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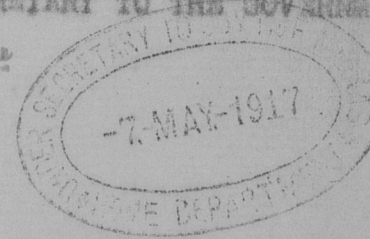
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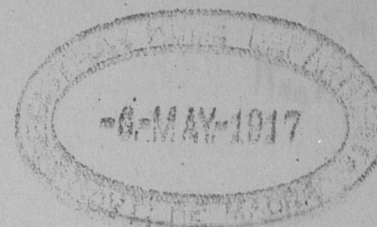
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Indian Immigration

(REPORT ON, FOR THE YEAR 1915).

Laid on the Table, 10 July, 1916.

THE AGENT-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Sir,

Immigration Department,
Suva, 24th April, 1916.

I have the honour to submit, for the information of His Excellency the Acting Governor, the following report upon Indian immigration and the Indian immigrants in this Colony during the year 1915. It is divided into two parts: Part I deals entirely with indentured Indians, Part II deals with unindentured and indentured Indians, and with matters of general interest.

2. Applications were received originally for 2,745 adult immigrants to be allotted to 92 plantations, supplementary applications were received for an additional 45 adults. Owing to the war the recruiting of immigrants for service under indenture in Fiji was delayed until the beginning of the year and in consequence it was found possible to despatch only three vessels with immigrants to this Colony during the season. A reduction of ten per centum on the original applications was therefore made when allotting immigrants who arrived during the year.

3. The undermentioned steamers were chartered for the transport of immigrants in 1915, viz.:

Steamer.		Master.		Surgeon-Supt.
"Mutlah" I	....	J. Potter	....	P. Rendall.
"Ganges"	....	R. Brown	....	H. Vallance.
"Mutlah" II	....	J. Potter	....	I. Welsh.

The "Mutlah" (first voyage) left Calcutta on the 3rd of April, arriving at Madras on the 7th of April. After embarking immigrants at Madras the vessel resumed her voyage on the 9th April, and arrived in Suva harbour on the morning of the 7th of May—twenty-nine days out from Madras. The general condition of the immigrants during the voyage was good, there being little serious illness. In spite of exceedingly rough weather during the last week which was the cause of much sea-sickness, the condition of the immigrants on arrival was good. No births or deaths occurred during the voyage. The immigrants embarked at Calcutta and Madras were as follows:—

	Males.		Females.		Children		Infants		Total.
Calcutta ..	335	....	165	....	40	....	15	....	555
Madras ..	214	....	72	....	20	....	7	....	313
Total ..	549	....	237	....	60	....	22	....	868

Eighteen passengers are included in the above.

The "Ganges" left Calcutta on the 18th of May arriving at Madras on the 21st of May. After embarking immigrants at that port the vessel resumed her voyage on the 24th of May and arrived

at Suva on the 21st of June, after a voyage of twenty-nine days from Madras. The Surgeon-Superintendent reported that the usual complaints occurred during the voyage, malaria and bowel complaints predominating, and on arrival in colder weather, coughs and colds; there were also a few cases of mumps. Owing to the weather conditions after leaving the Torres Straits, the excessive motion of the vessel combined with the wet and colder weather, the general condition of the immigrants deteriorated, but on the whole they were very greatly improved by the voyage. One death, that of an adult male from Madras, occurred during the voyage, there were no births. The immigrants embarked were as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Calcutta ..	261	131	35	15	442
Madras ..	293	94	21	4	412
Total ..	554	225	56	19	854

Seven passengers are included in the above.

The "Mutlah" (second voyage) left Calcutta on the 29th of June arriving at Madras on the 5th July. After embarking immigrants at Madras the vessel resumed her voyage on the 6th of July arriving at Suva on the 1st August—twenty-six days out from Madras. The condition and state of health of the immigrants on embarkation was good and generally improved during the voyage. No births or deaths occurred during the voyage. The immigrants embarked were as follows:—

	Males.	Females.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Calcutta ..	286	120	25	14	445
Madras ..	295	92	23	7	417
Total ..	581	212	48	21	862

Fifty passengers are included in the above.

ARRIVAL OF IMMIGRANTS IN 1915.

4. The total number of immigrants embarked and landed, taking the rating at port of embarkation, was as follows:—

	Male Adults.	Female Adults.	Boys.	Girls.	Male Infants.	Female Infants.	Total.
"Mutlah" I from Calcutta and Madras arrived 7th of May, 1915	549	237	37	23	11	11	868
"Ganges" from Calcutta and Madras arrived 21st of June, 1915	554	225	28	28	11	8	854
"Mutlah" II from Calcutta and Madras arrived 1st of Aug st, 1915	581	212	22	26	13	8	862
Number embarked	1,684	674	87	77	35	27	2,584
Deduct deaths on voyage	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Number landed	1,683	674	87	77	35	27	2,583
Deduct passengers	53	16	2	3	..	1	75
Immigrants landed	1,630	658	85	74	35	26	2,508

PROPORTION OF SEXES.

5. The proportion of females despatched to every hundred males was:—Adults, 40.36; children, 83.3; total, 43.31. There were 9.61 children to every hundred adults, or 8.77 per cent. of the whole number embarked.

RETURN IMMIGRANTS.

6. Included with the total number despatched, the following immigrants had previously served or resided in other Colonies:—

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Natal	53	25	11	89
Surinam	5	1	1	7
Fiji	28	22	24	74
Mauritius	8	5	4	17
Trinidad	2	4	3	9
Jamaica	2	2	4	8
British Guiana	10	4	3	17
Total	108	63	50	221

Passengers are not included in the above.

NON-IMMIGRANT PASSENGERS.

7. There were 75 passengers, including 69 adults; 36 of these had previously served under indenture in Fiji.

REMITTANCES.

8. Sums amounting to £182 3s. 4d. were deposited with the Emigration Agent at Calcutta, by 23 immigrants for payment in Fiji.

DETENTION IN DEPOT.

9. The Immigration Depot, Nukulau island, was in occupation during part of the months of May, June, July, and August, 1915. No quarantine restriction was necessary in the case of immigrants arriving by any steamer. The usual steam disinfection of all the immigrants' clothing, blankets, &c., was carried out in depot. Upon the Nukulau depot being closed after the allotment and delivery of the immigrants from each steamer, all unallotted and rejected immigrants with their dependents were removed to Korovou depot, Suva, as usual. The period of detention in depot in the case of each steamer is shown hereunder, viz.:—

	"Mutlah" I.	"Ganges."	"Mutlah" II.
Arrival in depot ..	8 May	22 June	2 August.
Date fixed for delivery ..	22 May	7 July	17 August.
Depot closed ..	24 May	8 July	24 August.

PHYSIQUE AND CONDITION OF IMMIGRANTS ON ARRIVAL.

10. The physique of the immigrants medically examined in depot appears to have been good. Owing to much rough weather experienced during the voyages of the first and second steamers the immigrants who arrived in those vessels did not appear to such advantage and a number were sent to the hospital on arrival. The condition of the immigrants greatly improved during their stay in depot.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN DEPOT AND HOSPITAL.

11. Three births (one premature) and one death, that of a female adult, occurred in the depot. Two deaths, both male adults, occurred in the Colonial Hospital.

MARRIAGES DECLARED IN DEPOT.

12. Declarations made on arrival under section 4 of the Indian Marriage Ordinance No. II of 1892, by newly arrived immigrants were taken by the Agent-General in the case of 225 couples, and certificates of registration issued to the parties.

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

13. The medical inspection of the immigrants was carried out in the depot by officers of the Medical Department, and the following details of chest measurements and weights of adults were recorded:—

	"Mutlah" I.	"Ganges."	"Mutlah" II.
Chest measurement:—			
Males, average in inches ..	32.47	32.87	31.58
Weight:—			
Males, average in lbs. ..	112.3	115.34	110.27
Females, average in lbs. ..	101.17	103.88	97.3

The average chest measurement of the adult male immigrants landed during the year was 32.3 inches, and the average weights were:—Males, 112.65 lbs., females, 100.88 lbs. The ages of adult immigrants varied in the following proportions:—

	Males.	Females.
20 years and under	35.28	47.33
25 years and over 20	42.25	36.83
30 years and over 25	17.05	11.91
40 years and over 30	5.41	3.91

14. The immigrants set aside for rejection or subsequent allotment after re-examination were:—

Vessel.	Set aside.			Dependents.					Total:		
	Adults.			Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
"Mutlah" I ..	14	6	20	2	2	..	1	5	24	1	25
"Ganges" ..	11	5	16	2	..	1	4	7	18	5	23
"Mutlah" II ..	18	3	21	1	1	..	..	2	23	..	23
Total ..	43	14	57	5	3	1	5	14	65	6	71

15. Subsequently they were disposed of as follows:—

	Set aside and rejected.			Dependents.						Total.		
	M.	F.	Total.	Adults.		Children.		Total.	Adults.	Childrn.	Total.	
Allotted on re-examination ..	25	8	33	M 5	F 2	M 1	F 2	10	40	3	43	
Died in Colonial Hospital ..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	
Agreement cancelled	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	
Permitted to leave depot on marriage	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	3	
Allotted without obligation to work	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	
Repatriated ..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	
In depot awaiting repatriation ..	13	2	15	..	1	..	2	3	16	2	18	
Total ..	43	14	57	5	3	1	5	14	65	6	71	

RE-CLASSIFICATION.

16. Eleven males and ten females recruited as adults, being under fifteen years of age, were re-classified as non-adults, and two female children were re-classified as infants.

LIMITED TASKS.

17. Under section 51 of Ordinance No. I of 1891, there were placed on limited tasks immigrants as under:—

Vessel.	Half Task.		Three-Quarter Task.		Total.		Percentage to Number Allotted.
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
"Mutlah" I ..	28	29	33	..	61	29	12.04
"Ganges" ..	22	62	134	..	156	62	28.68
"Mutlah" II ..	23	2	7	..	30	2	4.35
Total ..	73	93	174	..	247	93	15.17

It may be noted that the majority of the immigrants ex "Ganges" placed on three-quarter task were so classified on account of youth.

18. The number despatched, the casualties, rejections, and the number actually allotted are shown in the following table:—

Particulars.	Adults.		Children.		Infants.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Embarked (3 steamers) ..	1,684	674	87	77	35	27	2,584
Died on voyage ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total landed ..	1,683	674	87	77	35	27	2,583
Deduct passengers ..	53	16	2	3	..	1	75
Number of immigrants landed ..	1,630	658	85	74	35	26	2,508
Deduct died in depot and hospital ..	2	1	..	..	..	1	4
Commuted indenture ..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
Paid passage on arrival ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Re-classified ..	11	10	..	2	..	..	23
Rejected and dependents ..	14	6	..	..	..	3	23
Total deductions ..	29	18	2	2	..	4	55
Add born at Nukulau ..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3
Re-classified ..	..	..	11	10	..	2	23
Total additions ..	..	..	11	10	2	3	26
Total allotted ..	1,601	640	94	82	37	25	2,479

19. As shown by the foregoing summary, 2,288 adult immigrants were landed in 1915 (exclusive of passengers); of these, 2,241 adults were allotted—21 classed as adults in India being re-classed as children; 19 with 1 adult dependent were rejected at medical examination; 3 died in depot and in hospital; and 3 were allowed to cancel their agreements to serve under indenture. Of the number allotted, 247 men and 93 women were placed on limited tasks—equal to about 15 per cent.

PROPORTION OF SEXES.

20. The proportion of women to every 100 adult immigrants allotted was 28.55 per cent. or 39.97 to every 100 men.

REPATRIATION.

21. Three adult immigrants rejected on arrival in the Colony during the year 1914 and two adults rejected on arrival in 1915 were repatriated during the year under section 7 of the Indian Immigration Ordinance 1891. Seventy-five adults and their children were repatriated under section 45 as being incapable of completing their terms of indenture.

CANCELLATION.

22. The indentures of 464 immigrants (236 men and 228 women) were cancelled by the Agent-General on terms mutually agreed upon by the immigrants and the employer as provided under section 60 of the Indian Immigration Ordinance 1891. The amount paid by the immigrants to employers in commutation was £2,506 0s. 3d.

The following table shows the number of immigrants whose indentures have been cancelled under the above-mentioned section in each year since 1909:—

Year.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1909 ..	111	168	279
1910 ..	83	88	171
1911 ..	56	93	149
1912 ..	47	85	132
1913 ..	127	142	269
1914 ..	211	237	448
1915 ..	236	228	464

TRANSFERS.

23. There were 103 separate transfers recorded, involving 1,081 adults. Of the above 531 adults were transferred by reason of change of ownership of plantations; 506 adults were transferred under section 61 to other plantations belonging to the same or another employer; and 44 adults were transferred with the approval of the Governor for reasons connected with the maintenance of peace and good order on various plantations.

IMMIGRANTS REMAINING IN THE COLONY AT THE EXPIRATION OF INDENTURE.

24. In the following table is shown the number of immigrants introduced in 1910 and whose term of indenture expired in 1915, the loss through death or repatriation, and the number remaining in the Colony at the expiration of the term of their original indenture:—

	Adults.		Children	Total.
	M	F		
Allotted in 1910 (4 steamers) ..	2,411	944	376	3,731
Died in 5 years ..	157	81	65	303
Repatriated in 5 years ..	59	17	9	85
Total ..	216	98	74	388
Remaining in the Colony ..	2,195	846	302	3,343

Of the above the indentures of 134 men, 164 women, and 38 children were commuted during the term of indenture. The percentages lost by death and repatriation during the period of indenture were as follows:—

Period 1910—1915.		
Male adults ..	..	8.95
Female adults ..	..	10.38
Children ..	..	19.67
Total ..	..	10.39

EXTENSION OF INDENTURES.

25. The extensions of indenture recorded against immigrants whose indenture expired in 1915, together with the average number of days extended, are shown in the following tables. The extensions granted are for all time lost to the employer both by reason of breaches of the

Immigration Ordinance and also for criminal offences, and include some heavy sentences for serious crimes :—

Crimes :—

Class.	Number whose original term of indenture expired in 1915.	Indentures extended for						Total.			Percentage whose time was extended.	Percentage whose time was not extended.
		Under 100 Days.			100 Days and over.			No. of Persons.	No. of Days.	Average No. of Days..		
		No. of Persons.	No. of Days.	Average No. of Days.	No. of Persons.	No. of Days.	Average No. of Days.					
Men ..	2,061	219	5,652	25	68	14,864	218	287	20,516	71	13.92	86.07
Women	682	37	639	17	1	144	144	38	783	20	5.57	94.42
Total	2,743	256	6,291	24	69	15,008	217	325	21,299	65	11.84	88.15

The following is a comparison of the deaths, repatriations, and extensions while under indenture, per cent. of immigrants introduced in each year, 1905 to 1910 :—

Adult immigrants of	Died.	Repatriated.	Time extended.	Time not extended.
1905	7.51	4.89	25.44	74.56
1906	8.32	6.51	21.44	78.56
1907	7.61	6.28	23.77	76.23
1908	7.92	2.69	21.56	78.44
1909	9.06	4.53	19.51	80.49
1910	7.09	2.26	11.84	88.15

INDENTURED POPULATION.

26. The indentured immigrant population as shown by the plantation returns in each of the last nine years was as under :—

Year.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
1907	7,592	2,590	1,507	11,689
1908	7,632	2,623	1,744	11,999
1909	7,750	2,624	1,869	12,243
1910	8,174	2,787	1,796	12,757
1911	9,374	3,152	1,936	14,462
1912	9,767	3,400	2,202	15,369
1913	10,060	3,557	2,344	15,961
1914	9,644	3,430	2,528	15,602
1915	8,799	3,123	2,440	14,362

INSPECTION.

27. The inspectors attached to this Department during the year under review were five in number and their respective districts are shown hereunder :—

- Mr. P. R. Backhouse, stationed in Suva, is in charge of the Rewa (including Colo East and Tailevu), Navua, and Suva districts. He is assisted in his inspection of these districts by Mr. G. B. Crabbe. During the year 193 different visits were made to plantations in these districts.
- Mr. G. B. Crabbe, stationed in Suva, besides assisting in the inspection of Rewa, Tailevu, and Colo East districts made 112 visits of inspection to plantations in Lomaiviti, Lau, Cakaudrove, Savusavu, and Bua districts.
- Mr. G. R. Jordan, stationed at Labasa, is in charge of the Labasa, Dreketi, and Taviuni districts, and during the year paid regular visits of inspection to all plantations in these districts.
- Mr. S. A. Lord, stationed at Lautoka, is in charge of the Lautoka, Nadi, and Sigatoka districts. One hundred and sixty-one visits were made to plantations in these districts in 1915.
- Mr. H. E. Disbrowe, stationed at Rarawai, Ba, is in charge of the Ba, Tavua, and Ra districts. During the year 281 visits of inspection were made to the various plantations in these districts.

The provisions of the Regulations relating to dwellings, water supply, and sanitation of lines are generally complied with by employers. Instructions to employers regarding minor defects and repairs required were in all cases promptly attended to. Particular attention has been paid to all complaints by indentured immigrants, and prosecutions for breaches of the Ordinance were instituted when such action appeared necessary. The majority of the complaints received were of a trivial nature and a patient hearing and a little well placed advice in most instances proved sufficient. In a few cases where, after inquiry by officers of the Department, it was found that the root of the trouble lay in the treatment meted out by Sirdars to the immigrants in their charge, the offending parties were immediately removed by their employers. The reports of the District Medical Officers indicate that the improvement noted in previous reports in regard to the sanitation of lines in their respective districts is satisfactorily maintained.

28. The details of daily earnings, attendance at work, and absence through sickness or other causes, obtained from the plantation registers for the whole year by Inspectors, are shown in a condensed return (Appendix C annexed to this report) and are summarised hereunder. In working out the percentages, non-workers, *i.e.*, immigrants absent from work for the whole period taken, have not been considered. Non-workers include prisoners sentenced by the Supreme Court, incapables, and deserters. The period for which details were generally obtained was twelve months.

ANALYSIS OF RETURNS OF WORK AND ABSENCE FROM WORK.

The figures given below show the percentage of working days in the period taken on which immigrants were present at work or absence by reason of the causes stated :—

Attendance at Work.					
	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Males ..	90.59	91.91	92.55	92.00	92.03
Females ..	80.78	78.76	78.12	76.18	77.18

The attendance of women is affected by pregnancy and the care of young children.

Absence by reason of sickness.					
	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Males ..	4.60	3.63	3.30	3.43	2.92
Females ..	6.76	5.94	6.07	5.77	5.28

The following comparative figures show the percentage of loss of working time on account of sickness in each district by males and females separately :—

Males.					
	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Rewa ..	4.80	3.16	3.05	3.68	3.21
Ba and Ra ..	3.04	2.83	3.11	3.39	2.60
Macuata ..	5.69	6.08	2.47	2.57	2.78
Navua ..	5.01	3.37	4.11	4.32	3.95
Lautoka and Nadi	5.27	3.07	3.16	2.97	2.28
Nadroga ..	8.03	4.71	4.68	4.67	3.68
Cakaudrove, Lau, Savusavu, and Lomaiviti ..	..	..	..	..	2.90

Females.					
	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Rewa ..	6.90	5.64	5.84	6.30	5.81
Ba and Ra ..	5.92	5.86	5.87	5.94	4.47
Macuata ..	8.56	7.27	3.81	4.28	4.30
Navua ..	6.49	5.96	6.99	6.71	7.44
Lautoka and Nadi	6.71	5.55	6.16	4.71	5.07
Nadroga ..	7.74	6.47	7.77	8.43	6.95
Cakaudrove, Lau, Savusavu, and Lomaiviti ..	..	..	..	..	3.81

Regarding the individual plantations on which over 20 immigrants were employed, the highest percentages of absence throughout the year on account of sickness were :—Among men, 5.87 on Benai plantation, Ba district ; among women, 10.20 on Veivadravadra plantation, Nadroga ; and the lowest was, among men, .66 on Togo, Nadi ; among women, 1.95 on Natawarau plantation, Ba.

Unlawful absence, &c.—The percentages of days lost through unlawful absence, court, and gaol, compare as follows with the previous years :—

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Men ..	2.09	2.32	2.17	2.05	2.75
Women ..	.76	.28	.27	.31	.36

Absence for other causes.—By pass, holiday, bad weather, and in the case of women, pregnancy and nursing, the percentages of days occupied were :—

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Men ..	1.50	2.14	1.98	2.52	2.31
Women ..	11.79	15.02	15.54	17.74	17.18

ANALYSIS OF WAGES AND RETURNS.

Earnings.—The average earnings for all estates during twelve months (stated in pence) are shown in the following comparative figures :—

Per Working Day.

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Males	12-35	12-24	12-29	12-55	12-52
Females	6-36	6-58	6-54	6-61	6-54

Per Day Worked on.

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Males	13-60	13-32	13-32	13-65	13-60
Females	8-80	8-36	8-37	8-66	8-48

The highest plantation averages per working day were:—

Plantation, district, and nature of work.

	Males. pence.	Females. pence.
Tabuta and Tokelau, Lau, copra	16-53	9-09
Lomaji, Lau, copra	16-33	9-37
Waitakala, Rewa, bananas	14-56	9-71
Nabati, Tailevu, bananas	14-99	6-24
Samusamu, Sigatoka, cane	14-99	6-24
Muanaweni, Rewa, cane	14-99	6-24
Nausori, Rewa, mill and field	14-99	6-24
Lautoka, Lautoka, mill and field	14-99	6-24

The lowest plantation averages per working day were:—

Selialevu, Taviuni, copra	9-67	6-37
Matei, Taviuni, copra	11-45	5-66
Dalmeny Park, Tailevu, bananas	10-32	5-11
Levukana, Tailevu, bananas	11-18	3-97
Navuso, Rewa, cane	11-18	3-97
Samusamu, Sigatoka, cane	11-18	3-97
Penang, Ra, mill and field	11-18	3-97
Nausori, Rewa, mill and field	11-18	3-97

The highest plantation averages per day of actual work were:—

Tabuta and Tokelau, Lau, copra	16-72	11-35
Delaiweni, Taviuni, copra	19-13	11-05
Waitakala, Rewa, bananas	15-95	11-37
Kavanagasau, Nadroga, cane	16-01	9-08
Muanaweni, Rewa, cane	16-01	9-08
Nausori, Rewa, mill and field	16-01	9-08
Labasa, Macuata, mill and field	16-01	9-08

The lowest plantation averages per day of actual work were:—

Muanicula, Bua, copra	11-50	6-13
Nabuono, Taviuni, copra	12-31	7-18
Saiyaro, Tailevu, bananas	11-17	7-00
Levukana, Tailevu, bananas	12-20	5-46
Navuso, Rewa, cane	12-20	5-46
Tovilavila, Lautoka, cane	12-20	5-46
Penang, Ra, mill and field	12-20	5-46
Nausori, Rewa, mill and field	12-20	5-46

In the above figures regarding the highest and lowest plantation averages only those plantations employing ten or more indentured immigrants have been considered.

VITAL STATISTICS.

29. Under this heading the births and deaths among indentured Indian immigrants and their children during the year 1915 are shown. The birth-rate and the death-rate have been calculated on the daily average population as ascertained from the plantation returns submitted by the employers. Deaths from accident and violence (including capital punishment) are included in the total death-rate. In former reports such deaths were not included.

30. *Births.*—The births reported as having occurred during 1915 were males, 395; females, 379; total, 774 (not including still-born children). The plantation birth-rate was 6-37 per cent. and the proportion of girls to every hundred boys was 95-94.

31. *Mortality.*—The deaths reported during the year 1915 among indentured Indian immigrants and their children numbered 114 and 150 respectively. Included among these are 34 deaths (29 adults and 5 children) due to accident or violence. The death-rate per cent. of the average indentured population was:—

Adults	93
Children	6-19
Total	1-81

Excluding deaths from accidents and violence the death rate per cent. is:—

Adults	70
Children	5-98
Total	1-58

The following comparative table shows the death-rate and birth-rate among indentured immigrants during the last ten years:—

Year.	Adults.		Children.		Total.		Births.
	Excluding deaths from accident or violence.	All causes.	Excluding deaths from accident or violence.	All causes.	Excluding deaths from accident or violence.	All causes.	
1906	1-32	..	14-72	..	2-99	..	5-18
1907	1-43	..	13-93	..	3-04	..	4-79
1908	1-46	..	10-20	..	2-73	..	5-02
1909	74	..	10-26	..	2-10	..	5-10
1910	1-85	..	15-08	..	3-78	..	5-43
1911	1-35	..	12-04	..	2-74	..	4-64
1912	1-22	..	7-32	..	2-21	..	5-36
1913	97	..	8-37	..	2-01	..	5-70
1914	75	..	7-83	..	1-81	..	6-10
1915	70	93	5-98	6-19	1-58	1-81	6-37

Previous to 1915 deaths from accident and violence were not included in calculating the death-rate.

32. Appendix A, prepared from reports of deaths, shows all deaths reported, and the causes of death. The principal causes of death among adult indentured immigrants during the year were:—

Tuberculosis and Phthisis	23
Parasitical diseases	15
and among their children:—Pneumonia	28
Diseases of the digestive system	17
Congenital Syphilis	11
Anæmia and Debility	11

and in 20 cases the cause was unknown or ill-defined. The ages of the indentured children whose deaths were reported are as follows:—

1 year and under 15 years	34
6 months and under 1 year	30
1 month and under 6 months	36
1 week and under 1 month	29
Under 1 week	21

Out of a total of 227 plantations on which 14,555 indentured immigrants were employed during the year, no deaths occurred on 140 plantations and on 173 plantations there were no deaths of adults.

ACCIDENTS AND VIOLENCE.

33. The deaths due to accidents and violence are classified in the following statement:—

Cause of Death.	Indentured.				Time Expired.				Total.			
	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
Executed for murder	2	..	..	2	3	..	..	3	5	..	..	5
Murdered	2	2	..	4	2	..	1	3	4	2	1	7
Accidental overlaying	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	3	3
Accidental drowning	1	1	..	2	1	1	4	6	2	2	4	8
Accidental burning	..	1	4	5	1	..	3	4	1	1	7	9
Accidental injuries	2	..	..	2	3	..	2	5	5	..	2	7
Suicidal hanging	16	..	..	16	4	2	..	6	20	2	..	22
Suicidal injuries	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2
Total	25	4	5	34	14	3	12	29	41	5	17	63

MURDERS.

34. In the following table is shown the number of indentured immigrants murdered in each

of the last ten years and the rate per cent. of persons murdered to the average indentured population :—

Year.	Total Indentured Population.	Murdered.				Rate per cent.
		M	F	C	Total.	
1906	10,681	..	2	..	2	·018
1907	11,689	2	1	..	3	·025
1908	11,999	3	5	..	8	·066
1909	12,243	..	5	..	5	·040
1910	12,757	..	4	..	4	·031
1911	14,462	1	..	..	1	·006
1912	15,369	2	3	..	5	·032
1913	15,961	1	4	..	5	·031
1914	15,602	1	4	2	7	·044
1915	14,362	2	2	..	4	·027

ACCIDENTS.

35. Eight deaths among indentured immigrants are recorded as due to accidental causes. One woman and four children died as the result of burns, and one child died from asphyxia caused by overlaying by the mother. One man was run over by a train. It is supposed that he attempted to get off the train while it was in motion. One man was dragged by a horse in his charge and died as the result of injuries sustained.

36. In eighteen cases the deaths of indentured immigrants appear to have been self-inflicted. The cause for suicide was not discovered in the majority of cases. Particulars of each case are shown hereunder :—

*Registered No. 46155, male, 29 years, Mutharasee caste, district of Anamakonda, arrived 23rd July, 1911, indentured to Tamanua plantation, Navua ; no motive assigned.

Registered No. 43264, male, 22 years, Kori caste, district of Lucknow, arrived 8th July, 1910, indentured to Mataniwai plantation, Labasa ; suicide by hanging while in a state of mental depression.

Registered No. 53405, male, 28 years, Lohar caste, district of Mirzapore, arrived 29th May, 1913, indentured to Veisaru plantation, Ba ; no motive assigned.

*Registered No. 50868, male, 47 years, Odda caste, district of North Arcot, arrived 8th November, 1912, indentured to Olosara plantation, Sigatoka ; no motive assigned.

Registered No. 53162, male, 27 years, Thakur caste, district of Rewah, arrived 29th May, 1913, indentured to Veisaru plantation, Ba ; no motive assigned.

*Registered No. 47697, male, 26 years, Kapulu caste, district of Vizagapatam, arrived 4th October, 1911, indentured to Nagarawalu plantation, Rewa ; deceased hanged himself, probably on account of depression arising from his state of health.

Registered No. 47025, male, 26 years, Musalman caste, district of Kheri, arrived 18th August, 1911, indentured to Samabula plantation, Suva : deceased shot a girl and later took his own life by shooting himself.

*Registered No. 44354, male, 21 years, Shepherd caste, district of North Arcot, arrived 22nd May, 1911, indentured to Navutoka plantation, Rewa ; no motive assigned.

*Registered No. 57841, male, 22 years, Naidu caste, district of Coimbatore, arrived 21st June, 1915, indentured to Naselai plantation, Rewa ; no motive assigned though it appears that deceased was despondent on account of his woman leaving him.

*Registered No. 47650, male, 26 years, Okkiliar caste, district of Mysore, arrived 4th October, 1911, indentured to Navakai plantation, Nadi ; suicide while suffering from depression caused by the illness of his wife.

*Registered No. 57614, male, 17 years, Padachy caste, district of South Arcot, arrived 21st June, 1915, indentured to Natova plantation, Nadi ; was suffering from depression caused by home-sickness.

*Registered No. 52857, male, 27 years, Sengundar caste, district of Coimbatore, arrived 11th April, 1913, indentured to Yarawa planration, Navua ; deceased attacked and dangerously wounded a woman, afterwards committing suicide.

*Registered No. 57786, male, 26 years, Shepherd caste, district of North Arcot, arrived 21st June, 1915, indentured to Nabuna plantation, Tavua ; suicide while suffering from nostalgia.

*Registered No. 58557, male, 27 years, Gounden caste, district of Coimbatore, arrived 1st August, 1915, indentured to Vuna plantation, Taviuni ; suicide while temporarily insane.

*Registered No. 56028, male, 23 years, Yenadi caste, district of Nellore, arrived 16th June, 1914, indentured to Korolevu plantation, Kadavu ; no motive assigned.

Note.—The cases marked * were Madrassis.

*Registered No. 57848, male, 23 years, Telaga caste, district of Hanjam, arrived 21st June, 1915, indentured to Drasa plantation, Lautoka ; no motive assigned.

*Registered No. 45977, male, 26 years, Mala caste, district of Kistna, arrived 22nd June, 1911, indentured to Samusamu plantation, Sigatoka ; no motive assigned, but deceased was betrothed to a "minor" whom he attacked with a knife and inflicted minor injuries, and afterwards hanged himself.

*Registered No. 56948, male, 32 years, Thambiran caste, district of Chingleput, arrived 7th May, 1915, indentured to Rabi plantation, Cakaudrove ; no motive assigned, but it appears that deceased had learned that another man was making advances to his wife.

DISTRICT RATES OF MORTALITY.

37. The following figures show the death and birth-rates of indentured immigrants in the respective districts. Deaths due to accident or violence are included :—

District.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Births.
Rewa and Tailevu ..	·95	6·37	1·70	4·68
Macuata	·23	4·13	·95	6·82
Navua	2·21	11·66	3·71	5·05
Ba and Tavua ..	·48	4·19	1·10	7·53
Lautoka and Nadi ..	·66	6·28	1·65	6·66
Sigatoka	1·79	6·77	2·77	6·78
Ra	·56	7·61	1·73	5·67
Cakaudrove, Savu- savu, Bua, Lau, and Lomaiviti ..	·73	3·65	1·23	7·64
Suva and Kadavu ..	2·36	23·07	4·28	3·93

In Appendix B is shown the average indentured population throughout the year and the number of births and deaths occurring on each plantation with five or more indentured immigrants.

CRIMES AND OFFENCES.

38. *Employers v. immigrants.*—The result of proceedings taken by employers against indentured immigrants for breaches of the Immigration Ordinance in 1915 and each of the four preceding years is shown in the following table :—

	1911.	1912.	1913.	1914.	1915.
Number of adult indentured immigrants in the Colony throughout the year	15,352	16,111	16,410	15,033	15,315
Total number of complaints made by employers ..	1,520	1,256	990	1,159	1,081
Total number of immigrants complained against ..	1,010	1,007	730	848	800
Total number of convictions for offences against the labour law	1,372	1,135	729	854	876
Total number of sentences involving imprisonment with hard labour	446	186	26	30	26
Total number of sentences involving extension of indenture	447	447	248	157	145

The proportion of sexes in the total average plantation population, and of charges against men and women respectively to the total charges in the last five years were :—

Proportion of sexes.			Proportion of total charges against.		
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1911 ..	73·43	26·57	75·19	25·81	
1912 ..	74·10	25·90	89·65	10·35	
1913 ..	73·88	26·12	87·37	12·63	
1914 ..	73·29	26·71	89·64	10·36	
1915 ..	73·58	26·42	82·60	17·40	

Taking the whole estates population, 7·22 per cent. of men and 4·55 per cent. of women were prosecuted, the respective proportion in each district being as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Rewa	8·62	5·14	7·72
Ba	9·59	6·31	8·70
Macuata	2·63	·91	2·19
Navua	4·27	6·16	4·80
Lautoka and Nadi ..	8·15	·84	6·22
Nadroga	3·08	..	2·30
Ra	13·83	19·61	15·50
Cakaudrove	7·06	1·95	5·79
Lau	3·82	2·17	3·39

Note.—The cases marked * were Madrassis.

39. *Immigrants v. employers.*—The following informations were laid by indentured immigrants or by Inspectors of the Department on their behalf, against their employers or persons having control of immigrants on a plantation for breaches of the Immigration Ordinance :—

District.	Convicted.	Dismissed.	Withdrawn.	Total.
Ra	—	1	—	1
Navua	3	8	3	14
Lautoka	1	2	1	4
Colo East	3	1	—	4
Lau	3	1	7	11
Taviuni	1	2	—	3
Rewa	—	9	4	13
Sigatoka	1	4	—	5
Macuata	1	—	—	1
Savusavu	4	2	1	7
Ba	1	—	—	1
Total	18	30	16	64

Charges against Europeans included in the above were :—

District.	Charges.	Convicted.	Withdrawn and dismissed.
Sigatoka	4	1	3
Macuata	1	1	—
Lau	4	—	4
Taviuni	2	1	1
Rewa	7	—	7
Navua	3	—	3
Savusavu	3	1	2
Total	24	4	20

LEGISLATION.

40. By Ordinance No. XXIX of 1915, important amendments are made to the principal Immigration Ordinance of 1891.

Two main objects are effected by this Ordinance, viz., the deletion from the principal Ordinance of imprisonment for all purely labour offences and the right for an immigrant to commute his indenture on giving notice to his employer in time to enable the commuting immigrant to be replaced the following year. The commutation will take effect on the arrival of the first immigrant ship.

Section 70 of the principal Ordinance regarding extension of indenture is amended so as to make the consent of the Agent-General necessary before an extension is valid. This is in accordance with the recommendation made by Messrs. McNeill and Chimman Lal in their report to the Indian Government on the condition of Indian immigrants in the various Crown Colonies.

The Destitute Indian Fund no longer exists under that appellation. All moneys which formerly accrued to that fund are now brought to account under a head of General Revenue. This was effected by direction of the Secretary of State.

On the first conviction for an offence under section 108 of the principal Ordinance the maximum penalty that can now be imposed in the aggregate must not exceed five shillings. This amendment is in compliance with the views expressed by Messrs. McNeill and Chimman Lal in the report before mentioned.

By section 10 of the Ordinance the Court of Summary Jurisdiction dealing with offences under the immigration laws is now known as the Indian Immigrants' Court. The reason for this innovation is to remove from the minds of immigrants that the offences are considered criminal offences.

The Ordinance also effected other amendments in the immigration laws in order to carry out as far as possible some of the recommendations made by Messrs. McNeill and Chimman Lal in the report already referred to.

CONDITION OF INDENTURED IMMIGRANTS.

41. From the foregoing returns it will be seen that during the year 1915, there has been a slight decrease in the average earnings of indentured immigrants on plantations; the average earnings in 1915 per working day being, in the case of males 12·52 pence, and females 6·54 pence; in 1914 the amounts respectively were 12·55 and 6·61. The average earnings in 1915 per day worked on in the case of males being 13·60 pence, and females 8·48 pence; in 1914 the amounts respectively were 13·65 and 8·66. Included with the total average number of adult immigrants whose earnings have been taken were 2,241 allotted in 1915 and who were therefore not experienced workers.

The attendance at work shows a slightly higher percentage both for male and female immigrants than in 1914. Absence from work by reason of sickness both for male and female workers is lower than in 1914.

The death-rate among indentured immigrants and their children is lower than in any previous year. The birth-rate is higher than in any previous year.

There has been an increase in the number of immigrants who were allowed to commute their indentures; in 1914 the number was 448; in 1915 the number was 464. In 1913 the numbers commuting were 269.

The number of informations laid by employers in 1915 was less than in 1914. The number of immigrants complained against was lower in 1915 than in 1914. The total number of sentences involving imprisonment with hard labour was lower than in 1914. The number in 1915 was only 26. The number of sentences involving extension of indentures was lower than in 1914. The number in 1915 was 145.

42. At the latter end of 1915 Messrs Andrews and Pearson from Bholpur, India, visited Fiji in connection with the indenture system. They have recently issued a joint report headed "Indentured Labour in Fiji—an independent inquiry." It would be out of place for me to discuss their report here.

His Excellency the Acting Governor appointed two Committees in 1915 to consider and report on the points arising out of the report of Messrs. McNeill and Chimman Lal to the Government of India on the condition of Indian immigrants in the British Colonies of Trinidad, Jamaica, and Fiji, and the Dutch Colony of Surinam. The first Committee consisting of the Attorney-General, the Agent-General, the Hon. H. M. Scott, K.C., M.E.C., and M.L.C., the Hon. E. Duncan, M.L.C., and Manager of the Vancouver-Fiji Sugar Co. Ltd., of Navua, Mr. E. W. Fenner, Manager of the Nausori Mill and Attorney in Fiji for the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., and Mr. J. L. Hunt, a planter of many years standing and Chairman of the Fiji Planters Association, were appointed to consider such points in that report which entailed amendment of the Indian Immigration Ordinances. The outcome of their report was Ordinance No. XXIX of 1915, to which I have already referred.

The second Committee consisted of the same members with the addition of the Chief Medical Officer and the Commissioner of Lands but the Chairmanship was taken by the Acting Colonial Secretary in place of the Attorney-General. This second Committee considered the recommendations, with one exception, in that report which has not been considered by the first Committee. The outcome of their labour was the report dated the 19th January, 1916, which I attach as an appendix to this report for useful reference.

PART II.

RETURN PASSAGES.

43. The s.s. "Mutlah" was placed at the disposal of the Department on the 12th of May, and 510 passengers were embarked the following day, upon which the vessel departed. The "Mutlah" arrived at Madras on the 9th of June and after landing the passengers for that port proceeded on her voyage to Calcutta, where she arrived on the 12th of June. One birth occurred on the voyage, there were no deaths.

44. The following is the classification of the return passengers :—

Classification.	Section of Ordinance under which repatriated.	Adults.		Children.		Infants.		Total.
		M	F	M	F	M	F	
Rejected	7	4	1	..	..	..	..	5
Ten years' people	37	155	45	24	24	4	5	257
Incapables	45	57	18	3	2	..	2	82
Passports	127	87	19	3	5	..	1	115
Non-immigrants	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	50
Special authority	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	..	354	83	30	31	4	8	510

The foregoing figures include passengers for Calcutta, 370 adults and 66 children; and for Madras, 67 adults and 7 children. Among the immigrants embarked were 82 certified as invalids and 59 lepers.

45. Money and valuables taken by passengers were declared as follows :—

Money	£7,618 9 1
Jewellery, &c., valued at	1,560 0 0
Total	£9,178 9 1

Sums amounting to £843 17s. 2d. were deposited by immigrants with the Treasury for remittance to India by 65 persons. In all a total amount of £10,022 6s. 3d. was declared by 325 immigrants; an average of £30 per immigrant. One hundred and thirteen adults declared themselves without means, including rejected immigrants and immigrants certified as incapable of completing their indenture. The largest sum declared by any individual passenger was £577.

46. The following table shows the number of returned immigrants and the amounts declared during the last ten years :—

Year.	Number of Returning Immigrants.	Amount Declared.			Total.
		Money.	Jewellery.	Drafts.	
		£	£	£	£
1906	351	5,346	1,155	1,885	8,387
1907	641	7,921	1,440	2,421	11,783
1908	693	10,295	1,536	1,056	12,888
1909	414	6,485	816	1,285	8,587
1910	445	6,523	790	1,156	8,470
1911	708	9,903	1,011	2,391	13,306
1912	719	9,953	1,642	1,879	13,834
1913	802	12,195	1,805	2,760	16,760
1914	1,256	17,549	3,613	4,527	25,690
1915	510	7,618	1,560	843	10,022

IMMIGRANT POPULATION.

47. The following statement represents the Indian population of the Colony as estimated from the records of the Immigration Department and based on the returns of the census taken in 1911 :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated, 31/12/14	34,253	19,103	53,356
<i>Add—</i>			
Immigrants introduced, 1915	1,750	758	2,508
Unindentured immigrants introduced in 1915	55	20	75
Births, 1915	1,046	986	2,032
Total	37,104	20,867	57,971
<i>Deduct—</i>			
Repatriated immigrants and non-immigrants	388	122	510
Left under passport	4	....	4
Died in 1915	372	232	604
Estimate, 31/12/15	36,340	20,513	56,853
Being indentured	10,069	4,293	14,362
Being unindentured	26,271	16,220	42,491
Total	36,340	20,513	56,853

48. *Proportion of sexes.*—The proportion of females to males in respect of the Indian population is as follows, viz.,—unindentured population, 61·74 females to every 100 males ; total population, 56·44 females to every 100 males.

BIRTHS.

49. The births among the unindentured Indian population during 1915 were :—Males, 651 ; females, 607 ; total, 1,258 (not including still-born children). There were registered 93·24 girls to every 100 boys.

DEATHS.

50. Three hundred and forty deaths of unindentured Indian immigrants were reported during the year—155 adults and 185 children. In Appendix A will be found the causes of death among Indian immigrants from which it will be seen that tuberculosis and phthisis, 34 ; fever, 33 ; anæmia and debility, 28 ; desentery, 26 ; diseases of the respiratory system, 26 ; were the chief causes of death among unindentured Indians. The causes of 69 deaths were ill-defined or unspecified. Twenty-nine deaths (17 adults and 12 children) were due to accident or violence.

51. The death-rate based on the Indian population as estimated on the 31st of December, 1915, is as follows :—Unindentured immigrants, ·82 ; total population, 1·06. Deaths from accident or violence, though not included in former years, are included in calculating the death-rate. There is reason to believe that a few deaths among unindentured Indians are not reported and that the figures dealing with mortality among the unindentured Indian population are, therefore,

to a small extent, unreliable. The following table shows the death-rate in each of the last ten years on total immigrant population and the unindentured immigrant population.

Year.	Unindentured population.	Total population.
1906	—	2·09
1907	1·36	1·98
1908	1·31	1·82
1909	1·09	1·58
1910	1·55	2·49
1911	1·20	1·76
1912	1·08	1·22
1913	·99	1·29
1914	·94	1·20
1915	·82	1·06

52. *Deaths by violence.*—Two male immigrants and one child not under indenture were murdered during the year. Three unindentured male Indians were executed for murder.

53. *Deaths by accident.*—One man and three children died as a result of burns. Two adults and four children were drowned and two children died from asphyxia caused from over-laying by their mothers. One man died from injuries received while attempting to jump off a truck while in motion, and a child, who had strayed on to the railway line was run over by a passing train.

54. *Suicide.*—Six unindentured Indian immigrants committed suicide by hanging. In two cases the finding was “suicide while of unsound mind.” In the remaining cases, one of which was that of a married women with a child, no motive could be assigned.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

55. The marriages registered during the year under the Indian Marriage Ordinance of 1892 numbered :—Under section 4, 225 ; under section 6, 255 ; total, 480. Three divorces were notified to this Department under section 25 of the above Ordinance.

DECEASED IMMIGRANTS ESTATES.

56. This account shows :—

Balance, 31st December, 1914	£720 12 5
Net amount of estates collected during 1915	636 5 3
Interest	14 0 0
	£1,370 17 8
Estates disposed of	412 7 10
Balance, 31st December, 1915	£958 9 10

NATIVE LEASES.

57. Seven hundred and forty-two leases comprising a total area of 5,744 acres were registered in 1915, the largest total area leased in any province being 2,557 acres in Ba and Yasawas. The following table shows the number of leases issued and the area leased in each of the last nine years :—

Year.	No. of leases.	Acreage.
1907	240	—
1908	415	3,715
1909	456	3,740
1910	455	—
1911	440	2,300
1912	573	2,676
1913	392	1,817
1914	398	1,865
1915	742	5,744

SAVINGS.

58. *Deposits in local banks.*—During the year fixed deposits were made by the Department in the local banks on behalf of 106 depositors. The total sum at fixed deposits on the 31st December, 1915, was £8,947 0s. 2d. being £4,037 11s. 11d. less than the previous year. The decrease is no doubt due to the outbreak of war, resulting in an unusually large amount of money being

buried. The following table shows the amount on fixed deposit in Government Savings Bank, by Indian immigrants on the 31st December in each of the last five years :—

Year.	No. of depositors.	Balance to credit.
1911	50	£1,422 17 2
1912	77	2,527 2 0
1913	159	4,725 14 5
1914	172	3,114 13 4
1915	156	2,177 3 5

59. *Remittances.*—The amount remitted by Indian immigrants through the Treasury was £1,965 16s. sent by 350 persons. This amount does not include the amount remitted by Madras immigrants through the Treasury, which was £1,425 11s. 4d. by 199 remitters. The average remittance for both Calcutta and Madras being £6 3s. 6d. This total is exclusive of money remitted by immigrant passengers repatriated per s.s. "Mutlah" amounting to £843 17s. 2d. The following table shows the amount remitted through the Treasury in each of the last ten years :—

Year.	No. of remittances.	Amount remitted.
1906	388	£1,882 1 0
1907	587	2,996 12 4
1908	684	3,027 12 0
1909	761	3,534 14 0
1910	721	3,843 5 6
1911	762	4,201 19 8
1912	844	4,792 17 9
1913	886	5,268 8 0
1914	707	4,419 17 0
1915	549	3,391 7 4

LUNATICS AND LEPERS.

60. On the 31st December, 1915, there were 26 Indians (17 males and 9 females) who were inmates of the Suva Lunatic Asylum, and 82 (71 males and 11 females) inmates of the Leper Asylum, Makogai.

TRADING AND OTHER LICENSES ISSUED.

61. During 1915 the following licenses were issued to Indians, viz. :—

Store (wholesale and retail)	41
Store, country (retail)	1,045
Store, town (retail)	72
Hawker	1,065
Baker	17
Jewellery	53
Gun	123
Dog	2,534
Waterman	123
Fruit-shipper	1
Butcher	8
Coasting	10
Cordial manufacturer	4
Porter	1
Total	5,097

The trading licenses are for various terms, but are usually taken out for periods of three months.

EMPLOYMENT OF UNINDENTURED IMMIGRANTS.

62. *Engagements under the Masters and Servants Ordinance.*—Under the above Ordinance 1,292 immigrants were engaged under registered agreements, of whom 1,034 engaged for work in sugar mills for the crushing season at wages varying from 1s. per diem to 2s. 6d. per diem with bonus, the majority being engaged at a rate of 1s. 3d. per diem with bonus. The wages of domestic and store servants varied from £10 to £36 per annum usually with food. Immigrants engaged for plantation work received from 1s. to 2s. per diem without food. A large number of Indian labourers are employed on public works in Suva, the current wages varying from 2s. to 2s. 6d. per diem.

INDIAN ORPHANS.

63. Under the provisions of Ordinance No. I of 1891, Part XIII, there have been assigned to a guardian one child of Indian immigrants as shown hereunder :—Assigned to Indian immigrants, 1 girl.

CRIMES AND OFFENCES.

64. During the year 100 Indian immigrants were committed for trial to the Supreme Court on 72 charges, with the results set forth below :—

Offences Charged.	No. of Cases.	No. of Persons concerned.	Results.		Nolle Prosequi.
			Convicted.	Acquitted.	
Larceny	11	13	6	1	6
Bribery	1	1	1	..	..
Wounding with intent	17	23	18	1	4
Murder	9	14	6	7	1
Carnal knowledge	1	1	1	..	..
Sodomy	2	2	..	..	2
Bestiality	1	1	..	..	1
Arson	7	9	5	1	3
Abduction	1	1	..	..	1
Breaking and entering	4	8	5	3	..
False declaration	2	2	..	..	2
Attempted suicide	2	2	1	1	..
Robbery	3	7	4	..	3
Escape from gaol	3	3	1	..	2
Endangering safety of person	1	1	..	..	1
Forgery, aiding and abetting	2	3	3	..	..
Tendering false coin	1	1	..	1	..
As lieene without lienor's consent did sell crop	1	1	1	..	..
Unlawfully secreting letter	1	1	1	..	..
Perjury	1	1	1	..	..
Assault with intent	1	5	5	..	..
Total	72	100	59	15	26

SETTLEMENT OF UNIDENTURED INDIAN POPULATION.

65. *Macuata.*—The following remarks are taken from a report by the Acting Resident Inspector of Immigrants at Labasa :—

1. The year 1915 opened very badly for the residents in most of the Indian settlements in this district, owing to the continued dry weather the rice crop failed and many of them were for months living from hand to mouth.
2. Many of them were heavily in debt and were reduced to eating maize, root crops, &c., and will not be on a good financial footing till this rice crop is harvested.
3. When the wet season started large areas were planted in rice, dhal, maize, and other crops which have done well and should bring in a good return.
4. Rice will of course be cheap this year, there are such heavy crops of it and most of the growers will want to sell as soon as it is harvested, few of them can afford to store it and wait for a good market.
5. The Indians at Dreketi are better off than those in the Labasa part of the district, the land there is so much better for agriculture and they have a better rainfall.
6. The Indian cane-growers in this district did very well, the crops, if not heavy, were very sweet, and they also participated in the 2s. 6d. per ton bonus. The following are the figures you asked for in this connection :—

(a) Area	303 acres.
Tonnage	5,750 tons.
(b) Area	310 acres.
Tonnage	6,249 tons.
(c) £3,993 7s. 11d.	

7. Considering the large number of Indians resident in this district the amount of crime reported to the police during the year was very small, most of the cases put before the Court being for minor offences.
8. Apart from the cane crops the following were grown by the unindentured Indians in this district during the year :—

Maize	870 acres.
Rice	4,920 acres.
Dhal	100 acres.

66. *Ba.*—The following is a report on unindentured Indian immigrants by the Resident Inspector of Immigrants at Ba, for the districts of Ba, Tavua, and Ra :—

The population return given is for the district of Ba only as the figures for Tavua and Ra are not kept at this office, the births and deaths for the districts named being registered at the offices of the District Commissioners, Colo North and Ra respectively. I have written asking that the necessary information be forwarded direct to Suva office without delay.

The agricultural return as furnished by the District Commissioner, Colo North, includes the figures for the European and Indian population combined, therefore I have been obliged to estimate the returns for the Indian portion of the community.

The return for cane grown by Indian immigrants is submitted separately as the information contained in same does not apply to the other agricultural products. The figures for Ba and Tavua are given together.

General remarks.—Owing to the very dry season the rice crop was virtually a failure, consequently the people experienced a hard time as only a few of them had rice to sell and in many instances growers had to purchase the imported article at war rates. During the early part of the year there was a considerable shortage of sharps and prices rose to an abnormal rate, this particularly affected the Calcuttans and Punjaubis. The settlers growing cane under contract were in a better position generally than those who depended solely on rice and maize, for the returns obtained by them were on an average good.

Some dissatisfaction existed among the people on account of having to meet the hut and other taxes which they seemed to think should have been temporarily remitted in view of the bad season and abnormal prices ruling as the result of the war.

The health of the Indian community has been on an average good. The people generally are contented and are looking forward to a good season. Mr. Pearson of the Indian Mission visited this district towards the end of the year and was much impressed by the evident prosperity of the Indian settlers.

I regret the delay that has occurred in forwarding this report but I was given to understand last year that as the figures in connection with the unindentured population are obtained by Indian constables and cannot be relied upon, it was to be discontinued. In future, however, I hope to forward the report on unindentured Indian immigrants in my district with my annual returns and report.

POPULATION, AGRICULTURAL, AND STOCK RETURNS FOR BA, TAVUA, AND RA.

Population.—Ba: males, 1,814; females, 981; children, 1,555; total, 4,350; births, 177; deaths, 33.

Acreage under.—Ba, maize, 2,026; rice, 1,566; dhall, 96. Tavua, maize, 289; rice, 245; dhall, 144; m. beans, 198; peanuts, 5. Ra, maize, 306; rice, 472; dhall, 126; m. beans, 3; peanuts, 2.

Amount cropped in bags.—Ba, maize, 4,632; rice, 4,842; dhall, 188. Tavua, maize, 1,150; rice, 899; dhall, 240; m. beans, 160. Ra, maize, 1,703; rice, 340; dhall, 300; m. beans, 3.

Value of crops.—Ba, maize, £2,316; rice, £4,842; dhall, £376. Tavua, maize, £575; rice, £899; dhall, 480; m. beans, £160. Ra, maize, £852; rice, £340; dhall, £600; m. beans, £3.

Live stock.—Ba, horses and mules, 699; cattle, 4,828; goats, 512; pigs, 10; poultry, 7,945; Tavua, horses and mules, 562; cattle, 615; goats, 112; pigs, 782; poultry, 2,500. Ra, horses and mules, 276; cattle, 1,210; goats, 2; pigs, 6; poultry, 1,829.

Value of stock.—Ba, horses and mules, £13,980; cattle, £24,140; goats, £256; pigs, £30; poultry, £795. Tavua, horses and mules, £7,240; cattle, £3,075; goats, £56; pigs, £2,346; poultry, £250. Ra, horses and mules, £5,520; cattle, £6,050; goats, £1; pigs, £18; poultry, £183.

CANE RETURNS FOR BA AND TAVUA (UNIDENTURED INDIAN IMMIGRANTS).

1. Number of contractors on books, 429.
2. Area under cultivation, 4,915 acres.
3. Number of contractors who cut in 1915, 302.
4. Area actually cut in 1915, 2,738 acres.
5. Number of tons crushed in 1915, 33,432.
6. Total amount paid for cane crushed in 1915, £25,848 15s. 3d.
7. Greatest tonnage delivered by one contractor, 1,328.
8. Smallest tonnage delivered by one contractor, 9.
9. Average tonnage delivered by all contractors, 110.7.
10. Highest P.O.C.S. and price obtained by any, P.O.C.S., 18.75; price, 17s. 2d.
11. Lowest P.O.C.S. and price obtained by any, P.O.C.S., 9.30; price, 3s. 10d.
12. Greatest amount obtained by one contractor, £966 17s. 4d.
13. Smallest amount obtained by one contractor, 5s.
14. Average amount obtained by each contractor, £85 11s. 9d.
15. Area estimated to cut in 1916, 3,469 acres.
16. Estimated tonnage to cut in 1916, 44,451.

CANE RETURNS, COMPANY'S INDIAN SETTLEMENTS.

1. Number of Indians on settlements, 39.
2. Area under cultivation, 515.1 acres.
3. Number of Indians who cut in 1915, 39.
4. Area actually cut in 1915, 255.2 acres.
5. Number of tons crushed in 1915, 4,644.
6. Total amount paid for cane crushed in 1915, £1,459 16s. 3d.
7. Greatest tonnage delivered by one Indian, 244.
8. Smallest tonnage delivered by one Indian, 87.
9. Average tonnage delivered by all Indians, 119.
10. Highest P.O.C.S. and price obtained by any Indian, P.O.C.S., 18.2; price, 16s. 6d.
11. Lowest P.O.C.S. and price obtained by any Indian, P.O.C.S., 8.65; price, 2s. 9d.
12. Greatest amount by one Indian, £64 19s. 3d.
13. Smallest amount by one Indian, £20 14s. 1d.
14. Average amount obtained by each Indian, £34 16s. 1d.
15. Area estimated to cut in 1916, not available.
16. Estimated tonnage to cut in 1916, not available.

67. *Lautoka, Nadi, and Sigatoka.*—The following excerpt is taken from the report on unindentured Indian immigrants by the Resident Inspector of Immigrants at Lautoka:—

(a) Area under cultivation, 1915	..	5,200 acres.
Cane cropped, 1915	..	49,893 tons.
(b) Area under cultivation, 1916	..	7,200 acres.
Estimated cane crop for 1916	..	80,000 tons.
(c) Amount paid to 408 farmers	..	£36,656 12s. 10d.

These figures represent Indian farmers working their own land, and are quite separate from those representing the private settlements of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, which have been furnished to me as under:—

Colonial Sugar Refining Company's area settled	..	1,068 acres.
Crop from settlement areas	..	20,897 tons.
Amount paid to 180 settlers	..	£16,027 16s. 1d.

I include the figures supplied of the Company's private settlement scheme as I thought it would be of interest.

The figures will speak for themselves. The area under cane for 1916 is nearly double that of 1915, and the extension has of course been mainly in the Sigatoka district although not entirely, because Indian growers have increased in number both in the Nadi and Lautoka districts.

The tonnage produced by the Indian farmers in 1915 was greatly reduced owing to the droughty weather conditions experienced in the early part of the year, and the dry conditions were more particularly felt by them because of the fact that much of the area tilled and planted by these growers is on the uplands and hill sides—land that quickly becomes reduced in moisture, and requiring a more bountiful rainfall than the lower lying flats.

About 27 per cent. of the crop for 1916 will be produced by free Indian contractors.

Settlement in all districts has been steadily advancing, but it is regrettable that a check was given to land acquisition for leasehold owing to the attitude of the native land owners failing to fall in with the suggestion from Government to hand over those areas they propose to lease to governmental control. It is to be hoped that the check is but a temporary one only.

Since the year 1911 the rainfall in these districts has been considerably below normal, and the small farmers have suffered in consequence. Sufficient food of the staple varieties was produced and stored to avoid an alarming shortage, but not sufficient to prevent an abnormally high purchase rate obtaining, especially about the middle of the year. The copious rains that fell towards the end of 1915, and continued over the planting season of 1916, have permitted the planting of large areas of rice, dhall, maize, and other vegetable products, and a very large yield is anticipated and assured, although the very heavy rains of this year (1916) have caused the destruction of a part of the crops planted in the very low-lying areas.

Employment for unindentured people is plentiful. The local factory absorbs from 250 to 300 during the crushing season, and perhaps half that number during the non-crushing season. For employment other than the mill, for which a specific rate of payment is in vogue, the average rate is 2s. per day and for domestics from £3 to £3 5s. per month.

Willing workers have been found among the unindentured Indians for the needs of the Red Cross Society which benefits to the extent of obtaining many dozens of garments furnished by these men each month.

68. *Rewa*.—The tonnage of cane sent to Nausori mill during 1915 season by unindentured Indians amounted to 42,741 tons for which payment to the amount of £25,315 11s. 3d. was made. The cane above-mentioned was harvested from an area comprising 2,517½ acres.

The estimated area under cultivation by unindentured Indians in 1916 is 2,419½ acres with a total estimated crop of 38,198 tons of cane.

The following is taken from a report by Mr. G. B. Crabbe, one of the Inspectors of Immigrants for Rewa district :—

Inspection, Rewa district.—The unindentured banana cultivators appear to be in a very prosperous way, some are now drawing as high as £20 and £25 per month for their fruit. The rice crops also look very prosperous, and should give good returns.

69. *Navua*.—The quantity of cane sent to the Navua mill by unindentured Indians was 28,597 tons for which was paid £13,249 13s. 4d. The area cropped was 1,366 acres. The estimated crop to be grown by unindentured Indians for 1916 season is 46,020 tons from 2,415 acres.

I have, &c.,

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APPENDIX A.

Causes of Death.	Indentured.				Time Expired.				Grand Total.
	Adults.	Children.			Adults.	Children.			
		1 year or over.	Under 1 year.	Total.		1 year or over.	Under 1 year.	Total.	
General Diseases—									
Anæmia and debility	2	2	9	13	7	..	21	28	41
Atrophy of liver	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Cellular tissues	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2
Dropsy	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	3
Dysentery	13	4	3	20	7	13	6	26	46
Fever	..	..	..	..	8	10	15	33	33
Fever (enteric)	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	3
Inanition	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Leprosy	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	4
Marasmus	..	2	8	10	..	..	..	..	10
Parturition	1	..	..	1	7	..	..	7	8
Pneumonia	3	5	23	31	4	..	4	8	39
Phthisis	8	1	..	9	21	..	..	21	30
Poisoning	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	2
Premature birth	..	..	13	13	..	..	4	4	17
Septicæmia	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Syphilis (congenital)	..	..	11	11	..	..	3	3	14
Tuberculosis	15	3	..	18	12	1	..	13	31
Tetanus	..	..	4	4	..	..	1	1	5
Tumour, malignant	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
Local diseases—									
Circulatory system	12	..	2	14	9	3	4	16	30
Digestive system	4	5	12	21	6	7	11	24	45
Nervous system	2	4	7	13	6	4	4	14	27
Respiratory system	1	1	1	3	20	4	2	26	29
Urinary system	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	3
Parasites	15	..	..	15	2	2	..	4	19
Injuries (accidental)	3	4	1	8	4	4	3	11	19
Drowning	2	..	..	2	2	4	..	6	8
Judicial hanging	2	..	..	2	3	..	..	3	5
Murdered	4	..	..	4	2	1	..	3	7
Suicide	18	..	..	18	6	..	..	6	24
Ill-defined	1	1	5	7	2	2	19	23	30
Unspecified	3	2	15	20	17	6	23	46	66
Total	114	34	116	264	155	62	123	340	604

APPENDIX B.

Particulars.	Average No. throughout year.			Deaths on plantations.						Percentage includ- ing deaths from accident or violence.			Births.	
				Natural causes.			Accident or violence.							
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.
REWA AND TAILERU.														
Nausori	229	35	264	2	2	4	..	1	1	87	8·57	1·89	11	4·80
Vucimaca	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Baulevu tram-line	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Naitasiri	92	27	119	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5·43
Muainaweni	86	13	99	1	1	2	..	..	..	1·16	7·69	2·02	5	5·05
Korociriciri	76	9	85	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	11·11	1·17	2	2·63
Baulevu	101	15	116	3	..	3	..	..	..	2·97	..	2·58	4	3·96
Naitalasese	69	9	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2·89
Naisogovou	64	11	75	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	9·09	1·33	6	9·37
Manoca	63	7	70	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	14·28	1·42	2	3·17
Viti	100	15	115	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Navuso	90	12	102	1	2	3	..	..	..	1·11	16·66	2·94	5	5·55
Lakena	67	8	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	5·97
Viria	112	16	128	6	1	7	..	..	..	5·35	6·25	5·46	5	4·46
Navutoka	55	11	66	..	1	1	1	..	1	1·81	9·09	3·33	3	5·43
Nacalia	29	5	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3·44
Uluicalia	54	7	61	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	28·56	3·27	4	7·40
Neuma	31	7	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3·22
Buricagi	16	3	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	12·5
Verata	18	2	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nasoli	57	10	67	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	20·00	2·98	4	7·01
Waila	27	7	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3·70
Waitakala	18	4	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	11·11
Davulevu	28	5	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	7·14
Nukumotu	11	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nagarawalu	9	2	11	..	..	..	1	..	1	11·11	..	9·09	1	11·11
Waisavu	14	4	18	1	..	1	..	..	..	7·14	..	5·55	1	7·14
Nukuvoca	38	9	47	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	11·11	2·12	3	9·66
Laulau	12	5	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8·33
Naisogo	26	5	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	11·53
Nasilai	59	11	70	..	..	..	1	..	1	1·69	..	..	1	1·69
Veikau	22	8	30	1	2	3	..	..	..	4·54	25·00	10·00	..	..
Wainiuraura	18	3	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raverave	26	5	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3·84
Nabalawa	37	5	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2·70
Waisa	12	3	15	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	33·33	6·66	1	8·33
Navunisei	9	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Drekenekelo	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Saiaro	14	3	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dalmeny Park	41	3	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	7·31
Nabati	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Levukana	8	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12·5
Naivesivou	12	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1,878	298	2,176	15	18	33	3	1	4	95	6·37	1·70	88	4·68
CAKAUDROVE, SAVUSAVU, BUA, LAU, AND LOMAIVITI.														
Vuna	129	20	149	..	..	..	1	..	1	77	..	66	6	4·65
Mount Vernon	37	11	48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5·40
Vatuulo	16	6	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6·25
Mua	68	15	83	1	..	1	..	..	..	1·47	..	1·20	6	8·82
Ardmore	11	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9·09
Nagasau	27	6	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	7·40
Nabuono	10	2	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10·00
Selialevu-Ura	100	23	123	..	1	1	3	..	3	3·00	4·34	3·25	8	8·00
Jelaiweni	52	8	60	1	1	2	..	..	..	1·92	12·5	3·33	6	11·53
Nabou	6	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4·54
Vunivasa	22	1	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	20·00
Matei	10	3	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waitavala	9	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Udukacu	4	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	25·00
Soqulu	39	10	49	1	..	1	..	..	..	2·56	..	2·04	4	10·25
Vatudamu	5	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	20·00
Sana	7	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Natuvatu	10	2	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Garibuca	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Natuvu	12	4	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8·33
Vunimacawa	8	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kuladrusi	7	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Qaranikula	8	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nasausau	12	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	16·66
Matanikavika	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rabi	56	19	75	..	..	..	1	..	1	1·78	..	1·33	5	8·92
Devo	21	4	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	19·04
Qacavula	14	3	17	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	33·33	5·88	1	7·14
Carried forward	710	148	858	3	3	6	5	..	5	1·12	2·02	1·28	55	7·74

Particulars.	Average No. throughout year.			Deaths on plantations.						Percentage includ- ing deaths from accident or violence.			Births.	
				Natural causes.			Accident or violence.							
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.
CAKAUDROVE, SAVUSAVU, BUA, LAU, AND LOMAIVITI—continued.														
Brought forward	710	148	858	3	3	6	5	..	5	1.12	2.02	1.28	55	7.74
Vunilagi	27	4	31	..	1	1	..	..	..	25.00	3.22	4	14.81	..
Udu	6	2	8	..	..	..	..	1	1	50.00	12.50	..	..	..
Waikava	6	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	16.66	..
Tuvamila	24	5	29	..	1	1	..	..	..	20.00	3.44	3	12.50	..
Yalavu	16	2	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nukudamu	16	5	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6.25	..
Mataitedeke	6	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vunilolo	5	1	6	1	..	1	..	..	20.00	..	16.66	..	..	..
Kubulau	4	1	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	20.00	..	..	..
Navorau	12	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	16.66	..
Valavala*	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wainunu	77	12	89	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	6.49	..
Korovatu	8	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Muanicula	19	2	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5.26	..
Lekutu	18	2	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5.55	..
Mago	64	16	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6.25	..
Cicia	30	7	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	10.00	..
Naitaba	15	7	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lomaji	11	1	12	0%	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9.09	..
Nabavatu	10	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Munia	17	7	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	17.64	..
Wainiyabia	6	3	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kanacea	26	7	33	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	7.69	..
Mokogai	27	8	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3.75	..
Onivero	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Levuka Municipal Council ..	10	5	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Matana	15	3	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	13.33	..
Sawaieke	5	2	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	50.00	14.28	2	40.00	..
Waidau and Bureta	30	2	32	..	1	1	..	..	..	50.00	3.12	1	3.33	..
Total	1,217	246	1,463	4	8	12	5	1	6	.73	3.65	1.23	93	7.64
SIGATOKA.														
Nadovi	67	18	85	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5.55	1.17	2	2.98
Veivadravadra	135	40	175	2	1	3	..	..	..	1.48	2.50	1.71	8	5.92
Lomawai	83	15	98	..	3	3	1	..	1	1.20	20.00	4.08	6	7.24
Savusavu	42	16	58	2	..	2	1	..	1	7.14	..	5.17	4	9.52
Idiri	33	11	44	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yalavu	58	12	70	2	1	3	..	..	..	3.44	8.33	4.28	5	8.62
Olosara	152	40	192	2	4	6	2	..	2	2.63	10.00	4.16	9	5.91
Kavanagasau	81	17	98	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5.88	1.02	6	7.40
Uciwai	60	16	76	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	8.33
Samusamu	65	10	75	1	2	3	1	..	1	3.07	10.00	5.33	8	12.30
Rasikula	6	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	781	192	973	9	13	22	5	..	5	1.79	6.77	2.77	53	6.78
LAUTOKA AND NADI.														
Lautoka	531	121	652	5	8	13	..	..	..	.94	6.61	1.99	36	6.77
Lovu	106	19	125	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	10.52	1.60	2	1.88
Drasa	98	25	123	..	..	..	1	..	1	1.02	..	.81	8	8.16
Vitogo	77	13	90	1	..	1	..	..	..	1.29	..	1.11	3	3.89
Lautoka Experimental Farm	14	2	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7.14
Navo II	84	24	108	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4.16	.92	5	5.95
Natova	120	26	146	2	1	3	1	..	1	2.50	3.85	2.72	7	5.83
Tunalia	111	24	135	..	2	2	1	..	1	.90	8.32	2.22	14	12.61
Saweni	81	13	94	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	38.46	5.31	5	6.17
Esivo	105	20	125	1	2	3	..	..	..	.95	10.00	2.40	9	8.52
Tovilavila	40	6	46	1	..	1	..	..	..	2.50	..	2.17	3	7.50
Navakai	44	11	55	..	..	..	1	..	1	2.27	..	1.81	2	4.54
Enamanu	59	9	68	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	11.11	1.47	8	13.55
Wasina	59	7	66	1	..	1	..	1	1	1.69	14.28	3.02	3	5.08
Solovi	53	11	64	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	9.09	1.56	1	1.88
Navo I	72	15	87	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	20.00	3.44	9	12.50
Qeleloa	56	18	74	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	14.28
Votualevu	81	12	93	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	8.33	1.07	3	3.70
Wagadra	74	18	92	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5.55	1.08	8	10.81
Sikitura	59	16	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6.77
Miegunyah	78	16	94	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3.84
Malolo	87	17	104	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4.59
Lavuso	42	5	47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Togo	29	14	43	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	7.14	2.32	1	3.44
Nakorokoro	53	12	65	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Waloko	43	11	54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	6.97
Total	2,249	477	2,726	11	29	40	4	1	5	.66	6.28	1.65	150	6.66

* Plantation closed and immigrants transferred.

Particulars.	Average No. throughout year.			Deaths on plantations.						Percentage including deaths from accident or violence.			Births.	
				Natural causes.			Accident or violence.							
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.
RA AND KADAVU.														
Penang	427	86	513	3	8	11	..	..	..	.70	9.30	2.14	25	5.85
Caboni	37	8	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2.70
Nanuku	17	1	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ellington	49	11	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	8.16
Total	529	105	634	3	8	11	..	..	..	.56	7.61	1.73	30	5.67
BA AND TAVUA.														
Rarawai	543	130	673	6	5	11	..	..	..	1.10	3.84	1.63	50	9.20
Tavua south	86	18	104	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5.55	.96	5	5.81
The Gap (Tagitagi)	51	14	65	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	7.14	1.53	2	3.92
Ba-Lautoka tramline, Nata-	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
warau	33	7	40	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nabuna tramline	43	9	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	9.30
Drumasi	85	15	100	1	..	1	..	..	..	1.17	..	1.00	8	9.41
Tadravale	66	11	77	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	9.09	1.29	4	6.06
Vunisamaloa	69	19	88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	7.24
Navoli	124	22	146	1	1	2	..	..	..	.80	4.54	1.36	8	6.45
Vaia	64	9	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4.68
Navatu	69	16	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4.34
Etotoko	63	9	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6.34
Veisaru	145	31	176	1	3	4	2	..	2	2.06	9.67	3.40	13	8.68
Varoko	108	23	131	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4.34	.76	8	7.40
Navisa	87	25	112	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	9.19
Koronubu	95	18	113	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5.26
Yalalevu	83	11	96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	7.22
Mataniqara	80	15	95	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	8.75
Natawarau	96	22	118	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	13.63	2.54	11	11.45
Benai	53	13	66	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	7.69	1.51	3	5.66
Korowabuta	64	12	76	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	8.33	1.31	4	6.25
Nabutolu	55	7	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5.45
Naikubukubu	32	..	32	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3.12	1	3.12
Nasausau	23	3	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4.34
Sagave	18	2	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sarawa	23	3	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	8.68
Nabuna	57	16	73	..	1	1	1	..	1	1.75	6.25	2.73	3	5.26
Balata	60	12	72	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	8.33	1.38	6	10.00
Yaladro	65	13	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	7.69
Toko	62	11	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	9.67
Total	2,494	501	2,995	9	21	30	3	..	3	.48	4.19	1.10	188	7.53
LABASA AND DREKETI.														
Labasa	337	195	532	1	2	3	..	..	..	.29	1.02	.56	17	5.04
Mataniwai	35	7	42	..	1	1	1	..	1	2.85	14.28	4.76	1	2.85
Navualevu	12	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wailevu	42	10	52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	11.90
Tuatua	43	17	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	9.30
Batinikama	66	23	89	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	8.69	2.24	6	9.09
Nagigi	45	11	56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	6.66
Tamici	36	4	40	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wainikoro	67	13	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4.47
Daku	67	20	87	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	7.46
Lagalaga	74	19	93	1	1	2	..	..	..	1.35	5.26	2.15	7	9.45
Naleba	74	21	95	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	9.52	2.10	7	9.45
Cogeloa	82	17	99	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	9.75
Tabucola	78	17	95	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5.88	1.05	4	5.12
Vuo	46	10	56	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	10.00	1.78	4	8.69
Vunivutu	53	14	67	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	9.43
Korowiri	70	14	84	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	14.28	2.38	5	7.14
Koroloma	12	3	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mataikovatv	18	3	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5.55
Vatuboro	10	3	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	20.00
Navudi	7	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1,275	290	1,565	2	12	14	1	..	1	.23	4.13	.95	87	6.82
NAVUA.														
Tamanua	518	132	650	10	18	28	1	1	2	2.12	14.39	4.61	33	6.37
Lobau	133	20	153	3	2	5	..	..	..	2.25	10.00	3.26	8	6.15
Rukuinuvua	153	27	180	1	1	2	..	..	..	.65	3.70	1.11	6	3.92
Raiwaqa	54	11	65	3	3	6	..	..	..	5.55	27.27	9.23	2	3.70
Togaleka	208	39	247	4	4	8	1	..	1	2.40	10.25	3.64	7	3.36
Batinikia	186	31	217	9	4	13	1	..	1	5.37	12.90	6.45	6	3.22
Toquru	105	16	121	1	1	2	..	..	..	.95	6.25	1.65	6	5.71
Waidoi	124	16	140	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	6.25	.71	6	4.83
Carried forward	1,481	292	1,773	31	34	65	3	1	4	2.29	12.00	3.89	74	5.00

Particulars.	Average No. throughout year.			Deaths on plantations.						Percentage includ- ing deaths from accident or violence.			Births.	
				Natural causes.			Accident or violence.							
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.

NAVUA—continued.

Brought forward	1,481	292	1,773	31	34	65	3	1	4	2.29	12.00	3.89	74	5.00
Yarawa	73	10	83	..	..	..	1	..	1	1.36	..	1.20	6	8.21
Qaraniqio and Nalao	13	1	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vakabalea	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nadawa	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Naboro	11	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1,585	303	1,888	31	34	65	4	1	5	2.21	11.66	3.71	80	5.05

SUVA AND KADAVU.

Lami	12	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	6.66
Works Department	45	8	53	..	1	1	..	1	..	25.00	3.77	..	..	..
Nasinu, Expl. Station	15	3	18	1	..	1	..	..	..	6.66	5.55	..	..	..
Immigration Department	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Constabulary	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nasinu	11	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Samabula and Suva	7	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	1	14.28	14.28	..	..	..
Tamavua	24	2	26	..	1	1	..	..	..	50.00	3.84	..	..	..
Naivoca	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suva, Rev. Fox	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suva Butchery	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	33.33	..
Suva, W. Wilson	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suva, J. Borron	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suva, T. Anderson	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suva, Sunderland & Co.	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nasese, J. J. Barker	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nasese, C. Koster	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nasese, G. Wright	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suva, J. Davis	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suva, Dr. Montague	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suva, R. M. Booth	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	120	12	132	1	2	3	1	1	2	1.66	25.00	3.78	4	3.33
Korolevu	7	1	8	..	..	..	1	..	1	14.28	..	12.5	1	14.28
Total	127	13	140	1	2	3	2	1	3	2.36	23.07	4.28	5	3.93

SUMMARY.

Rewa and Tailevu	1,878	298	2,176	15	18	33	3	1	4	.95	6.37	1.70	88	4.68
Cakaudrove, Savusavu, Bua, Lau, and Lomaiviti	1,217	246	1,463	4	8	12	5	1	6	.73	3.65	1.23	93	7.64
Sigatoka	781	192	973	9	13	22	5	..	5	1.79	6.77	2.77	53	6.78
Lautoka and Nadi	2,249	477	2,726	11	29	40	4	1	5	.66	6.28	1.65	150	6.66
Ra	529	105	634	3	8	11	..	..	..	.56	7.61	1.73	30	5.67
Ba and Tavua	2,494	501	2,995	9	21	30	3	..	3	.48	4.19	1.10	188	7.53
Labasa and Dreketi	1,275	290	1,565	2	12	14	1	..	1	.23	4.13	.95	87	6.82
Navua	1,585	303	1,888	31	34	65	4	1	5	2.21	11.66	3.71	80	5.05
Suva and Kadavu	127	13	140	1	2	3	2	1	3	2.36	23.07	4.28	5	3.92
Total	12,135	2,425	14,560	85	145	230	27	5	32	.92	6.18	1.01	774	6.37
Rate, Adults—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.93	..	..	..	..
All causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.70	..	..	..	..
Natural causes only	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rate, Children—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6.19	..	..	..	..
All causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5.98	..	..	..	..
Natural causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rate, Total Deaths—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.81	..	..	..	..
All causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.58	..	..	..	..
Natural causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

APPENDIX C.

Condensed Return of Work, Absence, and Wages earned on Estates during the year 1915.

District.	Plantation.	Period.	Work.	During whole period covered by Plantation Return.												
				Average number on Estates during period.		Males.			Females.				Average daily earnings.			
						Percentage of working days.			Percentage of working days.				Per working day.		For all days on which work was actually done.	
Males.	Females.	Worked by each.	Absence. Court. Gaol.	Sickness. Bad weather. Holiday. Pass.	Worked by each.	Absence. Court. Gaol.	Sickness. Bad weather. Holiday. Pregnancy. Nursing. Pass.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.					
Rewa	Nausori	12	Mill. field	161.45	7.40	93.61	1.68	4.71	71.82	1.70	26.48	14.99	3.07	16.01	5.46	
	Davulilevu	12	Field	18.26	6.25	91.61	3.09	5.30	74.83	.34	24.83	11.94	6.00	13.03	8.02	
	Burecagi	12	"	15.61	4.88	94.92	.34	4.74	46.17	.15	53.68	12.07	3.91	12.72	8.48	
	Nagarawalu	12	"	9.11	2.00	93.07	1.67	5.26	91.08	.18	8.74	11.09	9.82	13.39	10.79	
	Nukuvoca	12	"	27.61	9.42	87.67	7.99	4.34	80.82	1.33	17.85	11.35	7.49	12.95	9.26	
	Navutoka	12	"	40.28	11.53	95.11	.52	4.37	76.93	.46	22.61	11.74	6.43	12.34	8.36	
	Nucalia	12	"	22.09	6.00	95.27	.98	3.75	75.32	.64	24.04	12.54	6.24	13.16	8.44	
	Waila	12	"	21.38	4.88	95.69	.64	3.67	72.28	.16	27.56	11.51	6.15	12.03	8.51	
	Neuma	12	"	24.38	6.13	92.58	1.87	5.55	71.44	.68	27.88	12.74	6.94	13.92	9.71	
	Veikau	12	"	15.60	5.83	94.30	.50	5.20	76.79	.06	23.15	12.48	7.39	13.24	9.62	
	Nukumutu	12	"	11.04	...	83.12	5.70	11.18	...	...	11.58	...	...	13.93	...	
	Naisogovou	12	"	44.97	16.76	89.04	1.27	9.69	73.24	.06	26.70	11.42	6.51	12.82	8.89	
	Naitalase	12	"	47.01	20.34	90.80	.40	8.80	84.32	...	15.68	11.62	7.31	12.80	8.67	
	Naselai	12	"	41.90	15.05	92.94	.98	6.08	89.13	.07	10.80	12.26	7.25	13.24	8.08	
	Lakena	12	"	51.45	14.68	94.88	.23	4.89	77.22	.69	22.18	12.93	6.05	13.63	7.83	
	Korocireiri	12	"	59.09	20.11	91.77	3.39	4.84	85.69	.33	13.98	11.76	6.53	12.81	7.54	
	Manoca	12	"	47.13	15.23	91.13	4.07	4.80	83.06	.48	16.46	12.25	8.62	13.44	10.38	
	Verata	12	"	12.43	6.00	94.55	.03	5.42	88.64	...	11.36	11.54	7.87	12.21	8.88	
	Navuso	12	"	61.11	25.76	92.34	1.94	5.72	78.21	1.33	20.46	10.32	6.00	11.17	7.67	
	Ulicalia	12	"	43.47	11.30	93.33	1.81	4.86	78.93	.13	20.94	11.58	6.39	12.41	8.10	
	Latulau	12	"	8.00	3.70	97.55	...	2.45	82.40	...	17.60	11.85	7.29	12.15	8.85	
	Naitasiri	12	"	65.92	23.44	92.15	3.31	4.54	77.35	2.09	20.56	11.98	7.44	13.00	9.62	
	Baulevu	12	"	67.55	27.51	96.37	.53	3.10	84.69	3.27	12.04	10.97	6.94	11.38	8.20	
	Viti	12	"	62.41	28.57	94.22	.98	4.80	84.92	...	15.08	11.38	7.21	12.08	8.49	
	Muanaweni	12	"	60.99	25.09	94.17	2.59	3.24	85.38	.38	14.24	12.38	9.71	13.14	11.37	
	Viria	12	"	82.51	27.83	92.88	.58	6.54	79.37	1.42	19.21	12.29	7.20	13.23	9.07	
	Naisogo	12	"	17.91	6.61	92.56	.47	6.97	87.90	.05	12.05	12.57	8.47	13.68	9.61	
	Nabalawa	12	"	26.00	11.00	91.60	1.44	6.96	77.66	...	22.34	11.63	6.17	12.70	7.95	
	Waisa	12	"	10.13	3.00	96.83	...	3.17	78.78	...	21.22	12.51	7.26	12.92	9.22	
	Navunisei	12	"	7.00	2.00	96.54	1.88	1.58	95.45	.83	3.72	13.79	8.79	14.27	9.21	
	Waisavu	12	"	10.00	3.13	87.98	.08	11.94	68.86	...	31.14	12.33	6.17	13.98	8.07	
	Wainiuraura	12	"	14.59	3.72	93.12	1.74	5.14	84.01	.31	15.68	13.08	8.47	14.05	10.08	
	Waitakala	12	"	14.00	4.51	85.39	9.22	5.39	69.28	4.43	26.69	16.33	7.65	19.13	11.05	
	Raviravi	12	"	16.64	6.46	93.95	.12	5.38	89.66	.11	10.23	12.72	8.00	13.54	8.92	
	Nasoli	12	"	40.39	19.00	91.69	4.37	3.94	86.25	.06	13.99	13.70	8.22	14.94	9.53	
Tailevu	Levukana	12	"	7.00	1.11	98.15	.40	1.45	78.86	...	21.14	12.68	5.66	12.97	7.18	
	Sauyaro	12	"	10.69	3.00	95.63	.03	4.34	94.52	...	5.48	11.77	7.35	12.31	7.77	
	Dalmeny Park	12	"	30.84	10.00	92.82	.16	7.02	84.08	.34	15.58	11.45	7.41	12.33	8.81	
	Nabati	12	"	4.00	1.00	95.86	.81	3.33	99.35	...	.65	13.39	9.37	13.97	9.43	
	Navesivu	12	"	10.00	2.00	94.69	.59	4.72	95.98	...	4.02	13.28	8.85	14.05	9.53	
Navua	Raiwaqa	12	"	36.20	17.01	89.16	1.92	8.41	...	.09	15.30	14.01	7.06	11.98	8.39	
	Raiwaqa	12	"	153.00	52.44	87.86	3.44	8.70	72.44	.27	27.29	10.97	5.79	12.51	7.90	
	Rukuinavua	12	"	115.92	42.03	91.99	2.99	5.02	83.26	.30	10.44	11.54	7.28	12.54	8.74	
	Toguru	12	"	72.78	30.41	93.66	1.82	4.52	85.85	...	14.15	12.16	7.45	12.98	8.68	
	Lobau	12	"	89.28	26.75	92.91	2.07	5.02	75.94	.04	24.02	11.09	6.41	11.93	8.43	
	Tamunua	12	Mill. field	309.93	126.57	92.99	1.68	5.33	72.79	1.20	26.01	12.58	6.02	13.53	8.27	
	Batinikia	12	Field	202.19	84.49	85.70	6.10	8.20	80.80	.19	19.01	10.86	6.27	12.67	7.77	
	Qaranigilo	12	"	10.29	2.14	91.47	4.52	4.01	96.29	...	3.71	13.16	8.88	14.39	9.22	
	Yarawa	12	"	50.32	21.28	95.05	1.00	3.95	84.53	4.99	11.68	11.73	7.70	12.35	9.11	
	Waidlo	12	"	83.63	34.78	92.86	.99	6.15	86.39	.13	13.56	11.27	7.00	12.02	9.15	
Suva	Nasutu	12	"	10.65	3.00	93.90	1.80	4.30	89.86	1.63	8.51	12.19	8.32	13.00	9.26	
	Nasutu Smith Bros.	12	"	10.00	1.00	95.49	2.65	1.86	79.37	.70	19.93	12.85	7.62	13.45	9.60	
	Samabula	12	"	3.55	...	93.47	.38	6.15	...	...	...	...	...	13.81	...	
	Brighton Dairy	12	"	20.82	2.41	93.30	2.10	4.60	52.35	7.73	39.92	13.96	4.68	14.79	8.97	
	Central Rd. Board	12	"	33.23	12.40	91.12	.67	8.21	79.08	.66	20.26	13.18	8.22	14.46	10.40	
	Lami	12	"	9.42	3.34	98.07	...	1.93	94.76	...	5.24	12.54	7.34	12.78	7.76	
Lau	Mago Island	12	"	44.97	17.69	92.55	3.35	4.10	79.22	.02	20.76	12.19	7.55	13.01	9.53	
	Tabuta & Tokalau	12	"	20.93	7.84	98.85	.28	4.27	85.88	...	14.78	12.53	8.63	14.62	9.09	
	Kanacea	12	"	17.97	6.47	97.91	...	2.09	80.62	...	15.38	13.01	8.28	13.29	9.79	
	Lonaji	10	"	6.70	4.00	93.83	.34	5.83	99.54	.46	...	12.50	9.09	13.39	9.13	
	Munia	10	"	11.47	4.22	96.35	...	3.65	82.02	...	17.98	12.76	6.06	13.24	7.40	
	Nabavatu	11	"	9.16	...	93.95	.09	5.96	...	...	...	12.01	...	12.78	...	
	Nataua	11	"	8.64	3.49	94.26	...	5.74	89.59	...	10.41	12.12	7.92	12.86	8.84	
Cakaudrove	Devo	12	"	15.13	6.13	93.79	2.32	3.89	72.08	.80	27.12	12.75	6.85	13.59	9.51	
	Waikava	12	"	4.25	1.00	95.74	...	4.26	55.94	...	44.06	13.69	5.22	14.30	9.33	
	Tuvamila	12	"	17.00	7.00	92.85	5.12	2.03	74.03	...	25.97	13.39	6.84	14.43	9.25	
	Natuvu	12	"	10.00	2.00	95.50	.08	4.42	84.47	...	15.53	12.77	7.77	12.73	9.20	
	Vunilolo	12	"	4.00	...	94.95	1.98	13.07	...	...	...	11.47	...	13.50	...	
	Nukudamu	12	"	11.94	2.66	86.59	10.53	2.88	91.06	2.13	6.81	12.01	8.00	13.87	8.75	
	Kubulau	12	"	10.63	4.08	93.55	...	4.45	80.64	...	19.36	14.29	7.59	13.39	9.42	
	Valavala	9	"	3.00	...	90.91	...	9.09	...	...	...	11.83	...	13.02	...	
	Navoratu	12	"	7.00	3	97.40	...	2.60	84.35	...	15.65	12.13	6.66	12.45	7.83	
	Vunimacava	12	"	9.00	3.00	96.47	.38	3.15	42.68	...	57.32	11.69	3.31	12.12	7.75	
	Nasasau	12	"	6.00	2.00	84.47	7.00	8.53	85.41	3.98	10.61	11.08	6.31	13.04	7.38	
	Nasaitedele	12	"	9.00	3.00	88.03	5.28	6.09	53.38	7.24	39.43	10.92	8.21	11.73	8.29	
	Sana	12	"	5.00	1.00	80.62	3.19	86.74	...	...	13.26	11.09	8.70	13.88	10.03	
	Kuludrusi	12	"	10.00	1.33	86.78	4.81	8.41	68.32	2.48	29.20	10.71	6.00	12.34	8.78	
	Vunilagi	11	"	5.00	1.00	61.13	23.34	15.53	76.52	.74	22.74	6.83	6.58	11.18	8.60	
	Natuvatu	12	"	20.55	6.60	98.44	.12	1.44	94.00	...	6.00	11.58	8.52	11.77	9.07	
	Garibua	12	"	7.00	3.00	91.50	3.57	4.93	95.20	1.90	2.90	12.81	8.56	14.00	9.00	
	Wainunu	12	"	4.00	...	76.89	13.74	9.37	...	...	...	9.64	...	12.54	...	
	Muanicula	12	"	52.38	23.90	95.81	.55	3.84	87.18	...	12.33	11.64	8.00	12.15	9.17	
	Qaranikula	12	"	13.70	4.88	92.80	.13	7.07	80.25	.36	19.39	10.67	6.02	11.50	8.16	
	Rahi	6	"	4.00	1.00	91.29	...	8.71	62.12	...	37.88	11.15	5.47	12.21	8.81	
	Waivavala	12	"	6.00	2.00	74.36	.13	25.51	89.96	...	10.04	8.68	7.72	11.67	8.58	
	Udukau	11	"	41.51	15.80	97.42	.34	2.24	93.85	...	6.15	12.87	8.57	13.21	9.14	
	Delaivani	11	"	8.00	1.77	86.41	8.85	4.74	63.57	...	36.43	10.36	5.04	12.00	7.94	
	Nabou	11	"	2.00	1.00	72.11	3.09	24.80	32.64	.41						

During whole period covered by Plantation Return.															
District.	Plantation.	Period.	Work.	Average number on Estates during period.		Males.			Females.			Average daily earnings.			
						Percentage of working days.			Percentage of working days.			Per working day.		For all days on which work was actually done.	
				Males.	Females.	Worked by each.	Absence. Court. Gaol.	Sickness. Bad weather. Holiday. Pass.	Worked by each.	Absence. Court. Gaol.	Sickness. Bad weather. Holiday. Pregnancy. Nursing. Pass.				
												Lost by each by			Lost by each by
Cakaudrove.	Vuna	11	Field	91-96	31-51	95-70	1-25	3-05	86-44	-21	13-35	12-28	8-43	12-76	9-76
	Ardmore	11	"	8-10	1-79	96-89	-33	2-78	75-52	3-00	21-48	12-26	6-52	12-65	8-64
	Nabunono	11	"	7-92	2-00	95-22	....	4-78	78-78	....	21-22	13-05	4-83	13-47	6-13
	Ura	11	"	32-00	11-00	94-66	-30	5-04	81-11	-16	18-73	11-42	7-82	12-47	9-18
	Seliavevu	11	"	47-55	17-33	72-26	22-24	5-50	72-09	1-20	26-71	9-67	6-37	13-38	8-83
Lomaiviti	Bureta	11	"	24-00	6-00	92-51	4-39	3-10	89-12	....	10-88	15-18	8-31	15-73	9-32
	Levuka, M. Council	11	"	7-00	3-00	93-51	-71	5-78	72-73	....	27-27	12-43	7-04	13-29	9-69
	Makogai	12	"	18-77	6-43	97-98	....	2-02	83-44	....	36-74	13-11	5-59	14-06	8-84
	Sawelake	7	"	3-00	2-00	100-00	....	....	84-19	....	15-81	12-52	7-73	12-92	9-19
	Matana	11	"	10-00	4-00	96-93	....	3-07	89-94	....	10-16	9-51	8-68	11-33	9-67
Macuata	Nola	6	"	8-00	1-00	83-90	10-91	5-19	68-18	....	31-82	12-37	5-70	13-94	8-40
	Natalucolo	12	"	59-03	16-88	93-38	1-21	5-41	69-20	-10	30-70	13-13	6-02	13-85	8-70
	Wailavu	12	"	30-91	10-75	94-79	1-73	3-48	66-86	-06	33-08	12-17	6-04	13-59	9-03
	Tuatua	12	"	30-78	12-33	89-57	5-08	5-55	70-67	-05	29-28	12-22	6-41	12-84	9-09
	Korowere	12	"	47-50	18-97	94-89	-86	4-25	70-67	-05	32-96	12-26	5-45	12-81	8-19
	Batanikama	12	"	50-92	15-77	95-76	-35	3-89	66-92	-12	32-96	12-26	5-45	12-81	8-19
	Cogeloa	12	"	62-92	23-23	93-26	1-79	4-95	63-26	....	31-60	12-65	6-03	13-95	8-83
	Naleba	12	"	52-67	20-21	90-63	4-00	5-37	68-31	-03	8-64	12-62	8-25	13-74	9-04
	Tamici	12	"	29-54	6-00	92-00	1-67	6-33	78-26	....	21-74	13-12	7-01	14-24	9-00
	Nagizi	12	"	33-90	11-00	92-93	3-09	3-98	84-19	-08	15-73	12-13	7-44	13-74	9-00
	Mataniwai	12	Field, Trm	22-41	8-62	92-80	1-42	5-78	75-51	-02	24-47	12-96	6-56	13-12	8-69
	Vuo	12	Field	34-34	12-71	90-98	-75	8-27	75-51	-02	24-47	12-96	6-56	13-12	8-69
	Labasa	12	Mill, field	249-44	89-00	91-68	1-31	7-01	68-77	-04	31-19	13-26	6-23	14-47	9-08
	Navualevu	7	Tramline	14-00	5-26	93-06	-04	6-90	61-45	....	38-55	12-72	5-51	13-74	9-00
	Vunivutu	12	Field	36-41	14-83	95-34	-01	4-65	77-03	....	22-97	12-49	6-50	13-10	8-44
	Lagalaga	12	"	58-70	19-91	91-95	2-35	5-70	73-80	....	24-82	12-91	6-84	14-01	9-11
	Wainikoro	12	"	50-45	17-30	92-12	1-94	5-94	75-18	....	26-22	12-06	6-83	13-06	8-74
	Daku	12	"	50-17	16-59	92-27	3-98	3-75	78-78	....	4-25	11-57	9-29	12-16	9-70
	Koroloma	12	"	12-60	3-00	94-84	-52	4-64	92-36	....	7-64	11-59	8-48	12-06	9-18
	Mataikovatua	12	"	12-98	5-16	95-84	-16	4-00	92-36	-44	16-75	11-65	7-72	12-04	9-38
	Vatavalo	12	"	6-83	2-71	96-76	-30	2-94	82-81	-24	10-72	11-60	8-18	11-94	9-18
	Lekutu	12	"	14-00	4-00	97-00	-23	2-77	89-04	....	20-66	15-25	7-00	15-95	8-80
	Kavanagasau	12	"	61-20	23-50	93-68	-06	5-36	79-34	....	34-38	13-00	5-70	14-71	8-66
	Yalavu	12	"	51-42	14-32	94-64	....	5-36	59-16	....	21-00	12-00	7-00	13-40	9-00
	Samusamu	12	"	106-10	38-59	91-58	1-72	6-70	79-00	....	26-13	12-34	6-60	13-20	8-95
	Veivadravadra	12	Field, Trm	86-75	33-92	94-21	1-03	7-87	73-77	....	25-87	13-20	6-53	14-75	8-81
	Naidovi	12	"	51-01	13-05	89-58	3-59	6-83	74-13	....	27-76	12-32	6-00	14-48	9-00
	Idiri	12	Field	19-75	11-77	84-97	....	15-03	72-24	....	22-67	12-74	6-00	13-67	9-00
	Lomawai	12	"	56-49	21-58	93-17	1-15	5-68	77-33	....	23-38	14-44	6-24	15-44	8-79
	Lautoka	12	Mill, field	387-87	151-28	93-57	1-43	5-00	76-62	....	32-15	12-00	6-15	13-54	9-00
	Lautoka	12	Field	63-40	25-71	89-18	6-07	4-75	67-31	-54	25-35	13-00	6-87	14-25	9-00
	Veitogo	12	"	72-10	14-09	91-25	-98	7-77	74-65	....	20-25	12-92	6-32	13-93	8-00
	Lovu	12	"	55-70	25-34	92-33	1-35	6-32	79-75	....	23-39	13-39	6-68	14-54	7-40
	Natova	12	"	90-75	28-87	93-66	-82	5-52	76-61	....	18-06	12-84	7-50	13-00	8-84
	Navo II	12	Tramline	57-45	20-97	96-57	-71	2-72	80-08	....	19-92	12-88	6-26	13-76	8-00
	Malolo	12	Field	58-00	20-60	93-38	2-16	4-46	73-62	....	26-38	11-50	5-12	12-42	7-00
	Tovilavila	12	"	30-40	9-80	92-59	1-26	6-16	73-62	....	21-73	12-00	6-45	13-82	8-23
	Saweni	12	"	58-88	22-43	88-79	4-52	6-69	78-27	....	25-00	12-43	6-00	13-77	8-00
	Esivo	12	"	72-85	34-85	91-06	2-37	5-67	75-00	....	11-48	12-76	7-60	13-73	8-64
	Naikorokoro	12	"	39-25	12-76	93-25	2-33	4-42	88-52	....	23-93	13-25	6-20	14-00	8-15
	Wailoka	12	"	31-00	12-00	94-14	-59	5-27	76-07	....	24-06	13-41	7-93	14-00	10-32
	Wagadra	12	"	54-00	21-82	93-64	1-16	5-20	75-94	....	17-52	12-85	7-21	13-30	8-60
	Vatualavu	12	"	62-57	19-26	94-11	-52	5-37	82-48	....	16-87	12-85	7-38	13-82	8-99
	Miogunyah	12	"	54-20	20-35	93-85	2-25	3-90	82-17	-96	20-61	13-10	7-14	13-60	9-00
	Solovi	12	"	37-23	12-81	95-71	2-09	2-20	79-39	....	19-29	13-60	6-73	14-14	8-36
	Wasina	12	"	44-28	12-46	95-97	1-04	2-99	80-71	....	15-35	12-54	7-72	14-00	8-68
	Togo	12	"	20-80	6-65	89-46	8-67	1-87	84-65	....	5-01	13-44	9-00	13-94	9-54
	Lavuso	12	"	32-00	6-70	96-47	-06	3-47	94-99	....	29-15	13-49	5-79	14-08	8-03
	Qeleloa	12	"	40-00	16-00	96-44	1-60	1-96	70-85	....	25-83	12-54	6-05	13-27	8-16
	Navo I	12	"	52-31	15-75	93-86	2-87	3-27	74-17	....	16-90	13-38	7-65	14-26	9-00
	Navakai	12	"	31-50	11-55	94-02	2-11	3-87	83-25	-169	15-06	14-00	6-44	14-58	8-91
	Enamamu	12	"	41-70	15-85	96-30	1-29	2-41	72-34	-15	32-27	12-15	6-00	13-05	8-71
	Tunalia	12	"	80-87	28-00	92-86	-89	6-25	87-73	....	21-28	12-93	6-78	13-95	8-63
	Sikittara	12	"	41-20	14-80	93-96	2-36	4-58	78-72	....	16-69	12-54	7-65	13-60	9-17
	Savusavu	12	Tramline	45-00	15-59	95-17	-82	4-01	76-30	-98	22-72	12-24	6-47	12-86	8-77
	Uciwai	12	Field	381-57	160-58	93-91	1-32	4-87	65-80	-04	34-16	14-80	5-41	14-90	9-90
	Rarawai	12	Mill, field	62-45	21-40	89-36	1-97	8-67	68-79	-18	31-03	10-46	6-81	11-70	9-90
	Yalalevu	12	Field	78-84	27-46	92-81	3-29	3-90	76-50	-48	22-02	13-31	7-42	14-54	9-70
	Varoko	12	"	15-04	8-08	97-81	-12	2-07	84-57	-04	18-39	13-75	7-29	14-06	8-33
	Sarava	12	"	67-19	28-59	91-53	2-56	5-91	65-54	-04	34-42	12-90	5-90	14-06	9-11
	Natawarau	12	"	23-90	7-80	86-22	8-02	5-76	87-76	-34	11-90	10-98	9-34	12-73	10-13
	Ba-Lautoka Camp	12	Tramline	52-63	15-12	91-05	6-66	2-29	87-30	-83	11-87	12-09	8-15	13-09	9-34
	Navatu	12	Field	45-90	14-60	90-61	5-08	4-31	76-23	-04	23-73	13-13	6-50	14-50	8-69
	Etofoko	12	"	45-90	14-60	90-61	-74	4-30	95-67	-08	4-25	12-03	8-60	12-67	9-00
	Sigawe	12	"	62-64	18-25	87-67	6-30	6-03	72-51	-67	26-82	11-88	6-65	14-19	9-17
	Mataniwara	12	"	18-00	5-00	93-69	1-11	5-20	72-86	....	27-14	13-40	6-79	14-30	9-30
	Nasasau	12	"	44-97	17-00	94-94	1-72	3-34	86-13	-01	13-86	12-57	7-57	13-64	8-71
	Vania	12	"	49-28	17-33	94-83	-43	4-74	78-97	-12	20-91	12-72	7-43	13-47	9-15
	Vunisamaloa	12	"	61-75	22-98	92-86	-08	7-06	67-21						

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For the W.S.

The important points
in the report are noticed below.

2 The total number of
immigrants from Madras including
passengers who arrived in Fiji during
the year 1915 ^{was} ~~are~~ 1142.

Males	Females	Children & infants
802	258	82

Total 1142.

3 ^{on arrival} The physique of the
immigrants is reported to have been
good.

4 Eighty two adults
and their children were repatriated
during the year 1915 under the
provisions of the Indian Emigration
Ordinance, 1891, and the indentures
of 464 immigrants were cancelled

Para 3; pp 1-2 of
report

Para 16 p 3 of report

Paras 21, & 22 at
page 5 of report.

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during the year under the ordinance.
The following are the figures of cancellations of indentures in the previous five years.

1910	171
1911	149
1912	132
1913	269
1914	448.

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Para 31, p 9
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Para 48, p 14 of
report

5 The death rate among indentured emigrants shows a decline from 2.01 in 1913 and 1.81 in 1914 to 1.58 in 1915. The birth rate shows an increase from 5.70 in 1913, 6.10 in 1914, to 6.37 in 1915.

6 Suicides increased from 12 in 1914 to 24 in 1915.

7 The number of sentences involving imprisonment with hard labour ~~has~~ declined. The figures for five years are given below.

1911	- - -	446
1912	- - -	186
1913	- - -	26
1914	- - -	30
1915	- - -	26.

8 There were 56.44 females to every 100 males in the total immigrant

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population during the year 1915.

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Para 40, p 12
report.

9 The Immigration Ordinance of 1891 has been amended providing for the deletion of imprisonment from all purely labour offences and the right of an immigrant to commute his indenture on giving notice to his employer ^{in time} to enable the commuting immigrant to be replaced in the succeeding year.

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10 A draft order recording the report is submitted for approval. The report for the year 1914 was placed on the Editors' Table. H.M. recently remarked ~~in another case~~ that the report relating to Emigrants to Trinidad should not be placed on the E.T. by this Govt and that it was for the G & I to decide whether the report should be made public.

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The worst feature is the large figure, most of them Madras; the sex-irregular

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seem to be righting itself in course of time.

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