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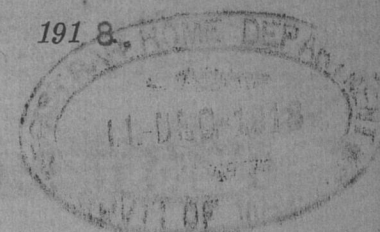
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

DELHI, the 4th December

1918.



A copy of the Mauritius Immigration Report for 1917 is forwarded to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, and the United Province, and the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces, in continuation of the endorsement from this Department No. 241-D, dated the 7th January 1918,

By order, etc.,

A. K. Sankar

for UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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K.P.G.

COLONY OF MAURITIUS

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1917

IMMIGRATION AND POOR RELIEF DEPARTMENT,
4th September, 1918.

THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor the Report of this Department for the year ending 31st December 1917.

I.—Arrivals

Arrivals of Indian passengers from all countries were :

	Males	Females	Total
Indo-Mauritians ...	66	17	83
Other Indians ...	198	27	225
Total...	264	44	308

Total in 1917
169
471
640

II.—Departures.—Return Passages

Indian passengers of every description who left the Colony at their own expense were classified as follows :—

	Males	Females	Total
Immigrants...	0	1	1
Indo-Mauritians ...	121	40	161
Other Indians ...	193	33	226
Total...	314	74	388

There was no steamer chartered by Government in 1917 for the conveyance of return immigrants to Madras and Calcutta owing to difficulties in securing freight.

III.—Cancellation of Indentures during the year

Number of Immigrants discharged from contract of service in 1917

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Port Louis ...	...	2	6	2	22	...	44	3	12	1	2	1	95
Pamplemousses ...	26	65	47	45	36	18	35	6	5	7	15	6	311
Rivière du Rempart...	26	59	39	57	40	42	56	34	13	8	6	3	383
Flacq...	9	33	27	88	58	98	58	37	12	11	7	13	451
Grand Port ...	45	85	144	127	145	149	126	46	10	8	13	14	912
Savanne ...	26	118	164	117	162	104	208	96	21	13	21	5	1,055
Plaines Wilhems (Rose Hill)	2	11	17	27	17	20	23	2	2	...	2	3	126
" (Curepipe)	7	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	18
Black River ...	6	2	10	8	10	19	10	13	1	2	2	...	83
Moka...	111	96	104	101	72	31	48	26	7	2	2	10	610
Total ...	258	474	561	575	563	481	608	263	83	53	70	55	4,044

Number of Immigrants who entered into contract of service with Sugar Estates in 1917

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Port Louis ...	...	...	8	3	18	...	14	34	2	10	...	...	89
Pamplemousses ...	28	66	53	42	26	24	35	5	3	3	8	4	297
Rivière du Rempart ...	36	59	38	54	50	51	64	33	11	5	3	4	408
Flacq ...	9	54	42	92	61	90	66	49	5	5	2	8	483
Grand Port ...	23	99	154	125	137	151	160	51	8	8	8	10	934
Savanne ...	19	105	159	120	135	106	205	87	18	12	19	5	990
Plaines Wilhems (Rose Hill)	5	15	18	30	21	18	20	3	3	2	...	5	140
" (Curepipe)	1	5	18	...	3	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	31
Black River ...	6	5	13	22	6	18	10	18	...	4	3	...	105
Moka ...	112	95	100	105	87	54	54	24	8	1	1	10	651
Total ...	239	503	603	593	544	513	629	304	58	52	44	46	4,128

IV.—Re-indentures or other engagements under the Law

There were altogether 22,194 new engagements entered into during 1917 at rates of wages averaging between Rs. 12 to Rs. 54 p.a. for boys and between Rs. 60 to Rs. 300 p.a. for male adults.

The largest number of engagements, viz.: 6,746 was at the rate of Rs. 96 p.a. The average rate of wages for all denominations of labourers equalled Rs. 104.64 p.a. exclusive of the value of rations, hospital care and medicines for the labourer and his family, free lodgings and, in the majority of cases, fuel, fodder for animals, and a small patch of ground to serve as a garden.

There has been an increase in the number of engagements.

Written contracts entered into during the past 3 years were:

1915	1916	1917
19,937	19,511	22,194

These figures apply to the general Indian population, including the Immigrant population. The table given in paragraph III applies to the Immigrant population only.

V.—Result of the Immigration of the five years 1913-1917

No immigrants were received in the Colony during the period 1913-1917, nor indeed since 1910.

VI.—Immigrant Population

As pointed out in the previous reports it is not possible to give the exact number of the Immigrant population owing to the erroneous methods of registration in the past.

This population which was estimated at about 25,000 in March 1911, may possibly have been reduced by 12,850 which represents the number of departures and deaths from April 1911 to December 1917.

The estimated population of Indian immigrants may therefore be set down at 12,150 as at 31st December 1917.

VII.—Vital Statistics

The births, deaths and causes of death among the estate population in each district were as under:—

DISTRICT	ESTATE POPULATION				BIRTHS					DEATHS		CAUSES OF DEATH												
	Male	Female	Children	Total	Live-births	Still-births	Birth-rate per 1,000 of population	Birth-rate per 100 of women	Proportion of Still to Live-births	Number of deaths	Death-rate per 1,000	Malaria	Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Influenza	Lung diseases	Tuberculosis	Diarrhoea, Dysentery and Enteritis	Typhoid fever	Ankylostomiasis	Beri-beri	Child-birth	Infantile debility	Accident	Other causes	
Port Louis ...	569	256	253	1,078	17	2	15.8	6.6	11.8	41	38.1	7	11	4	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	7
Pamplemousses ...	2,840	1,240	2,000	6,080	169	20	29.4	13.6	11.8	182	29.9	25	39	11	63	2	...	...	...	5	12	1	24	
Riv. du Rempart...	3,501	2,438	3,982	9,921	206	39	20.7	8.4	18.9	211	20.2	20	48	13	28	3	...	...	...	1	1	19	3	
Flacq ...	4,044	2,724	3,098	9,866	212	29	21.4	7.7	13.6	251	25.4	59	54	13	29	...	...	...	1	4	6	18	4	
Grand Port ...	6,717	3,663	4,034	14,414	313	50	21.7	8.5	15.97	307	21.29	53	57	33	18	3	3	3	1	2	39	4	94	
Savanne ...	6,147	3,891	4,562	14,600	351	42	24.04	9.02	11.96	384	26.30	63	71	36	28	2	3	8	2	33	33	4	130	
Black River ...	634	426	446	1,506	24	6	15.9	5.6	25	77	51.2	6	9	7	4	...	...	...	2	3	5	1	40	
Plaines Wilhems..	1,444	914	1,345	3,703	88	13	23.76	9.6	14.77	82	22.14	6	22	11	3	1	1	2	...	10	...	26	...	
Moka ...	3,354	2,096	3,189	8,639	192	30	22.2	9.1	15.6	176	20.4	23	45	14	20	3	...	...	...	1	17	3	50	
Total ...	29,250	17,648	22,909	69,807	1,572	231	22.5	8.9	14.7	1,711	24.5	262	356	142	202	14	8	18	20	155	21	513	...	

Births.—The predominance of deaths over births is again an unfortunate feature in these returns, especially for the class of population under consideration. In certain cases, however, (Port Louis and Black River districts) all the births among the estate population are not invariably recorded in the estate registers owing to the parturients having left and given birth outside the estate and sometimes the district.

Still-births also figure prominently; likewise, *Infantile mortality*, both of which are within range of preventibility, if only the principal persons concerned were willing to seek timely medical aid which is at their beck and call, instead of having recourse to ignorant so-called midwives and quacks.

This matter is engaging attention and it is to be hoped that certain steps which are in contemplation will, in the near future, tend to minimize the loss of lives due to these factors.

His Excellency the Governor is taking a keen interest in the matter.

Deaths.—The crude rate given is in regard to all deaths occurring among the estate personnel and, in certain cases, include those of labourers residing off the estate.

Malaria continues to be the principal cause of complaint. The up-keep of anti-malarial works carried out on certain estates has been fairly satisfactory, except on 2 estates in Grand Port district ("Le Vallon" and "Le Val") where the weeding of numerous drains and cleaning of rivers, previously canalised, have been if not entirely given up at least sadly neglected.

Lung diseases (pneumonia, bronchitis and influenza) were on the increase and were responsible for 208% of the total deaths, with a case mortality equal to 23.2%. Malaria, on the other hand, figured for only 153.1% of the total deaths. The incidence of lung diseases was most marked in Plaines Wilhems district, especially on "Highlands" and "Henrietta" estates, where there was not a single death due to malaria, but 4 deaths on each estate from lung diseases alone out of a total number of 9 and 8 deaths, respectively. Pneumonia was the principal agent at work.

Tuberculosis although apparently not on the increase, continues to occupy a prominent place in our disease and death statistics. The fatal issues equalled 83% of the total deaths.

Ankylostomiasis was on the decrease throughout the Colony, but showed a decided recrudescence in the Southern part of the Island, where there were 327 sufferers from the disease of whom 7 died, showing a case mortality of 24.5% against only 180 registered cases and 1 death for the remaining 6 districts. This recrudescence is attributed to the present unsatisfactory latrine arrangement, sanctioned by law, whereby the privies are built beyond the precincts of each camp, at a certain distance from inhabited huts and consequently not within easy access. This matter is receiving attention.

It is satisfactory to note that *Beri-beri* is largely on the decrease. The registered cases fell from 1,067 in 1916 to 638 in 1917 with a case mortality of 2.82%.

The crude death-rate among Indians (immigrants and others) working and residing on estates and of the total population compares as follows:—

Districts	Death-rate per 1,000 on Estates	Death-rate per 1,000 in Total Population	Districts	Death-rate per 1,000 on Estates	Death-rate per 1,000 in Total Population
Port Louis ...	15.7	51.6	Savanne ...	24.0	38.0
Pamplemousses ...	29.4	35.2	Black River ...	15.9	52.4
Rivière du Rempart ...	20.7	37.2	Plaines Wilhems ...	23.7	38.9
Flacq ...	21.4	40.3	Moka ...	22.2	50.0
Grand Port ...	22.1	42.0			

VIII.—Work and Wages

A statement is attached shewing the average earnings of the engaged labourers on each estate of the Island under the control of this Department, and the amounts deducted by reason of illegal absence or other causes. (Annexure).

The number of male servants of every denomination working under contract of service was nearly the same as in 1916, but the estate resident population (workers and non-workers) shows a falling off of about 2,500 souls. This is attributed to the growing tendency among contract labourers to occupy their own lands rather than the estate camps where they are subjected to what appears to them irksome sanitary control.

Labour conditions again compare favourably with those of the year previous. Rates of wages which averaged Rs. 95.76 p.a. per labourer in 1916 reached Rs. 104.64 in 1917.

The percentage of working days, worked and lost by each labourer, in the past 5 years was as follows:—

	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
Percentage of days worked ...	75.67	73.65	75.86	76.47	75.93
" lost on account of unlawful absence ...	20.47	21.21	19.34	18.66	19.63
" " leave ...	1.39	1.33	1.24	1.20	1.26
" " prison ...	.31	.38	.38	.39	.42
" " sickness ...	2.70	3.43	3.14	3.33	2.77

The daily average number of labourers at work was 1,129 and their earnings averaged R. 1.74 each per week or R. 0.24 per day, exclusive of rations and extras.

In 1916, 1,128 labourers earned R. 1.75 per week or R. 0.25 per day.

The weekly average number of male labourers for the whole Island was:—

1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
9,784	9,204	8,471	7,893	7,898

During the present abnormal conditions due to the high ruling rate of foodstuffs, the rate of wages and allowances (including medical care and lodgings) for an efficient labourer under contract of service may be put down at Rs. 36 per month, for an average of 6 hours work per day when performing task work. The demand for both contract and day labour continued to exceed the supply. The wages of male day labourers ranged from R. 1 to Rs. 2 per day and R. 0.50 to R. 0.75 for women.

IX.—Suicides

There were 25 cases of suicides among the Indian population during 1917, against 22 in 1916. They were ascribed, as far as could be ascertained, to the following causes :—

	Males	Females	Total
Despair owing to illness ...	13	3	16
Domestic troubles ...	1	4	5
To escape punishment ...	2	0	2
Insanity ...	1	0	1
Other undetermined causes ...	1	0	1
	18	7	25

6 of the above cases occurred among labourers working under written contracts on estates, 2 of whom old immigrants and 4 native born Indians. Their suicides were ascribed to the following causes :—

Temporary insanity caused by drink ...	1
Domestic troubles ...	1
Despair owing to illness ...	4

2 other old immigrants (free Indians) hanged themselves through despair owing to incurable diseases.

With the exception of these 4 immigrants (2 under labour contract and 2 free Indians) the remaining *felo-de-se* were all native born Indians.

X.—Crime and Offences

Serious crime.—Seven Indian offenders were convicted before the Assize Court in 1917, as compared with six in 1916, on the following charges :—

Number of cases	Crime	Sentence
One	... Bigamy ...	... 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour.
Three	... Wounds and Blows causing death ...	... One to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour. 2 to 3 years' penal servitude.
One	... Perjury ...	... 1 year's imprisonment with hard labour.
One	... Arson ...	... 4 years' penal servitude.
One	... Manslaughter ...	... 15 years' penal servitude.

2.—Charges brought by Police against employers and their employés for assault on their labourers : There were 6 such cases in which the offenders were punished by fines varying from Rs. 15 to Rs. 50 in each case and made to pay the costs of the prosecution.

3.—Charges brought by employers against indentured labourers for breaches of the Labour Law were on the decrease during 1917. There were 530 such charges as compared to 673 in 1916. The decrease was principally for the offences of "Habitual Idleness" and "Desertion" in regard to which there were 458 complaints in 1917 and 588 in 1916.

The ratio of the total number of charges entered to the number of labourers under written contracts was 1.5 % there having been 31,595 labourers under written contracts. The analysis of the charges entered and disposed of is as follows :—

Nature of Charges	Upon merits		Struck out without going into merits		Not settled	Total No. of cases entered
	Judgment in favour of Complainant	Judgment in favour of Defendant	With-drawn	Complainant not appearing		
Neglect of work and abandoning work...	10	1	7	2	...	20
Habitual Idleness ...	134	6	163	7	17	327
Desertion ...	52	4	21	...	54	131
Insubordination and assault ...	6	...	7	...	...	13
Other Offences ...	11	...	25	1	2	39
Total ...	213	11	223	10	73	530

It will be seen that most of the charges entered for habitual idleness were subsequently withdrawn. This course is frequently adopted by employers when the accused labourer apologises for his absences and promises to work regularly for the future.

4.—Proceedings by indentured labourers against employers :

There was no complaint entered by engaged labourers against their employers in 1917.

5.—Proceedings of Immigration Department against employers :

During the year under review no prosecutions were entered by this Department against employers, but 2 cases entered by employers against labourers were watched over by an Officer of the Department.

XI.—Desertions and Strikes

The number of Immigrants convicted for desertion during the year 1917 was 84 ; in 1916 there were 90 convictions.

Strikes are of rare occurrence and none, properly speaking, occurred during 1917.

In January 100 labourers, representing about one-third of the *personnel* of "Étoile" estate, repaired to the Immigration Office to complain of irregular deductions from their wages, non-admission to the estate hospital when sick, and other alleged ill-treatment.

The complaint was at once inquired into on the spot when it was found that with the exception of the withholding of certain bonus and extras owing to irregular attendance and slight misconduct on the part of 10 of the complainants, the complaint was devoid of foundation. It was engineered by a sirdar of the estate because his sons, unconnected with the estate, had been expelled therefrom owing to their gambling propensities.

Quiet was soon restored after payment of the bonus and extras and the summary dismissal of the sirdar who, although the ringleader, did not take part in the movement.

XII.—New Legislation

There was no legislation during the year.

XIII.—Administration of Immigration Department

The Honourable B. A. Francis, Protector of Immigrants, whose services were placed at the disposal of the War Office at the end of the year 1914, was replaced by Mr. G. Lincoln, Assistant Protector.

XIV.—Cost of Immigration

There is no Immigration Fund in this Colony. Government contributes directly from the general revenue towards the upkeep of the Immigration Department, cost of return passages (averaging between Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 20,000 yearly), pensions in India and Mauritius to disabled immigrants and all other incidental expenses connected with immigration.

XV.—Administration of Estates of deceased Indians

The Curator of Vacant Estates was vested with 35 estates of deceased immigrants during the year 1917, representing a value of Rs. 36,228 in cash and Rs. 4,556 as the approximate value of immoveable property taken charge of, or a total of Rs. 4,918.28.

The Protector of Immigrants who is by law the guardian *ex-officio* to all immigrants who are minors and to all orphans of immigrants, had under his administration the property of minors of the aggregate value of Rs. 58,013.27 as under :—

Amount deposited in Government Savings Bank ...	Rs. 40,483.27
Value of landed property or other Assets ...	17,530.00
Total ...	Rs. 58,013.27

XVI.—Destitute Indians

Relief was given to destitute persons of Indian extraction during the year 1917 as follows :—

Out-door relief in cash {	(I) In India ...	35
	(II) In Mauritius ...	470
Institutional relief in Mauritius ...	...	537

From the above figures it appears that 1,007 persons of Indian extraction were in receipt of relief during the year 1917 in Mauritius.

The Indian population on 31st December 1917 is estimated by the Registrar General at 262,219 souls, so that destitution was prevalent to the extent of only 3.84 per 1,000 against 20.70 per 1,000 among the non-Indian population estimated at 114,867 souls.

In connection with the relief afforded to the Indian population, it must be borne in mind that there has been a steady increase in the number of old people. In 1871 the number of old people of the Indian population over 70 years of age amounted to 498 ; at the census enumeration in 1911 it reached a total of 3,623.

XVII.—Settlement of Free Indians

The total area of land cultivated by Indians (immigrants, native born and others) in January 1918 was 83,400 arpents as shown below :—

Year	Land under cultivation			Planted in Sugar canes		
	Total area under cultivation	Area cultivated by Indians	%	Total area in Sugar canes	Area cultivated by Indians	%
In January 1916	202,079 arpents	74,400 arpents	36.8	163,409 arpents	65,197 arpents	39.0
" 1917	203,198 "	80,500 "	39.6	167,560 "	72,388 "	43.0
" 1918	205,191 "	83,400 "	40.6	168,366 "	72,633 "	43.1

It is interesting to note that there has been an increase of about 9,000 arpents of land cultivated between January 1916 and January 1918 due chiefly to the remunerative price obtained for sugar and the valuable inducement given by the irrigation works.

XVIII.—Savings

The total amount standing to the credit of Indians in the Government Savings Bank on the 30th June 1917 was Rs. 1,473,388.77.

Remittances

The total amount remitted to India during the year 1917 was Rs. 70,293 against Rs. 102,860-1 anna in 1916.

Investments

The value of purchases of landed property by Indian Immigrants in 1917 exceeded the value of sales by Rs. 31,201 as shown below :—

Value of purchases	Rs. 406,884
" sales	375,683
	Rs. 31,201

In 1916 the net value of sales in landed property by Indian Immigrants was Rs. 42,834.

The estimated net value invested in immovable properties by other Indians (exclusive of immigrants) was Rs. 5,041,767 in 1917 against Rs. 3,390,180 in 1916.

Moveable Property

The Immigrants and other Indians continue to hold the largest number of draught animals and carts for carrying trade by road ; likewise the largest number of milch cows and goats.

XIX.—Education

The number of Indian children who attended the Primary Schools during 1917 was 10,244 against 10,501 in 1916. This number is exclusive of those attending the Vernacular and other half-time schools not in receipt of Government grants.

XX.—Political Status of Indians

As previously reported, the Indian population possesses the same political rights as the members of the general population. In 1917 there was 1,013 Indian electors on the register out of a total of 5,821.

XXI.—Identification of Immigrants by means of Finger Prints

Under Ordinance No. 45 of 1914 the finger print system was introduced as a means of identification for Immigrants in lieu of the photograph. As a consequence of this law the taking of the prints of all Immigrants residing on Sugar Estates throughout the Island was proceeded with during the year 1917. The estates in Moka, Savanne and part of Grand Port remain to complete the work.

XXII.—General condition of the Free Indians

The general condition of the free Indian population of Mauritius continues to be a prosperous one.

The demand for agricultural labour exceeds the available supply, so that the Indian labourer can always command a high rate of wages.

G. LINCOLN,

Acting Protector of Immigrants
and Poor Law Commissioner.

ANNEXURE

1917.—AVERAGE EARNINGS—MEN

DISTRICT AND ESTATE	NAME OF OWNER	Mean number of labourers employed	Percentage of working days						Average month-ly earnings	
			Worked by each	Lost by each					Actually earned	Possible earnings
				Unlawful absence	Absence with leave	Prison	Sickness			
PORT LOUIS										
Albion Dock	The Albion Dock Cy.	255	87.85	7.09	.04	.62	4.40	9 66	10 99	
New Mauritius Dock	The New Mauritius Dock Cy.	245	89.11	9.62	.04	.07	1.16	9 47	10 63	
The Roche Bois Manure Cy.	The Roche Bois Manure Cy.	53	62.08	37.36		.56		4 79	7 71	
Mean for Port Louis District		553	79.68	18.02	.03	.42	1.85	7 97	9 78	
PAMPLEMOUSSES										
Beau Plan	The Beau Plan Sugar Estate Cy.	278	66.35	23.19	3.96	.20	6.30	6 38	9 71	
Bois Rouge Sugar Estate	The Bois Rouge Sugar Estate Cy.	316	72.78	22.53	2.27	.29	2.13	5 69	7 82	
Belle Vue (Mauricia)	Mr. N. Harel	276	81.29	15.45	.67		2.59	7 08	8 70	
Bon Air	The Bon Air Sugar Estate Cy.	259	87.96	25.71	.10	.90	5.33	6 42	9 43	
Grande Rosalie	The Mauritius Sugar Estates Cy.	349	77.30	17.32	.78	.18	4.42	8 75	11 31	
Maison Blanche	The Maison Blanche Sugar Estate Cy.	85	75.05	19.30	.86	.09	4.70	6 10	8 12	
Mon Rocher	Mr. N. Harel	155	64.27	31.11	.80	.56	3.26	5 31	8 26	
Solitude and St. André	Messrs. Le Court, Desvaux & Co.	340	76.08	19.55	.94	.23	3.20	6 55	8 60	
The Mount	The Mount Sugar Estate Cy.	350	72.07	21.31	.69	.90	5.03	6 74	9 35	
Rosalie—Constance	The Mount Sugar Estate Cy.	306	64.71	27.51	1.95	.80	5.03	6 33	9 82	
Mean for Pamplemousses District		2,714	71.78	22.29	1.30	.42	4.20	6 53	9 10	
RIVIÈRE DU REMPART										
Antoinette	Messrs. G. Martin & Co.	454	89.52	7.66	.93	.08	1.81	6 62	7 39	
Belle Vue and L'Amitié	Société de L'Amitié	212	86.18	12.17	.49	.02	1.14	7 26	8 42	
Beau Séjour	Beau Séjour Estate Cy.	521	84.97	10.57	1.04	.04	3.38	6 60	7 83	
Bon Espoir	Mr. N. Harel	119	86.63	9.85	.53	.17	2.82	6 56	7 57	
Forbach	Widow H. Souchon & Co.	172	89.97	6.69	1.55		1.79	5 46	6 07	
Haute Rive	Messrs. Gaston and France Tyack	168	79.41	18.45	1.58	.09	4.47	5 77	8 31	
Ile d'Ambre	The Ile d'Ambre Sugar Estate Cy.									
Labourdonnais	The Labourdonnais Sugar Estate Cy.	552	86.36	10.35	1.56	.01	1.72	5 76	6 51	
La Salette	Messrs. A. C. Atchia & Co.	50	85.29	12.24	.76		1.71	6 79	7 96	
Mapou	Mr. H. A. Leclézio	226	78.21	18.76	.75	.42	1.86	4 77	6 09	
Mare Sèche	The Mare Sèche Sugar Estate Cy.	78	77.13	18.39	.57	2.15	1.76	7 25	9 40	
Mon Songe	Messrs. G. Martin & Co.	134	87.35	10.93	1.24	.07	4.1	6 18	7 07	
Mon Loisir Sugar Estate	The Mon Loisir Sugar Estate Cy.	457	77.02	19.83	1.05	.71	1.39	5 51	7 15	
St. Antoine	Messrs. de Chazal & Co.	652	80.15	17.76	.64	.02	1.43	5 29	6 60	
Schoenfeld	Messrs. Gajudhur Brothers	87	74.89	18.42	1.05	.40	5.24	6 38	8 51	
Mean for Rivière du Rempart District		3,882	83.15	13.72	.98	.30	1.92	6 16	7 49	
FLACQ										
Argy	Messrs. Baschet & Co.	140	79.70	20.30				7 36	9 23	
Australia	The Mauritius Sugar Estates Cy.	125	84.30	11.74	1.32	.04	2.60	6 75	8 00	
Beau Champ	The Mauritius Estates & Assets Cy.	574	79.12	15.86	1.77	.41	2.84	7 09	8 95	
Belle Rive	Do.	255	79.52	12.20	2.68	.37	5.23	6 69	8 41	
Belle Vue (Allendy)	The Constance & La Gaiété S. E. Cy.	130	62.97	34.27	1.06	.01	1.69	6 02	9 56	
Bonne Mère	The Bonne Mère Sugar Estate Cy.	134	84.75	15.25				6 76	7 99	
Constance (D'Arifat)	The Constance & La Gaiété Cy.	340	63.64	31.31	1.22	.88	2.95	5 64	8 88	
Constance Sugar Estate	The Constance Sugar Estate Cy.	164	77.68	18.22	1.07	.66	2.37	7 48	9 62	
Deep River	The Deep River Sugar Estate Cy.	373	70.13	23.60	1.64	.62	4.01	6 90	9 83	
Étoile	The Mauritius Sugar Estates Cy.	262	65.46	26.99	2.79	1.05	3.71	8 01	12 23	
Gibraltar	Mr. M. de Villaine	50	68.85	27.83	1.20	.37	1.75	5 98	8 68	
La Gaiété	The Constance & La Gaiété Cy.	135	70.17	24.60	1.53	.47	3.23	8 53	12 15	
La Joffrette	Messrs. de Robillard frères	30	87.43	12.57				9 23	10 55	
La Lucie	Honourable A. Duclos	76	49.33	40.19	1.46	.72	8.25	5 78	11 70	
Olivia	The Mauritius Estates & Assets Cy.	193	78.63	12.40	3.22	.23	5.52	6 75	8 58	
Queen Victoria	The Queen Victoria Sugar Estate Cy.	386	76.69	23.31				7 32	9 54	
Rich Fund	The Rich Fund Sugar Estate Cy.	352	77.53	15.54	2.19	.85	3.89	8 06	10 38	
St. Julien (Montocchio)	Mr. George Montocchio	38	67.85	18.43	7.52	.47	5.73	6 36	9 37	
St. Julien (Rittoo)	Mr. D. Rittoo	303	67.29	29.90	1.72	.18	.91	5 51	8 18	
Union Sugar Estate	The Union Flacq Sugar Estate	350	80.18	13.05	1.67	.37	4.73	7 97	9 94	
Unité	Mr. R. Gajudhur	154	80.06	15.78	1.77	.54	1.85	6 00	7 49	
Mean for Flacq District		4,564	73.87	21.11	1.70	.39	2.92	6 96	9 48	
GRAND PORT										
Beau Vallon	Société de Rochecouste	702	75.58	19.59	1.46	.25	3.12	7 68	10 22	
Deux Bras	Messrs. R. de Rochecouste & Co.	346	78.44	14.58	2.12	.42	4.44	7 16	9 12	
Eau Bleue (R)	Messrs. S. Rama & Co.	140	71.41	22.79	1.45	.02	4.33	5 33	7 43	
Eau Bleue (Toofany)	Mr. Toofany Ajhodasing	52	61.97	32.67	1.95	.01	3.40	6 19	10 01	
Ferney	Heirs Dumontet	450	63.29	28.86	1.34	.67	5.84	6 64	10 49	
Gros Bois	The Gros Bois Sugar Estate Cy.	297	70.13	24.52	1.53	.40	3.42	7 55	10 76	
La Baraque	Messrs. A. D'Arifat & Co.	357	77.63	14.99	1.85	.15	5.38	8 13	10 47	
Le Val	Messrs. Dalais & Co.	309	70.29	24.29	1.26	.44	3.72	6 32	8 99	
Le Vallon	The Le Vallon Sugar Estate Cy.	587	70.88	22.86	1.75		4.51	9 82	13 85	
Mon Désert	Messrs. E. & P. Carié	518	75.01	22.53	.78	.17	1.51	7 46	10 68	
New Grove	The Mauritius Estates and Assets Cy.	282	80.71	15.54	2.00		1.75	8 31	10 29	
Plaisance	Mr. Amédée Hugnin	286	80.54	12.92	1.71	.08	4.75	6 94	8 61	
Riche-en-Eau	Mr. E. de Rochecouste	566	65.49	27.95	2.43	.66	3.47	5 73	8 74	
Rose Belle	The Mauritius Estates & Assets Cy.	389	81.42	15.43	1.33	.16	1.66	8 42	10 34	
Savinia	Messrs. A. D'Arifat & Co.	154	70.19	25.70	1.81	.43	1.87	7 00	10 00	
Sauveterre	Mr. Ahlwan Suhawan	283	71.94	21.87	1.22	.14	4.83	6 05	8 39	
St. Hubert	The St. Hubert Sugar Estate Cy.	463	71.38	21.15	2.13	.04	5.30	5 94	8 32	
Union Park	The Union Park Sugar Estate	168	72.25	24.49	1.77		1.49	8 69	12 02	
Union Vale	Ww. Samouilhan & Co.	216	72.24	22.89	2.12	.16	2.59	7 53	10 42	
Virginia	The Virginia Sugar Estate Cy.									
Mean for Grand Port District		6,565	72.67	21.87	1.68	.22	3.55	7 20	9 95	

1917—AVERAGE EARNINGS—MEN—(Continued)

DISTRICT AND ESTATE	NAME OF OWNER	Mean number of labourers employed	Percentage of working days						Average monthly earnings	
			Worked by each	Lost by each				Actually earned	Possible earnings	
				Unlawful absence	Absence with leave	Prison	Sickness			
SAVANNE										
Bel Air...	Messrs. A. J. Wilson & Cy.	527	81.89	12.98	2.85	.01	2.27	7 22	8 82	
Bel Ombre ...	The Bel Ombre Sugar Estate ...	422	71 57	23.08	1.82	.02	3.51	6 69	9 34	
Bénarès ...	Lady Naz & Co.	449	80.49	12.59	1.36	.14	5.42	6 78	8 42	
Britannia & St. Avoird	The Anglo-Ceylon Sugar Estate Cy.	962	83.10	10.88	1.98	.23	3.81	7 22	8 69	
Colmar ...	Mr. Ahlawan Suhawan ...	176	66.09	32.63	.28	...	1.00	8 23	12 45	
Combo ...	The Terracine Sugar Estate ...	192	67.76	26.30	1.42	1.80	2.72	7 54	11 13	
Fontenelle ...	The Union Sugar Estate ...	106	65.65	27.32	1.49	...	5.54	6 60	10 05	
Riche Bois ...	The Mauritius Sugar Estates ...	485	73.46	23.17	.79	.30	2.28	9 43	12 83	
Rivière des Anguilles	Messrs. Senneville & Co.	335	81.93	9.78	1.66	.39	6.24	8 32	10 15	
St. Félix Sugar Estate	The St. Félix Sugar Estate ...	174	77.10	18.47	1.10	...	3.33	6 71	8 71	
Savannah ...	The Savannah Sugar Estate ...	624	80.66	14.40	1.01	.10	3.83	7 17	8 88	
Terracine ...	The Terracine Sugar Estate ...	401	70.46	23.53	1.13	1.36	3.52	6 78	9 62	
Union Sugar Estate	The Union Sugar Estate ...	337	73.77	18.27	2.28	.22	5.46	7 31	9 90	
St. Aubin ...	Mr. G. Guimbeau ...	720	81.39	10.79	2.23	.09	5.50	7 06	8 63	
Union-Bel Air ...	Mr. G. M. Issac ...	150	75.04	20.60	1.66	...	2.70	7 20	9 59	
Beau Bois ...	Mr. G. Guimbeau ...	367	86.23	10.32	1.20	...	2.25	7 97	9 23	
Mean of Savanne District		6,427	76.04	18.45	1.52	.29	3.71	7 39	9 78	
MOKA										
Alma ...	Sir Henri Leclézio, K.C.M.G., ...	845	73.72	21.52	1.40	.78	2.31	5 88	7 90	
Bel Etang Sugar Estate	The Bel Etang and Sans Souci Sugar Est.	423	63.80	33.35	.21	.45	2.19	9 20	13 50	
Bel Etang (Lesur)	Mr. V. Lesur ...	170	54.88	37.57	.24	2.43	4.88	4 90	8 92	
Bon Air...	Mr. Pierre Hardy ...	133	72.99	21.55	1.69	...	3.77	5 92	8 11	
Bonne Veine ...	Messrs. Leclézio fils & Co.	216	80.83	14.28	2.86	.54	1.49	5 82	7 20	
Camp Thorel ...	Mr R. Huonnomman ...	44	75.04	22.21	2.08	...	.67	14 03	18 69	
Côte d'Or ...	Messrs. Castel & Co.	265	72.07	23.23	.42	1.16	3.12	6 55	9 08	
Chantenay ...	Mr. A. Montocchio ...	32	86.25	10.28	2.16	...	1.31	6 54	7 58	
Magenta ...	Mr. Emile L'Enferna ...	67	57.74	33.33	1.97	3.41	3.55	4 04	6 99	
Melrose ...	Messrs. Coo-Mootosamy & Co.	191	78.22	15.41	4.02	.17	2.18	6 08	7 77	
Minissy ...	Messrs. Hardy & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mon Désert...	The Mon Désert Sugar Estate ...	733	64.24	31.83	1.78	.88	1.27	5 94	9 25	
Pieter Both ...	The Crédit Foncier ...	459	82.26	14.46	1.29	.04	1.95	6 65	8 09	
Sans Souci ...	The Bel Etang and Sans Souci Sugar Est.	974	71.38	24.29	1.27	.51	2.55	6 17	8 57	
Mean for Moka District		4,552	71.80	23.35	1.65	.80	2.40	6 75	9 36	
PLAINES WILHEMS										
Bagatelle ...	The Anglo-Ceylon Cy.	162	81.53	13.45	3.10	...	1.92	6 41	7 86	
Bassin ...	The Bassin Sugar Estate ...	176	82.38	13.71	1.57	.14	2.20	7 14	8 69	
Henrietta ...	The Henrietta Sugar Estate Cy.	127	85.93	11.52	.83	...	1.72	7 82	9 10	
Highlands ...	The Anglo-Ceylon Cy.	254	83.86	12.40	1.43	.18	2.13	8 75	10 43	
Réunion ...	The Réunion Sugar Estate Cy.	229	87.64	8.95	1.58	...	1.83	8 46	9 65	
Stanley ...	The Stanley Sugar Estate ...	333	80.23	19.77	...	...	...	6 39	7 96	
Tranon ...	Messrs. Harel Barclay & Co.	493	78.01	16.34	1.19	.25	4.21	6 57	8 42	
Mean for Plaines Wilhems District		1,774	82.79	13.73	1.39	.08	2.00	7 36	8 87	
BLACK RIVER										
La Mecque ...	La Mecque Sugar Estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Médine ...	The Médine Sugar Estate Cy.	386	71.37	22.87	.87	.70	4.19	7 00	9 80	
Tamarin ...	Société de Tamarin ...	178	71.85	25.31	1.29	.98	.57	5 48	7 48	
Mean for Black River District		564	71.61	24.09	1.08	.84	2.38	6 24	8 64	
Average for the whole Colony...		31,595	75.93	19.63	1.26	.42	2.77	6 95	9 16	

COLONY OF MAURITIUS

ANNUAL REPORT

ON THE

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1917

IMMIGRATION AND POOR RELIEF DEPARTMENT,
4th September, 1918.

THE HONORABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY,

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor the Report of this Department for the year ending 31st December 1917.

I.—Arrivals

Arrivals of Indian passengers from all countries were:

	Males	Females	Total
Indo-Mauritians	66	17	83
Other Indians	198	27	225
Total...	264	44	308

II.—Departures.—Return Passages

Indian passengers of every description who left the Colony at their own expense were classified as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
Immigrants...	0	1	1
Indo-Mauritians	121	40	161
Other Indians	193	33	226
Total...	314	74	388

There was no steamer chartered by Government in 1917 for the conveyance of return immigrants to Madras and Calcutta owing to difficulties in securing freight.

III.—Cancellation of Indentures during the year

Number of Immigrants discharged from contract of service in 1917

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Port Louis	...	2	6	2	22	...	44	3	12	1	2	1	95
Pamplemousses	26	65	47	45	36	18	35	6	5	7	15	6	311
Rivière du Rempart	26	59	39	57	40	42	56	34	13	8	6	3	383
Flacq	9	33	27	88	58	98	58	37	12	11	7	13	451
Grand Port	45	85	144	127	145	149	126	46	10	8	13	14	912
Savanne	26	118	164	117	162	104	208	96	21	13	21	5	1,055
Plaines Wilhems (Rose Hill)	2	11	17	27	17	20	23	2	2	...	2	3	126
(Curepipe)	7	3	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	18
Black River	6	2	10	8	10	19	10	13	1	2	2	...	83
Moka	111	96	104	101	72	31	48	26	7	2	2	10	610
Total	258	474	561	575	563	481	608	263	83	53	70	55	4,044

Number of Immigrants who entered into contract of service with Sugar Estates in 1917

	Jan.	Feb.	Mch.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Port Louis ...	...	...	8	3	18	...	14	34	2	10	...	...	89
Pamplemousses ...	28	66	53	42	26	24	35	5	3	3	8	4	297
Rivière du Rempart ...	36	59	38	54	50	51	64	33	11	5	3	4	408
Flacq ...	9	54	42	92	61	90	66	49	5	5	2	8	483
Grand Port ...	23	99	154	125	137	151	160	51	8	8	8	10	934
Savanne ...	19	105	159	120	135	106	205	87	18	12	19	5	990
Plaines Wilhems (Rose Hill)	5	15	18	30	21	18	20	3	3	2	...	5	140
" (Curepipe)	1	5	18	...	3	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	31
Black River ...	6	5	13	22	6	18	10	18	...	4	3	...	105
Moka ...	112	95	100	105	87	54	54	24	8	1	1	10	651
Total ...	239	503	603	593	544	513	629	304	58	52	44	46	4,128

IV.—Re-indentures or other engagements under the Law

There were altogether 22,194 new engagements entered into during 1917 at rates of wages averaging between Rs. 12 to Rs. 54 p.a. for boys and between Rs. 60 to Rs. 300 p.a. for male adults.

The largest number of engagements, viz. : 6,746 was at the rate of Rs. 96 p.a. The average rate of wages for all denominations of labourers equalled Rs. 104.64 p.a. exclusive of the value of rations, hospital care and medicines for the labourer and his family, free lodgings and, in the majority of cases, fuel, fodder for animals, and a small patch of ground to serve as a garden.

There has been an increase in the number of engagements.

Written contracts entered into during the past 3 years were :

1915	1916	1917
19,937	19,511	22,194

These figures apply to the general Indian population, including the Immigrant population. The table given in paragraph III applies to the Immigrant population only.

V.—Result of the Immigration of the five years 1913-1917

No immigrants were received in the Colony during the period 1913-1917, nor indeed since 1910.

VI.—Immigrant Population

As pointed out in the previous reports it is not possible to give the exact number of the Immigrant population owing to the erroneous methods of registration in the past.

This population which was estimated at about 25,000 in March 1911, may possibly have been reduced by 12,850 which represents the number of departures and deaths from April 1911 to December 1917.

The estimated population of Indian immigrants may therefore be set down at 12,150 as at 31st December 1917.

VII.—Vital Statistics

The births, deaths and causes of death among the estate population in each district were as under :—

DISTRICT	ESTATE POPULATION				BIRTHS					DEATHS		CAUSES OF DEATH													
	Male	Female	Children	Total	Live-births	Still-births	Birth-rate per 1,000 of population	Birth-rate per 100 of women	Proportion of Still to Live-births	Number of deaths	Death-rate per 1,000	Malaria	Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Influenza	Lung diseases	Tuberculosis	Diarrhoea, Dysentery and Enteritis	Typhoid fever	Ankylostomiasis	Beri-beri	Child-birth	Infantile debility	Accident	Other causes		
Port Louis ...	569	256	253	1,078	17	2	15.8	6.6	11.8	41	38.1	7	11	4	9	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	7		
Pamplemousses ...	2,840	1,240	2,000	6,080	169	20	29.4	13.6	11.8	182	29.9	25	39	11	63	2	...	...	...	...	5	12	1	24	
Riv. du Rempart...	3,501	2,438	3,982	9,921	206	39	20.7	8.4	18.9	211	20.2	20	48	13	28	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	19	3	75
Flacq ...	4,044	2,724	3,098	9,866	212	29	21.4	7.7	13.6	251	25.4	59	54	13	29	...	...	...	...	1	4	6	18	4	63
Grand Port ...	6,717	3,663	4,034	14,414	313	50	21.7	8.5	15.97	307	21.29	53	57	33	18	3	3	1	2	39	4	94			
Savanne ...	6,147	3,891	4,562	14,600	351	42	24.04	9.02	11.96	384	26.30	63	71	36	28	2	3	8	2	33	4	134			
Black River ...	634	426	446	1,506	24	6	15.9	5.6	25	77	51.2	6	9	7	4	...	...	...	...	2	3	5	1	40	
Plaines Wilhems..	1,444	914	1,345	3,703	88	13	23.76	9.6	14.77	82	22.14	6	22	11	3	1	1	2	...	10	...	26			
Moka ...	3,354	2,096	3,189	8,639	192	30	22.2	9.1	15.6	176	20.4	23	45	14	20	3	...	...	...	1	17	3	50		
Total ...	29,250	17,648	22,909	69,807	1,572	231	22.5	8.9	14.7	1,711	24.5	262	356	142	202	14	8	18	20	155	21	513			

Births.—The predominance of deaths over births is again an unfortunate feature in these returns, especially for the class of population under consideration. In certain cases, however, (Port Louis and Black River districts) all the births among the estate population are not invariably recorded in the estate registers owing to the parturients having left and given birth outside the estate and sometimes the district.

Still-births also figure prominently ; likewise, **Infantile mortality**, both of which are within range of preventibility, if only the principal persons concerned were willing to seek timely medical aid which is at their beck and call, instead of having recourse to ignorant so-called midwives and quacks.

This matter is engaging attention and it is to be hoped that certain steps which are in contemplation will, in the near future, tend to minimize the loss of lives due to these factors.

His Excellency the Governor is taking a keen interest in the matter.

Deaths.—The crude rate given is in regard to all deaths occurring among the estate *personnel* and, in certain cases, include those of labourers residing off the estate.

Malaria continues to be the principal cause of complaint. The up-keep of anti-malarial works carried out on certain estates has been fairly satisfactory, except on 2 estates in Grand Port district ("Le Vallon" and "Le Val") where the weeding of numerous drains and cleaning of rivers, previously canalised, have been if not entirely given up at least sadly neglected.

Lung diseases (pneumonia, bronchitis and influenza) were on the increase and were responsible for 208 % of the total deaths, with a case mortality equal to 23.2 %/100. Malaria, on the other hand, figured for only 153.1 % of the total deaths. The incidence of lung diseases was most marked in Plaines Wilhems district, especially on "Highlands" and "Henrietta" estates, where there was not a single death due to malaria, but 4 deaths on each estate from lung diseases alone out of a total number of 9 and 8 deaths, respectively. Pneumonia was the principal agent at work.

Tuberculosis although apparently not on the increase, continues to occupy a prominent place in our disease and death statistics. The fatal issues equalled 83 % of the total deaths.

Ankylostomiasis was on the decrease throughout the Colony, but showed a decided recrudescence in the Southern part of the Island, where there were 327 sufferers from the disease of whom 7 died, showing a case mortality of 24.5 % against only 180 registered cases and 1 death for the remaining 6 districts. This recrudescence is attributed to the present unsatisfactory latrine arrangement, sanctioned by law, whereby the privies are built beyond the precincts of each camp, at a certain distance from inhabited huts and consequently not within easy access. This matter is receiving attention.

It is satisfactory to note that *Béri-béri* is largely on the decrease. The registered cases fell from 1,067 in 1916 to 638 in 1917 with a case mortality of 2.82 %.

The crude death-rate among Indians (immigrants and others) working and residing on estates and of the total population compares as follows :—

Districts	Death-rate per 1,000 on Estates	Death-rate per 1,000 in Total Population	Districts	Death-rate per 1,000 on Estates	Death-rate per 1,000 in Total Population
Port Louis ...	15.7	51.6	Savanne ...	24.0	38.0
Pamplemousses ...	29.4	35.2	Black River ...	15.9	52.4
Rivière du Rempart ...	20.7	37.2	Plaines Wilhems ...	23.7	38.9
Flacq ...	21.4	40.3	Moka ...	22.2	50.0
Grand Port ...	22.1	42.0			

VIII.—Work and Wages

A statement is attached shewing the average earnings of the engaged labourers on each estate of the Island under the control of this Department, and the amounts deducted by reason of illegal absence or other causes. (Annexure).

The number of male servants of every denomination working under contract of service was nearly the same as in 1916, but the estate resident population (workers and non-workers) shows a falling off of about 2,500 souls. This is attributed to the growing tendency among contract labourers to occupy their own lands rather than the estate camps where they are subjected to what appears to them irksome sanitary control.

Labour conditions again compare favourably with those of the year previous. Rates of wages which averaged Rs. 95.76 p. a. per labourer in 1916 reached Rs. 104.64 in 1917.

The percentage of working days, worked and lost by each labourer, in the past 5 years was as follows :—

	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
Percentage of days worked ...	75.67	73.65	75.86	76.47	75.93
" lost on account of unlawful absence ...	20.47	21.21	19.34	18.66	19.63
" " leave ...	1.39	1.33	1.24	1.20	1.26
" " prison ...	.31	.38	.38	.39	.42
" " sickness ...	2.70	3.43	3.14	3.33	2.77

The *daily* average number of labourers at work was 1,129 and their earnings averaged R. 1.74 each per week or R. 0.24 per day, exclusive of rations and extras.

In 1916, 1,128 labourers earned R. 1.75 per week or R. 0.25 per day.

The *weekly* average number of male labourers for the whole Island was :—

1913	1914	1915	1916	1917
9,784	9,204	8,471	7,893	7,898

During the present abnormal conditions due to the high ruling rate of foodstuffs, the rate of wages and allowances (including medical care and lodgings) for an efficient labourer under contract of service may be put down at Rs. 36 per month, for an average of 6 hours work per day when performing task work. The demand for both contract and day labour continued to exceed the supply.

The wages of male day labourers ranged from R. 1 to Rs. 2 per day and R. 0.50 to R. 0.75 for women.

IX.—Suicides

There were 25 cases of suicides among the Indian population during 1917, against 22 in 1916. They were ascribed, as far as could be ascertained, to the following causes :—

	Males	Females	Total
Despair owing to illness ...	13	3	16
Domestic troubles ...	1	4	5
To escape punishment ...	2	0	2
Insanity ...	1	0	1
Other undetermined causes ...	1	0	1
	18	7	25

6 of the above cases occurred among labourers working under written contracts on estates, 2 of whom old immigrants and 4 native born Indians. Their suicides were ascribed to the following causes :—

Temporary insanity caused by drink ...	1
Domestic troubles ...	1
Despair owing to illness ...	4

2 other old immigrants (free Indians) hanged themselves through despair owing to incurable diseases.

With the exception of these 4 immigrants (2 under labour contract and 2 free Indians) the remaining *felo-de-se* were all native born Indians.

X.—Crime and Offences

Serious crime.—Seven Indian offenders were convicted before the Assize Court in 1917, as compared with six in 1916, on the following charges :—

Number of cases	Crime	Sentence
One	... Bigamy ...	... 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour.
Three	... Wounds and Blows causing death ...	... One to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour. 2 to 3 years' penal servitude.
One	... Perjury ...	... 1 year's imprisonment with hard labour.
One	... Arson ...	... 4 years' penal servitude.
One	... Manslaughter ...	... 15 years' penal servitude.

2.—*Charges brought by Police against employers and their employes for assault on their labourers :* There were 6 such cases in which the offenders were punished by fines varying from Rs. 15 to Rs. 50 in each case and made to pay the costs of the prosecution.

3.—*Charges brought by employers against indentured labourers for breaches of the Labour Law* were on the decrease during 1917. There were 530 such charges as compared to 673 in 1916. The decrease was principally for the offences of "Habitual Idleness" and "Desertion" in regard to which there were 458 complaints in 1917 and 588 in 1916.

The ratio of the total number of charges entered to the number of labourers under written contracts was 1.5 % there having been 31,595 labourers under written contracts. The analysis of the charges entered and disposed of is as follows :—

Nature of Charges	Upon merits		Struck out without going into merits		Not settled	Total No. of cases entered
	Judgment in favour of Complainant	Judgment in favour of Defendant	With-drawn	Complainant not appearing		
Neglect of work and abandoning work...	10	1	7	2	...	20
Habitual Idleness ...	134	6	163	7	17	327
Desertion ...	52	4	21	...	54	131
Insubordination and assault ...	6	...	7	...	...	13
Other Offences ...	11	...	25	1	2	39
Total ...	213	11	223	10	73	530

It will be seen that most of the charges entered for habitual idleness were subsequently withdrawn. This course is frequently adopted by employers when the accused labourer apologises for his absences and promises to work regularly for the future.

4.—*Proceedings by indentured labourers against employers :*

There was no complaint entered by engaged labourers against their employers in 1917.

5.—*Proceedings of Immigration Department against employers :*

During the year under review no prosecutions were entered by this Department against employers, but 2 cases entered by employers against labourers were watched over by an Officer of the Department.

XI.—Desertions and Strikes

The number of Immigrants convicted for desertion during the year 1917 was 84 ; in 1916 there were 90 convictions.

Strikes are of rare occurrence and none, properly speaking, occurred during 1917.

In January 100 labourers, representing about one-third of the *personnel* of "Étoile" estate, repaired to the Immigration Office to complain of irregular deductions from their wages, non-admission to the estate hospital when sick, and other alleged ill-treatment.

The complaint was at once inquired into on the spot when it was found that with the exception of the withholding of certain bonus and extras owing to irregular attendance and slight misconduct on the part of 10 of the complainants, the complaint was devoid of foundation. It was engineered by a sirdar of the estate because his sons, unconnected with the estate, had been expelled therefrom owing to their gambling propensities.

Quiet was soon restored after payment of the bonus and extras and the summary dismissal of the sirdar who, although the ringleader, did not take part in the movement.

XII.—New Legislation

There was no legislation during the year.

XIII.—Administration of Immigration Department

The Honourable B. A. Francis, Protector of Immigrants, whose services were placed at the disposal of the War Office at the end of the year 1914, was replaced by Mr. G. Lincoln, Assistant Protector.

XIV.—Cost of Immigration

There is no Immigration Fund in this Colony. Government contributes directly from the general revenue towards the upkeep of the Immigration Department, cost of return passages (averaging between Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 20,000 yearly), pensions in India and Mauritius to disabled immigrants and all other incidental expenses connected with immigration.

XV.—Administration of Estates of deceased Indians

The Curator of Vacant Estates was vested with 35 estates of deceased immigrants during the year 1917, representing a value of Rs. 36,228 in cash and Rs. 4,556 as the approximate value of immoveable property taken charge of, or a total of Rs. 4,918.28.

The Protector of Immigrants who is by law the guardian *ex-officio* to all immigrants who are minors and to all orphans of immigrants, had under his administration the property of minors of the aggregate value of Rs. 58,013.27 as under :—

Amount deposited in Government Savings Bank ...	Rs. 40,483.27
Value of landed property or other Assets ...	17,530.00
Total ...	Rs. 58,013.27

XVI.—Destitute Indians

Relief was given to destitute persons of Indian extraction during the year 1917 as follows :—

Out-door relief in cash { (I) In India ...	35
(II) In Mauritius ...	470
Institutional relief in Mauritius ...	537

From the above figures it appears that 1,007 persons of Indian extraction were in receipt of relief during the year 1917 in Mauritius.

The Indian population on 31st December 1917 is estimated by the Registrar General at 262,219 souls, so that destitution was prevalent to the extent of only 3.84 per 1,000 against 20.70 per 1,000 among the non-Indian population estimated at 114,867 souls.

In connection with the relief afforded to the Indian population, it must be borne in mind that there has been a steady increase in the number of old people. In 1871 the number of old people of the Indian population over 70 years of age amounted to 498 ; at the census enumeration in 1911 it reached a total of 3,623.

XVII.—Settlement of Free Indians

The total area of land cultivated by Indians (immigrants, native born and others) in January 1918 was 83,400 arpents as shown below :—

Year	Land under cultivation			Planted in Sugar canes		
	Total area under cultivation	Area cultivated by Indians	%	Total area in Sugar canes	Area cultivated by Indians	%
In January 1916	202,079 arpents	74,400 arpents	36.8	163,409 arpents	65,197 arpents	39.0
" 1917	203,198 "	80,500 "	39.6	167,560 "	72,388 "	43.0
" 1918	205,191 "	83,400 "	40.6	168,366 "	72,633 "	43.1

It is interesting to note that there has been an increase of about 9,000 arpents of land cultivated between January 1916 and January 1918 due chiefly to the remunerative price obtained for sugar and the valuable inducement given by the irrigation works.

XVIII.—Savings

The total amount standing to the credit of Indians in the Government Savings Bank on the 30th June 1917 was Rs. 1,473,388.77.

Remittances

The total amount remitted to India during the year 1917 was Rs. 70,293 against Rs. 102,860-1 anna in 1916.

Investments

The value of purchases of landed property by Indian Immigrants in 1917 exceeded the value of sales by Rs. 31,201 as shown below :—

Value of purchases	Rs. 406,884
" sales	375,683
	Rs. 31,201

In 1916 the net value of sales in landed property by Indian Immigrants was Rs. 42,884.

The estimated net value invested in immovable properties by other Indians (exclusive of immigrants) was Rs. 5,041,767 in 1917 against Rs. 3,390,180 in 1916.

Movable Property

The Immigrants and other Indians continue to hold the largest number of draught animals and carts for carrying trade by road ; likewise the largest number of milch cows and goats.

XIX.—Education

The number of Indian children who attended the Primary Schools during 1917 was 10,244 against 10,501 in 1916. This number is exclusive of those attending the Vernacular and other half-time schools not in receipt of Government grants.

XX.—Political Status of Indians

As previously reported, the Indian population possesses the same political rights as the members of the general population. In 1917 there was 1,013 Indian electors on the register out of a total of 5,821.

XXI.—Identification of Immigrants by means of Finger Prints

Under Ordinance No. 45 of 1914 the finger print system was introduced as a means of identification for Immigrants in lieu of the photograph. As a consequence of this law the taking of the prints of all Immigrants residing on Sugar Estates throughout the Island was proceeded with during the year 1917. The estates in Moka, Savanne and part of Grand Port remain to complete the work.

XXII.—General condition of the Free Indians

The general condition of the free Indian population of Mauritius continues to be a prosperous one.

The demand for agricultural labour exceeds the available supply, so that the Indian labourer can always command a high rate of wages.

G. LINCOLN,

Acting Protector of Immigrants
and Poor Law Commissioner.

ANNEXURE

1917.—AVERAGE EARNINGS—MEN

DISTRICT AND ESTATE	NAME OF OWNER	Mean number of labourers employed	Percentage of working days					Average monthly earnings	
			Worked by each	Lost by each				Actually earned	Possible earnings
				Unlawful absence	Absence with leave	Prison	Sickness		
								Rs. c.	Rs. c.
PORT LOUIS									
Albion Dock	The Albion Dock Cy. ...	255	87.85	7.09	.04	.62	4.40	9 66	10 99
New Mauritius Dock	The New Mauritius Dock Cy. ...	245	89.11	9.62	.04	.07	1.16	9 47	10 63
The Roche Bois Manure Cy.	The Roche Bois Manure Cy. ...	53	62.08	37.36	...	.56	...	4 79	7 71
Mean for Port Louis District		553	79.68	18.02	.03	.42	1.85	7 97	9 78
PAMPLEMOUSSES									
Beau Plan	The Beau Plan Sugar Estate Cy. ...	278	66.35	23.19	3.96	.20	6.30	6 38	9 71
Bois Rouge Sugar Estate	The Bois Rouge Sugar Estate Cy. ...	316	72.78	22.53	2.27	.29	2.13	5 69	7 82
Belle Vue (Mauricia)	Mr. N. Harel	276	81.29	15.45	.67	...	2.59	7 08	8 70
Bon Air...	The Bon Air Sugar Estate Cy. ...	259	67.96	25.71	.10	.90	5.33	6 42	9 43
Grande Rosalie	The Mauritius Sugar Estates Cy. ...	349	67.30	17.32	.78	.18	4.42	8 75	11 31
Maison Blanche	The Maison Blanche Sugar Estate Cy. ...	85	75.05	19.30	.86	.09	4.70	6 10	8 12
Mon Rocher	Mr. N. Harel	155	64.27	31.11	.80	.56	3.26	5 31	8 26
Solitude and St. André	Messrs. Le Court, Desvieux & Co. ...	340	76.08	19.55	.94	.23	3.20	6 55	8 60
The Mount	The Mount Sugar Estate Cy. ...	350	72.07	21.31	.69	.90	5.03	6 74	9 85
Rosalie—Constance	The Mount Sugar Estate Cy. ...	306	64.71	27.51	1.95	.80	5.03	6 33	9 32
Mean for Pamplemousses District		2,714	71.78	22.29	1.30	.42	4.20	6 53	9 10
RIVIÈRE DU REMPART									
Antoinette	Messrs. G. Martin & Co. ...	454	89.52	7.66	.93	.08	1.81	6 62	7 39
Belle Vue and L'Amitié	Société de L'Amitié ...	212	86.18	12.17	.49	.02	1.14	7 26	8 42
Beau Séjour	Beau Séjour Estate Cy. ...	521	84.97	10.57	1.04	.04	3.38	6 60	7 83
Bon Espoir	Mr. N. Harel	119	86.63	9.85	.53	.17	2.82	6 56	7 57
Forbach...	Widow H. Souchon & Co. ...	172	89.97	6.69	1.55	...	1.79	5 46	6 07
Haute Rive	Messrs. Gaston and France Tyack	168	79.41	18.45	1.58	.09	.47	5 77	8 31
Ile d'Ambre	The Ile d'Ambre Sugar Estate Cy. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labourdonnaix	The Labourdonnaix Sugar Estate Cy. ...	552	86.36	10.35	1.56	.01	1.72	5 76	6 51
La Salette	Messrs. A. C. Atchia & Co. ...	50	85.29	12.24	.76	...	1.71	6 79	7 96
Mapou ...	Mr. H. A. Leclézio	226	78.21	18.76	.75	.42	1.86	4 77	6 09
Mare Sèche	The Mare Sèche Sugar Estate Cy. ...	78	77.13	18.39	.57	2.15	1.76	7 25	9 40
Mon Songe	Messrs. G. Martin & Co. ...	134	87.35	10.93	1.24	.07	.41	6 18	7 07
Mon Loisir Sugar Estate	The Mon Loisir Sugar Estate Cy. ...	457	77.02	19.83	1.05	.71	1.39	5 51	7 15
St. Antoine	Messrs. de Chazal & Co. ...	652	80.15	17.76	.64	.02	1.43	5 29	6 60
Schoenfeld	Messrs. Gajudhur Brothers	87	74.89	18.42	1.05	.40	5.24	6 38	8 51
Mean for Rivière du Rempart District		3,882	83.15	13.72	.98	.30	1.92	6 16	7 49
FLACQ									
Argy ...	Messrs. Baschet & Co. ...	140	79.70	20.30	...	...	...	7 36	9 23
Australia	The Mauritius Sugar Estates Cy. ...	125	84.30	11.74	1.32	.04	2.60	6 75	8 00
Beau Champ	The Mauritius Estates & Assets Cy. ...	574	79.12	15.86	1.77	.41	2.84	7 09	8 95
Belle Rive	Do.	255	79.52	12.20	2.68	.37	5.23	6 69	8 41
Belle Vue (Allendy)	The Constance & La Gaiété S. E. Cy. ...	130	62.97	34.27	1.06	.01	1.69	6 02	9 56
Bonne Mère	The Bonne Mère Sugar Estate Cy. ...	134	84.75	15.25	...	...	...	6 76	7 99
Constance (D'Arifat)	The Constance & La Gaiété Cy. ...	340	63.64	31.31	1.22	.88	2.95	5 64	8 88
Constance Sugar Estate	The Constance Sugar Estate Cy. ...	164	77.68	18.22	1.07	.66	2.37	7 48	9 62
Deep River	The Deep River Sugar Estate Cy. ...	373	70.13	23.60	1.64	.62	4.01	6 90	9 83
Étoile	The Mauritius Sugar Estates Cy. ...	262	65.46	26.99	2.79	1.05	3.71	8 01	12 23
Gibraltar	Mr. M. de Villaine	50	68.85	27.83	1.20	.37	1.75	5 98	8 68
La Gaiété	The Constance & La Gaiété Cy. ...	135	70.17	24.60	1.53	.47	3.23	8 53	12 15
La Joffrette	Messrs. de Robillard frères	30	87.43	12.57	...	...	...	9 23	10 55
La Lucie	Honourable A. Duclos	76	49.38	40.19	1.46	.72	8.25	5 78	11 70
Olivia	The Mauritius Estates & Assets Cy. ...	193	78.63	12.40	3.22	.23	5.52	6 75	8 58
Queen Victoria	The Queen Victoria Sugar Estate Cy. ...	386	76.69	23.31	...	...	...	7 32	9 54
Rich Fund	The Rich Fund Sugar Estate Cy. ...	352	77.53	15.54	2.19	.85	3.89	8 06	10 38
St Julien (Montocchio)	Mr. George Montocchio	38	67.85	18.43	7.52	.47	5.73	6 36	9 37
St. Julien (Rittoo)	Mr. D. Rittoo	303	67.29	29.90	1.72	.18	.91	5 51	8 18
Union Sugar Estate	The Union Flacq Sugar Estate ...	350	80.18	13.05	1.67	.37	4.73	7 97	9 94
Unité	Mr. R. Gajudhur	154	80.06	15.78	1.77	.54	1.85	6 00	7 49
Mean for Flacq District		4,564	73.87	21.11	1.70	.39	2.92	6 96	9 48
GRAND PORT									
Beau Vallon	Société de Rochecouste	702	75.58	19.59	1.46	.25	3.12	7 68	10 22
Deux Bras	Messrs. R. de Rochecouste & Co. ...	346	78.44	14.58	2.12	.42	4.44	7 16	9 12
Eau Bleue (R)	Messrs. S. Rama & Co. ...	140	71.41	22.79	1.45	.02	4.33	5 33	7 43
Eau Bleue (Toofany)	Mr. Toofany Ajhodasing	52	61.97	32.67	1.95	.01	3.40	6 19	10 01
Ferney	Heirs Dumontet	450	63.29	28.86	1.34	.67	5.84	6 64	10 49
Gros Bois	The Gros Bois Sugar Estate Cy. ...	297	70.13	24.52	1.53	.40	3.42	7 55	10 76
La Baraque	Messrs. A. D'Arifat & Co. ...	357	77.63	14.99	1.85	.15	5.38	8 13	10 47
Le Val	Messrs. Dalais & Co. ...	309	70.29	24.29	1.26	.44	3.72	6 32	8 99
Le Vallon	The Le Vallon Sugar Estate Cy. ...	587	70.88	22.86	1.75	...	4.51	9 82	13 85
Mon Désert	Messrs. E. & P. Carié	518	75.01	22.53	.78	.17	1.51	7 46	10 68
New Grove	The Mauritius Estates and Assets Cy. ...	282	80.71	15.54	2.00	...	1.75	8 31	10 29
Plaisance	Mr. Amédée Hugnin	286	80.54	12.92	1.71	.08	4.75	6 94	8 74
Riche-en-Eau	Mr. E. de Rochecouste	566	65.49	27.95	2.43	.66	3.47	5 73	8 74
Rose Belle	The Mauritius Estates & Assets Cy. ...	389	81.42	15.43	1.33	.16	1.66	8 42	10 34
Savinia	Messrs. A. D'Arifat & Co. ...	154	70.19	25.70	1.81	.43	1.87	7 00	10 00
Sauveterre	Mr. Ahlawan Suhawan	283	71.94	21.87	1.22	.14	4.83	6 05	8 39
St. Hubert	The St. Hubert Sugar Estate Cy. ...	463	71.38	21.15	2.13	.04	5.30	5 94	8 32
Union Park	The Union Park Sugar Estate ...	168	72.25	24.49	1.77	...	1.49	8 69	12 02
Union Vale	Ww. Samouilhan & Co. ...	216	72.24	22.89	2.12	.16	2.59	7 53	10 42
Virginia	The Virginia Sugar Estate Cy. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mean for Grand Port District		6,565	72.67	21.87	1.68	.22	3.55	7 20	9 95

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DISTRICT AND ESTATE	NAME OF OWNER	Mean number of labourers employed	Percentage of working days						Average monthly earnings	
			Worked by each	Lost by each					Actually earned	Possible earnings
				Unlawful absence	Absence with leave	Prison	Sickness			
SAVANNE										
Bel Air	Messrs. A. J. Wilson & Cy.	527	81.89	12.98	2.85	.01	2.27	7 22	8 82	
Bel Ombre	The Bel Ombre Sugar Estate	422	71.57	23.08	1.82	.02	3.51	6 69	9 34	
Bénarès	Lady Naz & Co.	449	80.49	12.59	1.36	.14	5.42	6 78	8 42	
Britannia & St. Avoird	The Anglo-Ceylon Sugar Estate Cy.	962	83.10	10.88	1.98	.23	8.81	7 22	8 66	
Colmar	Mr. Ahlwan Suhawan	176	66.09	32.63	.28	...	1.00	8 23	12 45	
Combo	The Terracine Sugar Estate	192	67.76	26.30	1.42	1.80	2.72	7 54	11 13	
Fontenelle	The Union Sugar Estate	106	65.65	27.32	1.49	...	5.54	6 60	10 05	
Riche Bois	The Mauritius Sugar Estates	485	73.46	23.17	.79	.30	2.28	9 43	12 83	
Rivière des Anguilles	Messrs. Senneville & Co.	335	81.93	9.78	1.66	.39	6.24	8 32	10 15	
St. Félix Sugar Estate	The St. Félix Sugar Estate	174	77.10	18.47	1.10	...	3.33	6 71	8 71	
Savannah	The Savannah Sugar Estate	624	80.66	14.40	1.01	.10	3.83	7 17	8 88	
Terracine	The Terracine Sugar Estate	401	70.46	23.53	1.13	1.36	3.52	6 78	9 62	
Union Sugar Estate	The Union Sugar Estate	337	73.77	18.27	2.28	.22	5.46	7 31	9 90	
St. Aubin	Mr. G. Guimbeau	720	81.39	10.79	2.23	.09	5.50	7 06	8 63	
Union-Bel Air	Mr. G. M. Issac	150	75.04	20.60	1.66	...	2.70	7 20	9 59	
Beau Bois	Mr. G. Guimbeau	367	86.23	10.32	1.20	...	2.25	7 97	9 23	
Mean of Savanne District		6,427	76.04	18.45	1.52	.29	3.71	7 39	9 78	
MOKA										
Alma	Sir Henri Leclézie, K.C.M.G.	845	73.72	21.52	1.40	.78	2.31	5 88	7 90	
Bel Etang Sugar Estate	The Bel Etang and Sans Souci Sugar Est.	423	63.80	33.35	.21	.45	2.19	9 20	13 50	
Bel Etang (Lesur)	Mr. V. Lesur	170	54.88	37.57	.24	2.43	4.88	4 90	8 92	
Bon Air...	Mr. Pierre Hardy	133	72.99	21.55	1.69	...	3.77	5 92	8 11	
Bonne Veine	Messrs. Leclézie fils & Co.	216	80.83	14.28	2.86	.54	1.49	5 82	7 20	
Camp Thorel	Mr R. Huonnoman	44	75.04	22.21	2.08	...	.67	14 03	18 69	
Côte d'Or	Messrs. Castel & Co.	265	72.07	23.23	.42	1.16	3.12	6 55	9 08	
Chantenay	Mr. A. Montocchio	32	86.25	10.28	2.16	...	1.31	6 54	7 58	
Magenta	Mr. Emile L'Enferna	67	57.74	33.33	1.97	3.41	3.55	4 04	6 99	
Melrose	Messrs. Coe-Mootosamy & Co.	191	78.22	15.41	4.02	.17	2.18	6 08	7 77	
Minissy	Messrs. Hardy & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mon Désert	The Mon Désert Sugar Estate	733	64.24	31.83	1.78	.88	1.27	5 94	9 25	
Pieter Both	The Crédit Foncier	459	82.26	14.46	1.29	.04	1.95	6 65	8 09	
Sans Souci	The Bel Etang and Sans Souci Sugar Est.	974	71.38	24.29	1.27	.51	2.55	6 17	8 57	
Mean for Moka District		4,552	71.80	23.35	1.65	.80	2.40	6 75	9 36	
PLAINES WILHEMS										
Bagatelle	The Anglo-Ceylon Cy.	162	81.53	13.45	3.10	...	1.92	6 41	7 86	
Bassin	The Bassin Sugar Estate	176	82.38	13.71	1.57	.14	2.20	7 14	8 69	
Henrietta	The Henrietta Sugar Estate Cy.	127	85.93	11.52	.83	...	1.72	7 82	9 10	
Highlands	The Anglo-Ceylon Cy.	254	83.86	12.40	1.43	.18	2.13	8 75	10 43	
Réunion	The Réunion Sugar Estate Cy.	229	87.64	8.95	1.58	...	1.83	8 46	9 65	
Stanley	The Stanley Sugar Estate	333	80.23	19.77	...	...	...	6 39	7 96	
Tranon	Messrs. Harel Barclay & Co.	493	78.01	16.34	1.19	.25	4.21	6 57	8 42	
Mean for Plaines Wilhems District		1,774	82.79	13.73	1.39	.08	2.00	7 36	8 87	
BLACK RIVER										
La Mecque	La Mecque Sugar Estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Medine	The Medine Sugar Estate Cy.	386	71.37	22.87	.87	.70	4.19	7 00	9 80	
Tamarin	Société de Tamarin	178	71.85	25.31	1.29	.98	.57	5 48	7 48	
Mean for Black River District		564	71.61	24.09	1.08	.84	2.38	6 24	8 64	
Average for the whole Colony		31,595	75.93	19.63	1.26	.42	2.77	6 95	9 16	

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The salient features in the report of the Mauritius Immigration Dept. for the year 1917, are noticed below.

2. Arrivals. There has been no immigration into the Colony since 1910. But the

number of Indian passengers who arrived during the year was 308 as against 640 during the preceding year.

3. Return Emigrants. It is observed that there was no steamer during the year for the conveyance of return Emigrants. About 200 time-expired Emigrants used to be brought back each year. To this extent there should have been inconvenience which was due to shortage of shipping.

4. Death-rate. The average death rate per mille among the Indian Estate population was 21.7 in 1917 as against 25.45 in 1916, 31.04 in 1915, and 28.4 in 1914.

But it is observed that there was a preponderance of deaths over births in the districts where the Indians are employed

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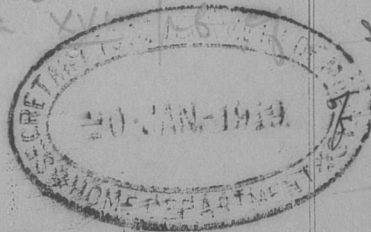
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and that ~~as~~ still births and infantile mortality are engaging the attention of the Govt.

5. Suicides. There were 25 cases of suicides during 1917 as against 22 in 1916 & 26 in 1915.

6. Punishments. The number of charges against indentured labourers for breaches of the labour law was 530 during 1917 as against 673 in 1916 & 894 in 1915. Most of the charges were entered for habitual idleness which were subsequently withdrawn. The percentage of convictions to the total no. of charges entered was 40.1 in 1917 as against 42.5 in 1916. The number of convictions for desertion during the year under report was 84 or 6 less than in 1916.

7. Destitute Indians. 1007 destitute Indians are reported to have been in receipt of relief during the year. There is a gradual decrease in the number seeking relief during the last 5 years.

8. Settlement of Indians. 40.6 per cent of the total area of the colony under cultivation was cultivated by the Indians. The general condition of the ^{free} Indians in the colony is reported to be prosperous. A draft order recording the report is filed.

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