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Emigration - Ceylon.

Recording notes examining the effect of the
restrictions imposed in 1917 on emigration of labour to
Ceylon.

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Attention is invited to the last para of H.M.'s note dated the 19-3-18 at p.5 of notes to G.C.Nos. 323-25, Home (Mis.), dated the 29-3-18.

2. The total number of adult males (unskilled labourers) who emigrated to Ceylon from 7-4-17 up to the end of March 1918 (nearly one full year) is as follows:-

Coolies who have already been in Ceylon.	Coolies who emigrated for the first time.
34,865 ✓	2,801 ✓
Total is 37,666. ✓	

This includes not only estate labourers but also harbour, railway, P.W.D., rickshaw and shop coolies and the like. In G.O. No.1072, dated the 20-9-17, coolies employed in the Colombo harbour were permitted to proceed to Ceylon by the Tuticorin route also. The statements of such coolies, who proceeded to Ceylon received from the Inspector of Customs do not give separate figures for males, females and children but give total numbers of coolies. The number of such coolies who proceeded by this route is insignificant and has therefore been left out of account.

3. It will be noticed from Mr. Marjoribanks' note at p.3 of notes to G.O.No.326, Home (Mis.), dated the 30-3-17, that on an average for five years ending 1915 excluding the year 1914, about 64,000 adult male (unskilled) labourers[†] emigrated to Ceylon. If this figure is taken to represent average emigration^(of male unskilled labourers) in normal times it will be noticed that owing to the restrictions imposed by G.O. No.326, Home (Mis.) dated the 30-3-17 about 26,330^{emigrants} emigrant labourers were stopped.

[Statement of coolies who proceeded to Ceylon in March 1918 need only on 23.4.18.]

(C)

[Compiled from statements furnished by the permit issuing office at Kandy in linked file obtained from Rev.]

Vide p 5240. 656 (B)
26.6.17
in linked file.

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Vide p 3, 10, 13-14 + 16
C.F. in linked file.

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64,000

- 37,666

26,334

Vide Nat p 3
just to
9 0326 (M)
30.3.17

25,409
2801
22,608

It was estimated
that only 15,000
men would be stopped -
vide para 3, p 4 of
notes to G.O. 326 (M)
30.3.17

4. The question may be viewed from another aspect. The figures of emigration furnished by Mr. Bowden last year showed that on an average for the 3 years ending 1915 the Ceylon Labour Commission sent 25,409 male labourers to Ceylon for the first time. The number of male labourers who emigrated to Ceylon for the first time from 7-4-17 upto the end of March 1918 was only 2801. Thus it will be seen that the emigration of 22,608 male labourers proceeding to Ceylon for the first time was saved by the restrictions imposed by G.O. No. 326, Home (Mis.) dated the 30-3-17. This number is more than was anticipated.

5. On the whole therefore it may be concluded that the restrictions in question have had a deterrent effect on the emigration of male unskilled labourers to Ceylon.

For
29.4.18
1 dec
2.5.18

5. It was scanner he too
much to say that it has
almost stopped it - so far as
fresh emigrants Co.

13.5.18

For information

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HM.

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