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Season Report for Week ending 19th February 1881.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—

No. 18. Telegram from Collector of Ganjam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 25.5, ragi 39.58, cholam 36.53, cumbu 45.77. No rain. Harvesting horse-gram, outturn poor; gingelly, green-gram and ragi flourishing.

No. 19. Report from Collector of Vizagapatam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Third-sort rice 21.7, cholam 37.9, ragi 40.0, cumbu 46.2. Health, small-pox in four and fever in two taluks. Crops—ragi, gingelly, green-gram, paddy, lamp-oil seeds, red-potatoes, chillies, chenna, onions and horse-gram thriving; in Chipurupalle taluk chillies not in good condition; sugar-cane harvested, outturn half. Agricultural operations—gingelly, indigo and cotton sown; ragi and red-potatoes transplanted. Water-supply good. Rainfall nil.

No. 20. Report from Collector of Godavari, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 20.3, cholam 36.0, ragi 39.0, cumbu 36.0. Health—fever slightly prevalent; small-pox slight in Peddapuram taluk. Crops—standing crops generally good; sugar-cane and red-gram being harvested. Agricultural operations—fields being ploughed for next year, gingelly-seeds being sown in some places. Water-supply good; Godavari water 6 feet above lock-sill. Rainfall nil.

No. 21. Telegram from Collector of Kistna, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 17.3, cholam 29.99, ragi 37.42, cumbu 32.37. Fever decreasing. No rain. Standing crops generally good; some pulses and cotton slightly affected by insects in places; varagu, chillies, gram, ragi and castor being harvested, outturn  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

No. 22. Report from Collector of Nellore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 15.23, cholam 28.21, ragi 32.0, cumbu 28.98. Health—small-pox in the northern taluks; ague, fever and measles in a few places; public health generally good. Crops—In some taluks paddy, aruga, bengal-gram and coriander-seed have been harvested during the week; standing crops good. Agricultural operations—black paddy, ragi and tobacco sown in some places. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall nil.

No. 23. Report from Collector of Cuddapah, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 21st February 1881.

Rice 13.77, cholam 34.26, ragi 38.11, cumbu 35.2. Health—fever is prevalent throughout the district except in the taluk of Madanapalle; small-pox is prevalent in Cuddapah and Pullampet taluks. Crops—paddy, cotton, green-gram and bengal-gram are not thriving well; paddy, cholam, ragi, cumbu, korra, green-gram, and bengal-gram are being harvested; outturn paddy being  $\frac{1}{2}$ , cholam  $\frac{1}{2}$ , ragi  $\frac{1}{2}$ , cumbu  $\frac{1}{2}$ , korra  $\frac{1}{2}$ , green-gram  $\frac{1}{2}$  and bengal-gram  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Agricultural operations—cholam is being sown; weeding operations are being carried out in paddy and ragi fields; the cultivation of wet lands is in progress. Water-supply—No supply of water is received in tanks in this week; there is sufficient water in channels. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 24. Telegram from Collector of Kurnool, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 12.56, cholam 40.33, ragi 36.95, cumbu 34.21. No rain. Cholam harvest continues Nandikotkur, Markapur, yield average; cotton-picking commenced Koilkuntla, outturn average; standing crops in some parts injured by insects and disease, elsewhere thriving. Prices—rice rising Nandikotkur, cholam falling Cumbum, Nandyál. Fever, guinea-worm, ulcers prevalent; cattle-disease six taluks. Pasture, water sufficient.

No. 25. Telegram from Collector of Bellary, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 15.1, cholam 39.1, ragi 45.8, cumbu 30.5. Health, fever in five taluks. Rainfall none. Sowing paddy. Standing crops—paddy, white cholam, wheat, bengal-gram, horse-gram, oil-seeds and sugar-cane good; cotton not promising in five; harvesting paddy, korra, cholam, ragi, oil-seeds, horse-gram, bengal-gram, dhol, yield average.

No. 26. Report from Collector of North Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 18.4, cholam 27.6, ragi 30.2, cumbu 26.9. Health—fever slightly prevails in parts of the Chittoor, Chandragiri, Gudiyátam and Wandiwash taluks and Kálahasti, Tirupati, Venkatagirikóta and Punganúr divisions; and small-pox in parts of the Gudiyátam taluk. Crops—paddy, ragi, varagu, sugar-cane, ground-nut and pulses were harvested during the week and the outturn was an average one; condition of crops good. Agricultural operations are in vigorous progress. Water-supply sufficient for agricultural and other purposes. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 27. Report from Collector of Chingleput, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 16.46, ragi 26.91, cumbu 23.10. Health—fever in parts of Conjeeveram, Chingleput and Saidápet taluks; at Kunnathur fever continues; small-pox here and there in Madurantakam, Conjeeveram, Tiruvallúr and Ponnéri taluks; cattle-disease in Madurantakam, Chingleput, Tiruvallúr and Ponnéri taluks. Crops—paddy, &c., good; insects are injuring rice-crops in parts of Conjeeveram taluk; paddy, &c., being harvested, outturn  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{2}{3}$ ; pasturage good. Agricultural operations—cultivation of rice, ragi, &c., in some places of Madurantakam and Tiruvallúr taluks; ploughing, sowing and transplanting going on in all the taluks. Water-supply—No fresh supply; diminishing but still good. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 28. Report from Collector of Madras, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice (second-sort) 12.08, cholam 20.16, ragi 26.03, cumbu 21.12. Health—fever and small-pox slightly prevalent; cattle suffering from throat and foot diseases at Tondiarpet. Imports—tons, rice 165; other grains 323. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 29. Report from Collector of South Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 18.17, cholam 33.74, ragi 33.33, cumbu 31.76. Health generally good, but fever and small-pox were prevalent in parts of the district. Crops—paddy, ragi, cholam, varagu, cumbu, sugar-cane and ground-nut were harvested throughout the district, the outturn varying from 6 to 12 annas. Standing crops—paddy, ragi, varagu, cholam, cumbu, sugar-cane and ground-nut were generally in good condition, but paddy crops were reported to have been slightly injured by insects. Agricultural operations—kar-paddy is being sown and transplanted in some places; ragi is also sown and transplanted under wells in some places. Water-supply in tanks diminishing, but there is enough for crops. No rain.

No. 30. Report from Collector of Salem, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 17.05, cholam 28.40, cumbu 30.53, ragi 31.50. Health, fever prevalent in some taluks. Crops in good condition; paddy, cholam, cumbu, horse-gram, ulundu and lamp-oil seed being harvested, and the yield below the average. Agricultural operations—paddy, cholam and ragi being sown. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 31. Report from Collector of Trichinopoly, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 16.69, cholam *nil*, ragi 33.08, cumbu 31.88. Health generally good; there was some fever in Kulitalai and Manapárai divisions and slight small-pox in Udayárpálaiyam taluk. Crops generally good. Agricultural operations—paddy was sown and transplanted in parts of Musiri taluk; paddy, varagu, cholam, cumbu, ragi and samai were harvested; paddy and varagu yielded from 6 annas to a full crop; cholam, cumbu and ragi from 6 annas to about an average crop; samai from 8 to 12 annas. Water-supply sufficient except in some villages of Musiri taluk where the tanks breached during the late cyclone. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 32. Telegram from Collector of Tanjore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 14.66, cholam 28.46, ragi 31.75, cumbu 32.50. Rainfall—Lower Anicut .02, Mutupet .20, other stations *nil*. Rivers  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet. Crops good. Harvest—paddy, black-gram, ragi, dhol, varagu, ground-nut, gingelly; outturn average.

No. 33. Telegram from Collector of Coimbatore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 15.82, cholam 27.86, ragi 34.93, cumbu 37.71. Fever parts three taluks. Crops generally good. Harvest eight taluks; paddy in three, cholam four, ragi one, cumbu two, other crops in seven taluks; outturn about average. Rainfall *nil*.

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No. 34. Telegram from Collector of Madura, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 15.74, cholam 24.84, ragi 30.55, cumbu 31.75. Paddy harvested in all taluks, yield average. Partial loss of wet crops in some places by deficiency of water-supply.

No. 35. Report from Collector of Tinnevely, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice (second-sort) 15.04, cholam *nil*, cumbu 41.60, ragi 39.04. Health generally good, but fever and small-pox are prevalent in parts of Ambásamudram and Tinnevely; small-pox prevails slightly in parts of Tenkarai and dysentery in parts of Tinnevely; cattle-disease exists in Ambásamudram, Tenkási, Nágunéri, Sankaranainárkoil and Tinnevely. Crops—condition generally good, but in parts of Srivilliputur the crops are reported to have withered and they require rain in Srivilliputur and Nágunéri; paddy is being harvested in parts of Sankaranainárkoil, Ambásamudram, Nágunéri, Sátúr, Srivilliputur and Tinnevely, and the outturn is below the average in the first and up to the average in the rest; dry crops such as cumbu, cholam, ragi, varagu, horse-gram, &c., are being harvested in parts of Sankaranainárkoil, Tenkási, Otapidáram and Sátúr, and the outturn is below the average in the first and up to the average in the rest. Agricultural operations—sowing is going on in parts of Srivilliputur under wells. Water-supply sufficient except in Nágunéri and Srivilliputur. Rainfall—20 in Tenkási; other taluks *nil*.

No. 36. Report from Commissioner of Nilgiris, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Second-sort rice 9.78, cholam 22.12, ragi 21.21, cumbu 23.65. Health generally good. Crops—standing crops are in good condition. Agricultural operations *nil*. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall—Ootacamund 0.20 inch, Coonoor 0.19, Wellington 0.16, Kodanad *nil*.

No. 37. Telegram from Collector of Malabar, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 15.6, ragi 24.2. Harvesting second crop over. Small-pox six taluks; cattle-disease slight Cheriakál, Wynaad and Ernád. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 38. Report from Collector of South Canara, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Rice 17.06, ragi 24.51. Health generally satisfactory; slight fever exists in some localities and a few cases of small-pox are still reported in Udipi taluk. Crops—second rice-crop harvested in most parts; outturn reported to be above average in one taluk and average in other taluks. Agricultural operations—ploughing and sowing for the third rice-crop in three taluks and sowing dry grains in two taluks. Water-supply generally sufficient. Rainfall *nil*.

No. 39. Telegram from the Dewan of Travancore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 22nd February 1881.

Season telegram Trivandrum. Reaping over. Madras second-sort rice 12.81 and paddy 24.26 seers per rupee. No small-pox; one death from cholera. No rain.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1881, No. 386.

Miscellaneous.

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