by first-class magistrates. The Sub-Magistrate of Bhimavaram in Kistna district discharged the accused in a case on the ground that the information furnished by the accused to the police as a result of which they recovered property amounted to a confession. The District Magistrate has been moved for a retrial of the case.

29. During the year 159 prisoners escaped from the custody of the police as against 230, and 106 of them were recaptured besides 16 others who had escaped in previous years. The number of escapes was large in South Arcot, Chittoor and Madura, being 15 in the first and 13 in each of the other two. The police were exonerated in 35 cases. In the remaining cases 61 policemen were punished departmentally and 48 prosecuted, of whom 37 were convicted. In two cases, one in Kistna and the other in South Malabar, an arrested person after escaping from police custody offered, with the help of others, resistance to the police while they were re-arresting him. Both are under-trial. One of six convicts who were being escorted by rail from the Guntūr Sub-jail to the Rajahmundry Jail, jumped out of the train when it was in motion and was run over and killed. In Chittoor an under-trial prisoner attempted to escape, brandishing a knife which he had managed to secure, but was disabled by a plucky constable with his bayonet. The man died subsequently in hospital. There were no escapes from police custody in Coimbatore, but five persons escaped from the custody of sub-jail warders. The question of continuing the system of guarding sub-jails by warders is now under the consideration of Government.

30. There was a fall in the number of cases struck off as wilfully and maliciously false, 4,362 against 4,563, though in 12 districts there was an increase which was greatest in Kistna where the number of cases was also the largest, and appreciable in Kurnool. The decline in Salem, the district with the next largest number of cases, Bellary, Tanjore and Chittoor was satisfactory. Other districts where the number of cases was large were Ganjām, Coimbatore, Nellore, Guntūr and South Arcot. In 188

cases prosecutions were instituted against persons who preferred false complaints, 31 on the sanction of the Magistrates and 152 by the police on their own motion and 60 persons were convicted, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 188 cases and 49 persons respectively. The number of convictions was again the largest in North Arcot.

Out of 133,623 cases prosecuted by the police the number declared false after trial was 208, the percentage being the same as in the previous year, i.e., 0.2. The percentage was highest in Kistna and Cuddapah. No cases were declared false in Madras City, South Arcot, the Nilgiris and the Railway Police, Trichinopoly. Compensation was awarded by Magistrates under section 250 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in 47 of these cases.

31. The annexed statement shows the number of habitual criminals under Prevention of Habitual police surveillance. The number of known depredators newly registered increased slightly, while there was a decrease both in the number of receivers and suspects registered. The number removed from the register on the ground of being no longer addicted to crime was 3,768 against 3,212. The total number of bad characters at large on the last day of the year was 25,364 against 25,027 and of these 2,357 or 9.3 per cent were out of view as against 8.5 in the previous year. The percentage was largest in Madras City (15.1), followed by Coimbatore, North Arcot, Gōdāvari, Kistna, Tanjore, Guntūr and Chingleput. The lowest percentage was again returned by Tinnevely, other districts where the percentage was low being Kurnool, Cuddapah, Madura, South Kanara and North Malabar. The number of persons with history sheets who were convicted was 1,808 or 117 less than in the previous year. A number of criminals in Guntūr whose activities became prominent in the year were brought on the registers and carefully watched. In several districts the number on the registers underwent scrutiny with the result that the number of persons to be watched was brought down to manageable limits. Temporary outposts have again proved their utility in controlling bad characters and criminals registered under the Criminal Tribes Act. A number of them were opened in the year at important places on gang routes and localities infested with criminals and this resulted in a fall in crime in the neighbourhood. Yerukalas who had escaped from settlements harried Guntūr, Kurnool and Nellore and were responsible for much crime. Mr. Skinner arranged a meeting with the Superintendent of Kurnool and the Deputy Superintendent, Narasaraopet, to concert measures for rounding up the gang. Monthly meetings were held among the frontier Inspectors of the three districts presided over by a Deputy Superintendent from each district in turn. Special parties of ordinary and Reserve Police worked in all the districts. Outposts were established on the known gang routes and in order to bring early intelligence of the movements of gangs, armed talaiyaris patrolled the area between outposts. As already stated, a party of the Guntūr district shot the leader of the Yerukala gang and crimes stopped. In Kurnool a party patrolled the villages frequented by the Yerukalas and with the help of other police and villagers arrested 46 of them. The Superintendents of Madura, Rāmnād and Tinnevely held a similar meeting to devise means for the prevention of gang crime and it was arranged that each Superintendent should furnish the others with monthly maps of border crime, lists of cases showing *modus operandi* of offenders and character of crime so as to facilitate the capture of border criminals. The system of interchange of constables between Rāmnād and Pudukkottai worked satisfactorily. I have already referred to the work of Mr. Pitt in regard to the Chenchus in Kurnool. He ran to earth most of the worst outlaws but after he had left, the few remaining absconders returned to their gudemns and renewed their activities. Mr. Bappayya Nayudu who had been placed on special duty conducted some raids in the Chenchu gudemns with the party of 25 special armed police sanctioned for the Nallamalais, the local police, some forest subordinates and the Chenchus enlisted as temporary constables and captured 23 out of 33 criminals wanted, of whom 22 were Chenchus and one a very dangerous Boya and the leader of a gang who had escaped after arrest by Mr. Pitt's party. These operations have put a stop to Chenchu crime.

Return of known depredators, receivers of stolen goods and suspected persons for the year 1920.

| Class of persons.         | 1   | 2                                                                                                      |          | 3                                                |          | 4                     |          | 5                      |          | 6                   |          | 7                                  |          | 8                                                        |          | 9                                      |          | 10                 |          | 11                                                                        |          | 12                                     |          | 13                                                    |          | 14                                                                 |          |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                           |     | Number at large on 31st December 1919, i.e., excluding those in jail, but including those out of view. |          | On account of arrivals from outside the district |          | By release from jail. |          | By fresh registration. |          | By reason of death. |          | By reason of old age or infirmity. |          | On the ground that they are no longer addicted to crime. |          | By reason of having left the district. |          | From other causes. |          | Of those included in columns 2 to 6 number in jail on 31st December 1920. |          | Number at large on 31st December 1920. |          | Of the number shown in column 12, number out of view. |          | Number of persons with history of crime convicted during the year. |          |
|                           |     | Males.                                                                                                 | Females. | Males.                                           | Females. | Males.                | Females. | Males.                 | Females. | Males.              | Females. | Males.                             | Females. | Males.                                                   | Females. | Males.                                 | Females. | Males.             | Females. | Males.                                                                    | Females. | Males.                                 | Females. | Males.                                                | Females. | Males.                                                             | Females. |
| Known depredators         | ... | 9,765                                                                                                  | 58       | 937                                              | 7        | 1,742                 | 3        | 2,612                  | 24       | 255                 | 4        | 189                                | ...      | 857                                                      | 4        | 692                                    | 2        | 558                | 7        | 2,443                                                                     | 20       | 2,985                                  | 65       | 1,413                                                 | 20       | 1,267                                                              | 11       |
| Receivers of stolen goods | ... | 801                                                                                                    | 50       | 43                                               | 2        | 0                     | 1        | 191                    | 14       | 11                  | 3        | 8                                  | ...      | 130                                                      | 12       | 25                                     | 3        | 57                 | 2        | 90                                                                        | 1        | 783                                    | 46       | 10                                                    | ...      | 6                                                                  | ...      |
| Suspected persons         | ... | 13,992                                                                                                 | 461      | 648                                              | 20       | 483                   | 14       | 1,279                  | 120      | 226                 | 9        | 107                                | 1        | 2,482                                                    | 233      | 648                                    | 13       | 214                | 17       | 533                                                                       | 5        | 14,282                                 | 238      | 975                                                   | 89       | 600                                                                | 24       |
| Total                     | ... | 24,458                                                                                                 | 569      | 1,628                                            | 29       | 2,154                 | 28       | 3,962                  | 164      | 509                 | 16       | 404                                | 1        | 3,529                                                    | 269      | 1,372                                  | 18       | 1,529              | 26       | 3,016                                                                     | 26       | 24,900                                 | 464      | 2,398                                                 | 69       | 1,778                                                              | 36       |

\* The variations as compared with the figures in the report for 1919 are due to the revised figures returned by some districts.

The relations between the British Police and the French Police and those of the Native States of Mysore, Hyderabad and Travancore continued to be cordial.

The supervision over criminal settlements was transferred from the Deputy Criminal Tribes Act and Inspector-General of Police, Railways and Criminal Investigation Department, to the Labour Commissioner in February. The settlement at Bhumannagadda was ordered to be closed as it was a failure as a combined agricultural and industrial settlement. The worst characters were removed to Sitanagram. The other settlements worked satisfactorily. The behaviour of the inmates improved. Abscondings decreased considerably in the Stuartpuram settlement and there was a steady decline in the past three years in the number of absconders from the settlements in Guntūr. The inmates of the Kulasekharapatnam settlement in Tinnevely are reported to have settled down, all unrest among them having disappeared. They earn good wages and are well cared for. The management of the school for the children of the Koravars at this place was transferred to the settlement manager. The four Donga Woddar boys who were sent from the Siddapuram settlement to the Kolar Industrial Institute were still under instruction. The Sitanagram settlement was notified as the settlement for the Rudrapad Korachas of Bellary. During the year the following criminal tribes were notified under section 3 of the Criminal Tribes Act and both parts of section 10 were extended to them:—

Anipai Malas of Gōdāvari district, Oriya Doms of Jeypore Agency, Pusalapuram Kallars in Rāmnād district and Sakkaraitamadai Koravars of South Arcot.

In addition, section 10 (a) was extended to the Donga Woddars in the Anantapur district. The notification declaring the Piramalai Kallars in Tirumangalam taluk was revised so as to be applicable to all such Kallars in the Madura district.

The most satisfactory items of the year's work in connection with criminal tribes have undoubtedly been the effectual tackling of the Chenchu and Kallar problems which have been of the greatest importance for very many years and are now in a fair way towards settlement.

The number of persons registered under the Criminal Tribes Act during the year was 22,536, of whom 21,183 were the Kallars of Madura. A considerable number were removed from the registers either on account of good conduct or because no suspicion was attached to them.

The number of persons convicted under the Act decreased from 3,076 to 2,713, of whom 12 were convicted under section 23, and 89 under section 24. The award of rigorous imprisonment by magistrates for offences under the Act in North Arcot is said to have led to a drop in offences. The total strength at the close of the year in the schools in the various criminal settlements was 1,063 (614 boys and 449 girls). Members registered under the Act were efficiently supervised. In many districts persons notified under section 10 (a) are required to report themselves twice every night, and in one district (Tinnevely) thrice. In Nellore a special circular issued by the District Magistrate to the village magistrates effected an improvement in supervision over registered members. The efficient working of the Act and the retention of the punitive police at Kamudi are said to have kept down crime in Rāmnād where, as also in Coimbatore, a number of persons were exempted from the restrictions of section 10 (a) on good behaviour. To encourage the education of children of the criminal tribes in Coimbatore, Government sanctioned 25 scholarships of Rs. 5 per mensem. Five pupils in the first standard, one in the second and one in the third are receiving the scholarships. The Superintendent suggests that in the initial stage the number of scholarships in the first standard should be increased, as there will not be a sufficient number of pupils in the higher standards. The number of scholarships granted to the children of Vaduvarpatti Koravars of Rāmnād receiving instruction in the American Baptist Mission at Aruppukkōttai was increased from 50 to 100 and the construction of a dormitory for the children was also sanctioned. The fibre factory started in the district to give employment to the adult Koravars did not work satisfactorily for a time, but there has been

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a change of management and the factory is likely to do well if sufficient orders are obtained. Eight members were working there at the close of the year. The behaviour of the Poolam Maravars in Tinnevely considerably improved after registration and no offence was traced to them. A meeting of the members was called in the beginning of the year and the rules were explained to them. The females were informed that the removal of their names from the register was contingent on the good behaviour of the males and they thereupon vowed that they would themselves hand up criminals and that no unregistered Maravan would marry a registered female. A private individual was persuaded to take 42 acres of land on lease and employ the Maravans. The land has been distributed among them and cultivation is progressing. Both the Police and the revenue authorities have taken considerable interest in reclaiming this tribe. The successful manner in which the Kallar question has been tackled constitutes a special feature of the year. The Kallars were first opposed to registration and owing to their numbers, section 10 could not be effectively enforced against them. Their refractoriness culminated in the riots at Parungumanallur. The drastic action taken against them there and the subsequent raids conducted against Kallar villages facilitated registration considerably. Side by side propaganda work was also carried on explaining to the Kallars the advantages of refraining from crime and the conditions under which they would be exempted from the operation of the Act. It was decided that all Kallars should be registered once for all and exemptions from section 10 (a) freely granted, the section being enforced only against the worst characters and held *in terrorem* against others. A number of additional checking centres were opened for the supervision of the worst characters and a special temporary police staff was sanctioned therefor. Establishment of informal Kallar Panchayats whereby the better Kallars might assist in the reformation of the worse was also initiated. The Panchayats are responsible for reporting crime and handing up criminals in their villages, the stoppage of levy of kaval fees and tuppoo cooly, sending children to school, encouraging emigration of Kallars to tea estates, ostracising criminals and refusing to allow girls to marry criminals. These principles were explained at a mass meeting of four to five thousand Kallars by the District Magistrate and myself. The saner section of the community willingly subscribed to the new creed but the unruly elements continued restive and ambushed and killed a leading Kalla who was assisting the police in the matter of registration. As the carrying out of the reclamation work required a separate officer, M.R.Ry. Rao Sahib A. K. Raja Ayyar was placed on special duty for the formation of Kallar Panchayats in villages and a report on his work, which has been of a high order, has already been submitted to Government. He quickly acquainted himself with the Kallars and with great tact completely won their confidence. In less than two months, he established Panchayats in 103 out of 845 Kalla villages and started 28 new schools for the education of the children, besides introducing cottage industries such as tape-making, rope-making, weaving, etc., in a number of villages. The Kallars have themselves handed up a large number of absconders evading arrest and the Kalla tract is now practically immune from crime. The continuance of Mr. Raja Ayyar on this duty for another six months has been recommended and a still longer extension will probably be advisable. The greatest credit is due to Mr. Loveluck, the District Superintendent, for the whole campaign, the conception and working out of which are almost entirely due to him. He has displayed more originality and good sense in dealing with a very difficult question than any previous District Superintendent of Madura.

The number of persons sentenced to enhanced punishment decreased from 2,438 to 2,153, the decrease occurring in all but eight districts. Madras City and North Arcot again returned high figures. The number of persons ordered to notify residence under section 565, Criminal Procedure Code, was 502 against 519 and the number prosecuted for disobeying the rules, 123, of whom 94 were convicted as against 109 and 79 respectively.

Security for good behaviour.

The subjoined statement shows the prosecutions in bad livelihood cases:—

## Prosecutions in bad livelihood cases.

| Districts.                        | 1916.                              |                     | 1917.                              |                     | 1918.                              |                     | 1919.                              |                     |                          |                                                                         | 1920.                              |                     |                          |                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                   | Persons put up before magistrates. | Persons bound over. | Persons put up before magistrates. | Persons bound over. | Persons put up before magistrates. | Persons bound over. | Persons put up before magistrates. | Persons bound over. | Number pending disposal. | Percentage of persons bound over to those whose cases were disposed of. | Persons put up before magistrates. | Persons bound over. | Number pending disposal. | Percentage of persons bound over to those whose cases were disposed of. |
| Madras City                       | 36                                 | 23                  | 23                                 | 12                  | 15                                 | 12                  | 36                                 | 25                  | 4                        | 83.3                                                                    | 28                                 | 22                  | 1                        | 78.6                                                                    |
| Ganjam                            | 95                                 | 55                  | 109                                | 74                  | 67                                 | 39                  | 63                                 | 52                  | 6                        | 92.9                                                                    | 41                                 | 27                  | 10                       | 87.1                                                                    |
| Vizagapatam                       | 34                                 | 24                  | 24                                 | 16                  | 44                                 | 39                  | 47                                 | 36                  | 2                        | 80.0                                                                    | 72                                 | 68                  | 1                        | 95.8                                                                    |
| Gōdāvari                          | 77                                 | 44                  | 103                                | 49                  | 105                                | 42                  | 143                                | 40                  | 41                       | 40.8                                                                    | 152                                | 60                  | 22                       | 46.2                                                                    |
| Agency                            | 15                                 | ...                 | ...                                | ...                 | 16                                 | 13                  | 83                                 | 55                  | 25                       | 98.5                                                                    | 48                                 | 42                  | 2                        | 91.3                                                                    |
| Kistna                            | 182                                | 50                  | 99                                 | 42                  | 118                                | 48                  | 150                                | 64                  | 28                       | 55.2                                                                    | 154                                | 86                  | 50                       | 82.7                                                                    |
| Guntur                            | 144                                | 72                  | 172                                | 82                  | 165                                | 99                  | 166                                | 102                 | 41                       | 82.3                                                                    | 261                                | 129                 | 47                       | 62.3                                                                    |
| Nellore                           | 84                                 | 28                  | 78                                 | 66                  | 154                                | 75                  | 188                                | 103                 | 14                       | 69.7                                                                    | 204                                | 124                 | 23                       | 70.9                                                                    |
| Kurnool                           | 229                                | 158                 | 100                                | 66                  | 108                                | 81                  | 298                                | 172                 | 11                       | 59.9                                                                    | 195                                | 138                 | 8                        | 71.9                                                                    |
| Bellary                           | 110                                | 67                  | 137                                | 65                  | 77                                 | 61                  | 147                                | 69                  | 42                       | 66.3                                                                    | 420                                | 198                 | 145                      | 72.6                                                                    |
| Anantapur                         | 118                                | 61                  | 63                                 | 34                  | 12                                 | 10                  | 79                                 | 43                  | 21                       | 74.1                                                                    | 97                                 | 65                  | 14                       | 82.3                                                                    |
| Cuddapah                          | 89                                 | 58                  | 90                                 | 42                  | 57                                 | 34                  | 84                                 | 59                  | 16                       | 83.8                                                                    | 85                                 | 57                  | 17                       | 83.8                                                                    |
| Chittoor                          | 59                                 | 35                  | 137                                | 92                  | 54                                 | 45                  | 111                                | 61                  | 1                        | 55.5                                                                    | 72                                 | 33                  | 17                       | 60.0                                                                    |
| Chingleput                        | 96                                 | 78                  | 65                                 | 43                  | 88                                 | 63                  | 101                                | 67                  | 14                       | 79.8                                                                    | 80                                 | 60                  | 2                        | 77.9                                                                    |
| North Arcot                       | 140                                | 112                 | 138                                | 111                 | 99                                 | 65                  | 140                                | 111                 | 9                        | 86.0                                                                    | 150                                | 108                 | 23                       | 86.4                                                                    |
| South Arcot                       | 54                                 | 28                  | 78                                 | 45                  | 57                                 | 59                  | 84                                 | 57                  | 7                        | 79.2                                                                    | 42                                 | 30                  | 1                        | 78.9                                                                    |
| Tanjore                           | 130                                | 103                 | 202                                | 159                 | 219                                | 144                 | 413                                | 257                 | 56                       | 80.8                                                                    | 241                                | 132                 | 19                       | 61.1                                                                    |
| Madura                            | 325                                | 168                 | 293                                | 122                 | 198                                | 50                  | 182                                | 101                 | 49                       | 80.2                                                                    | 154                                | 56                  | 59                       | 66.7                                                                    |
| Rāmnād                            | 184                                | 66                  | 133                                | 71                  | 83                                 | 50                  | 112                                | 58                  | 46                       | 87.9                                                                    | 111                                | 66                  | 9                        | 66.5                                                                    |
| Tinnevely                         | 259                                | 95                  | 80                                 | 40                  | 93                                 | 33                  | 72                                 | 42                  | 5                        | 62.7                                                                    | 78                                 | 47                  | 11                       | 72.3                                                                    |
| Salem                             | 158                                | 133                 | 42                                 | 23                  | 81                                 | 35                  | 146                                | 80                  | 27                       | 70.2                                                                    | 89                                 | 60                  | 7                        | 85.7                                                                    |
| Trichinopoly                      | 152                                | 118                 | 159                                | 98                  | 102                                | 70                  | 106                                | 71                  | 13                       | 76.3                                                                    | 190                                | 105                 | 63                       | 82.9                                                                    |
| Coimbatore                        | 110                                | 67                  | 120                                | 83                  | 137                                | 91                  | 62                                 | 35                  | 23                       | 94.6                                                                    | 63                                 | 37                  | 12                       | 72.5                                                                    |
| The Nilgiris                      | 1                                  | ...                 | 1                                  | 1                   | ...                                | ...                 | ...                                | ...                 | ...                      | ...                                                                     | 1                                  | 1                   | ...                      | 100.0                                                                   |
| South Malabar                     | 27                                 | 18                  | 43                                 | 27                  | 23                                 | 13                  | 33                                 | 17                  | 8                        | 73.9                                                                    | 24                                 | 17                  | 6                        | 84.4                                                                    |
| North Malabar                     | 16                                 | 14                  | 15                                 | 14                  | 11                                 | 8                   | 11                                 | 11                  | ...                      | 100.0                                                                   | 5                                  | 2                   | 1                        | 50.0                                                                    |
| South Kanara                      | 20                                 | 17                  | 10                                 | 6                   | 12                                 | 6                   | 9                                  | 8                   | ...                      | 88.9                                                                    | 20                                 | 12                  | 4                        | 75.0                                                                    |
| The Railway Police, Madras.       | 14                                 | 12                  | 24                                 | 15                  | 17                                 | 12                  | 45                                 | 30                  | 12                       | 90.9                                                                    | 42                                 | 28                  | 1                        | 68.3                                                                    |
| The Railway Police, Trichinopoly. | 16                                 | 9                   | 18                                 | 9                   | 19                                 | 7                   | 46                                 | 38                  | 2                        | 86.4                                                                    | 30                                 | 25                  | 6                        | 86.2                                                                    |
| Total                             | 2,924                              | 1,719               | 2,526                              | 1,503               | 2,261                              | 1,306               | 3,162                              | 1,867               | 553                      | 73.8                                                                    | 3,144                              | 1,833               | 574                      | 73.8                                                                    |

NOTE.—In calculating the percentages, cases pending disposal at the end of the year and those withdrawn during the year are left out of account.

Sections 109 and 110 of the Code of Criminal Procedure were freely resorted to during the year and the number of persons put up was nearly the same as in the previous year. The largest number was proceeded against in Bellary where considerable impetus was given to this branch of work by the Deputy Superintendent Mr. Mustafa Ali Khan and this effected a fall in grave crime. In Guntūr and Trichinopoly there was a satisfactory increase in the number of prosecutions, but in the former some important cases failed as the witnesses were afraid to give evidence. Barring the Nilgiris and South Malabar where the number put up was small, the best results were shown by Vizagapatam and Trichinopoly and the poorest by Gōdāvari. In Tanjore fewer persons were prosecuted and bound over and the deterioration in the results is ascribed to delay in the disposal of cases by courts. The Superintendent of Police, Anantapur, reports that the Magistrates there demand a higher standard of evidence than elsewhere. The District Magistrate, however, disagrees with this view. In Kistna where the results were poor in the previous year there was a marked improvement due no doubt to better care in the preparation of charge sheets.

Of the 1,833 persons bound over 409 were known depredators and 18 receivers. Nineteen persons were bound over in Tinnevely for enforcing kaval fees as against 13 in 1919.

The number of cases pending at the close of the year was 574 as against 553, the largest number being in Bellary (145). The figures for Trichinopoly and Madura were also high.

The number of persons incarcerated in jail for failure to furnish security was 1,158. All the persons ordered to find security in the Agency division and all but one in Gōdāvari were sent to jail as they did not furnish security. Out of

196 persons in Bellary no less than 187 were sent to jail, the corresponding figures for Guntūr and Chingleput being 89 out of 129 and 47 out of 60. The average amount of security demanded was Rs. 237 as against Rs. 252. The amount in Cuddapah, Trichinopoly and Gōdāvari was much above the average.

32. Mr. Hannington was in charge of the department throughout the year. Both the temporary Inspector and the clerk employed in connection with work relating to criminal tribes and settlements were withdrawn on the transfer of this branch of work to the Labour Commissioner. The post of office manager was abolished, a clerk on Rs. 100—4—120 being sanctioned instead. The office staff was strengthened by three clerks and two orderlies to cope with increased work. A special temporary gazetted assistant with a temporary staff of one Inspector, three Sub-Inspectors and three head constables was sanctioned for a period of one year to work under the Deputy Inspector-General attached to the Director of Intelligence Bureau for work connected with Bolshevism. The party kept in touch with the movements of a large number of suspects and with labour and political movements throughout the Presidency. It was strengthened during the visit of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to this Presidency and worked in collaboration with Criminal Investigation Department parties from the rest of India. The special party at Pondicherry was reduced to one Inspector, one Sub-Inspector, two head constables and two constables. Labour unrest was a remarkable feature of the year of which political agitators took advantage and a number of labour strikes occurred. Strikes were generally not accompanied by violence though there was much intimidation.

In the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway strikes of railway men resulted in serious accidents and the deliberate derailment of a passenger train. In as many as 11 districts labour unions were formed, the majority being in Madras City. A number of cases were investigated by the officers of the department, but none of them were sensational. The services of the officers of the department were utilized in cases of postal thefts and frauds. An important note forgery case and a theft of cash chest from the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway were investigated. The former ended in acquittal and in the latter investigation showed that the offenders came from Mysore, but owing to lapse of time there was no chance of detection.

#### Finger-print Bureau

The temporary staff of five clerks and a peon was made permanent in the year.

References regarding the antecedents of suspected persons were made to the Finger-print Bureau in 16,872 cases or 1,112 less than in the previous year, and of these 3,719 were identified, the percentage being 22.0 against 23.0. These figures included 4,759 references from other provinces, of which 430 were identified. The largest number of references was again from Madras City, Nellore, Kistna, Guntūr and Tanjore within the Presidency and Burma, Mysore and Federated Malay States outside.

The number of finger-impression slips received for record during the year was 19,301, the number eliminated 6,223 and that on record at the end of the year 217,113. Expert evidence was given by the staff on 529 occasions in civil and criminal courts and written opinions in 127 cases. A sum of Rs. 1,025 was realized as experts' fees for attendance at courts and furnishing opinions in private cases. There has been an increase in the demand for attendance at courts and written opinions with a corresponding rise in the fees realized, a fact which testifies to the growing popularity of finger-print evidence.

The tester Sub-Inspectors visited all the district and central jails as usual. At the request of the Superintendent, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, the Bangalore jail was included in the jails visited by them monthly. They tested 11,363 out of 12,257 slips awaiting test. The conversion of the tester's posts into ministerial appointments has been sanctioned by Government.

33. With the resumption of trade at the ports of Cuddalore and Cocanada the marine police staff was re-entertained at these ports, permanently in the former and temporarily in the latter.

34. The number of unexecuted warrants decreased from 3,161 to 2,807, the decrease being contributed by all but nine districts. The decline in Madura was considerable owing to the vigorous measures adopted to execute warrants against Kallars. Guntūr, South Malabar and Nellore again returned high figures, the other district where the number of pending warrants was large being Kurnool. Both in Guntūr and Nellore a large number of warrants were against absconders from criminal settlements.

35. During the year I inspected the districts of North Arcot, Chittoor, Salem, Kurnool, Gōdāvari, Coimbatore, Madura, Tinnevely, Guntūr, Kistna, Vizagapatam, Anantapur and the Nilgiris. I also inspected all the training schools and the criminal settlements at Guntūr, Sitanagram and Siddapuram and was present at the meeting of the Sub-Inspectors' selection committee at Vellore. Inspections by the Deputy Inspectors-General were adequate. All the stations in the Presidency were inspected by the district officers except one station in Ganjam and two outposts in South Malabar which could not be inspected owing to changes of officers.

### CONCLUSION.

36. The number of police officers for whom quarters existed at the end of the year was 408 Sub-Inspectors, 100 Sergeants, 2,023 head constables and 14,929 constables, the percentage to the sanctioned strength being 26.4, 66.2, 56.9 and 54.6, respectively. During the year a larger proportion of the subordinate officers were provided with rented accommodation. At the instance of Government a scheme for the departmental construction of a cheap style of quarters for the subordinate police was decided to be tried in a few selected districts but it has not made any progress as the plans and estimates received from Superintendents were not in accordance with the principles underlying the scheme and had to be returned for revision. The scheme is quite practicable but its success depends upon the provision of necessary funds. Equally important as the provision of quarters for the constabulary is that of residences for superior officers in certain special localities. I have already pointed out to Government how the want of suitable housing accommodation in places prevents the right officer being posted and how it interferes with efficiency. At my suggestion the Government have included a number of residences for officers, which are most urgently required both in the city and mufassal, in the departmental programme of works but here too it is a question of money and nothing has been done. The problem of housing accommodation for the police has been very acute for years and long ago a case was made out for a substantial annual allotment for police works. The allotment, however, has gradually declined making any real progress impossible and one of our worst problems remains unsolved.

#### Work of Officers.

37. I have to express thanks to all the Deputy Inspectors-General of Police who were of the greatest assistance to me.

Mr. Filson continued to be here to give me the most valuable help in a more than usually strenuous year especially as regards the work of the office and went on well-earned leave in June. Mr. Rowlandson, who acted for him in his absence, was an able substitute.

Mr. Moore again did a most valuable year's work as Personal Assistant to the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways and Criminal Investigation Department, Madras, also in a year of unusual difficulty.

Mr. Mullaly managed the Vellore Training School with great efficiency and the results do him credit. The school was unusually full all the year.

The work of the following officers deserves special mention:—

Superintendents:—Messrs. Blackstone, Swire, Williams, Loveluck, Diwan Bahadur M.R.Ry. P. Parankusam Nayudu Garu, I.S.O., Messrs. Pitt, Skinner,

Windle, Dawson, Foster, Happell, Bulkley, Tottenham, Beckett, N. Ramanuja Ayyangar and Anderson.

*Assistant Superintendents* :—Messrs. John, Scott-Coward and Kearns.

*Deputy Superintendents* :—Muhammad Abdul Karim Sahib Farukhi, Khan Sahib, Mr. V. Ramachandra Ayyar, Rao Sahib A. K. Raja Ayyar, Mr. M. S. Subrahmanya Ayyar, Rao Sahib S. Ponnuranga Mudaliyar, V. G. Muhammad Khan Sahib, Khan Bahadur, Mr. Shariff Muhammad Ali, Rao Sahib S. Velayudham Pillai, E. V. Amu Sahib, Khan Bahadur, Muhammad Kalim-ul-lah Sahib Chida, Khan Sahib, Messrs. R. Narayana Ayyangar, B. Mustafa Ali Khan, M. Venkappa and Shaikh Abdul Qadir.

Messrs. A. Vittal Rao and A. B. G. Snodell have both put in another year's valuable work in my office and in the office of the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways and Criminal Investigation Department, respectively, and have thoroughly justified their selection for gazetted rank.

*Inspectors* :—R. Hollingsworth, Ganjam; C. J. Ednoy and K. Raghavachari, Vizagapatam; Abdul Aziz Sahib and T. Janardhana Rao, Gōdāvari; K. Brahmayya (now acting Deputy Superintendent of Police) and K. Venkataramannjam Nayudu, Kistna; J. H. White, Guntūr; H. Hobourn and K. Kotiswara Rao Nayudu, Nellore; W. Hughes and M. Tippanna Rao, Karnool; W. H. Jukes and P. V. Ranga Rao, Bellary; C. Lakshmana Reddi and C. Elayalwar Nayudu, Anantapur; A. Loganatha Mudaliyar and P. Narasimham Mudaliyar, Cuddapah; C. A. Walton and W. Sparkes, Chingleput; S. Abdul Rahim Sahib and T. T. Ranga Achariyar, North Arcot; J. E. Webb and M. C. Tiruvankata Achariyar, South Arcot; K. Viswanatha Pillai and P. S. Jamburamaswami, Tanjore; Rao Sahib K. Rangaswami Ayyangar and T. Raju Pillai, Madurai; Acting Inspector S. Vajravolu Pillai, Ramnath; P. Ramachandra Ayyar and A. Muttayya Mudaliyar, Tinnevely; R. Akhurst and N. S. Manikkam Pillai, Salem; K. S. Karpagayamayakam Pillai (now acting Deputy Superintendent of Police), Trichinopoly; G. Merrit and J. W. Mansfield, Coimbatore; Qadir Husain Sahib, The Nilgiris; E. Govinda Kidaya and N. K. Karuvan, South Malabar; G. W. C. Foster and P. Kunhi Keli Menon, North Malabar; Rao Sahib K. Narayana Rao and M. S. Channad, South Kanara; P. T. Duraiswami (now acting Deputy Superintendent of Police), Railway Police, Madras; P. Srinivasa Ayyangar, Railway Police, Trichinopoly; G. Panduranga Rao and J. Day, Provincial Police Training School; N. Subba Rao and H. East, Central Recruits' School, Vellore; G. R. Glover, Central Recruits' School, Coimbatore; W. Bissett and P. Sivasamba Ayyar, Central Recruits' School, Anantapur; Rao Sahib T. Ramakrishna Ayyangar, Central Recruits' School, Vizianagram; K. Gopalaswami Ayyangar and G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib, Criminal Investigation Department; J. W. M. North, S. H. Lopez and W. A. P. Hankinson, Madras City.

38. During the year Mr. Williams was deputed to examine the conditions of

work in district offices in the Presidency with a view to effect reduction in work. He submitted a very able report containing a number of valuable suggestions which have been put into effect. The Government have commended his work. The Agency division was formed and the charges of the Range Deputy Inspectors-General were re-distributed. The Naik scheme was dropped and the direct recruitment of head constables discontinued. The pay of the constabulary was revised since the close of the year. A number of direct appointments were made to the Inspector's rank. The work of Inspectors showed a slight improvement. The prosecuting staff was strengthened in a number of districts. Labour unrest was responsible for a serious railway accident and a riot. The suppression of gang crime received close attention and a new policy was inaugurated for the reformation of the Kallars. The supervision of criminal settlements was transferred to the Labour Commissioner. Security work continued efficient. The punitive force at Kamudi was retained. The Pushkaram festival in the Gōdāvari district which comes off once in 12 years was celebrated in July and August and was largely attended. A large body of police was drafted from districts for duty during the festival and the police arrangements were excellent. Since the close of the year a similar festival, the Mahamakhm, occurred in the Tanjore

district and passed off very well. The work of the police at both these festivals was most trying and very praiseworthy. There was, as in the preceding year, a conference of police officers presided over by the Hon'ble Member in charge of the police portfolio at which important police questions were discussed.

The other salient features of the year were—

- (1) easier recruitment,
- (2) a fall in departmental and judicial punishments,
- (3) a satisfactory expenditure on rewards and improved co-operation by the public, and
- (4) a decrease in crime.

But for the incidents mentioned in paragraph 17 the public peace was generally well maintained.

Political agitation, labour troubles, depredations by criminal gangs and the celebration of important festivals imposed a heavy strain on the police and exposed them to serious risks, and though occasions causing provocation were frequent all ranks of officers displayed extraordinary self-restraint and acquitted themselves ably and well and deserve to be congratulated.

MADRAS,  
9th June 1921.

P. B. THOMAS,  
Inspector-General of Police.

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APPENDIX A.

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STATEMENTS A TO F.

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STATEMENT A.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1920.

Part I.—Return of cases.

[Paragraphs 25 and 27.]

| Serial number.                                                                | Law.                          | Offence.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Number pending from previous year. | Number reported in the year. | Number in which investigation was refused. | Number remaining for investigation (para. 25 and 27). | Number proved to be false. | Number due to mis- take of law or non-cognizability. | Number pending at end of year. | Convicted. | Discharged or acquitted. | True cases. | Total true cases (para. 25 and 27). | Grand total of true cases (para. 25 and 27). |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1                                                                             | 2                             | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4                                  | 5                            | 6                                          | 7                                                     | 8                          | 9                                                    | 10                             | 11         | 12                       | 13          | 14                                  | 15                                           |
| SECTION OF INDIAN PENAL CODE.                                                 |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                    |                              |                                            |                                                       |                            |                                                      |                                |            |                          |             |                                     |                                              |
| 1                                                                             | 115, 117, 118, 119, 120-B (1) | Abetment of cognizable offence ...<br>... Cognizable criminal conspiracy                                                                                                                                                          | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| CLASS I.—Offences against the State, public tranquillity, safety and justice. |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                    |                              |                                            |                                                       |                            |                                                      |                                |            |                          |             |                                     |                                              |
| 2                                                                             | 131 to 136, 138               | Offences relating to the army and navy ...<br>Offences relating to coin ...<br>Offences relating to seals ...<br>Offences relating to Governmental promissory notes ...<br>Offences relating to currency notes and bank notes ... | 1<br>3<br>3<br>5<br>10             | 12<br>3<br>12<br>26          | ...                                        | 43<br>3<br>17<br>42                                   | 1<br>3<br>17<br>42         | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| 3                                                                             | 231 to 234                    | Harbouring of an offender ...                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7                                  | 17                           | ...                                        | 24                                                    | 24                         | 2                                                    | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| 4                                                                             | 255 to 263-A                  | Other offences against public justice ...                                                                                                                                                                                         | 145                                | 399                          | ...                                        | 566                                                   | 23                         | 25                                                   | 17                             | 234        | 49                       | 17          | 301                                 | 181                                          |
| 5                                                                             | 267 and 471                   | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| 6                                                                             | 483-A to 489-B                | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| 7                                                                             | 212, 218, 219-A               | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| 8                                                                             | 224, 225, 225-B and 226       | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| 9                                                                             | 143 to 153, 157, 158, 159     | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| 10                                                                            | 140, 170, 171                 | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| CLASS II.—Serious offences against the person.                                |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                    |                              |                                            |                                                       |                            |                                                      |                                |            |                          |             |                                     |                                              |
| 11                                                                            | 302, 303, 305                 | Murder ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 270                                | 1,043                        | ...                                        | 1,413                                                 | 21                         | 76                                                   | 375                            | 173        | 315                      | 413         | 906                                 | 911                                          |
| 12                                                                            | 307                           | Attempt at murder ...                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 51                                 | 104                          | ...                                        | 155                                                   | 17                         | 24                                                   | 87                             | 42         | 34                       | 20          | 97                                  | 101                                          |
| 13                                                                            | 304, 308                      | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 101                                | 216                          | ...                                        | 317                                                   | 4                          | 47                                                   | 10                             | 106        | 43                       | 35          | 184                                 | 189                                          |
| 14                                                                            | 376                           | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 14                                 | 46                           | ...                                        | 60                                                    | 7                          | ...                                                  | 17                             | 15         | 13                       | 5           | 33                                  | 42                                           |
| 15                                                                            | 377                           | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| 16                                                                            | 317, 318                      | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |
| 17                                                                            | 305, 306, 309                 | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | ...                                | ...                          | ...                                        | ...                                                   | ...                        | ...                                                  | ...                            | ...        | ...                      | ...         | ...                                 | ...                                          |

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|--------|
| 18                                                                                 | 325, 326, 329, 331, 332, 333          | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 253 | 789   | 43  | 800   | 12  | 134 | 225 | 285 | 141 | 60  | 529   | 324 | 67  | 855    |
| 19                                                                                 | 325                                   | Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.                                                                                                                                                           | 8   | 25    | ... | 83    | 3   | 6   | 8   | 1   | 7   | 8   | 18    | 7   | 1   | 23     |
| 20                                                                                 | 324, 327, 330, 332                    | Hurt ... Attempt ...                                                                                                                                                                                    | 370 | 1,617 | 373 | 1,684 | 54  | 309 | 394 | 202 | 149 | 188 | 922   | 886 | 94  | 1,008  |
| 21                                                                                 | 363 to 369 and 371 to 373             | Kidnapping or abduction, selling, etc., for prostitution and dealing in slaves.                                                                                                                         | 50  | 212   | 5   | 257   | 26  | 62  | 47  | 47  | 27  | 44  | 123   | 48  | 8   | 171    |
| 22                                                                                 | 346 to 348                            | Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion.                                                                                                                               | 11  | 24    | ... | 32    | 2   | 3   | ... | 6   | 9   | 3   | 18    | 17  | 5   | 35     |
| 23                                                                                 | 353, 354, 356, 357                    | Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.                                                                                                         | 153 | 481   | 9   | 625   | 29  | 88  | 171 | 180 | 107 | 31  | 327   | 274 | 113 | 601    |
| 24                                                                                 | 304-A, 338                            | Rack or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.                                                                                                                                                   | 45  | 131   | 1   | 195   | 1   | 46  | 41  | 49  | 24  | 17  | 91    | 5   | 1   | 96     |
| CLASS III.—Serious offences against person and property, or against property only. |                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |       |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |        |
| 25                                                                                 | 395, 397, 398, 399, 402               | Dacoity and preparation and assembly for dacoity.                                                                                                                                                       | 374 | 793   | 38  | 1,129 | 129 | 49  | 520 | 144 | 157 | 407 | 750   | 39  | ... | 788    |
| 26                                                                                 | 392, 393, 394, 397, 398               | Robbery ...                                                                                                                                                                                             | 331 | 1,210 | 85  | 1,456 | 283 | 161 | 269 | 245 | 163 | 303 | 801   | 77  | 16  | 878    |
| 27                                                                                 | 270, 281, 282, 430 to 433, 435 to 440 | Serious mischief and cognate offences                                                                                                                                                                   | 115 | 1,629 | 286 | 1,498 | 90  | 213 | 166 | 40  | 77  | 908 | 1,311 | 287 | 78  | 1,598  |
| 28                                                                                 | 428, 429                              | Mischief by killing, poisoning or maiming any animal.                                                                                                                                                   | 4   | 7     | 2   | 9     | 1   | ... | 2   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 8     | ... | 25  | 327    |
| 29                                                                                 | 443 to 452, 454, 455, 457 to 460      | Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt and house-trespass with a view to commit an offence or having made preparation for hurt. | 6   | 25    | ... | 31    | ... | 11  | 3   | 11  | 5   | 1   | 17    | ... | 78  | 13,815 |
| 30                                                                                 | 311, 403, 404                         | Belonging to gangs of thugs, dacoits, robbers and thieves.                                                                                                                                              | 35  | 799   | 352 | 482   | 9   | 10  | 59  | 41  | 16  | 377 | 786   | 2   | 1   | 788    |
| CLASS IV.—Minor offences against the person.                                       |                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |       |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |        |
| 31                                                                                 | 341 to 344                            | Wrongful restraint and confinement.                                                                                                                                                                     | 53  | 229   | 25  | 257   | 20  | 43  | 66  | 25  | 29  | 18  | 97    | 773 | 71  | 870    |
| 32                                                                                 | 386, 387                              | Rack act causing hurt or endangering life                                                                                                                                                               | 40  | 182   | 7   | 215   | 3   | 38  | 43  | 46  | 10  | 33  | 102   | 35  | 11  | 187    |
| 33                                                                                 | 374                                   | Compulsory labour                                                                                                                                                                                       | ... | ...   | ... | ...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ...   | 1   | ... | 1      |
| CLASS V.—Minor offences against property.                                          |                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |       |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |     |     |        |
| 34                                                                                 | 461 to 464                            | ...                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 93  | 411   | 32  | 472   | 23  | 81  | 109 | 71  | 45  | 51  | 199   | 809 | 82  | 1,008  |

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STATEMENT A--continued.  
RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1920--continued.

### Part I.—Return of cases.—concluded.

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\* These cases are not all strictly cognizable under section 4 (f) of the Criminal Procedure Code, but include those in which police officers above the rank of constable have power to arrest of their own motion.

† These cases are not all coverable under section 4 (f) of the Criminal Procedure Code, but they are shown in this statement for the sake of convenience.

2 The variation from the corresponding figure for the year 1910 is due to the alterations noted and explained in the district returns for 1920.

STATEMENT A—continued.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1920--continued.

PART II.—Return of persons concerned in cases.

| Serial number. | Law. | Offence. | Persons in custody pending trial or investigation on or on ball at end of year. | Number of persons evading arrest at close of year. | Number in custody pending trial or investigation on or on ball at end of year. | Number arrested. | Number convicted. | Number acquitted or discharged. | Number of persons tried. | Number convicted. | Number acquitted or discharged. | Number of persons evading arrest at close of year. | Number in custody pending trial or investigation on or on ball at end of year. | Number arrested. | Number convicted. | Number acquitted or discharged. | Number of persons tried. | Number convicted. | Number acquitted or discharged. | Number of persons evading arrest at close of year. | Number in custody pending trial or investigation on or on ball at end of year. | Number arrested. | Number convicted. | Number acquitted or discharged. | Number of persons evading arrest at close of year. | Number in custody pending trial or 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**STATEMENT A—concluded.**  
**RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1920—concluded.**  
**PART II.—Return of persons concerned in cases—concluded.**

| Serial number.                                                                            | Law                                    | (Offence) | Persons in custody pending trial or investigation on full Criminal Procedure Code, at beginning of year as reported to, or in cases taken up by the Police. | Arrested by the Police during the year. | Released under Section 109, Criminal Procedure Code. | Received by Magistrate (order before trial). | Number of persons tried. | Number convicted. | Number acquitted or discharged. | Number of persons evading arrest at close of year. | Number in custody pending trial or investigation on full at end of year. | Number arrested. | Number convicted. | Number acquitted or discharged. |
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| 1                                                                                         | 2                                      | 3         | 4                                                                                                                                                           | 5                                       | 6                                                    | 7                                            | 8                        | 9                 | 10                              | 11                                                 | 12                                                                       | 13               | 14                | 15                              |
| <b>CLASS II.—Serious offences against the person—cont.</b>                                |                                        |           |                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |                                                      |                                              |                          |                   |                                 |                                                    |                                                                          |                  |                   |                                 |
| 19                                                                                        | 328                                    | ...       | ...                                                                                                                                                         | 10                                      | ...                                                  | ...                                          | 13                       | 3                 | 10                              | ...                                                | 3                                                                        | ...              | 1                 | 43                              |
| 20                                                                                        | 324, 325, 330, 332                     | ...       | 130                                                                                                                                                         | 10, 65                                  | 1, 8                                                 | 25                                           | 117, 3                   | 40                | 60                              | 10                                                 | 110                                                                      | 201              | 190               | 1,312                           |
| 21                                                                                        | 333 to 339 and 371 to 373              | ...       | 23                                                                                                                                                          | 1, 2                                    | ...                                                  | 8                                            | 1, 3                     | 62                | 61                              | 11                                                 | 53                                                                       | 39               | 8                 | 253                             |
| 22                                                                                        | 345 to 348                             | ...       | 8                                                                                                                                                           | ...                                     | ...                                                  | 1                                            | ...                      | ...               | ...                             | ...                                                | ...                                                                      | ...              | ...               | ...                             |
| 23                                                                                        | 353, 354, 356, 357                     | ...       | 40                                                                                                                                                          | 3, 7                                    | ...                                                  | ...                                          | 411                      | 357               | 434                             | 7                                                  | 53                                                                       | 57               | 180               | 377                             |
| 24                                                                                        | 364-A, 374                             | ...       | 10                                                                                                                                                          | 6                                       | ...                                                  | ...                                          | 123                      | 60                | 57                              | 1                                                  | 8                                                                        | 3                | 2                 | 8                               |
|                                                                                           | Total                                  |           | 908                                                                                                                                                         | 1, 542                                  | 354                                                  | 180                                          | 6, 738                   | 5, 333            | 3, 153                          | 204                                                | 771                                                                      | 543              | 546               | 2, 550                          |
| <b>CLASS III.—Serious offences against person and property, or against property only.</b> |                                        |           |                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |                                                      |                                              |                          |                   |                                 |                                                    |                                                                          |                  |                   |                                 |
| 25                                                                                        | 355, 357, 358, 359, 402                | ...       | 82                                                                                                                                                          | 1, 408                                  | 70                                                   | 121                                          | 1, 811                   | 555               | 1, 157                          | 94                                                 | 445                                                                      | 83               | ...               | 550                             |
| 26                                                                                        | 363, 364, 367, 368, 369, 370           | ...       | 130                                                                                                                                                         | 87                                      | 51                                                   | 44                                           | 540                      | 435               | 410                             | 34                                                 | 113                                                                      | 47               | 41                | 306                             |
| 27                                                                                        | 370, 381, 382, 439 to 438, 436 to 440. | ...       | 28                                                                                                                                                          | 219                                     | ...                                                  | ...                                          | 2, 0                     | 51                | 191                             | ...                                                | 106                                                                      | 45               | 205               | 974                             |
| 28                                                                                        | 429, 420                               | ...       | 27                                                                                                                                                          | 108                                     | ...                                                  | ...                                          | 3                        | 1                 | 2                               | ...                                                | 6                                                                        | 14               | 38                | 282                             |
| 29                                                                                        | 449 to 452, 454, 455, 457 to 460.      | ...       | 772                                                                                                                                                         | 5, 638                                  | 150                                                  | 170                                          | 3, 101                   | 3, 066            | 2, 165                          | 147                                                | 435                                                                      | 96               | 116               | 644                             |
| 30                                                                                        | 361, 400, 401                          | ...       | 13                                                                                                                                                          | 71                                      | 3                                                    | ...                                          | 72                       | 51                | 21                              | 1                                                  | 1                                                                        | ...              | 2                 | 1                               |
|                                                                                           | Total                                  |           | 25                                                                                                                                                          | 34                                      | ...                                                  | ...                                          | 47                       | 14                | 30                              | 2                                                  | 9                                                                        | ...              | ...               | ...                             |
|                                                                                           |                                        |           | 1, 864                                                                                                                                                      | 5, 474                                  | 317                                                  | 356                                          | 9, 477                   | 5, 359            | 4, 118                          | 288                                                | 1, 118                                                                   | 285              | 402               | 2, 749                          |

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| 31                                                  | 341 to 344                                                                                                                               | ... | 7      | 152     | ...    | ... | 253      | 75       | 178     | 2      | 29     | 113    | 159     | 2, 085  |
| 32                                                  | 336, 337                                                                                                                                 | ... | 17     | 75      | ...    | ... | 124      | 50       | 74      | 2      | 11     | 1      | 16      | 62      |
| 33                                                  | 374                                                                                                                                      | ... | ...    | ...     | ...    | ... | ...      | ...      | ...     | ...    | ...    | ...    | ...     | 1       |
|                                                     | Total                                                                                                                                    |     | 24     | 227     | 21     | 1   | 377      | 125      | 252     | 4      | 40     | 114    | 175     | 2, 148  |
| <b>CLASS IV.—Minor offences against the person.</b> |                                                                                                                                          |     |        |         |        |     |          |          |         |        |        |        |         |         |
| 34                                                  | 379 to 382                                                                                                                               | ... | 455    | 3, 836  | 103    | 52  | 4, 850   | 2, 368   | 1, 452  | 92     | 245    | 45     | 40      | 238     |
| 35                                                  | 406 to 409                                                                                                                               | ... | 962    | 10, 214 | 868    | 198 | 12, 188  | 7, 731   | 4, 597  | 256    | 662    | 1, 141 | 1, 580  | 9, 532  |
| 36                                                  | 411 to 414                                                                                                                               | ... | 8      | 91      | ...    | ... | 84       | 61       | 33      | 1      | 19     | ...    | 183     | 1, 336  |
| 37                                                  | 418, 420                                                                                                                                 | ... | 53     | 578     | 20     | 10  | 651      | 463      | 188     | 164    | 42     | 170    | 15      | 23      |
| 38                                                  | 447, 448, 453 and 456.                                                                                                                   | ... | 35     | 533     | 22     | 7   | 718      | 495      | 223     | 43     | 45     | 34     | 38      | 306     |
| 39                                                  | 461, 462                                                                                                                                 | ... | 27     | 271     | ...    | ... | 16       | 10       | 6       | 1      | 12     | 403    | 753     | 5, 246  |
|                                                     | Total                                                                                                                                    |     | 1, 605 | 15, 856 | 548    | 282 | 18, 828  | 12, 123  | 6, 039  | 566    | 1, 044 | 1, 800 | 2, 616  | 13, 632 |
| <b>CLASS V.—Minor offences against property.</b>    |                                                                                                                                          |     |        |         |        |     |          |          |         |        |        |        |         |         |
| 40                                                  | 295 to 297                                                                                                                               | ... | 1      | 60      | ...    | ... | 70       | 8        | 62      | ...    | 16     | 10     | 14      | 85      |
| 41                                                  | 269, 277, 279, 280, 283, 285, 286, 288, 291 to 294 and nuisances punishable under Acts III of 1888 and III of 1889 and other local laws. | ... | 2, 503 | 51, 712 | 33     | ... | 80, 579  | 87, 433  | 3, 146  | 9      | 1, 508 | 1, 251 | 4, 959  | 396     |
| 42                                                  | Offences under special and local laws declared to be cognizable                                                                          | ... | 659    | 11, 115 | 58     | 41  | 13, 085  | 12, 174  | 1, 511  | 35     | 1, 022 | 575    | 1, 76   | 360     |
| 43                                                  | Offences under the Criminal Tribes Act III of 1911                                                                                       | ... | 9      | 1, 646  | 6      | 29  | 3, 907   | 2, 712   | 295     | 561    | 57     | 1      | 1       | 4       |
|                                                     | Grand Total                                                                                                                              |     | 8, 715 | 96, 312 | 1, 496 | 927 | 146, 754 | 124, 160 | 22, 594 | 1, 762 | 6, 639 | 5, 079 | 11, 346 | 28, 208 |

\* The variation from the corresponding figures for the year 1919 is due to the alterations noted and explained in the district returns for 1920.

| Serial number. | Law.                                                                         | Offence.                                                                                                                 | Number pending at beginning of year. | Cases reported in the year. | Total for disposal (columns 4 and 5). | Number dismissed without trial. | Cases in which accused died (executed or became insane during trial), or in which charges were abandoned (sections 247, 248, 250, 253, and 391, Cr.P.C.). | Discharge or acquittal. | Number of cases tried to a conclusion and ending in conviction. | Kind or pending at close of year. | Number declared by the court never to have occurred, or to be mistaken of law or fact. | Number in which the court held that a cognizable offence was committed. | Cases reversed on appeal or revision. |
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| 1              | 2                                                                            | 3                                                                                                                        | 4                                    | 5                           | 6                                     | 7                               | 8                                                                                                                                                         | 9                       | 10                                                              | 11                                | 12                                                                                     | 13                                                                      | 14                                    |
| 1              | SECTIONS OF INDIAN PENAL CODE.<br>115, 117, 118, 119<br>120-B (1), 120-C (2) | Abetment of non-cognizable offence,<br>Non-cognizable criminal conspiracy.                                               | ..                                   | ..                          | ..                                    | ..                              | ..                                                                                                                                                        | ..                      | ..                                                              | ..                                | ..                                                                                     | ..                                                                      | ..                                    |
| 2              | Class I.—Offences against the State, public duty, etc.<br>121 to 130, 505    | Offences against the State                                                                                               | ..                                   | ..                          | ..                                    | ..                              | ..                                                                                                                                                        | ..                      | ..                                                              | ..                                | ..                                                                                     | ..                                                                      | ..                                    |
| 3              | 137                                                                          | Harbouring deserters by master of ship.                                                                                  | ..                                   | ..                          | ..                                    | ..                              | ..                                                                                                                                                        | ..                      | ..                                                              | ..                                | ..                                                                                     | ..                                                                      | ..                                    |
| 4              | 172 to 180, 201 to 204, 213 to 215, 225-A, 227 to 229.                       | Offences against public justice                                                                                          | 99                                   | 1,337                       | 1,677                                 | 26                              | 158                                                                                                                                                       | 254                     | 1,122                                                           | 117                               | 5                                                                                      | ..                                                                      | 6                                     |
| 5              | 161 to 173, 217 to 223                                                       | Offences by public servants                                                                                              | 27                                   | 12                          | 108                                   | 10                              | 4                                                                                                                                                         | 30                      | 45                                                              | 20                                | 1                                                                                      | 1                                                                       | 3                                     |
| 6              | 183 to 200, 205 to 211, 421 to 424.                                          | Fake evidence, false complaints and claims, and from injurious deeds, and disposition of property                        | 107                                  | 416                         | 522                                   | 58                              | 35                                                                                                                                                        | 208                     | 124                                                             | 100                               | 2                                                                                      | ..                                                                      | ..                                    |
| 7              | 405 to 477-A                                                                 | Attempts<br>Forgery or fraudulently using of coin or currency notes Government promissory notes and falsifying accounts. | 31                                   | 100                         | 177                                   | ..                              | 12                                                                                                                                                        | 83                      | 22                                                              | 14                                | 8                                                                                      | ..                                                                      | ..                                    |
| 8              | 204 to 207                                                                   | Offences relating to weights and measures.                                                                               | ..                                   | 2,60                        | 253                                   | 2                               | 4                                                                                                                                                         | 24                      | 201                                                             | 2                                 | ..                                                                                     | ..                                                                      | 1                                     |
| 9              | 482 to 489                                                                   | Making or using false trade marks.                                                                                       | ..                                   | 6                           | 3                                     | 3                               | ..                                                                                                                                                        | 2                       | 1                                                               | ..                                | ..                                                                                     | ..                                                                      | ..                                    |
| 10             | 149, 182-A to 124, 186                                                       | Rioting, unlawful assembly, affray.                                                                                      | 1                                    | 159                         | 176                                   | 5                               | 2                                                                                                                                                         | 28                      | 135                                                             | ..                                | ..                                                                                     | ..                                                                      | 1                                     |
|                |                                                                              | Total ..                                                                                                                 | 259                                  | 5,033                       | 2,895                                 | 160                             | 215                                                                                                                                                       | 627                     | 1,650                                                           | 233                               | 16                                                                                     | 1                                                                       | 17                                    |

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## STATEMENT B—continued.

## RETURN OF NON-COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1920—continued.

## PART I.—Return of cases—concluded.

| Serial number.                                                          | Law.                                 | Offense.                                      | Number pending at beginning of year. | Cases reported in the year. | Total for disposal (columns 4 and 5). | Number disposed without trial. | Cases in which accused charged or brought before court, or in which charges were abandoned. | Discharge or acquittal. | Number of cases tried to a conclusion and ending in: | Number pending at close of year. | Number declared by the court never to have taken effect. | Number in which the court held that a cognizable offense was committed. | Cases reversed on appeal or on revision. |
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| 1                                                                       | 2                                    | 3                                             | 4                                    | 5                           | 6                                     | 7                              | 8                                                                                           | 9                       | 10                                                   | 11                               | 12                                                       | 13                                                                      | 14                                       |
| CLASS VI.—Other offenses and special cases—cont.                        |                                      |                                               |                                      |                             |                                       |                                |                                                                                             |                         |                                                      |                                  |                                                          |                                                                         |                                          |
| 25                                                                      | 504, 340 to 346                      | Intimidator inside and outside.               | 85                                   | 7,200                       | 7,285                                 | 1,903                          | 3,372                                                                                       | 1,452                   | 537                                                  | 124                              | 28                                                       | 2                                                                       | 11                                       |
| 26                                                                      | 271 to 276, 278, 281, 287, 288, 290. | Public and local nuisances.                   | 15                                   | 3,455                       | 3,373                                 | 36                             | 19                                                                                          | 194                     | 3,023                                                | 81                               | 4                                                        | 1                                                                       | 2                                        |
| 27                                                                      | 284 A                                | Keeping a lottery office.                     | ...                                  | 1                           | 1                                     | 1                              | ...                                                                                         | ...                     | ...                                                  | ...                              | ...                                                      | ...                                                                     | ...                                      |
| 28                                                                      | 285                                  | Security for keeping the peace on conviction. | ...                                  | ...                         | ...                                   | ...                            | ...                                                                                         | ...                     | ...                                                  | ...                              | ...                                                      | ...                                                                     | ...                                      |
| 29                                                                      | 286                                  | Public nuisances.                             | ...                                  | ...                         | ...                                   | ...                            | ...                                                                                         | ...                     | ...                                                  | ...                              | ...                                                      | ...                                                                     | ...                                      |
| 30                                                                      | Cases under Chapter XII, Cr.P.C.     | Disputes as to immovable property.            | 4                                    | 24                          | 28                                    | 3                              | ...                                                                                         | 7                       | 15                                                   | 3                                | ...                                                      | ...                                                                     | ...                                      |
| 31                                                                      | Cases under Chapter XXXVI, Cr.P.C.   | Maintenance of wives and children.            | 19                                   | 732                         | 750                                   | 17                             | 175                                                                                         | 407                     | 134                                                  | 14                               | 1                                                        | ...                                                                     | ...                                      |
| Total                                                                   |                                      |                                               | 187                                  | 12,746                      | 12,933                                | 2,418                          | 4,020                                                                                       | 2,194                   | 3,833                                                | 228                              | 45                                                       | 3                                                                       | 18                                       |
| Offenses under other special or local laws not cognizable by the Police |                                      |                                               | 6,337                                | 72,507                      | 78,844                                | 2,373                          | 20,851                                                                                      | 3,705                   | 48,511                                               | 9,404                            | 26                                                       | 8                                                                       | 29                                       |
| Grand Total                                                             |                                      |                                               | 7,444                                | 131,853                     | 139,807                               | 14,808                         | 46,743                                                                                      | 16,093                  | 52,319                                               | 7,746                            | 295                                                      | 40                                                                      | 173                                      |

\* The number of persons ordered during the year to give security is shown in column 11 against this serial in Part II.

† The variation from the corresponding figure for the year 1919 is due to the alterations noted and explained in the district returns for 1920.

## STATEMENT B—continued.

## RETURN OF NON-COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1920—continued.

## PART II.—Return of persons concerned in cases.

| Serial number.                                                 | Law.                                                   | Offence.                                                                                                                 | Persons concerned in cases pending at beginning of the year, under trial or against whom process had issued. | (On complaint. | On Magistrate's own motion or information from the Police. | Persons not arrested because they absconded or failed to comply with summons during the year, and persons outstanding at end of the year. | Persons who appeared before the courts. | Persons discharged after appearance, without trial. | Persons tried. | Percentage of number convicted to number against whom process issued (columns 6 and 7). | Persons under trial at close of the year. | Number of those in column 11 convicted of cognizable offenses. | Persons who died escaped, or were transferred before appearance. |        |        |
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| 1                                                              | 2                                                      | 3                                                                                                                        | 4                                                                                                            | 5              | 6                                                          | 7                                                                                                                                         | 8                                       | 9                                                   | 10             | 11                                                                                      | 12                                        | 13                                                             | 14 (a)                                                           | 14 (b) | 14 (c) |
| SECTIONS OF INDIAN PENAL CODE.                                 |                                                        |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                              |                |                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |                                         |                                                     |                |                                                                                         |                                           |                                                                |                                                                  |        |        |
| 1                                                              | 111, 117, 119, 119                                     | Abetment of non-cognizable offence.                                                                                      | ...                                                                                                          | ...            | ...                                                        | ...                                                                                                                                       | ...                                     | ...                                                 | ...            | ...                                                                                     | ...                                       | ...                                                            | ...                                                              | ...    | ...    |
| 2                                                              | 120 B (1), 120 B (2)                                   | Non-cognizable criminal conspiracy.                                                                                      | ...                                                                                                          | ...            | ...                                                        | ...                                                                                                                                       | ...                                     | ...                                                 | ...            | ...                                                                                     | ...                                       | ...                                                            | ...                                                              | ...    | ...    |
| CLASS I.—Offences against the State, public tranquillity, etc. |                                                        |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                              |                |                                                            |                                                                                                                                           |                                         |                                                     |                |                                                                                         |                                           |                                                                |                                                                  |        |        |
| 3                                                              | 121 to 130, 505                                        | Offences against the State                                                                                               | ...                                                                                                          | ...            | ...                                                        | ...                                                                                                                                       | ...                                     | ...                                                 | ...            | ...                                                                                     | ...                                       | ...                                                            | ...                                                              | ...    | ...    |
| 4                                                              | 129 to 130, 201 to 204, 213 to 216, 226 A, 227 to 228. | Harbouring deserters by master of ship.                                                                                  | 54                                                                                                           | 1,840          | 66                                                         | 6                                                                                                                                         | 1,954                                   | 13                                                  | 382            | 1,395                                                                                   | 72.7                                      | 35                                                             | 139                                                              | ...    | ...    |
| 5                                                              | 161 to 169, 217 to 223                                 | Offences against public justice.                                                                                         | 8                                                                                                            | 98             | 31                                                         | ...                                                                                                                                       | 137                                     | ...                                                 | 62             | 68                                                                                      | 52.8                                      | 5                                                              | 2                                                                | ...    | ...    |
| 6                                                              | 198 to 200, 208 to 211, 421 to 424.                    | Offences by public servants.                                                                                             | 44                                                                                                           | 484            | 63                                                         | 3                                                                                                                                         | 588                                     | 13                                                  | 844            | 165                                                                                     | 30.2                                      | 37                                                             | 24                                                               | ...    | ...    |
| 7                                                              | 468 to 477 A                                           | False evidence, false complaints and claims, and disposition of deeds, and disposition of property.                      | ...                                                                                                          | 216            | 18                                                         | ...                                                                                                                                       | 272                                     | 6                                                   | ...            | 33                                                                                      | 14.1                                      | 8                                                              | 12                                                               | ...    | 1      |
| 8                                                              | 264 to 267                                             | Attempt to procure or fraudulently using forged documents not being Government promissory notes and falsifying accounts. | 2                                                                                                            | 220            | 18                                                         | ...                                                                                                                                       | 240                                     | ...                                                 | 26             | 208                                                                                     | 87.4                                      | ...                                                            | 4                                                                | ...    | ...    |
| 9                                                              | 482 to 485                                             | Offences relating to weights and measures.                                                                               | ...                                                                                                          | 10             | 42                                                         | ...                                                                                                                                       | 10                                      | ...                                                 | 9              | 1                                                                                       | 10.0                                      | ...                                                            | ...                                                              | ...    | ...    |
| 10                                                             | 149, 153 A to 166, 160                                 | Making or using false trade-marks, Rioting, unlawful assembly, affray.                                                   | ...                                                                                                          | 597            | 42                                                         | 1                                                                                                                                         | 688                                     | ...                                                 | 197            | 431                                                                                     | 67.4                                      | ...                                                            | 10                                                               | ...    | ...    |
| Total                                                          |                                                        |                                                                                                                          | 147                                                                                                          | 2,466          | 238                                                        | 10                                                                                                                                        | 3,834                                   | 32                                                  | 1,233          | 2,201                                                                                   | 61.9                                      | 87                                                             | 101                                                              | ...    | 7      |

## STATEMENT B—concluded.

## RETURN OF NON-COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1920—concluded.

## PART II.—Return of persons concerned in cases—concluded.

| Serial number. | Law. | Offence. | Persons concerned in cases pending at beginning of the year, namely, under trial or against whom process had issued. | Persons against whom process issued. | (On complaint. | (On motion or information from the Police. | Persons not arrested because they absconded or evaded or the year, and persons during the year, and persons outstanding at end of the year. | Persons who appeared before the court. | Persons discharged after appearance without trial. | Acquitted or dismissed. | Percentage of number convicted to number against whom process issued (columns 8 and 9). | Persons under trial at close of the year. | Number concerned in cases who died, escaped or who were abandoned, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, committed or who died, 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## CLASS III.—Serious offences against property.

## CLASS IV.—Minor offences against the person.

## CLASS V.—Minor offences against property.

## CLASS VI.—Other offences not specified above.

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|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-----|-----|
| 18          | 417, 418                                                                 | Cheating                                      | 10    | 348     | ...    | ...   | 358     | 19     | 272    | 44     | 126   | 18    | 10     | ... | ... |
| 19          | 408 to 409                                                               | Criminal misappropriation of property.        | 5     | 288     | 9      | ...   | 288     | 1      | 208    | 56     | 198   | 12    | 12     | ... | ... |
| 20          | 426, 427, 434                                                            | Mischief (simple)                             | 72    | 8,381   | 2      | 24    | 8,441   | 812    | 2,901  | 680    | 81    | 86    | 3,982  | ... | ... |
| Total       |                                                                          |                                               | 87    | 9,008   | 11     | 24    | 9,082   | 882    | 8,876  | 779    | 86    | 111   | 9,984  | ... | ... |
| 21          | 293                                                                      | Offences against religion                     | ...   | 22      | ...    | ...   | 22      | ...    | 1      | 12     | 545   | ...   | 9      | ... | ... |
| 22          | 430 to 432                                                               | Criminal breach of contract of service.       | ...   | 29      | ...    | ...   | 29      | ...    | 4      | 2      | 69    | ...   | 23     | ... | ... |
| 23          | 403 to 408                                                               | Offences relating to marriage                 | 17    | 1,603   | 5      | 4     | 1,620   | 158    | 821    | 68     | 42    | 25    | 548    | ... | 1   |
| 24          | 500 to 502                                                               | Defamation                                    | 23    | 538     | 2      | 3     | 548     | 58     | 222    | 23     | 44    | 31    | 217    | ... | ... |
| 25          | 504, 506 to 510                                                          | Intimidation, insult and annoyance.           | 93    | 10,707  | 4      | 97    | 10,704  | 1,876  | 2,979  | 822    | 77    | 171   | 4,856  | ... | 3   |
| 26          | 271 to 276, 278, 284, 287, 288, 290.                                     | Public and local nuisances                    | 11    | 1,320   | 87     | 5     | 4,410   | 17     | 408    | 3,898  | 885   | 30    | 61     | ... | 3   |
| 27          | 294 A                                                                    | Keeping a lottery office                      | ...   | ...     | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...    | ...    | ...    | ...   | ...   | ...    | ... | ... |
| 28          | Cases under Chapter VIII (A), Cr.P.C.                                    | Security for keeping the peace on conviction. | ...   | ...     | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...    | ...    | 172    | ...   | ...   | ...    | ... | ... |
| 29          | Cases under Chapter X, Cr.P.C.                                           | Public nuisances                              | ...   | ...     | ...    | ...   | ...     | ...    | ...    | ...    | ...   | ...   | ...    | ... | ... |
| 30          | Cases under Chapter XII, Cr.P.C.                                         | Disputes as to immovable property.            | 23    | 100     | 3      | ...   | 186     | ...    | 47     | 63     | 480   | 11    | ...    | ... | ... |
| 31          | Cases under Chapter XXXVI, Cr.P.C.                                       | Maintenance of wives and children.            | 19    | 720     | ...    | 8     | 731     | 110    | 408    | 134    | 186   | 6     | 78     | ... | ... |
| Total       |                                                                          |                                               | 186   | 18,027  | 101    | 117   | 18,180  | 2,216  | 4,855  | 5,200  | * 277 | 274   | 5,787  | ... | 7   |
| 32          | Offences under other special or local laws not cognizable by the Police. |                                               | 2,448 | 73,050  | 14,840 | 4,088 | 85,848  | 2,840  | 6,256  | 55,286 | 628   | 2,068 | 19,462 | 8   | 946 |
| Grand Total |                                                                          |                                               | 3,589 | 176,869 | 15,238 | 4,451 | 190,305 | 15,553 | 36,234 | 68,076 | * 353 | 3,481 | 67,103 | 22  | 940 |

\* In calculating this percentage, the number shown in column 11 against serial No. 28 has been left out of account.

*Property stolen and recovered.*

Recoveries made during the year of property lost in cases of previous years, Rs. 14,119.

## STATEMENT D.

Showing unimpaired strength and cost of Police for 1920.

Paragraphs 2 and 7.]

\* The strength proposed for the Districts as re-constituted on the formation of the Agency district has been adopted.

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# STATEMENT E.

[Paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5.]

| District. | Total strength. |      |           |      | Armament of the force. |                      |                       |                      | Punishments.          |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      | Rewards.              |                      | Education.            |                      | Number of constables. |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      | Number who have left the force during the year. |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      | Percentage on total strength of |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |    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|           | Sanctioned.     |      |           |      | Actual.                |                      |                       |                      | Dismissed.            |                      |                       |                      | Published report.     |                      |                       |                      | By promotion.         |                      | Number of constables. |                      | Number of constables. |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      | Number who have left the force during the year. |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      | Percentage on total strength of |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |                       |                      |              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**NOTE.**—This statement does not include Assistant or Deputy Superintendents or officers of higher rank. Head constables are shown as men.



Return showing the religion or caste of officers and men employed in the Police for the year 1920—concluded.

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# ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE MADRAS CITY POLICE FOR THE YEAR 1920.

M.R. Ry. N. H. Jagadisa Ayyar Avargal continued as the Additional Assistant Commissioner, Southern Range, for the whole year.

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|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
| Addition to the Government House Guard             | ... | ... | ... | +3 Constables.       |
| Addition to the Harbour Police                     | ... | ... | ... | +10 Head constables. |
| Temporary additional Sub-Inspectors made permanent | ... | ... | ... | +6 Sub-Inspectors.   |
| Reduction of the strength of Harbour Police        | ... | ... | ... | -8 Constables.       |
| Net increase                                       | ... | ... | ... | 11.                  |

(b) *Sub-Inspectors.*—There were no vacancies among European or Indian Sub-Inspectors at the end of the year.

4. The health of the force considerably improved during the year, the daily average of men absent from duty on account of sickness being 27.3 as against 40.0 in the previous year. Sixteen men died.

6. The total cost of the force was Rs. 8,72,215 as against Rs. 7,16,518 in 1919, the increase being mainly due to the grant of temporary addition to pay to non-gazetted officers of all ranks, duty allowance to all Sergeants who are British ex-soldiers of European domicile and to the purchase of a motor lorry.

7. The following are the statistics of departmental punishments awarded during the year :—

| Conduct.                                                          | 1919.      | 1920.      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| For all offences including absence without leave—                 |            |            |
| Number punished with blackmarks only                              | 523        | 534        |
| Number fined                                                      | 22         | 80         |
| Number suspended                                                  | 52         | 50         |
| Number reduced                                                    | 117        | 95         |
| Number dismissed                                                  | 28         | 19         |
|                                                                   | <u>742</u> | <u>778</u> |
| Percentage punished                                               | 48.1       | 48.0       |
| Percentage punished for offences other than absence without leave | 42.0       | 34.6       |

Two of the dismissals were under the blackmark rules, 2 on account of drunkenness and disorderly conduct and the remaining 15 for other serious offences.

The percentage of punishments in the City continues to be high and this is probably due to the close supervision exercised by the checking officers.

The following are the statistics of deferred punishments :—

|                                                                       |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| (1) Awarded in 1919 in which final orders had not been passed in 1919 | 60  |
| (2) Awarded in 1920                                                   | 350 |
| (3) Number confirmed                                                  | 112 |
| (4) Number remitted                                                   | 280 |
| (5) Number pending at the end of the year                             | 68  |

It is satisfactory to note that only three men were judicially punished during the year as against 15 in the previous year, one for desertion and the two others for assault.

8. M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. Parankusam Nayudu (Gara) was conferred the distinction of I.S.O. for his meritorious services. The King's Police Medal was awarded in the New Year's Honours of 1921 to Inspector Mr. North for his conspicuous devotion to duty and to Inspector (now Deputy Superintendent) Mr. Kalimulla Sahib Chida Bahadur, head constable Govindanajulu Nayudu and constables Natesa Mudali and Maraga Pillai for valuable services in the grain riots of 1918.

Three hundred and forty-eight officers and men of the City Police were granted rewards amounting to Rs. 3,254, the corresponding figures for 1919 being 535 and Rs. 4,140 respectively. Rewards to the value of Rs. 1,012 were granted to private individuals as against Rs. 779 in the previous year. In addition to the above a sum of Rs. 1,864 was granted to 139 officers and men of the City Police for good work done during the kidnapping scare and two private individuals were presented with silver watches valued at Rs. 100 for their valuable assistance to the Police during that time.

9. At the end of 1919, there were 24 Sub-Inspectors on probation of whom five were confirmed, three resigned and the probation of one was terminated. Three Sub-Inspectors were sent to Vellore School for training during the year. There were in all 18 Sub-Inspectors on probation at the end of the year.

10. Sergeant G. H. Powell is still holding commission in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers, Sub-Inspector C. C. Swayne having been reverted towards the end of the year.

11. During the year the armed reserve sanctioned for one year was confirmed and it was recruited up to strength.

12. Two hundred and seventy-seven inquests were held during the year as against 227 in 1919. No prosecution was instituted for culpable negligence contributing to accidental deaths from drowning.

13. There were 42 cases of accidental fire involving a loss of property valued at about Rs. 22,000. The damage to a wooden car of a temple in Georgetown which was burnt down accidentally, accounts for Rs. 20,000.

14. Three hundred and ninety-three stray children were restored to their parents or guardians and 652 injured and helpless persons were taken to hospitals or other institutions.

15. Ninety-four lunatics were sent to the Asylum at Madras as against 58 in the previous year.

16. The number of stray dogs destroyed in the lethal chambers 8,192 as compared with 10,825 in 1919.

17. The annexed statement gives the statistics of crime for the past three years.

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