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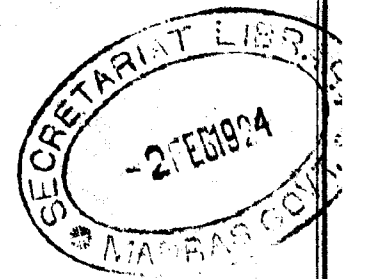
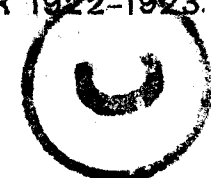
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FOR THE YEAR 1922-1923.



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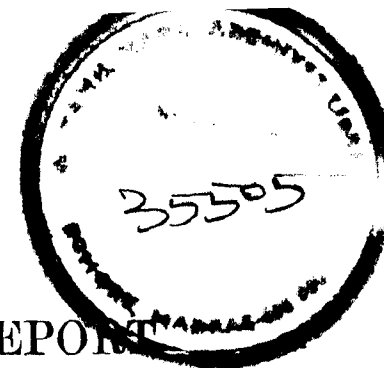
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CHAPTER I.

COUNTRY SPIRITS.

The total revenue derived from country spirits during the year amounted to Rs. 2,10,91,119 (2,12,57,088), there being an increase of Rs. 2,55,719 under duty and a decrease of Rs. 4,21,688 under rentals. The increase under duty is due to the enhancement in the rates of excise duty in six districts, while the fall under rentals is largely the result of the feeling of insecurity amongst the renters who were unable to gauge the extent to which the non-co-operation movement would affect their trade.

2. The arrack supply contracts for the several districts, which expired on the 31st March 1922, were renewed for a period of one year. There were no changes in the existing areas for the contract supply of arrack except in the case of Karur taluk of the Trichinopoly district. This taluk in previous years has been supplied by the Coimbatore distiller. There were frequent complaints of inadequate supplies to the depots not only of this taluk but of the whole Coimbatore district. It was therefore decided to transfer the contract supply of the Karur taluk to Messrs. Parry & Co. who were supplying the remaining taluks of the Trichinopoly district.

3. The excise duty on country spirits was raised during the year from Rs. 6-14-0 to Rs. 8-7-0 per proof gallon in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts, from Rs. 8-7-0 to Rs. 10-10-0 per proof gallon in the Godavari, Kistna, Guntur and Nellore districts and from Rs. 3-7-0 to Rs. 5-0-0 per proof gallon in the Munagala and Lingagiri zamindaris of the Kistna district. Elsewhere there was no change.

4. In the excise tracts of the Presidency, the number of wholesale depots opened was 391 (392). The number of shops licensed for the retail vend of country spirits was 5,917 (5,874). The slight increase was due to the reopening of the shops closed last year owing to the non-co-operation and pseudo-temperance propaganda. There was on an average one shop for every 12,213 (12,310) persons in municipal areas and for every 6,716 (6,764) persons in areas outside municipalities.

5. The consumption of country spirit fell from 1,644,417 to 1,575,439 proof gallons. This decrease occurred in 15 districts and was the net result of an increase of 25,353 gallons in the first half-year and a decrease of 94,331 gallons in the second half-year. During the latter half of 1921-22 many toddy shops could not be worked owing to the activities of non-co-operators and the custom of these shops was diverted to arrack shops. The figures of licit consumption of arrack were therefore abnormally inflated during that period. With the restoration of more normal conditions, the toddy shops obtained an adequate supply of toddy and satisfied the requirements of their customers who

were no longer compelled to resort to arrack shops for their liquor. The licit consumption of arrack during the latter half of 1922-23 was thus proportionately reduced. Apart from this general reason, the unfavourable character of the season, the decline in the tanning industry and the enhancement in the rates of duty contributed to the decrease in particular districts. In Madura the decrease was also due to the picketing of shops by non-co-operators in the earlier part of the lease.

The average incidence of consumption per hundred of population throughout the Presidency fell from 4.00 to 3.83 proof gallons.

6. The systems of supply of liquor in the Agency division remained unaltered. One hundred and thirty-two villages of the Gudem taluk, which were formerly included in the Narasapatnam Range of the Polavaram Circle, were constituted into a separate range called Gudem and attached to the Godavari Agency Circle. The duty on mahua arrack was raised during the year from four to six annas per gallon of 60° under-proof in the Bhadrachalam and Nugur taluks of the Godavari Agency Circle. Eighty-five (86) combined shops and stills in the Ghats and Savara Agency were sold for Rs. 1,78,240 (1,83,035). Twenty-four (32) shops were sold for Rs. 22,236 (23,475) in the Nugur and Bhadrachalam taluks of the Koya Agency where the central distillery system is in force. The consumption of mahua arrack in these localities amounted to 16,245 (18,777) gallons.

CHAPTER II.

TODDY.

7. There was no alteration in the rates* of tree-tax for the lease commencing from 1st October 1922. The total revenue derived during the official year 1922-23 amounted to Rs. 2,21,63,479 (Rs. 2,19,32,267), Rs. 1,15,21,105 (Rs. 1,24,12,203) from rentals, Rs. 1,06,12,273 (Rs. 94,88,648) from tree-tax, and Rs. 30,098 (Rs. 31,416) from transport duty on toddy brought from Hyderabad. The decrease in rentals was due mainly to the low bids obtained for the toddy lease 1921-22 on account of intimidation and other non-co-operation activities at the time of the auction sales. The bids for the 1922-23 lease were Rs. 42,09,463 in excess of those obtained for the 1921-22 lease, but were less by Rs. 13,02,163 than those for the 1920-21 lease.

* Areas.	Coconut palms for each half-year.	Sago palms for each half-year.	Palmyra or date palms for the whole year.	Deccan for the whole year.
	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.	RS. A.
Madras, Chingleput, Tinnevely and Ramnad.	5 10	11 4	3 12	..
Ganjam, Vizagapatnam, South Kanara, Malabar and parts of the Agency division.	3 12	7 8	2 8	1 0
Agency division (parts).	2 4	4 8	1 8	..
All other districts ..	4 8	9 0	3 0	..

8. The number of shops for the sale of toddy increased from †10,402 to 10,617. The number of trees licensed is shown in the comparative statement below:—

Toddy year.	Coconut.	Palmyra.	Date.	Sago.	Total.
1921-22 ..	1,085,917	697,844	810,882	5,117	2,599,760
1922-23 (up to July 1923) ..	1,188,782	755,353	908,152	6,961	2,858,238
1921-22 (up to July 1922) ..	†1,063,287	† 695,634	772,030	6,099	2,556,000

† Revised figure.

Reduced to terms of coconuts by the application of the formula "2 coconuts = 3 palmyras = 3 dates = 1 sago," the licit consumption for the whole toddy year 1921-22 is represented by the figure 2,101,968 and that for the first ten months of the toddy years 1922-23 and 1921-22 is represented by the figures 2,810,354 and

2,071,877* respectively. The increase of 11.5 per cent is due to the cessation of non-co-operation activities from the beginning of April 1922 and to the consequent disappearance of the renters' difficulties in securing trees for tapping.

9. The number of trees allowed to be tapped for domestic consumption was 130,583 (138,893) of which 123,928 (132,721) trees were marked for the Koyas of the Agency Division.

10. The quantity of toddy imported from Hyderabad from 1st October 1922 to 30th June 1923 was 141,760 (90,901) gallons. The increase indicates a return to normal conditions after the abnormal fall during last year caused by the enhancement in the rate of duty from As. 2-6 to As. 3-0 per gallon. The total imports during the toddy lease 1921-22 amounted to 128,496 (280,742) gallons.

11. The number of trees tapped in British territory for toddy shops in Mysore and Pudukkottai States was 26,814 (35,535); 6,261 (6,403) trees were tapped in these States for shops in British territory.

12. The sweet toddy rules introduced in 1921 worked well and were extremely useful in locating crime among the sweet toddy tappers. 115 (121) licences were issued in Polavaram and Yellavaram taluks. The total number of trees tapped was 5,150 (7,260) and the jaggery manufactured found a ready sale in the local shandies. The sweet toddy rules were introduced into these taluks with a view to develop the sweet toddy industry among the Koyas, but the Koyas so far have taken no interest in it and the industry is at present confined to the non-Koya Edigi and Gamalla castes.

The tree-tax system continued to be in force throughout the Polavaram taluk, in 133 villages of Yellavaram, in 113 villages of Chodavaram and in portions of the Gudem taluk. The system was further extended to 10 riverside villages of the Bhadrachalam taluk with effect from 1st October 1922. The renting system continued in the Nugur taluk and two shops were sold under the farming system in the Ramagiri taluk of the Savara Agency.

CHAPTER III.

FOREIGN LIQUOR.

13. The tariff rate of duty on imported liquors as well as the excise duty on locally-made foreign liquors were enhanced with effect from 1st March 1922, the increase in the case of spirits being from Rs. 18-12-0 to Rs. 21-14-0 per proof gallon and in that of beer from six annas six pies to eight annas per gallon. The duty on spirits contained in medicinal preparations manufactured in bond in this Presidency or imported into it by land or manufactured elsewhere in British India and imported into the Presidency under bond by sea, was fixed at Rs. 5 per proof gallon, from 26th October 1922.

14. A comparative statement showing the revenue derived under the three main heads of foreign liquor, is given below:—

	1921-22.	1922-23.	Increase or decrease + or -
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1. Excise duty ..	8,19,289	2,27,584	— 91,705
2. Rentals ..	2,46,749	2,89,115	+ 42,366
3. Fixed fees ...	7,40,436	6,18,549	— 1,21,887
	78,198	79,078	+ 880
Total ...	13,84,672	12,14,326	— 1,70,346

* Revised figure.

The total revenue decreased from Rs. 13.85 to Rs. 12.14 lakhs. The decrease is mainly due to the fall in consumption consequent upon the enhanced taxation on foreign liquor. The competition of imported Colombo arrack with the locally-manufactured coconut toddy arrack, also contributed to the fall in revenue. During the year under review Colombo arrack practically ousted coconut toddy arrack from the market. With a view therefore, to enable the latter to compete successfully with the former and also to safeguard an indigenous industry, the duty on coconut toddy arrack was reduced from Rs. 21-14-0 to Rs. 17-8-0 per proof gallon with effect from 1st April 1923.

Consumption. 15. The comparative statement below gives the consumption of foreign liquor, beer and denatured spirits :—

	1921-22.	1922-23.	Increase or decrease + or -
	GALLONS.	GALLONS.	GALLONS.
Wines (including medicated wines) ...	28,730	30,579	+ 1,849
Spirits ...	162,319	144,958	-17,361
Beer ...	698,732	652,368	-46,364
Denatured spirits ...	38,661	61,669	+23,008

The variation in consumption under wines is slight. The consumption of spirit and beer shows a marked decrease. The rise in prices, due to the increase in the customs and the excise duty, accounts for it. The consumption of denatured spirits on the other hand shows a large increase which is attributed to the larger demand for it for industrial purposes. The actual issues of beer from the two local breweries fell from 656,000 to 574,000 gallons, exports of beer to other places being 7,000 (5,000) gallons. A quantity of 58,243 (50,555) gallons of beer was issued to the shops in this Presidency from the Bangalore Brewery. The duty on such issues has hitherto been credited to the revenues of the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore; but according to an agreement made in March 1923, the Resident in Mysore has consented to credit this duty to the revenues of this Presidency every quarter.

16. The enhancement in the tariff rate of duty with effect from 1st March 1922, Imports. resulted in a decrease in the quantity of foreign liquor imported into this Presidency by sea and in an increase in the customs duty collected thereon, during the year—vide statement in appendix D.

CHAPTER IV.

OPIMUM.

17. The total revenue derived from opium during the year amounted to Rs. 27.03 (26.50) lakhs. Of this, Rs. 9.84 (9.48) lakhs was obtained from rentals. Revenue.

18. Six hundred and nine (604) shops were sold for the year. Except in the case of two (2) shops which were leased on fixed fees in the Agency Division, the shops were all sold by auction. Shops.

19. Although the issue price of opium was raised from Rs. 60 to Rs. 63 per seer, Consumption. consumption increased from 34,530 seers to 35,853 seers—the result of an increase of 1,323 seers in 15 districts and a decrease of 485 seers in the remaining districts. Appreciable increases occurred in the districts of Godavari, Guntur, Nellore, North Arcot and Tinnevely. The increase in North Arcot is attributed to the fact that owing to the prevalence of plague and fever in the district, the drug was largely used for the sake of its medicinal properties.

In the other districts the increase is due to greater activity on the part of those engaged in the profitable business of smuggling opium to Burma, the Straits and Ceylon.

In Cuddapah there was a remarkable fall in consumption. In the previous year consumption in this district was abnormally high owing to the prevalence of smuggling. The fall during the year under report is due to the imposition of restrictions by the Collector on the issues to some of the shops the renters of which were found to be resorting to illicit practices.

20. A total quantity of 9,525 (9,490) seers of opium was supplied to the Indian States of Mysore, Travancore, Cochin and Pudukkottai. The Issues outside the Presidency. issues to the French Settlements and Coorg were 264 (247) and 35 (35) seers respectively.

21. The retail selling price of opium in the Agency Division was allowed to continue at As. 15 a tola, or Rs. 75 per seer. Elsewhere the Retail price. price per seer varied from Rs. 92-8-0 to Rs. 170.

CHAPTER V.

HEMP DRUGS.

22. The total revenue derived from hemp drugs decreased from 15.23 lakhs to 14.76 lakhs. A fall of 0.57 lakhs occurred in shop rentals, while Revenue and Consumption. the receipts under duty increased by 0.10 lakhs. The increase of receipts under duty was due to increased consumption. The fall in rentals which occurred in several districts was due to the loss sustained by the renters owing to reckless bidding in the previous lease and to a combination among bidders in Madura. The licit consumption increased from 40.6 thousand seers to 41.9 thousand seers, but it was lower than the figure of 1920-21 (44.7 thousand seers). The average consumption per head of population was 0.079 (0.077) tolas.

23. The number of shops opened during the year rose to 417 (404), the increase being due to the reopening of certain shops closed temporarily Shops. owing to want of adequate bids during the previous year and also to the opening of some new shops in localities in which the prevalence of illicit practices indicated the existence of a demand for the drug.

24. Cultivation of the hemp plant was licensed in the neighbourhood of Santavasal in the North Arcot district: 232 acres were cultivated and the outturn amounted to 508 maunds of ganja. As there was a very large stock in store at the Vetapalem storehouse cultivation was not sanctioned at Daggupad during the year. The system of purchase of stock from cultivators at fixed prices and sale to retail shopkeepers by Government, introduced in 1921, continued. Two hundred and eleven (406) maunds were issued from the Vetapalem storehouse and 729 (524) maunds from the storehouse at Santavasal. There was a greater demand for Santavasal ganja. The balance of stock at the Vetapalem storehouse at the end of the year was 1,188 maunds of 1922 ganja. In view of this large stock cultivation during 1923-24 has been restricted to 150 acres at Santavasal and sale of Santavasal stock has been prohibited. Cultivation.

COCAINE.

25. One hundred and sixty-seven (163) licences for the possession and sale of cocaine and its preparations were issued during the year. The sales amounted to 5 lb. 13 oz. and 419 grains (5 lb. and 11 oz.) which include a quantity of 1 oz. 321 grains (1 lb. 14 oz.) used in the manufacture of patent medicines. The balance of 5 lb. 12 oz. and 98 grains (5 lb. 13 oz.) represents the ordinary consumption of pure cocaine.

CHAPTER VI.

REVENUE.

26. The total revenue (demand) of the year (column 3 of Statement A) is compared in the following table with that of the previous year :—

Heads of revenue.	1921-22.	1922-23.	Increase.	Decrease.
1. Country spirits	Rs. 2,12,57,088	Rs. 2,10,91,119	Rs. ..	Rs. 1,65,969
2. Country fermented liquor	2,19,32,267	2,21,63,479	2,31,212	..
3. Malt liquors	5,15,494	5,28,259	12,765	..
4. Wines and spirits (foreign liquors other than beer, medicated wines and commercial spirits).	8,67,808	6,84,487	..	1,83,321
5. Commercial spirits including medicated wines ..	1,370	1,580	210	..
6. Hemp drugs	15,22,739	14,76,207	..	46,532
7. Opium	28,50,066	27,02,981	62,915	..
8. Fines and forfeitures	1,34,378	1,48,203	13,825	..
9. Miscellaneous	1,66,949	1,78,687	11,738	..
Total ..	4,90,48,159	4,89,76,002	3,22,665	3,95,822

The collections in the year amounted to Rs. 4,90,43,995 (Rs. 4,86,23,191). A sum of Rs. 1,40,143 was written off as irrecoverable.

27. Under the orders of the Government of India in their letter in the Commerce and Industry Department No. 6149-A, dated 2nd October 1907, two-thirds of the net charges of the combined Salt and Abkari Department are debited to Excise and this debit amounted to Rs. 27,57,340 (Rs. 28,31,499). The net percentage of charges to receipts was 5.6.

28. The incidence of the total excise revenue per head of the population was Rs. 1-2-6 (1-2-6).

CHAPTER VII.

OFFENCES.

29. The number of offences relating to liquor and hemp drugs reported in the Presidency increased from 14,768 to 16,108. The increase occurred under almost all heads of offences and was due generally to improved detection by officers of the department who had more time at their disposal to attend to preventive work owing to the cessation of non-co-operation activities.

30. Illicit distillation cases increased from 1,430 to 2,001—the highest figure on record since 1901. The chief increase occurred in the six northern districts, Ganjam 344 (261), Vizagapatam 182 (120), Godavari 53 (19), Kistna 116 (58), Guntur 186 (85) and Nellore 53 (31). In these districts there was an enhancement of duty of over 22 per cent during the year. Cases were detected in Iskapalle and Tada circles where no such offences have been reported for several years past. Other districts in which there was a notable increase were the Ceded Districts and Kurnool 346 (304), Salem 141 (94), South Kanara 148 (117), and Malabar 192 (135). To prevent illicit distillation and illicit arrack passing into consumption an extra preventive staff consisting of 1 Sub-Inspector and 10 peons had to be employed in the Gooty and Bellary taluks of the Ceded Districts. This large increase in the number of illicit distillation cases detected is coincident with a fall in licit consumption. There can be little doubt therefore that it represents a real increase in this kind of crime and is not merely an index of better detection. It indicates that the anti-drink movement has had the effect, not of decreasing the amount of liquor drunk, but of encouraging illicit practices to supply the normal demand.

Under illicit manufacture of toddy—6,623 (6,619)—the record figure of last year was maintained. Offences under unlicensed possession, transport and sale of liquor increased from 4,780 to 5,387.

31. Cases relating to hemp drugs increased to 452 (374). The largest increase was under the head of illicit cultivation of the hemp plant, the number reported being 121 as compared with 93 in 1921-22 and 24 in 1920-21; in some of these cases the cultivation was on a large scale and in Rajahmundry circle 339 plants were seized. The number of cases of unlicensed possession of hemp drugs detected was 167 (147) and in one of these a quantity of 2 seers 55 tolas of illicit ganja was seized. Thirty-six (35) cases of smuggling of ganja were reported during the year; of these ten cases related to seizures of Mysore ganja intended for export to Ceylon through French ports, the most important of them being a seizure of 14½ seers.

32. The number of convictions under the Opium Act fell from 176 to 168 but the importance of the cases as measured by the amount of fines inflicted rose from Rs. 7,265 to Rs. 9,416. The value of the property confiscated amounted to Rs. 18,203 (20,315). The five northern districts contributed 73 (75) cases, Madras 27 (18), and the group North Arcot, South Arcot, Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Madura 31 (45) cases. Several seizures involving a total quantity of 167 seers of opium were made, the most important of them being seizures of 23½ and 14½ seers at the Madras Harbour and a seizure of 16½ seers near Ramachandrapuram in Gōdāvari district. Three (1) cases of smuggling of non-duty paid opium from Indore were detected and the total quantity involved was 20½ seers. The demand for opium for export to Burma and Straits Settlements continued and the seizures made at these places from the vessels arriving from ports of this Presidency amounted to 208 and 8½ seers respectively.

33. There was one case of a seizure of 26,418 grains of cocaine by the Madras Customs Staff from S.S. "Torilla" bound for Calcutta. The drug was of Japanese manufacture, the two accused in the case were sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 200 each, in default to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

34. Inquiry of cases by departmental officers has been on the whole prompt and carefully done. There was a fall in the number of cases released on proof of ignorance or for want of proof from 641 to 532. Out of 6,281 (6,290) cases dealt with by the Magistracy during the year, convictions were recorded in 5,499 (5,389) cases and acquittals in 93 (108) cases.

35. A sum of Rs. 42,143 (46,166) was paid as rewards in abkari cases during the year.

36. The special detective staff continued to do useful work during the year chiefly in connexion with the smuggling of opium to Burma and other places. The Excise Supplement to the *Criminal Intelligence Gazette* was issued regularly.

CHAPTER VIII.

LABORATORY.

37. The total number of samples analysed and instruments repaired and standardised during 1922-23 was 5,464 (5,826) as detailed in the appended statement. There was a fall under 'Salt' and 'Imported foreign liquor' samples which was counterbalanced by the increase under 'Drugs and medicines'. 'Toddy' showed a slight increase, the number of samples being 482 (391). The number of cases in which more than ten grains of lime per gallon were found was 395 (287), the Tinnevely subdivision alone contributing 253 (187). Other items of work call for no special remarks.

38. During the year experiments were conducted in the Laboratory to see whether old ganja which had lost its intoxicating power could be improved by any process. It was found by experiment that the intoxicating power of old ganja improved a little when the ganja was treated with nascent hydrogen; but as the ganja had already lost its characteristic essential oil, it was decided to abandon the experiments and to investigate whether the adoption of improved methods for storing ganja would prevent or delay the process of deterioration.

The fortnightly brine density experiments were continued during the year at the request of Dr. Watson of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Statement showing the nature and number of samples analysed in the Board's Laboratory during the official year 1922-23.

Serial number.	Description of samples.	Number of samples.	
		1922-23	1921-22
1	Samples of salt, brine, etc.	262	284
2	Do. toddy tested for lime	482	391
3	Do. imported foreign liquor tested for true strength.	285	412
4	Do. suspected foreign liquor tested for strength....	...	1
5	Do. country arrack	40	43
6	Do. beer, wash, etc.	15	21
7	Do. intoxicating drugs—ganja and its preparations and cocaine.	7	11
8	Do. opium and its preparations, including morphine.	43	20
9	Do. drugs and medicines tested for spirit value...	780*	578*
10	Do. denaturing agents	17	7
11	Instruments (hydrometers, thermometers, saccharometers) tested and standardised	432	863
12	Dram measures—Standardised	3,056	3,140
13	Miscellaneous, e.g., caramel essences, etc.	45	55
Total ...		5,464	5,826

Serial number.	Description.	Number of samples.	
		1922-23	1921-22
1	Essences	245	152
2	Extracts	76	45
3	Hair washes and scents	24	2
4	Infusions	25	24
5	Liniments	28	22
6	Medicated wines	13	17
7	Tinctures	86	46
8	All other sorts including patent medicines	283	270
Total ...		780	578

CHAPTER IX.

GENERAL.

39. The outstanding feature of the year under review was the disappearance of the non-co-operation movement as a disturbing element in the administration of the Excise Department. There was practically no interference at the time of the auctions of shops in August 1922 and February 1923. In Madura town, however, the non-co-operators after a cessation of their activities for more than a year, resumed picketing of liquor shops in July 1923 with the main object of preventing renters from bidding for toddy shops for 1923-24. Picketing went on for about a fortnight and persons frequenting the shops were, as usual, subjected to violence, insult and intimidation—one of the toddy shops was also partially burnt. Prompt steps were taken by the Police and the Magistracy. Several picketers were arrested and convicted and the non-co-operators finally abandoned their objectionable programme. The course of events during the last two years should convince every genuine temperance reformer that the activities of the non-co-operators, which were directed towards the summary closure of shops and the forcible prevention of consumers from resorting to them, have as indicated in last year's report signally failed to advance the cause of temperance reform though they resulted in some loss of revenue to the Government.

40. During the year Mr. D. N. Strathie, I.C.S., under instructions from Government, prepared a pamphlet dealing with the past history of the development of the excise system in Madras and with the various efforts made in other countries towards making people temperate by legislative enactment. Mr. Strathie and Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chettiyar, M.L.C.,

were also deputed to enquire into the temperance measures introduced in Bombay, Bengal and the United Provinces. An exhaustive questionnaire on every aspect of the liquor problem was issued to certain officials and retired officials, temperance bodies, members of the trade, representatives of local bodies in the City of Madras and in the mufassal and certain other non-official gentlemen. The replies received have been examined and the excise policy to be adopted in future is now under the consideration of Government.

41. The experiment of closing arrack shops in areas where toddy is the prevailing drink has been under trial since 1919-20. Seventy-two arrack shops were closed in that year in parts of Tanjore, Ramnad, Tinnevely and Salem. The closure of these shops which were scattered in 15 taluks, had no adverse effect on the total rentals of the taluks in succeeding years but the figures of consumption were not conclusive. With a view to make the experiment a real one, orders have been issued to the effect that all arrack shops in the Shiyali and Thiruthurai pundi taluks of the Tanjore district, in the Tiruvadanai taluk of the Ramnad district, in the Tenkasi taluk of the Tinnevely district and in the Attur taluk of the Salem district should be closed for a period of three years from 1st April 1924. The arrack shops to be closed number 67 with an annual rental of about Rs. 56,000. In order to give the experiment a fair trial local officers have been instructed that no new arrack shops should be opened within five miles of the boundary of the area in which the experiment is in force and that selected competent officers should be posted to the ranges in the taluks in question. They have also been instructed to pay particular attention to the effect of the experiment on the sale of toddy and foreign liquor and on sales in arrack shops on the border of the area and to watch carefully the growth of illicit practices in the area.

42. There are about 21 temperance societies affiliated to the Anglo-Indian Temperance Association working in eleven districts of the Presidency. Temperance propaganda work has been attempted among small sections of the drinking classes. There are reports of a certain amount of activity in this direction among the Reddis in Ganjam, the Maravars in Ramnad, the Nadars in Ramnad and Tinnevely and the Vellalas in Coimbatore. These efforts appear to have failed however to produce any permanent effect on the habits of the communities.

43. Advisory Committees in municipalities and unions were, as usual, consulted regarding the number and location of shops in municipal and union areas and their wishes were duly considered. One new advisory committee was formed in the Kistna district. Statement B shows the recommendations made by the committees and the action taken on them. The committees recommended the closure of 44 shops and a change of site in respect of 172 shops and their recommendations were given effect to in 17 and 127 cases respectively. Independently of the recommendations of the committees, 216 shops were closed and the sites of 355 shops were changed by Collectors either on their own initiative or on the reports of officers of the Police, Land Revenue, Abkari and other departments or of the Railway Authorities and Local Boards. The Municipal Council, Mangalore, passed a resolution urging the abolition of all arrack and toddy shops within its jurisdiction. In view of the failure of a similar experiment tried in Salem, Government were unable to accede to the request.

The Excise Licensing Board, Madras, met six times during the year and resolved on the closure of one toddy shop and the change of site of 3 toddy shops for 1922-23. The Vizagapatam Municipal Council declined to nominate representatives to serve on the Excise Advisory Committee apparently on the ground that their drastic recommendations were not likely to be accepted. Government have therefore ordered the Collector to nominate two suitable non-official persons in place of the two members who should have been elected by the Municipal Council. The Salem Municipal Council also failed to elect any representative to serve on the Advisory Committee.

44. The reports received from the Collectors show that in twenty-one districts Closure of shops during several arrack and toddy shops were closed during important fairs, festivals, etc. festivals, fairs and market days, the period of closure varying from a few hours in one day to six days consecutively. The closure of shops on these occasions had however no appreciable effect on consumption and generally the renters succeeded in conducting sales surreptitiously. In order to make the closure more effective in future the following instructions have been issued to the local officers:—

(i) when closure is necessary, the closure should have effect in so large an area in the vicinity of the place where the fair or festival occurs that no person attending it will take the trouble to go to an unclosed shop to get a drink;

(ii) all liquor shops of every kind in that area should be closed at the same time;

(iii) special precautions should be taken to prevent illicit practices within that area; and

(iv) special measures should be taken to see that the toddy which would ordinarily go to the toddy shops does not pass into illicit consumption.

In deference to the wishes of the Workpeople's Welfare Committee of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, six toddy shops in the Madras City have been ordered to be closed from the lease 1923-24, on ordinary working week days from 11-30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on pay days from 11-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sundays and such mill holidays as are festival days at all hours except between 11-30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

45. During the year thirteen arrack, nine ganja and two toddy shops were opened for the first time in twenty-four villages where there were indications of the necessity of providing licit sources of supply.

46. There were 7,920 (8,017) convictions for offences of which drunkenness formed a part in places in which the Town Nuisances Act was in force. Madras City with 2,986 (3,135) cases contributed 38 per cent of the total number of convictions. There were remarkable fluctuations in the number of offences reported in many of the towns, chief amongst them being Vizagapatam 132 (242), Masulipatam 151 (nil), Salem 445 (221) and Calicut 33 (104). These figures indicate that the principle on which cases are placed in this category varies and consequently inferences drawn from the figures should not be carried too far. There was one case of conviction for drunkenness in licensed premises in the Ramnad district and the renter was fined Rs. 20.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE),
MADRAS, 4TH SEPTEMBER 1923.

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Imperial Return No. I—Revenue 1922-23.

Name of district.	Country spirits.				Country fermented liquors				Malt liquors.				Wines and spirit (foreign liquors other than beer, medicated wines and commercial spirits).				Total of columns (7), (11), (16) and (17).
	Duty on distillery spirits.	Rees from distilleries.	Licence fees for sale of distillery spirits.	Total receipts from distillery spirits.	Receipts from other stills and other similar systems.	Total receipts from country spirits.	Twice-tree-tax re-opts.	Other receipts from etc. (licences fees).	Total receipts from fermented liquors other than malt liquors.	Duty on beer manu- factured in India.	Licence fees for sale of beer manu- factured in India.	Total receipts from beer.	Duty on wines and spirits manu- factured in India.	Licence fees for sale of foreign liquors.	Total receipts from foreign liquors.	Total of columns (15) and (16).	
1. Agency division	42,523	1,000	57,801,433	9,08,53,992	1,99,816	2,96,493	5,895	7,615	13,411	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,08,904
2. Ganjam ..	6,03,402	100	1,07,776	7,11,478	..	7,11,478	1,26,271	40,917	1,66,218	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,78,765
3. Vizagapatam ..	4,60,446	100	1,73,760	6,34,306	..	6,34,306	2,09,883	86,183	2,95,166	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,31,673
4. Giddavari ..	1,79,229	..	2,44,861	4,15,184	..	4,15,184	5,00,002	1,51,270	6,51,272	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,70,743
5. Karna ..	13,68,697	..	4,08,356	17,77,053	..	17,77,053	7,99,873	3,66,778	11,76,638	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28,61,268
6. Gunjur ..	4,97,427	..	2,06,402	7,03,829	..	7,03,829	1,69,699	1,20,283	2,89,882	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,96,691
7. Nellore ..	2,81,968	..	1,36,773	4,87,739	..	4,87,739	1,98,872	91,529	2,89,401	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,83,213
8. Cuddapah ..	6,63,155	..	2,34,321	7,97,476	..	7,97,476	3,92,414	6,35,647	10,32,001	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,93,938
9. Anantapur ..	1,96,834	..	1,60,767	3,56,301	..	3,56,301	2,92,414	6,35,647	10,32,001	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,89,532
10. Bellary ..	2,76,857	..	1,71,266	4,48,123	..	4,48,123	3,73,615	5,76,665	9,30,310	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,03,359
11. Karmool ..	2,01,534	..	96,658	3,97,192	..	3,97,192	4,03,899	4,90,603	8,94,502	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12,92,844
12. Madras ..	24,64,993	..	8,88,699	33,53,692	..	33,53,692	3,73,615	5,76,665	9,30,310	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17,85,998
13. Chingleput ..	6,37,910	..	4,18,335	9,56,246	..	9,56,246	4,80,208	6,94,159	17,44,805	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24,30,244
14. Chittoor ..	1,36,085	..	1,60,748	3,05,933	..	3,05,933	1,05,216	6,94,159	17,44,805	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,99,430
15. North Arcot ..	6,52,210	..	2,98,932	15,56,142	..	15,56,142	8,66,228	3,13,502	6,70,865	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24,30,244
16. South Arcot ..	6,99,704	..	2,79,580	11,26,364	..	11,26,364	2,94,614	4,40,994	13,99,584	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28,70,121
17. Tanjavore ..	6,92,878	..	3,74,104	8,72,103	..	8,72,103	10,50,696	15,64,371	26,14,967	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38,981,197,933
18. Tiruchinopoly ..	6,62,617	..	3,74,104	8,72,103	..	8,72,103	10,50,696	15,64,371	26,14,967	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38,981,197,933
19. Madras ..	1,47,469	..	1,80,667	7,03,604	..	7,03,604	3,25,239	6,83,746	9,68,984	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19,22,316
20. Tanjavore ..	4,69,110	..	1,40,337	2,98,796	..	2,98,796	2,18,606	6,63,679	7,72,085	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14,91,683
21. Tuticorin ..	7,19,938	..	3,68,757	8,28,167	..	8,28,167	3,86,556	3,13,988	6,42,543	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,49,729
22. The Nilgiris ..	1,46,251	..	1,12,225	11,22,225	..	11,22,225	4,66,446	2,85,210	7,01,695	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,31,432
23. Salem ..	6,29,990	..	3,09,251	3,09,251	..	3,09,251	7,91,055	9,89,295	17,80,390	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30,46,255
24. South Kanara ..	5,10,725	..	2,84,798	9,12,788	..	9,12,788	3,50,774	3,60,398	7,11,172	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,31,572
25. Malabar ..	4,46,328	..	1,34,076	6,14,932	..	6,14,932	4,47,076	4,93,649	9,40,655	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26,98,508
26. Anjengo ..	1,40,61,949	..	57,801,433	9,08,53,992	..	9,08,53,992	1,05,93,031	1,15,04,928	2,21,98,023	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,78,471
Total for 1921-22 ..	1,40,61,949	1,000	57,801,433	9,08,53,992	1,99,816	2,96,493	5,895	7,615	13,411	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,44,66,949
Total for 1921-22 ..	1,40,61,949	1,000	57,801,433	9,08,53,992	1,99,816	2,96,493	5,895	7,615	13,411	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,44,66,949

* Revised figure.

Name of district.	Opium.			Hemp drugs.					Licence fees for sale of opiumine and allied drugs.	Fines and forfeitures.	Miscellaneous.	Grand total.	Total charges as shown in Imperial Return No. II.	Net revenue in the year.
	Receipts from commercial spirits including medicinal wines.	Net gain on issues of opium.	Licence fees for sale of opium (wholesale and retail).	Total receipts from opium.	Duty on ganja.	Duty on bangs.	Total duty on hemp drugs.	Licence fees (wholesale and retail) and waste-house dues.						
(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)
1. Agency division	Rs. 1,38,123	Rs. 42,003	Rs. 1,80,221	Rs. 4,489	Rs. 51	Rs. 4,540	Rs. 5,833	Rs. 10,403	Rs. 891	Rs. 1,810	Rs. 5,92,429	Rs. 1,38,123	Rs. 1,38,123	Rs. 1,38,123
2. Ganjam ..	20	1,69,420	63,004	2,32,024	54,571	714	55,285	82,057	87,342	1,997	4,838	1,69,420	20	1,69,420
3. Vizagapatam ..	30	1,47,920	82,471	2,30,391	21,875	9	21,885	22,818	44,708	2,827	4,109	1,47,920	30	1,47,920
4. Godavari ..	80	3,96,022	2,12,713	6,07,735	16,627	42	16,669	17,557	34,036	4,895	11,825	3,96,022	80	3,96,022
5. Kistna ..	2,600	1,70,716	1,43,832	3,14,548	26,910	18	26,928	27,823	54,751	16,522	2,843	1,70,716	2,600	1,70,716
6. Guntur ..	50	65,222	60,593	1,25,815	23,540	..	23,540	24,425	48,965	8,751	200	65,222	50	65,222
7. Nellore ..	10	21,115	16,524	37,629	16,725	..	16,725	20,945	37,658	7,767	3,519	21,115	10	21,115
8. Cuddapah ..	..	14,800	14,032	28,832	46,827	99	46,926	27,100	74,025	2,643	2,331	14,800	..	14,800
9. Anantapur ..	..	4,919	7,055	12,001	17,266	42	17,308	19,790	37,098	6,328	5,798	4,919	..	4,919
10. Bellary ..	10	3,163	4,260	7,423	15,080	..	15,080	20,604	37,098	3,467	6,873	3,163	10	3,163
11. Kurnool ..	..	17,980	14,378	32,358	35,340	45	35,385	20,294	55,679	4,364	8,281	17,980	..	17,980
12. Madras ..	410	55,680	48,360	1,04,040	63,440	2,375	65,815	68,160	1,33,975	2,176	5,036	55,680	410	55,680
13. Chingleput ..	..	2,70,263	..	2,70,263	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,70,263	..	2,70,263
14. Chittoor ..	..	9,280	11,082	20,362	17,985	133	18,138	22,786	40,924	11,800	5,780	9,280	..	9,280
15. North Arcot ..	10	12,400	10,526	22,926	20,795	48	20,843	20,689	41,502	3,811	6,032	12,400	10	12,400
16. South Arcot ..	20	31,722	24,844	56,566	20,802	138	20,940	28,945	49,885	4,973	5,854	31,722	20	31,722
17. Tanjore ..	20	7,982	18,552	26,534	21,735	93	21,828	14,414	36,242	5,191	7,907	7,982	20	7,982
18. Trichinopoly ..	..	3,320	..	3,320	1,500	..	1,500	..	1,500	..	..	3,320	..	3,320
19. Madras ..	140	34,440	53,482	87,922	31,020	51	31,071	47,443	78,514	13,222	11,353	34,440	140	34,440
20. Madras ..	80	11,181	17,897	29,008	26,584	138	26,722	22,321	49,043	6,017	5,811	11,181	80	11,181
21. Tinnevely ..	70	19,845	28,805	48,650	49,832	1,026	50,858	64,152	1,05,110	4,564	2,441	19,845	70	19,845
22. Coimbatore ..	30	9,802	12,620	22,422	31,412	285	31,697	46,876	78,573	4,564	6,103	9,802	30	9,802
23. The Nilgiris ..	30	23,365	31,758	55,156	36,508	75	36,583	52,001	88,584	2,275	14,198	23,365	30	23,365
24. Salem ..	100	23,604	22,086	45,690	35,480	621	..	53,984	91,085	1,366	22,604	23,604	100	23,604
25. South Kanara ..	..	8,220	18,538	24,035	2,960	15	2,675	1,840	3,915	285	3	8,220	..	8,220
26. Malabar ..	80	5,181	6,886	11,067	25,155	..	25,155	23,404	45,559	2,157	11,012	5,181	80	5,181
27. Anjengo ..	220	33,029	61,795	94,824	36,671	192	36,863	47,422	84,285	17,809	10,956	33,029	220	33,029
28. Total ..	1,590	14,42,719	21,28,855	24,28,855	7,24,371	6,675	7,31,046	7,64,270	14,95,316	1,56,941	1,50,871	14,42,719	1,590	14,42,719
29. Total for 1921-22 ..	1,220	13,87,068	23,29,705	25,67,708	6,32,509	6,843	6,69,352	8,26,807	14,56,159	1,36,865	1,50,349	13,87,068	1,220	13,87,068

NOTE.--1. The revenue derived from excisable articles issued to Indian States and foreign territory is shown in italics below the figures relating to the districts of issue and is not included in those figures.
2. The amount shown in column (3) includes Rs. 36,998 on account of transport duty on booty imported from the Nizam's dominions.
3. The amount shown in column (4) is made up of (1) Akbari charges Rs. 27,07,446; (2) Opium charges Rs. 5,515 and Excise Refunds Rs. 56,623.

Imperial Return No. I-A, 1922-23.

Supplementary table showing the duty realized (a) in other British Indian Provinces on excisable articles exported to the Madras Presidency and (b) in the Madras Presidency on excisable articles exported to other British Indian Provinces.

Description of excisable articles.	Amount of duty realized in other Provinces of India on excisable articles exported to the Madras Presidency.			Amount of duty realized in the Madras Presidency on excisable articles exported to other Indian Provinces.									
	In Bangalore.	To Cochin.	To Puduk- kottai.	To Travan- core.	To Mysore.	To Karaik- kal and other French settle- ments.	To Nagpur.	Total.					
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.				
Bear 	29,121 8 0	2,101 0 0	783 0 0	181 8 0	6 0 0	459 0 0		3,530 8 0					
Spirits 		140 0 0	280 0 0	511 14 0			175 0 0	1,106 14 0					

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STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the demand, collection and balance under the several heads of excise (abkari and opium) revenue in the Madras Presidency for the year 1922-23.

Detailed heads.	DEMAND.			COLLECTION.			AMOUNT WRITTEN OFF.			BALANCE.		
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1												
<i>Country Spirits.</i>												
1. Licence fees of .. { (a) Distilleries	..	1,125	1,125	..	1,125	1,125	..	..	..	..	..	..
2. Excise duty { (b) Wholesale depots	..	480	480	..	480	480	..	..	..	..	..	..
3. Difference of excise duty on stock of spirits at the beginning of the year	..	1,41,27,999	1,41,27,999	..	1,41,27,999	1,41,27,999	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Rents of independent shops	67	10,887	10,944	67	10,887	10,944	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Occasional licence fees	1,02,314	67,50,112	68,52,426	41,438	68,92,779	67,34,217	..	..	..	..	..	..
6. Rents for the combined privileges of manufacture and vend	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Revenue derived in the Agency tracts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1,03,064	2,10,91,119	2,11,94,183	41,892	2,10,33,508	2,10,75,400	29,315	5,982	35,297	31,857	51,629	83,486
<i>Toddy.</i>												
8. Rents of { (a) Vend areas	..	1,883	1,928	..	1,716	1,716	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Licence fees of shops	..	1,15,19,125	1,20,97,923	2,29,605	1,13,48,227	1,15,77,832	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Occasional licence fees	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Tree-tax	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12. Transport duty on toddy brought from Hyderabad and Cochin	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	30,098	30,098	..	30,098	30,098	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Foreign liquors and locally-made liquors excised at tariff rates.</i>												
13. Licence fees of breweries	..	2,21,63,479	2,30,04,235	4,30,466	2,18,13,458	2,22,43,924	80,347	17,585	98,932	3,29,943	3,32,336	6,62,279
14. Excise duty on { (a) Locally-made foreign spirits	..	30	30	..	30	30	..	..	..	..	..	..
.. .. { (b) Country-brewed beer	..	2,27,584	2,27,584	..	2,27,584	2,27,584	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	2,27,584	2,27,584	..	2,27,584	2,27,584	..	..	..	..	..	..

STATEMENT A—cont.

Statement showing the demand, collection and balance under the several heads of excise (abkari and opium) revenue in the Madras Presidency for the year 1922-23—cont.

Detailed heads.	DEMAND.			COLLECTION.			AMOUNT WRITTEN OFF.			BALANCE.		
	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.	Arrears.	Current.	Total.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1												
<i>Foreign liquors and locally-made liquors excised at tariff rates—cont.</i>												
I. Wholesale	..	15,500	15,500	..	15,500	15,500	..	..	..	..	..	..
II. Retail—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(a) Shops	..	43,668	43,668	..	43,668	43,668	..	..	..	..	..	..
(b) Taverns	..	3,79,635	3,79,635	..	3,79,635	3,79,635	..	..	..	..	..	..
(c) Hotels	..	2,38,914	2,38,914	..	2,38,914	2,38,914	..	..	..	..	..	..
(d) Bars	..	3,175	3,175	..	3,175	3,175	..	..	..	..	..	..
(e) Refreshment	..	3,000	3,000	..	3,000	3,000	..	..	..	..	..	..
(f) Railway and dak	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(g) Other sorts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(h) Occasional licences	..	3,050	3,050	..	3,050	3,050	..	..	..	..	..	..
(i) Special licences	..	3,575	3,575	..	3,575	3,575	..	..	..	..	..	..
(j) Auctioneers' licences	..	1,217	1,217	..	1,217	1,217	..	..	..	..	..	..
(k) Chemists' and druggists' licences	..	818	818	..	818	818	..	..	..	..	..	..
(l) Medicinal wines	..	15	15	..	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	..
(m) Compounding licences	..	500	500	..	500	500	..	..	..	..	..	..
(n) Bottling licences	..	1,580	1,580	..	1,580	1,580	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	1,500	1,500	..	1,500	1,500	..	..	..	..	..	..
III. Miscellaneous	..	1,250	1,250	..	1,250	1,250	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	12,14,325	12,14,325	160	12,13,650	12,13,810	..	..	..	..	..	..
16. Rents of shops for the sale of ganja, bhang, and other intoxicating drugs prepared from the hemp plant,	8,395	7,69,863	7,78,258	4,172	7,68,257	7,72,429	2,648	..	..	1,575	1,506	3,181
17. Excise duty on ganja, and bhang	200	7,06,344	7,06,544	200	7,06,344	7,06,544	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	8,595	14,76,207	14,84,802	4,372	14,74,601	14,78,973	2,648	..	..	1,575	1,506	3,181
<i>Opium.</i>												
18. Contributions for establishments employed at distilleries and warehouses	..	3,949	3,949	..	3,949	3,949	..	..	..	..	..	..
19. Penalties and forfeitures	11,197	1,48,203	1,59,400	7,169	1,41,825	1,48,994	1,029	..	..	2,999	6,198	9,192
20. Other miscellaneous items	7,323	1,74,798	1,82,121	4,272	1,69,720	1,73,992	1,275	517	1,792	2,276	4,501	6,777
Total	19,520	3,26,890	3,46,410	11,441	3,15,494	3,26,985	2,304	702	3,006	5,275	10,694	15,969
Total, Abkari	9,79,032	4,62,72,921	4,72,51,953	4,88,331	4,68,50,711	4,63,99,042	1,14,614	24,389	1,39,003	3,69,087	3,96,921	7,66,008
<i>Opium.</i>												
21. Gain on sale-proceeds of opium	..	17,16,325	17,16,325	..	17,16,325	17,16,325	..	..	..	..	..	..
22. Rents of shops	..	9,39,876	9,45,321	2,938	9,38,977	9,41,915	1,116	..	..	1,391	899	2,290
23. Revenue derived in Agency	..	44,060	44,060	816	43,244	43,244	..	..	..	210	462	662
24. Miscellaneous	..	30	30	..	30	30	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Opium	..	2,719	2,719	..	2,719	2,719	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Abkari and Opium	9,79,032	4,69,75,009	4,79,54,022	4,91,841	4,68,50,711	4,63,99,042	1,15,739	24,404	1,40,143	3,70,833	3,98,444	7,69,377

* Revised figure.

† Includes gain on sale-proceeds of ganja and bhang.

Imperial Return No. III.—

Name of district.	Manufacture of liquor — Number of				Number of wholesale licences for the sale of				Country liquors—Number of shops licensed for retail sale of				
	Breweries.	Government distilleries.	Private distilleries.	Out-stills.	Country spirits.	Liquor other than commercial spirit imported or manufactured in India and excised at tariff rates.	Commercial spirits, i.e., rectified and denatured spirits and medicated wines.	Hemp drugs.	Spirits under distillery system (permanent).	Spirits under distillery system (temporary).	Spirits under out-still system (permanent).	Spirits under out-still system (temporary).	Fermented toddy.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
Agency Division	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
Ganjam ..	..	..	..	(b) 90	(c) 9	..	..	..	83	..	(d) 100	..	(a) 67
Vizagapatam ..	..	..	1	..	12	..	..	..	227	..	..	..	161
Godavari ..	..	..	1	..	10	1	..	..	121	..	..	..	208
Kistna ..	..	..	1	..	14	2	1	..	170	..	..	..	337
Guntur ..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	405	..	..	..	784
Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	289	..	..	..	318
Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	211	..	..	..	344
Anantapur ..	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	266	..	..	..	282
Bellary ..	..	..	1	..	19	1	..	..	248	..	..	..	563
Kurnool (including Banganapalle).	..	..	1	..	11	..	..	..	192	..	..	..	378
Madras ..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	163	..	..	..	888
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1	..	19	..	..	..	61
Chittoor ..	1	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	189	..	..	..	361
North Arcot ..	..	..	1	..	13	..	..	..	189	..	..	..	314
South „	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	294	..	..	..	455
Tanjore ..	..	..	1	..	25	..	1	..	478	..	..	..	827
Trichinopoly ..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	111	..	..	..	1,153
Madura ..	..	..	..	..	12	2	..	..	221	..	..	..	253
Ramanad ..	..	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	186	..	..	..	193
Tinnevely ..	..	..	2	..	13	..	..	..	182	..	..	..	621
Coimbatore ..	..	..	1	..	14	..	..	..	229	..	..	..	476
The Nilgiris ..	1	..	..	..	24	1	..	..	366	..	..	..	608
Salem ..	..	..	..	..	18	3	..	..	310	..	..	..	508
South Kanara ..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	351	..	..	..	601
Malabar ..	..	1	..	..	26	10	..	..	(e) 458	..	..	..	1,011
Total for 1922-23 ..	2	1	10	90	395	62	3	..	5,917	..	109	..	10,617
Total for 1921-22 ..	2	1	10	91	396	58	3	..	5,874	..	118	..	* 10,462

* Revised figure.

- (a) Includes two toddy farms and four toddy shops under renting system.
 (b) Includes five central distilleries opened in Nugur and Bhadrachalam taluks.
 (c) Includes four depots opened in Nugur and Bhadrachalam taluks.
 (d) Includes twenty-four shops opened in Nugur and Bhadrachalam taluks.
 (e) Excludes two shops in the Attapady valley.

Shops and Licences, 1922-23.

Foreign liquors—Retail licences—Number for sale of									Number of shops licensed for retail sale of			Retail licences—Number for sale of			
Malt liquors only.	Foreign liquors to be consumed on the premises and on off premises.	Foreign liquors to be consumed off the premises.	Liquors in hotels, restaurants, boarding houses and clubs and refreshment rooms and stalls other than railway refreshment rooms (excluding canteens).	Liquors in railway refreshment rooms, dak bungalows, dining cars and steamers.	Liquors in temporary refreshment stalls (including other temporary licences for foreign liquors).	Foreign liquors—all other special retail licences, including canteen licences.	Rectified spirits and medicated wines (druggists' permits).	Denatured spirits.	Raw opium.	Ganja.	Bhang.	Opium and its preparations for medical purposes only (ordinary druggists' permits).	Morphia (special druggists' permits).	Hemp drugs for medical purposes only (druggists' permits).	Cocaine (druggists' permits).
(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)
NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	75	17	..	..	..	..
..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	6	61	29	5	1	..	..
..	..	5	4	2	1	..	..	..	7	48	13	8	8	..	..
..	2	8	..	3	5	..	..	..	19	110	16	6	6	..	..
..	2	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	10	63	15	10	4	..	..
..	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	6	25	21	7	6	..	..
7	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	12	14	4	..	..	..
..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	13	16	2	..	..	..
..	..	5	..	4	1	..	..	..	4	11	18	4	4	..	..
1	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	9	7	25	5	3	..	..
..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	25	20	8	3	..	..
..	10	21	23	9	76	4	76	91	4	5	5	94	92	..	35
1	3	1	..	1	10	2	..	2	4	9	9	11	2	..	..
..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	6	12	13	13	8	6	..	..
3	..	8	..	4	..	..	..	1	14	10	14	7	4	..	..
1	1	8	..	2	..	..	..	2	11	14	14	5	3	..	..
3	2	13	..	4	..	..	..	10	31	16	18	16	10	..	..
3	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	12	14	9	10	14	15	..	..
2	2	9	1	8	4	..	..	10	17	10	18	6	2	..	..
..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	3	5	13	17	7	..	..	..
..	..	7	..	5	..	..	..	11	20	11	15	6	3	..	..
6	..	12	..	3	..	..	..	6	10	16	20	14	13	..	..
6	..	9	9	2	..	10	..	15	31	5	3	13	11	..	..
1	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	2	9	10	10	4	..	..	..
..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	7	6	16	16	8	..	..	..
4	5	12	6	4	8	1	34	25	31	31	45	38	3	..	..
38	29	162	45	71	152	18	208	350	609	417	417	314	246	3	167
38	28	164	41	66	109	20	183	316	604	404	404	302	236	3	163

Statement showing the recommendations of the local excise advisory committees change of site and the action taken thereon, together with the number of such shops closed or

District.	Local areas.	Arrack shops.						Taddy shops.					
		Number of licences in respect of which the committee recommended.		Number of licences in respect of which the recommendations of the committee have been carried out.		Closure or change of site ordered by the Collector otherwise than on the committees' recommendations.		Number of licences in respect of which the committee recommended.		Number of licences in respect of which the recommendations of the committee have been carried out.		Closure or change of site ordered by the Collector otherwise than on the committees' recommendations.	
		With- drawal.	Change of site.	With- drawal.	Change of site.	Closure.	Change of site.	With- drawal.	Change of site.	With- drawal.	Change of site.	Closure.	Change of site.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
1. Agency division.	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	6	..
2. Ganjam ..	Municipalities	1	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	20	4	..	..	..	..	7	..
3. Vizagapatam.	Municipalities	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	1
	Unions	4	3	..	2	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	1
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	2
4. Godavari ..	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	2	..	2	1	..
5. Kistna ..	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	1	12	..	..	..	..	9	14
6. Guntur ..	Municipalities	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	4	..	..
	Unions	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
7. Nellore ..	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Cuddapah ..	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Anantapur ..	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	3	2	3	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
10. Bellary ..	Municipalities	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
	Other areas	..	2	..	..	8	..	..	2	..	..	7	8
11. Kurnool ..	Municipalities	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8
12. Madras ..	Municipality	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	5	1	3	..	..
	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
13. Chingleput.	Unions	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	3
14. Chittoor ..	Municipalities	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	3	8	..	..	..	..	4	13
15. North Arcot.	Municipalities	1	2	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	2	..	..
	Unions	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	3	22
16. South Arcot.	Municipalities	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	6	..	..
	Unions	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	6	..	5	..	..
	Other areas	2	4	..	4	2	11	2	7	..	7	..	2
17. Tanjore ..	Municipalities	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	6	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
	Other areas	1	2	..	1	..	..	1	3	1	1	..	..
18. Trichinopoly.	Municipalities	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
19. Madura ..	Municipalities	..	4	..	1	..	..	2	8	..	3	..	..
	Unions	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	Other areas	1	5	1	..	..	..	2	13	..	7	12	..
20. Ramnad ..	Municipalities	2	4	2	4	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
	Unions	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	3	13	..	..	..	4	1	8
21. Tinnevely ..	Municipalities	3	1	3	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	2	56
22. Coimbatore..	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	3	..	3	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	2
23. The Nilgiris.	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
24. Salem ..	Municipalities	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	2
	Unions	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25. South Kanara.	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	5	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	1	1	..	1	3	32	8	1	2	1	2	54
26. Malabar ..	Municipalities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Unions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	35	3	..	..	..	..	9	3
Total ..	Municipalities	11	38	7	31	2	1	11	49	4	38	1	4
	Unions	10	30	5	18	2	3	11	54	2	38	12	12
	Other areas	..	..	..	..	119	143	..	..	..	..	69	186

MENT B.

in municipalities and unions in respect of (a) withdrawal, (b) moved in the several districts during the year 1922-23 otherwise than on the committees' recommendations.

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STATEMENT C.

Statement showing the number of shops and stills licensed and the rentals obtained in the several outstill areas of the Presidency during 1922-23.

Tracts.	Population as per census of 1921.	Area in square miles.	Number of shop and still licences.	Rentals.	Incidence of rents per head of population.	Square miles per shop.	Population per shop.	Remarks.
<i>Tracts in which Act I of 1886 and separate sales of shops and stills are in force.</i>				RS.	RS. A. P.			
The Agency Division	1,243,657	16,420	(a) 109	2,00,476	0 2 7	151	11,409	

(a) Includes 85 combined shop and still licences.

Imperial Return No. IV.—Consumption, 1922-23.

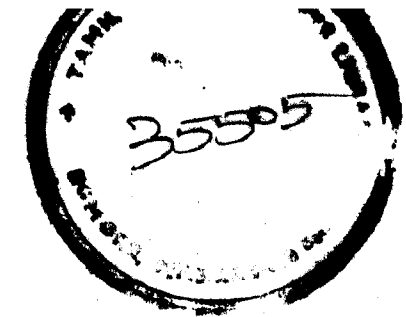
Name of district.	Country spirits.					Foreign liquors other than		
	Issues in Imperial gallons.					Imported liquors.		
	At strength of 35° under-proof.	At strength of 60° under-proof.	At strength of 40° under-proof.	Equivalent in London proof of the total of columns (2), (3) and (4).	Rate of duty per gallon.	Spirits in Imperial gallons, London proof.	Wines in Imperial gallons.	Malt liquors in Imperial gallons.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1. The Agency Division. { Khond Agency. Bampa Agency. Savara Agency.	267	31,971	..	174	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9. 60° under-proof As. 14. 60° under-proof As. 6.	..	..	..
2. Ganjam	112,035	275	..	72,933	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9; 60° under-proof Rs. 3-2-0.	573	172	364
3. Vizagapatam	84,013	..	..	54,608	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	1,971	504	1,302
4. Gōdāvari	96,903	..	..	62,987	35° under-proof Rs. 6-14-6.	3,420	263	778
5. Kistna { Munagala and Linga- giri zamin- dars. Rest of the district.	2,363	..	..	1,536	35° under-proof Rs. 3-4-0.	2,531	128	379
6. Guntur	86,137	..	..	55,989	35° under-proof Rs. 6-14-6.	1,214	79	187
7. Nellore	48,301	..	..	31,396	35° under-proof Rs. 6-14-6.	907	64	402
8. Cuddapah	96,703	..	..	62,857	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	220	10	61
9. Anantapur	40,396	..	..	26,257	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	837	59	762
10. Bellary	49,997	..	..	32,498	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	356	65	14,122
11. Kurnool (including Banganapalle).	47,614	..	..	30,949	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	324	15	44
12. Madras	190,758	..	..	123,993	35° under-proof Rs. 6-14-6.	70,208	11,683	42,469
13. Chingleput. { High duty area. Rest of the district.	31,499	..	..	20,475	35° under-proof Rs. 6-14-6.	1,219	44	5,307
14. Chittoor	59,152	..	..	38,449	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	370	28	89
15. North Arcot	148,538	..	..	96,550	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	1,377	111	754
16. South Arcot { Frontier tracts. Rest of the district.	193,611	..	25,685	125,847	40° under-proof Rs. 3-12-0. 35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	956	263	356
17. Tanjore	70,033	..	..	45,521	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	3,723	657	2,043
18. Trichinopoly	99,127	..	..	64,433	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	3,060	969	3,172
19. Madurai	78,863	..	..	51,261	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	5,507	1,008	2,555
20. Ramnad	40,482	..	..	26,313	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	550	122	336
21. Tinnevely	81,145	..	..	52,744	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	1,808	697	604
22. Coimbatore	128,055	..	..	83,236	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	5,269	714	2,592
23. The Nilgiris	26,685	..	..	17,345	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	8,322	3,270	5,929
24. Salem	95,357	..	..	61,982	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	676	90	276
25. South Kanara	96,025	..	..	62,416	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9.	1,805	644	813
26. Malabar	84,912	..	100	55,253	35° under-proof Rs. 5-7-9. 40° under-proof Rs. 5-1-0.	4,983	1,528	19,041
Total ..	2,374,344	41,611	25,785	1,575,439		121,686	23,187	104,737
Total for the previous year.	2,462,883	32,323	51,023	1,644,417		135,433	21,808	70,784

Commercial spirits.		Commercial spirits.			Opium and other drugs.								
Liquors manufactured in India and paying duty at tariff rates.		Rectified spirits in Imperial gallons.	Denatured spirits in Imperial gallons.	Medicated wines in Imperial gallons.	Issues in seers of opium.	Wholesale price of opium to retail vendors.	Average retail price of opium.	Retail sales of morphia in lb., oz. and gr.	Retail sales, in seers, of ganja.	Retail sales, in seers, of bhang and its preparations.	Retail sales of cocaine in lb., oz. and gr.		
Spirits in Imperial gallons, London proof.	Malt liquors in Imperial gallons.												
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)		
							RS. A. P. LB. OZ. GR.		SEERS.	SEERS.	LB.OZ.GR.		
..	..	..	..	..	3,419		75 0 0	..	259	70	..		
..	..	..	89	14	4,214		92 8 0	..	2,620	265	0 0 13		
44	2	..	353	96	3,669		93 11 0	0 1 152	1,136	14	0 4 292		
327	366	..	286	63	9,875 65		96 2 0	0 0 31	817 5	3	..		
134	2,180	..	150	97	4,266		109 4 3	0 0 385	1,309	6	0 0 238		
13	445	..	59	80	1,691		110 0 0	3 6 204	1,152	..	0 1 894		
6	10,269	152	115	11	526		110 0 0	..	858	1	0 0 24		
69	98	..	11	..	382		124 6 0	..	2,351	23	0 0 292		
128	3,153	..	68	..	126		129 0 0	0 4 79	892	..	0 0 57		
620	12,906	..	376	..	77		151 7 8	0 1 118	787 15	..	0 0 101		
242	237	..	50	1	450		113 12 5	0 0 10	1,783	15	0 0 9		
15,695	141,923	628	49,117	5,203	1,387 9,520	Rs. 63 per seer.	120 0 0	152 9 5	3,176	2,591	4 4 141		
947	25,686	..	..	..	231		117 8 0	2 10 0	842	780	0 0 110		
7	325	..	62	..	307		108 0 0	0 13 38	1,039	16	0 0 309		
170	5,118	..	118	20	786		106 11 0	1 14 298	1,030	50	0 0 336		
95	10,110	..	4,738	26	200 53		170 0 0	0 0 20	669 80	68	0 8 340		
898	13,866	..	1,208	138	853 110		120 0 0	0 9 188	1,542 110	379	0 2 2704		
754	25,576	..	381	288	280 50		131 10 0	0 7 60	1,062 50	54	0 0 291		
805	15,055	3	744	103	476		147 8 8	0 2 0	2,341	1,000	0 0 159		
..	119	..	77	10	245		160 8 0	..	1,727	928	0 0 287		
311	957	4	414	348	588		148 7 2	1 12 2	1,830	163	0 0 69		
531	41,674	1	315	88	584		127 9 8	0 9 158	1,817	198	0 0 206		
650	219,615	39	1,408	43	269		119 4 2	0 6 387	95	5	0 1 1154		
153	6,352	..	128	..	206		120 4 0	..	1,000	57	0 0 4		
154	472	..	173	597	129		119 0 9	0 5 291	1,228	..	0 0 36		
519	11,127	67	1,229	166	744 6		130 15 0	1 4 340	1,803 2,308	80	0 1 304		
28,372	547,531	894	61,669	7,392	35,950 2,824	..	..	167 0 91	35,160 2,568	6,766	(a) 5 13 419		
26,836	527,048	1,139	38,651	6,922	34,757 2,779	..	..	102 0 795	32,351 2,767	7,745	(a) 15 11 8		

(a) Includes 1 oz. 321 grs. used in the manufacture of patent medicines.

Imperial Return No. IV-A, 1922-23.—Imports and exports of excisable articles of different descriptions from and to other British Indian Provinces (a) on payment of duty and (b) in bond.

Description of excisable articles.	Imports.				Exports.											
	Duty-paid.		In bond.		Duty-paid.						In bond.					
	From Bangalore.	Total.	From	Total.	To Cochin.	To Pudukkottai.	To Travancore.	To Mysore.	To Karaikal and other French settlements.	To Nagpur.	Total.	To Coorg.	To Colombo.	To Travancore.	To Bangalore.	Total.
	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.
Beer ..	58,243	58,243	..	..	4,202	1,566	363	12	918	..	8	51	31,080	469	..	8
Spirits..	..	..	..	..	7	13	28	..	..	..	51	31,080	469	..	193	31,709



STATEMENT D.

Statement showing the quantities of foreign liquor imported into the Presidency by sea and the customs duty realized thereon during the year 1922-23 as compared with 1920-21 and 1921-22.

Foreign liquor.	Quantity.			Duty.			Increase or decrease in 1922-23 as compared with 1921-22.	
	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	Quantity.	Duty.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ale, beer and porter ..	GALS. 147,987	GALS. 137,304	GALS. 114,063	RS. 42,038	RS. 57,458	RS. 58,015	GALS. 28,241	RS. 557
Older and other fermented liquors.	2,718	1,549	1,226	662	617	644	323	27
Spirits and liqueurs—								
Whisky ..	56,853	48,903	49,008	5,21,743	8,30,090	8,48,245	+	100
Brandy ..	50,991	28,837	22,998	4,52,020	4,21,427	4,98,323	—	5,839
Gin ..	16,923	6,786	7,858	1,36,331	1,07,570	1,52,273	+	1,072
Rum ..	2,697	2,101	454	26,579	23,966	26,375	—	1,647
Liqueurs ..	1,297	1,077	463	(d) ..	(d) ..	(d) ..	—	614
Spirits—Other sorts—								
Colombo, Cochin, Italian and Java arrack.	(a) 27,832	(a) 25,671	(a) 18,574	3,79,180	6,66,358	5,87,216	—	12,536
Rectified and other spirits.	(b) 1,532	(b) 583	(b) ..					
Wines ..	42,314	29,117	22,917	97,807	1,32,645	1,17,171	—	6,200
Spirit in drugs, medicines or chemicals.	16,760	4,744	8,662	1,71,767	1,07,125	1,60,291	+	3,938
Spirit, perfumed ..	1,553	655	517	29,445	19,989	18,182	—	138
Spirit, denatured ..	(c) 11	(c) 27	(c) 24	90	120	410	—	3
Total ..	371,815	299,008	253,577	18,57,662	28,67,365	24,67,145	—	45,481

(a) Colombo arrack.
(b) Java arrack (Rum).

(c) Denatured with wood-naphtha.
(d) Included in 'spirit in drugs, medicines or chemicals.'

STATEMENT E.

Statement showing the quantities of potable and denatured spirits excised at distilleries at the tariff rate and ad valorem rates, respectively, during 1922-23 as compared with 1921-22.

Where excised.	Potable spirits.				Denatured spirits.			
	Quantity.		Duty.		Quantity.		Duty.	
	1921-22.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1921-22.	1922-23.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	PROOF GALLONS.	PROOF GALLONS.	RS.	RS.	GALS.	GALS.		
Samalkot distillery ..	664	86	13,491	1,681	444	570	..	..
Nellikuppam do. ..	7,213	(a) 5,402	1,96,253	1,18,169	20,928	(b) 21,606	..	..
Chavakkat do. ..	78	148	1,479	3,128	..	..	..	..
Bonded Warehouse, Madras.	8,989	4,761	1,69,066	1,04,147	..	..	..	..
Total ..	16,944	10,392	3,19,389	2,27,325	21,372	22,676	..	..

(a) Includes 8.0 proof gallons issued to Nagpur, 23.4 to Travancore, 6.4 to Cochin and 12.8 to Pudukkottai.
(b) Includes 950 gallons exported to Colombo, 400 to Cochin, 40 to Nagpur and 100 to Bangalore.

Imperial Return No. V, 1922-23.

Name of district.	Area in square miles		Population (in thousands)		Number of square miles per shop.		Number of shops per 100,000 of population.	
	Distillery system.		Distillery system.		Opium.		Hemp drugs.	
	Country spirit.		Country spirit.		Country spirit.		Country spirit.	
	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
The Agency division	16,420	3,460	1,244	253	150.6	41.7	265.1	1,189.4
Ganjam ..	..	4,782	..	1,768	..	21.5	82.4	133.9
Vizagapatam ..	..	4,546	..	2,190	..	42.1	108.3	454.6
Godavari ..	..	2,556	..	1,349	..	15.9	24.1	195.1
Kistna ..	..	3,875	..	1,985	..	15.1	99.6	534.1
Guntur ..	..	5,714	..	1,697	..	20.3	28.7	33.1
Nellore ..	..	7,948	..	1,350	..	38.2	722.5	611.4
Cuddapah ..	..	5,905	..	822	..	22.7	638.8	421.8
Anantapur ..	..	6,713	..	921	..	27.4	839.1	417.5
Karnool (including Banganapalle)	..	7,825	..	774	..	30.6	1,424.5	271.2
Madras ..	..	3,058	..	905	..	48.6	340.2	434.7
Chingleput ..	..	3,662	..	1,392	..	18.8	1,529.0	611.6
Chittoor ..	..	4,930	..	1,234	..	30.8	560.2	509.3
North Arcot ..	..	4,192	..	1,814	..	17.7	986.0	547.8
South Arcot ..	..	3,694	..	2,077	..	9.0	524.0	419.2
Tanjore ..	..	4,300	..	1,741	..	43.0	47.4	335.8
Tiruchinopoly ..	..	4,887	..	1,719	..	20.6	860.0	80.0
Madura ..	..	4,820	..	1,654	..	31.9	1,221.8	407.3
Ramanad ..	..	4,312	..	1,756	..	27.2	438.2	344.8
Tinnevely ..	..	7,200	..	1,38	..	19.7	539.0	339.3
Coimbatore ..	..	822	..	95	..	20.2	720.0	514.3
The Nilgiris ..	..	6,908	..	2,060	..	481.0	370.7	10.0
Salem ..	..	4,016	..	52	..	22.5	863.5	4.0
South Kanara ..	..	5,760	..	1,153	..	11.7	803.2	5.0
Malabar ..	..	..	..	204	..	13.5	320.0	4.6
Anjengo ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total of 1922-23 ..	16,420	126,643	1,244	38,077	150.6	22.2	271.1	434.4
Total of previous year ..	16,420	126,649	1,244	38,055	139.2	22.3	273.2	471.0

* Revised figure.

Imperial Return No. V, 1922-23—cont.

Name of district.	Number of shops per 100,000 of population—cont.		Consumption per 100 of the population in gallons or seers (to two places of decimals).		Average taxation per proof gallon or seer in rupees (to two places of decimals).	
	Opium.		Country spirit (distillery area).		Opium.	
	Hemp drugs.		Hemp drugs.		Hemp drugs.	
	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.	Urban.	Rural.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
The Agency division	..	9	6.61	0.24	0.02	2.00
Ganjam ..	4	3	3.97	0.23	0.16	8.25
Vizagapatam ..	4	3	2.45	0.16	0.05	8.66
Godavari ..	4	3	4.28	0.68	0.06	10.90
Kistna ..	4	3	6.52	0.20	0.06	11.97
Guntur ..	4	3	3.09	0.09	0.06	10.62
Nellore ..	4	3	2.27	0.04	0.06	8.64
Cuddapah ..	4	3	7.08	0.01	0.09	8.72
Anantapur ..	4	3	3.77	0.01	0.09	8.59
Karnool (including Banganapalle)	4	3	3.25	0.05	0.19	8.58
Madras ..	4	3	23.53	0.26	0.09	10.60
Chingleput ..	4	3	4.59	0.02	0.11	9.16
Chittoor ..	4	3	3.03	0.02	0.08	8.36
North Arcot ..	4	3	4.70	0.04	0.05	8.05
South Arcot ..	4	3	6.09	0.01	0.03	8.29
Tanjore ..	4	3	1.96	0.04	0.08	8.64
Tiruchinopoly ..	4	3	2.55	0.01	0.05	8.53
Madura ..	4	3	1.53	0.01	0.15	8.56
Ramanad ..	4	3	2.17	0.03	0.10	8.68
Tinnevely ..	4	3	3.75	0.03	0.09	8.52
Coimbatore ..	4	3	13.71	0.21	0.08	8.44
The Nilgiris ..	4	3	2.93	0.01	0.05	8.55
Salem ..	4	3	5.00	0.01	0.10	8.44
South Kanara ..	4	3	1.78	0.02	0.06	8.43
Malabar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anjengo ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total of 1922-23 ..	3	1	3.83	0.08	0.10	8.97
Total of previous year ..	3	1	4.00	0.08	0.10	8.44

Imperial Form No. VI-A.—Statistics of wholesale vend of spirits and fermented liquors under licences granted in each district during 1922-23.

District.	Licences for wholesale vend of imported spirits and imported fermented liquors and spirits and malt liquors manufactured in British India.										Licences for the sale of liquor by distillers.				Licences for the sale of beer by brewers.		
	Spirits and fermented liquors sold thereunder.										Quantity of spirits sold thereunder.				Quantity of beer sold thereunder.		
	To other licensed vendors.					To the Public.					To other licensed vendors.		To the Public.				
	Imported.		Made in British India.		Beer.	Wines.	Spirits.	Wines.	Spirits.	Beer.	Imported.		Made in British India.				
	Spirits.	Beer.	Spirits.	Beer.							Spirits.	Beer.	Spirits.	Beer.			
	Number of licences (F.L. 1).	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Agency division																	
Ganjam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Visagapatnam	..	86	167	695	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Godavari	..	49	995	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Krishna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Guntur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nellore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anantapur	..	4	152	..	..	1,323	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kurnool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madras	41	24,667	131,906	124,702	26,321	270	3,698	14,561	11,642	8,136	..	..	..	..	..	25,508	4,660
Chingleput	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chittoor	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore	..	..	3,392	387	1,728	688	12	35	85	..	272	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly	..	1,031	1,315	80	11	..	102	881	48	71	123	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madura	1	149	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ramanud	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevely	..	..	255	182	44	192	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore	..	8	..	156	574	4,623	..	212	768	35	10,501	..	..	..	..	..	..
The Nilgiris	..	60	1,676	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salem	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Kanara	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malabar	..	10	1,392	4,790	1,462	..	63	218	196	74	..	1	143	..	..	..	..
Total	63	27,448	144,649	127,688	29,078	7,096	3,765	15,909	12,739	8,316	10,396	3	5,691	..	..	492,866	79,946

Imperial Form No. VI-B.—Statistics of retail vend and consumption of imported spirits, wines and beer and of spirits and beer manufactured in British India and exsised at tariff rate of duty and of denatured spirits, etc., during 1922-23.

District.	Spirits, wines and beer.										Sold under hotel or dāk bungalow licences.		Sold under railway refreshment room licences.					
	On fixed fees.					On fees determined by auction.					Sales thereunder.		Sales thereunder.					
	Sales thereunder.					Number of licences—F.L. 5, 6 and 6 (a).					Number of licences—F.L. 7, 8 and 10.		Number of licences—F.L. 9 and dining car licences.		Sales thereunder.			
	Sales thereunder.					Number of licences—F.L. 5, 6 and 6 (a).					Number of licences—F.L. 7, 8 and 10.		Number of licences—F.L. 9 and dining car licences.		Sales thereunder.			
	Wines.	Spirits.	Beer.	Wines.	Spirits.	Beer.	Wines.	Spirits.	Beer.	Wines.	Spirits.	Beer.	Wines.	Spirits.	Beer.	Wines.	Spirits.	Beer.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Agency division	4	144	495	280	2	1	435	1,792	1	27	45	34	3	47	386	1	32	617
Ganjam	6	497	1,608	529	2	9	388	1,792	12	125	158	2	21	200	606	12	200	606
Visagapatnam	13	253	3,112	634	2	9	388	1,792	12	125	158	2	21	200	606	12	200	606
Godavari	7	185	2,119	165	1	2	103	9,974	1	1	1	1	3	9	178	3	9	178
Krishna	2	70	817	209	1	2	103	9,974	1	1	1	1	3	9	178	3	9	178
Guntur	4	65	817	266	7	7	7	9,974	1	1	1	1	3	9	178	3	9	178
Nellore	2	6	220	13	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	9	178	3	9	178
Cuddapah	6	48	781	1,939	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	9	178	3	9	178
Anantapur	3	51	620	593	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	9	178	3	9	178
Bellary	3	4	443	35	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	9	178	3	9	178
Kurnool	100	8,411	39,717	17,547	10	130	18,496	142,943	23	618	3,390	8,414	3	79	1,603	3,846	1,376	1,376
Chingleput	11	25	316	148	4	13	1,773	25,743	23	618	3,390	8,414	3	79	1,603	3,846	1,376	1,376
Chittoor	4	23	267	206	..	..	..	..	2	5	110	208	2	6	77	301	1,182	1,182
North Arcot	9	107	1,252	1,372	2	18	..	3,159	2	..	..	..	2	5	110	208	1,376	1,376
South Arcot	6	233	804	275	2	18	..	9,341	2	..	..	..	2	5	110	208	1,376	1,376
Tanjore	17	544	3,082	1,061	4	48	911	12,576	23	..	..	..	2	5	110	208	1,376	1,376
Trichinopoly	8	1,050	3,490	2,405	2	4	..	23,665	23	..	..	..	2	5	110	208	1,376	1,376
Madura	13	765	4,038	1,678	4	89	1,027	14,219	23	..	..	..	2	5	110	208	1,376	1,376
Ramanad	5	119	427	207	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	5	110	208	1,376	1,376
Tinnevely	7	676	1,849	670	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	5	110	208	1,376	1,376
Coimbatore	16	774	5,586	4,680	5	..	..	38,410	2	..	..	..	2	5	110	208	1,376	1,376
The Nilgiris	51	2,993	8,175	15,990	6	..	..	148,683	9	265	361	1,130	3	20	205	1,176	1,176	1,176
Salem	5	67	658	745	1	..	..	5,038	2	..	..	..	2	22	189	1,286	1,286	1,286
South Kanara	5	734	1,883	668	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	24	24	24	24	24
Malabar	20	1,171	3,530	2,109	9	244	1,244	10,221	6	18	129	174	4	24	24	24	24	24
Total for 1922-23	326	19,016	85,469	54,485	63	549	24,607	466,724	45	986	4,142	10,800	71	596	6,426	23,851	23,851	23,851

Imperial Form No. VI-B.—Statistics of retail vend and consumption of imported spirits, wines and beer and of spirits and beer manufactured in British India and excised at tariff rate of duty and of denatured spirits, etc., during 1922-23—cont.

District.	Spirits, wines and beer—cont.										Spirits made in India in private distilleries.		Spirits made in outfalls.			
	Sold by chemists and druggists, etc.		Sold as tonic or medicine or medicated wines and similar preparations.		Sold under canteen tenant system.				Denatured spirits.		Sold direct from distilleries under special permits and passes.		Number of vendors connected with the outfalls.	Quantity sold by them.		
	Number of licences—F.L. 18.	Sales thereunder.	Number of licences—F.L. 17.	Sales thereunder.		Number of licences—F.L. 20.	Sales thereunder.		Number of D.S. licences.	Sales thereunder.	Rectified spirits.	Denatured spirits.	Spirits intended for human consumption.			
				Wines.	Spirits.		Wines.	Spirits.						Beer.	Spirits.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	
Agency division	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	GALS.	*109	156,405	
Gaujam..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Vizagapatam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Godavari ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Kistna ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Guntur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Nellore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Cuddapah ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Anantapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Bellary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Kurnool ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Madras ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Chingleput ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Chittoor ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
North Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
South Arcot ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tanjore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tiruchinopoly ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Madura ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Ramanad ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tinnevely ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Coimbatore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
The Nilgiris ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Salem ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
South Kanara ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Malabar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Total for 1922-23 ..	50	894	158	5,693	..	10	24	89	74,313	350	61,669	23,033	22,075	..	109	156,405

* Includes shops under the Central Distillery system.

STATEMENT F.

Statement showing the quantities of cocaine and allied drugs imported into the Presidency, sold and held in stock during the year 1922-23.

Number of licences for the sale of cocaine.	Stock in hand with the licensees at the beginning of the lease.			Imports			Sales.	Balance of stock at the end of the lease.								
				By sea.	From other Provinces.	Total.										
	LB.	OZ.	GR.	LB.	OZ.	GR.	LB.	OZ.	GR.	LB.	OZ.	GR.				
167	(a) 10	5	181	12	10	51	1	3	164	14	3	205	[(a) 5 18 419 (b) 2 15 29½]	15	11	375

(a) Includes 1 oz. and 321 gr. used in the manufacture of patent medicines.

(b) Wholesale sales.

(c) Includes 4 lb. 12 oz. 227½ gr. purchased from other licensees in the Presidency.

STATEMENT G.

Classified statement of offences against the Abkari laws reported in the several subdivisions during the year 1922-23.

Subdivisions.	Offences relating to foreign liquor, arrack and toddy revenue.										Offences relating to hemp drugs.							Offences relating to cocaine.					Grand total.			
	Smuggling.	Illicit distillation and possession of distilled spirits.	Illicit manufacture of toddy.	Illicit transport.	Unlicensed sales.	Possession without licence.	Adulteration.	Dilution.	Use of false measures.	Other offences (breaches of licence conditions, etc.).	Total.	Illicit cultivation of the hemp plant.	Smuggling.	Illicit transport.	Unlicensed sales.	Possession without licence.	Other offences.	Total.	Illicit possession of cocaine.	Unlicensed sale of cocaine.	Smuggling.	Other offences.		Total.		
1. Waltair ..	19	525	64	57	71	155	1	53	14	15	990	16	..	2	3	12	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,023
2. Cocanada ..	11	169	1,129	170	121	358	..	80	8	131	2,177	16	1	..	3	2	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,199
3. Nellore ..	..	239	455	40	90	101	..	34	6	73	1,039	15	..	..	1	20	..	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,075
4. Chingleput ..	29	..	453	51	155	74	..	62	6	78	918	4	..	2	16	1	..	..	23	1	..	..	..	1	..	562
5. Bellary ..	107	346	322	235	155	205	..	81	3	172	1,637	14	9	14	8	53	..	..	98	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,735
6. Arcot ..	2	172	737	174	316	201	..	72	10	73	1,757	19	14	5	20	22	..	..	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,837
7. Negapatam ..	3	187	725	107	437	214	1	48	15	113	1,850	18	4	3	8	17	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,900
8. Tinnevely ..	2	14	889	63	220	162	..	66	15	31	1,453	9	1	3	27	19	2	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,524
9. West Coast Subdivision.	2	348	1,848	142	103	1,159	..	56	8	80	3,745	10	2	1	9	21	1	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,790
10. Excise Inspector for Railways.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Total .. 1922-23.	175	2,001	6,623	1,039	1,708	2,640	2	557	86	766	15,597	121	36	30	55	167	3	452	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	• 16,050
Total .. 1921-22.	186	1,430	6,619	895	1,585	2,299	..	561	72	693	14,341	93	35	26	67	147	6	374	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	• 14,718

* Excludes undetected cases.

STATEMENT H.

Statement of offences against the Abkari laws dealt with in the Presidency during the year 1922-23.

Particulars of heads.	Excise administration subdivisions										Total.	
	Waltair.	Cocanada.	Nellore.	Chingleput.	Bellary.	Arcot.	Negapatam.	Tinnevely.	West Coast subdivision.	Excise Inspector for Railways.	1922-23.	1921-22.
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Pending at the beginning of the year.	Cases. 59	Cases. *81	Cases. 40	Cases. *24	Cases. 103	Cases. 90	Cases. 71	Cases. 49	Cases. *53	Cases. ..	Cases. 570	Cases. 598
Reported during the year 1922-23 (exclusive of unsuccessful house searches).	1,031	2,206	1,092	961	1,735	1,837	1,916	1,528	3,797	5	16,408	14,768
Total ..	1,090	2,287	1,132	985	1,838	1,927	1,987	1,577	3,850	5	16,278	15,366
<i>Disposal of cases by the Department.</i>												
Released by the department—												
I. For being in possession of country spirits, the strength of which is below the margin allowed for loss of strength from natural causes.	3	16	1	5	1	9	..	..	..	..	29	28
II. For petty breaches of the provisions of section 56 of the Abkari Act for the first time.	8	37	6	63	40	17	6	22	16	..	215	257
III. On proof of ignorance or inadvertence.	21	22	27	19	23	25	28	17	40	..	222	248
IV. For want of proof ..	58	70	48	15	69	44	33	11	12	..	360	393
Total ..	90	139	82	102	133	95	67	50	68	..	826	926
Sent for trial ..	399	491	279	168	669	831	410	448	1,447	5	5,147	5,484
Cases written off or otherwise disposed of.	568	1,528	722	649	938	887	1,438	1,054	2,276	..	10,060	8,387
Total disposed of ..	1,057	2,158	1,083	919	1,740	1,813	1,915	1,552	3,791	5	16,083	14,797
Pending ..	33	129	49	66	98	114	72	25	59	..	645	569
<i>Disposal of cases by the Magistracy.</i>												
Pending at the beginning of the year.	62	56	56	22	125	166	109	41	145	..	785	806
Sent for trial during the year.	399	491	347	168	669	831	458	475	1,653	5	5,496	5,484
Total ..	461	547	403	190	794	997	567	516	1,801	5	6,281	6,290
Convicted ..	396	506	331	168	673	840	518	452	1,610	5	5,499	5,389
Acquitted ..	15	11	10	7	13	13	8	9	7	..	98	108
Written off or otherwise disposed of.	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	10	..	13	7
Pending ..	50	30	62	15	106	144	40	55	174	..	676	786
<i>Cases sent to the Magistracy otherwise than through the Inspectors of the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department.</i>												
Number of cases reported ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Do. convicted ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Do. acquitted ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* Revised figure.

† Includes cases compounded in 1921-22 but charged before the Magistrates in 1922-23.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE REVENUE DISTRICTS INCLUDED IN THE VARIOUS SUBDIVISIONS.

1. Waltair.—Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts.
2. Cocanada.—Godavari and Kistna districts.
3. Nellore.—Guntur and Nellore districts.
4. Chingleput.—Madras, Chingleput and South Arcot districts.
5. Bellary.—Cuddapah, Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool districts.
6. Arcot.—North Arcot, Chittoor and Salem districts.
7. Negapatam.—Tanjore and Trichinopoly districts and the Coimbatore district excluding Coimbatore, Pollachi, Udumalpet and Avanashi taluks.
8. Tinnevely.—Madura, Ramanad and Tinnevely districts.
9. West Coast Subdivision.—The Nilgiris, South Kanara, Malabar and Coimbatore districts with the exception of the portion included in the Negapatam subdivision.

STATEMENT I.

Statement showing the convictions, etc., under the Opium Act and Rules during 1922-23.

Districts.	Convictions.		Number of persons sentenced to imprisonment for a month or less.	Number of persons sentenced to imprisonment for more than a month.	Fines.		Confiscations.		Rewards to informers, etc.
	Cases.	Persons.			Number of persons fined.	Total amount of fines.	Number of cases.	Value of articles confiscated.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1. The Agency Division.	3	3	..	..	3	RS. 120	..	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
2. Ganjam ..	14	15	2	7	6	100	10	728 9 9	125 0 0
3. Vizagapatam ..	20	21	3	1	18	376	13	53 4 3	75 0 0
4. Godavari ..	19	25	3	13	16	1,350	23	6,203 12 11	544 0 0
5. Kistna ..	9	11	2	1	9	815	7	200 0 0	112 0 0
6. Guntur ..	11	11	..	..	11	300	5	13 19 0	14 0 0
7. Nellore ..	2	2	..	1	2	140	2	23 0 0	45 0 0
8. Cuddapah ..	4	4	..	..	4	65	3	240 0 0	50 0 0
9. Anantapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Bellary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
11. Kurnool ..	2	2	..	1	1	50	2	6 14 0	3 0 0
12. Madras ..	27	29	6	10	17	2,625	28	7,346 4 0	5,846 14 0
13. Chingleput ..	5	8	..	7	5	1,700	3	315 0 0	..
14. Chittoor ..	2	2	1	..	1	50	3	12 3 0	2 0 0
15. North Arcot ..	16	16	2	11	5	215	5	16 12 0	45 8 0
16. South Arcot ..	2	2	..	..	2	85	2	177 0 0	..
17. Tanjore ..	9	10	4	2	5	150	10	40 14 0	53 0 0
18. Trichinopoly ..	2	2	1	1	..	..	1	720 0 0	50 0 0
19. Madura ..	2	2	..	1	2	200	2	27 15 0	23 0 0
20. Ramnad ..	3	3	..	1	3	135	3	34 6 0	20 0 0
21. Tinnevely ..	7	8	..	4	6	635	7	1,443 6 0	125 0 0
22. Coimbatore ..	2	2	..	1	1	15	1	1 14 0	..
23. The Nilgiris ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
24. Salem ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25. South Kanara ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
26. Malabar ..	7	7	..	2	5	290	7	593 9 0	2 8 0
Total ..	168	185	24	64	122	9,416	137	18,203 7 11	7,145 14 0

Note.—(1) Twenty-five persons were both fined and imprisoned.

(2) The difference between columns 2 and 8 is due to confiscations not having been ordered in 38 cases. There were 7 cases of confiscations without convictions.

* Includes one person sentenced to whipping only.

† Includes Rs. 5,273-14-0 given as rewards in the cases detected by the Excise Inspector for Railways and his staff.

STATEMENT J.

Statement showing the classification of cases convicted under the Opium Act and Rules during 1922-23.

Districts.	Smuggling of opium.	Possession of opium without licence.	Sale of opium without licence.	Sale of intoxicating drugs without licence.	Manufacturing intoxicating drugs without licence.	Other offences.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. The Agency Division	..	..	3	..	..	..	3
2. Ganjam ..	..	9	7	1	..	4	14
3. Vizagapatam ..	..	6	..	..	..	7	20
4. Godavari ..	..	17	..	..	..	..	19
5. Kistna ..	2	6	..	..	..	1	9
6. Guntur ..	..	7	..	..	..	4	11
7. Nellore ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
8. Cuddapah ..	..	3	..	..	..	1	4
9. Anantapur ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Bellary ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
11. Kurnool ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12. Madras ..	..	25	..	..	2	..	27
13. Chingleput ..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5
14. Chittoor ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
15. North Arcot ..	..	12	2	..	..	2	16
16. South Arcot ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
17. Tanjore ..	..	7	2	..	..	..	9
18. Trichinopoly ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
19. Madura ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
20. Ramnad ..	1	1	..	1	..	..	3
21. Tinnevely ..	2	5	..	..	..	..	7
22. Coimbatore ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
23. The Nilgiris ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
24. Salem ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25. South Kanara ..	..	7	..	..	..	..	7
26. Malabar ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	7	122	16	2	2	19	168

STATEMENT K.

Table showing convictions for drunkenness in the municipal areas in the Madras Presidency during 1922-23 and two previous years.

Name of municipality.	Population.	1920-21.		1921-22.		1922-23.	
		Number of persons convicted for drunkenness.	Proportion to 10,000 of population.	Number of persons convicted for drunkenness.	Proportion to 10,000 of population.	Number of persons convicted for drunkenness.	Proportion to 10,000 of population.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Borhampur ..	32,731	15	4.6	1	0.3	..	..
Chittoor ..	16,298	6	3.7	17	10.4	8	4.9
Parashimedi ..	18,719	4	2.1	16	8.5	43	23.0
Anakapalle ..	20,366	38	18.7	50	24.6	31	15.2
Vizagapatam ..	44,711	143	32.0	242	54.1	132	29.5
Bimlipatam ..	7,495	..	..	4	5.3	23	30.7
Vizianagram ..	39,289	405	103.1	279	71.0	182	46.3
Coonada ..	55,348	240	45.0	83	15.6	129	24.2
Peddapuram ..	14,620	5	3.4	6	4.1	8	5.4
Rajahmundry ..	53,791	195	36.1	285	53.0	169	31.4
Masulipatam ..	43,940	42	9.6	..	..	151	34.8
Bezwada ..	44,159	..	..	2	0.5	5	1.1
Ellore ..	45,862	85	18.5	..	..	60	13.1
Palakolu ..	14,535	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chirala ..	15,323	..	..	..	..	..	..
Guntur ..	48,184	..	..	67	13.9	..	..
Narasaraopet ..	11,308	1	0.9	8	7.1	4	3.5
Ongole ..	14,276	14	9.8	7	4.9	..	..
Bayalle ..	11,757	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tenali ..	23,230	32	13.8	23	9.9	1	0.4
Nellore ..	35,868	91	25.4	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah ..	19,517	85	43.6	71	36.4	..	..
Proddatur ..	15,906	67	42.1	38	20.7	51	32.1
Kurnool ..	27,908	72	25.8	40	14.3	43	15.4
Nandyal ..	18,124	115	63.5	39	21.5	33	18.2
Adoni ..	30,232	60	19.8	71	23.5	49	16.2
Bellary ..	39,842	197	49.4	168	42.2	143	35.9
Hospet ..	18,337	96	52.5	134	73.1	194	105.8
Anantapur ..	11,452	103	89.9	19	16.6	60	52.4
Hindupur ..	12,456	38	30.5	72	57.8	14	11.2
Tadpatri ..	11,293	37	32.8	49	43.4	62	54.9
Madras ..	526,911	3,422	64.9	3,135	59.5	2,986	56.7
Chingleput ..	11,763	28	23.8	36	30.6	2	1.7
Conjeevaram ..	61,376	236	38.6	201	32.7	167	27.2
Saidapet ..	27,404	..	..	100	36.5	132	48.2
Tirupati ..	17,434	163	93.5	57	32.7	46	26.4
Chittoor ..	17,941	170	94.7	175	97.5	222	123.7
Gudiyattam ..	22,803	69	30.3	36	15.8	26	11.4
Tirupattur ..	16,275	104	62.9	15	9.2	54	33.2
Vaniyambadi ..	20,090	..	..	63	31.4	31	15.4
Tiruvannamalai ..	21,912	25	11.4	82	37.4	58	26.5
Vellore ..	50,210	206	41.0	126	25.1	114	22.7
Walajapet ..	10,013	38	37.3	56	55.9	30	30.0
Salem ..	52,244	323	61.8	221	42.8	445	85.1
Coimbatore ..	65,788	169	25.7	159	24.2	102	15.5
Dharsapuram ..	16,124	11	6.8	11	6.8	14	8.7
Erode ..	32,911	29	12.7	36	15.7	42	18.3
Tiruppur ..	10,851	40	36.9	18	16.6	15	13.8
Pollachi ..	11,875	..	..	11	9.3	..	..
Udamalpet ..	10,236	16	15.6	12	11.7	6	5.9
Chidambaram ..	22,501	27	12.0	44	19.5	27	12.0
Oudhalore ..	50,527	4	0.8	29	5.5	45	8.9
Villupuram ..	17,423	8	4.6	12	6.9	6	3.4
Kumbakonam ..	60,700	..	..	..	..	120	19.8
Mannargudi ..	21,636	14	6.5	9	0.9	27	12.5
Mayavaram ..	28,617	44	15.4	9	3.1	8	2.7
Nagapattinam ..	54,016	56	10.4	123	22.8	206	38.0
Tiruvallur ..	24,124	15	6.2	2	0.8	7	2.9
Tanjore ..	59,913	150	25.0	..	..	19	3.2
Karur ..	18,249	10	5.5	..	..	57	31.2
Trichinopoly ..	120,422	..	..	335	27.8	534	44.3
Srirangam ..	23,153	..	..	95	41.0	75	32.4
Dindigul ..	30,922	..	..	20	6.6	9	2.9
Kodaikanal ..	4,283	..	..	3	7.0	..	..
Madura ..	138,894	112	15.3	160	11.6	120	8.6
Palni ..	17,501	17	9.7	..	..	8	4.6
Periyakulam ..	16,478	2	1.2	..	..	5	3.0
Bodinayakanur ..	20,341	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sivakasi ..	14,617	..	..	..	..	4	2.7
Virudupatti ..	21,821	..	..	38	17.4	5	2.3
Srivilliputtur ..	31,195	..	..	12	3.8	12	3.8
Tuticorin ..	44,522	..	..	82	18.3	72	16.2
Tinnevely ..	53,783	..	..	..	..	181	33.7
Palamcottah ..	46,643	..	..	..	..	18	3.9
Coonoor ..	12,215	53	43.4	..	..	97	79.4
Ootacamund ..	19,467	111	57.0	67	34.4	55	28.3
Mangalore ..	53,877	36	6.7	77	14.3	31	5.7
Calicut ..	32,334	89	10.8	104	12.6	33	4.0
Cannanore ..	27,705	37	13.4	17	6.1	13	4.7
Cochin ..	20,687	31	15.0	27	13.1	28	13.6
Tellicherry ..	27,576	14	5.1	17	6.1	12	4.4
Palghat ..	45,487	4	0.9	..	..	..	..

Government of Madras

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 1712, 21st November 1923

Excise--Administration Report, 1922-23—Recorded with remarks.

Order—No. 1712, Revenue, dated 21st November 1923.

Finance No.

Recorded.

2. *Denatured spirits.*—The consumption of denatured spirits shows a large increase which is attributed by the Board to be due to the larger demand for it for industrial purposes. No figures have been given however to bear out this statement. The Board is requested to report the data on which the above statement is based and whether there is any evidence to show that denatured spirits are passing into ordinary consumption in the place of licit spirits.

3. *Offences.*—The Government observe that increase in detection coincides with a fall in consumption and the inference is legitimate that in districts where illicit distillation is most rife it is practised to an extent much greater than indicated by figures of detection and that considerable illicit consumption takes place at the expense of licit consumption.

4. *Opium.*—It is observed from paragraph 32 of the report that large quantities of opium were seized at Burma and the Straits Settlements from vessels arriving from ports of this Presidency. This shows that smuggling is going on in this Presidency. Strict instructions should therefore be issued to officers of the department to exercise a greater supervision and a closer watch over smugglers.

5. Lastly in view of the allegations so frequently made as to the motives and actions of picketers, the Board is requested to incorporate in the toddy sales report some concrete facts as regards the violence, insult and intimidation offered to persons frequenting the shops.

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