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Season Report for the Week ending 30th April 1881.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS :—

No. 143. Telegram from Collector of Ganjam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 23·05, ragi 30·10, cholium 36·53, cumbu 42·20. No reports Ichápur, Sómpet, Gopálpur, Púndi, Balliguda. No rain elsewhere. Second paddy, ragi flourishing.

No. 144. Report from Collector of Vizagapatam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Third-sort rice 20·7, cholium 34·7, ragi 38·4, cumbu 43·7. Health—cholera in two taluks, six deaths during the week; small-pox in seven, measles in one and fever in three taluks. Crops—ragi, green-gram, chillies, indigo, sugar-cane, gingelly, tobacco, cotton and paddy thriving; in some places, green-gram, gingelly, chillies and ragi harvested, outturn half. Agricultural operations—gingelly and sugar-cane sown. Water-supply diminishing. Rainfall—Párvatipur ·5, Rayaghada 2·25, Koraput ·8.

No. 145. Report from Collector of Godávári, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 19·5, cholium 33·3, ragi 38·0, cumbu 40·0. Health—fever and small-pox slightly prevalent. Crops—castor-seeds and cotton being harvested; gingelly thriving well. Agricultural operations—seed-beds being prepared and paddy sown. Water-supply generally good; Godávári water 4·9 feet above lock-sill; all canals except Sámalkót canal are closed for repairs. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 146. Telegram from Collector of Kistna, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 17·38, cholium 31·69, ragi 39·47, cumbu 32·37. Fever slight, small-pox and measles in places. No rain.

No. 147. Report from Collector of Nellore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 15·61, cholium 28·41, ragi 33·86, cumbu 29·29. Health—small-pox in Ongole, Kanigiri and Kandukúr taluks; ague, fever and measles in a few places; public health generally good. Crops—In some taluks, black paddy, paddy, cholium, ragi, oil-seed, cotton and green-gram have been harvested, during the week; standing crops are flourishing. Agricultural operations—indigo, cholium and cumbu sown in some places. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 148. Report from Collector of Cuddapah, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 2nd May 1881.

Rice 13·65, cholium 33·18, ragi 38·82, cumbu 34·35. Health—fever is prevalent throughout the district except in the taluk of Pulivendla; small-pox is prevalent in Cuddapah and Pullampet taluks. Crops—paddy is not thriving well;

paddy, wheat and sugar-cane are being harvested; outturn is, paddy being $\frac{3}{4}$, wheat $\frac{1}{2}$ and sugar-cane $\frac{1}{2}$. Agricultural operations—indigo is being sown and second crop of paddy is being transplanted. Water-supply—No supply of water has been received in tanks in this week; there is water in channels. Rainfall, Jammalamadugu '6.

No. 149. Telegram from Collector of Kurnool, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 12.73, cholam 38.31, ragi 38.05, cumbu 34.41. Rainfall Kurnool '10. Ragi being harvested Cumbum, Márkápúr, yield above average; land being prepared for cultivation Nandikótkur, Rámallakót. Prices—cholam falling in Sirvel and ragi in Márkápúr. Sickness abating; cattle-disease five taluks. Fodder, water procurable.

No. 150. Telegram from Collector of Bellary, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 14.8, cholam 40.6, ragi 47.2, cumbu 31.9. Health, fever in nine taluks. Rainfall—Adóni '75, Kúdligi '20, Dharmavaram '17, Bellary '75. Sowing sugar-cane, paddy and indigo; standing crops generally good except cotton, cholam and paddy in some taluks. Harvesting cholam, paddy, sugar-cane, cumbu, dholl, oil-seeds, horse-gram, cotton-picking five taluks, yield average.

No. 151. Report from Collector of North Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 17.8, cholam 26.3, ragi 31.3, cumbu 26.0. Health—public health is generally good, but fever slightly prevails in parts of the Chittoor and Chandragiri taluks and Tirupati and Venkatagirikóta divisions, and small-pox in parts of the Gudiyátam taluk and Maderpauk division. Crops—paddy, ragi, cholam, sugar-cane, lamp-oil-seed and ground-nut were harvested during the week and the outturn was an average one; the condition of the crops is generally good. Agricultural operations are vigorously progressing. Water-supply—The small tanks are fast drying up owing to the excessive heat; the larger ones have a sufficient supply of water. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 152. Telegram from Collector of Chingleput, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 16.28, ragi 25.31, cumbu 23.10. Health—fever parts Conjeeveram, Chingleput, Saidápet; small-pox general except Madurántakam; cattle-disease all except Madurántakam, Conjeeveram. Crops good, withering some places Conjeeveram, Chingleput, Saidápet; ragi, paddy harvested; pasturage insufficient. Agricultural operations—paddy cultivation Madurántakam, Conjeeveram; ploughing paddy Chingleput, Tiruvallúr. Water-supply diminishing. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 153. Report from Collector of Madras, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice (second sort) 12.08, cholam 20.16, ragi 26.03, cumbu 21.12. Health—small-pox and fever prevalent; cattle suffering from foot disease in three divisions. Imports—tons, rice 1,286; other grains 113. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 154. Report from Collector of South Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 18.44, cholam 31.20, ragi 30.31, cumbu 30.00. Health generally good, but fever and small-pox were prevalent in parts of Vriddháchalam and Cuddalore taluks. Crops—paddy, ragi and gingelly were being harvested, and sugar-cane was being cut, the outturn varying from 6 to 12 annas; the standing crops, viz.,

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paddy, ragi, cholam, indigo, gingelly and sugar-cane under wells were generally in good condition. Agricultural operations—kar-paddy and ragi were being transplanted in parts of the district; manuring operations were in progress for future cultivation. Water-supply—Most of the tanks are getting dry. No rain.

No. 155. Report from Collector of Salem, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 17.23, cholam 29.87, cumbu 29.58, ragi 34.28. Health—fever in three taluks, small-pox and measles in one taluk. Crops under wells in good condition except in three taluks; paddy, ragi and cholam harvested, and the yield about the average. Agricultural operations—cholam and paddy being sown. Water-supply sufficient except in one taluk. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 156. Report from Collector of Trichinopoly, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 16.85, cholam *nil*, ragi 34.18, cumbu 31.68. Health generally good; small-pox in Udayárpálaiyam, twenty-four attacks; slight fever in the town and in Kálpaluvúr. Crops generally good. Agricultural operations—cholam and cumbu in Musiri and valan-paddy in Kulitalai were sown; paddy was harvested in Trichinopoly, Musiri and Perambalur with an outturn of 6 to 12 annas. Water-supply generally sufficient except in Manapárai and Turaiyúr where the supply is scanty. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 157. Telegram from Collector of Tanjore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 15.97, cholam 31.61, ragi 33.46, cumbu 32.72. Rainfall *nil*. Rivers very little water. Crops good. Harvest—cholam, gingelly, ragi, chillies, outturn average.

No. 158. Telegram from Collector of Coimbatore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 16.35, cholam 31.08, ragi 38.23, cumbu 38.17. Fever slight parts four taluks. Crops generally fair, paddy withered parts Coimbatore. Harvest in nine taluks; paddy, ragi four taluks; cholam, cumbu two taluks; others in seven taluks; outturn about average. Rain—Coimbatore '42, Polláchi '60, Bhávani '35.

No. 159. Telegram from Collector of Madura, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 16.59, cholam 32.94, ragi 33.65, cumbu 31.97. Rainfall, Vattanam '25. Paddy harvested in some places, yield average. Crops fading. Water-supply deficient.

No. 160. Report from Collector of Tinnevely, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice (second sort) 15.68, cholam 32.00, cumbu 38.40, ragi 38.88. Health generally good, but fever is prevalent in parts of Ambásamudram and Tinnevely; small-pox prevails in parts of Tinnevely and to a small extent in Tenkarai; dysentery prevails in parts of Otapidáram and Tinnevely, and measles prevails in parts of Sankaranainárkoil; cattle-disease exists in parts of Tenkási, Otapidáram, Sankaranainárkoil and Tinnevely. Crops—condition generally good, though in some places the crops have slightly failed in consequence of the extreme heat of the sun; paddy is being harvested in parts of Ambásamudram, Tinnevely, Tenkarai, Otapidáram, Sátúr, Srivilliputur and Sankaranainárkoil, and the outturn is below the average in the first two taluks and up to the average in the rest; dry crops such as cotton, gingelly, &c., are being harvested in parts of Otapidáram and Tin-

nevelly, and the outturn is below the average. Agricultural operations—preparations are being made for kar cultivation in parts where peshanam crops have been harvested. Water-supply sufficient for drinking purposes, though not all that could be desired for cultivation purposes. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 161. Report from Commissioner of Nilgiris, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 4th May 1881.

Second-sort rice 12·13, cholam 19·56, ragi 23·24, cumbu 20·38. Health generally good. Crops none. Agricultural operations—ploughing and sowing in progress. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall—Ootacamund 0·43 no returns from other stations.

No. 162. Telegram from Collector of Malabar, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 15·3, ragi 26·5. First-crop sowing delayed for want of rain. Small-pox eight taluks, cattle-disease slight Wynaad. Pasture scanty. Rainfall—Cannanore ·05, Tellicherry ·62, Badagara 1·42, Calicut ·22, Manantoddy 1·30, Cochin 1·15, other stations *nil*.

No. 163. Report from Collector of South Canara, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Rice 19·11, ragi 24·99. Health good except slight fever in some localities and a few cases of small-pox in Udipi and Uppinangadi taluks. Crops—The third rice-crop is generally reported to be in good condition; in most parts, it is ready for the sickle. Agricultural operations—harvesting of dry grains in Kásaragód taluk, outturn fair. Water-supply moderate. Rainfall—Kásaragód taluk ·03, other taluks *nil*.

No. 164. Telegram from Dewan of Travancore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 3rd May 1881.

Season telegram, Trivandrum—. Preparations are being made for paddy cultivation. Madras second-sort rice 13·12 and paddy 25 seers per rupee. No small-pox or cholera; but chicken-pox, fevers and bowel affections prevail to some extent. Week's rainfall 0·807.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 9th May 1881, No. 735.

Miscellaneous.

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