

Public Works (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 22 W

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Laminé, Pros: Revenue Dept recording
Board's Pros: Submitting with remarks to the
for final - narrative of the Bellary DE for the
period ending 15 November 1897, commencing to 8.8.1897.

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Recording Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, the --- of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th November 1897.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 724, dated 23rd November 1897:—

W. J. H. LEFANU, Esq., I.C.S.
(Famine Commissioner).

Read—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Bellary District for the period ending 15th November 1897:—

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and Water-supply.—

Stations.	In the fortnight.	Up to the fortnight.	Average of three years.	
			In the fortnight.	Up to the fortnight.
Yemmiganur	..	..	..	..
Adóni	..	..	..	..
Alúr	..	..	..	..
Siruguppa	..	..	24.86	1.20
Kampli	..	..	27.07	0.79
Bellary	..	0.03	27.90	1.19
Rayadrug	..	..	24.78	1.82
Hospet	..	..	34.30	1.11
Kudligi	..	..	22.32	1.75
Harpanahalli	..	..	29.07	2.53
Hadagalli	..	..	40.62	2.68
Sandúr	..	..	45.03	1.22
..	..	..	24.60	1.61
..	..	..	23.97	1.46
..	..	..	39.29	..
..	..	..	..	..

There has been no rain during the fortnight except three cents at Siruguppa. Rain is urgently wanted for korra. It will also benefit the standing crops. Water-supply is generally sufficient both for drinking and irrigation purposes.

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Adóni division.—White cholam, Bengal gram, wheat and oil-seeds are being sown in Adóni, and weeding operations are in progress in both the taluks. Cumbu, korra and cholam are being harvested; in Adóni. Outturn ranging from middling to fair. Standing crops in Adóni are in good condition, but in parts of Alúr cholam is subject to blight, and korra needs rain urgently.

Bellary division.—Weeding operations are still going on; cumbu and mungari cholam are being harvested with an yield of 8 to 12 annas. Standing crops are in good condition, but rain is urgently wanted for korra.

Hospet division.—White cholam, Bengal gram and wheat are being sown in Hospet and Hadagalli; cholam is being harvested in Hospet and Hadagalli, as also korra, castor and cumbu in the latter taluk. The outturn is estimated at 8 to 16 annas. Standing crops are in good condition, but want some rain in Hospet.

Sandúr State.—Cholam and cumbu are being harvested with an estimated outturn of 8 annas. Standing crops are fair except in two villages. Cholam has been blighted in parts.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni division.—Pasture is everywhere plenty, and fodder supply is improving in Adóni since the commencement of harvest. The condition of cattle is good.

Bellary division.—Pasture is abundant and fodder is scanty. The condition of cattle is improving.

Hospet division.—Pasture is everywhere abundant. Fodder is still scarce, but will soon be plentiful. The condition of cattle is good.

Sandúr State.—Pasture is plentiful. No fodder. There were 26 attacks and 3 deaths from foot and mouth disease. Otherwise the condition of cattle is good.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The season continues favourable, but about an inch or so of rain is urgently wanted. Otherwise the late sown korra crop will suffer, and the yield of the other hmgari crops will be poor.

FOOD-SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th November 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Adóni ..	8.64	8.64	12.36	13.39	14.94	15.45	17.46	17.46	Prices are either stationary or have slightly fallen except in Bellary, where there is a considerable rise owing to the unfavourable prospects of the North-East monsoon.
Alúr ..	8.10	7.83	13.39	13.39	14.42	16.48	17.46	19.40	
Bellary ..	8.64	8.10	12.36	11.33	16.48	13.91	17.46	16.49	
Rayadrug ..	9.72	9.72	14.42	14.42	..	..	16.49	17.46	
Hospet ..	7.83	7.83	13.39	13.39	14.42	14.42	20.37	21.34	
Kudligi ..	8.10	8.64	..	..	16.48	20.60	19.40	23.28	
Harpanahalli ..	8.10	9.18	..	..	16.48	20.60	..	..	
Hadagalli ..	8.64	8.64	..	..	13.39	14.42	16.49	19.40	
Sandúr ..	8.64	8.64	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Average ..	8.49	8.58	13.18	13.18	15.38	16.54	17.82	19.28	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is not very active. Recently harvested cholam has not yet been brought into the market.

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—There are no relief works.

In villages.—Generally good.

SICKNESS AND MORTALITY.

Cholera prevails in parts of Alúr, Bellary, Rayadrug, Hospet, Harpanahalli and Hadagalli. There were during the fortnight—

	Attacks.	Deaths.
Alúr ..	6	2
Bellary ..	94	54
Rayadrug ..	60	27
Hospet ..	21	10
Hadagalli ..	14	9
Harpanahalli ..	1	1
Total ..	196	103

Fever from dysentery and measles in parts of Bellary and Rayadrug. There were no deaths from starvation.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluka.	Number of villages in which relief was given.		Weavers' relief.			
			Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	In the period.	Up to date.
Adóni	8	..	362	163	813	63,557
Alúr	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary	40	..	..	..	..	4,794
Rayadrág	..	..	45	..	..	6,833
Hospet	26	..	..	..	..	..
Kudligi	69	..	..	..	..	..
Hadagalli	17	..	..	..	..	..
Sandúr	4	..	..	..	..	..

Weaving operations in Adóni also were closed on the 15th instant.

GENERAL REMARKS.

All measures of relief have been stopped throughout the district.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.																						
Taluka.	Other purposes.												Total.									
	Repair and construction of wells.						Applications pending.						Applications accepted.									
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.			
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Number of wells.	
Adoni ..	15	3,310	13	2,070	..	..	158	13,405	154	12,010	..	..	178	10,775	167	15,085	..	..	..	..	43	
Alor ..	44	11,140	44	9,080	..	..	1,485	1,31,570	1,485	1,61,320	..	..	1,020	1,72,510	1,539	1,70,400	..	..	..	..	43	
Bellary ..	49	7,350	49	7,350	40	2,060	947	92,318	947	92,318	81	45,764	996	99,668	996	99,668	121	61,655	..	..	84	
Rayadurg ..	84	19,122	84	12,871	..	..	333	43,745	333	43,745	..	..	417	62,567	417	56,166	..	..	..	..	21	
Hospet ..	22	4,320	23	2,935	..	..	92	3,975	92	3,975	..	..	74	8,296	74	6,910	..	..	..	..	1	
Kudligi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	260	7,315	60	7,315	35	3,250	..	61	7,415	7,365	37	3,100	..	..	1	
Harpanahalli ..	..	..	..	..	..	2	700	15,960	123	15,095	5	1,900	146	18,435	141	16,933	7	2,600	..	..	21	
Hadegalli ..	..	..	..	..	..	44	18,304	3,163	3,27,948	3,154	3,36,328	121	50,914	3,396	3,86,165	3,384	3,72,522	165	67,758	..	..	21
Total ..	233	48,217	231	36,194	44	18,304	3,163	3,27,948	3,154	3,36,328	121	50,914	3,396	3,86,165	3,384	3,72,522	165	67,758	..	..	21	
Cattle and seed-grain.																						
Purchase of fodder.												Applications pending.						Applications accepted.				
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Relief of distress.

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluk and places visited—By the Collector.—Hospet, Tornagal and Sandúr.

Divisional-officer, Adóni.—Isivi and Mandagiri.

Divisional-officer, Bellary.—Somasamudram, Kolur, Byalur, Sindigiri, Sanvaspur, Tekkalakota, Nittur, Konchigiri and Serigeri.

Head Assistant Collector.—Dhanayakenkeri.

Resolution—No. 724, dated 23rd November 1897.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. Relief operations have been closed throughout the district.

3. The Collector is being directed to discontinue the submission of fortnightly narratives.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ Collector of Bellary.

„ Sanitary Commissioner.

ORDER—No. 1016, Revenue, dated 6th December 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Famine Commissioner.

„ the Financial Department.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Local and Municipal Department.

„ the Accountant-General.