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Season Report for Week ending 29th January 1881.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—

No. 72. Telegram from Collector of Ganjam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 23.44, ragi 39.57, cholam 36.53, cumbu 45.77. No rain. Cholam reaped Chicacole, yield average.

No. 73. Report from Collector of Vizagapatam, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Third-sort rice 21.2, cholam 36.9, ragi 39.0, cumbu 43.5. Health, small-pox in two and fever in three taluks. Crops—cholam, chillies, red potatoes, horse-gram, red-gram, onions, tobacco, sugar-cane, ragi, lamp-oil seeds, green-gram, gingelly, paddy and cotton thriving; paddy harvested, outturn above half; in some places, horse-gram and sugar-cane harvested, outturn half. Agricultural operations—gingelly, green-gram, indigo and paddy sown; ragi transplanted. Water-supply good. Rainfall nil.

No. 74. Report from Collector of Godavari, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 19.2, cholam 34.5, ragi 43.5, cumbu 38.0. Health—fever slightly prevalent throughout; small-pox slight in Peddapuram taluk. Crops—harvest of cholam in progress, sugar-cane being harvested and put in the mill; standing dry crops doing well, but castor-seeds are reported to be suffering from worms in Yernagudem taluk. Agricultural operations—seed-beds being ploughed for next year and second dry crops being sown. Water-supply good; Godavari water 6.6 feet above locksill. Rainfall nil.

No. 75. Telegram from Collector of Kistna, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 16.28, cholam 30.14, ragi 36.18, cumbu 33.19. Ague prevails. No rain. Later dry crops doing well; pulse crops and cotton suffering from insects in places; varagu being harvested, outturn $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$. Six inches water over anicut.

No. 76. Report from Collector of Nellore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 15.08, cholam 27.25, ragi 31.86, cumbu 28.39. Health—small-pox in three taluks; fever, ague and measles; public health generally good. Crops in some taluks; cholam, ragi, paddy, arugu and indigo have been harvested during the week; standing crops thriving, but in Nellore taluk some dry crops suffering from blight to a small degree. Agricultural operations—black paddy, ragi are being sown in some places. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall nil.

No. 77. Report from Collector of Guddapah, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 31st January 1881.

Rice 14.17, cholam 34.48, ragi 38.1, cumbu 32.63. Health—fever is prevalent throughout the district except in the taluks of Rayachoti and Madanapalle; small-

pox is prevalent in Cuddapah taluk. Crops—paddy, ragi and horse-gram are not thriving well; paddy, ragi, cholam, horse-gram and korra are being harvested, outturn is, paddy being $\frac{1}{2}$, ragi $\frac{3}{4}$, cholam $\frac{1}{2}$, horse-gram $\frac{1}{2}$ and korra $\frac{1}{2}$. Agricultural operations—cholam is being sown and second-crop of paddy is being transplanted; weeding operations are being carried out in paddy fields; wet lands are being cultivated. Water-supply—no supply of water is received in tanks in this week; there is sufficient water in channels. Rainfall nil.

No. 78. Telegram from Collector of Kurnool, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 12-60, cholam 41-91, ragi 37-90, cumbu 35-0. No rain. Paddy harvest almost completed, yield below average; cholam harvest continues, outturn Pattikonda above average, Sirvel below; crops injured by insects and disease in parts Pattikonda, Koilkuntla, Nandikotkur. Prices—cholam rising Cumbum, falling Nandikotkur, Nandyál; cumbu rising Cumbum. Fever, guinea-worm, ulcers prevalent; cattle-disease six taluks. Pasture, water ample.

No. 79. Telegram from Collector of Bellary, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 15-4, cholam 38-9, ragi 41-3, cumbu 30-0. Health, fever in six taluks. Rainfall none. Sowing paddy. Standing crops—paddy, white cholam, wheat, bengal-gram, horse-gram and oil-seeds good; cotton bad in five. Harvesting paddy, korra, cholam, ragi, oil-seeds, horse-gram and dholl; yield average.

No. 80. Report from Collector of North Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 17-4, cholam 27-1, ragi 31-4, cumbu 26-5. Health, fever slightly prevails in parts of the Chittoor and Chandragiri taluks and Kalahasti, Tirupati, Punganur and Venkatagirikota divisions. Crops—paddy, ragi, cholam, varagu, samai, sugar-cane and pulses were harvested during the week, and the outturn was an average one; the standing crops are reported to be generally in good condition. Agricultural operations are in vigorous progress in all the taluks and divisions. Water-supply abundant. Rainfall nil.

No. 81. Report from Collector of Chingleput, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 15-36, ragi 27-21, cumbu 21-45. Health—fever in parts in all taluks except Madurantakam and Ponnéri; at Kunnathur fever continues; small-pox in parts in Conjeeveram and Tiruvallur taluks; cattle-disease exists in all but Chingleput and Saidapet taluks. Crops—paddy of all kinds good; insects are injuring crops in Conjeeveram taluk; samba, horse-gram, &c., being harvested, outturn $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$. Pasture very good. Agricultural operations—ploughing, sowing, transplanting going on. Water-supply very good. Rainfall nil.

No. 82. Report from Collector of Madras, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice (second sort) 12-08, cholam 20-16, ragi 26-03, cumbu 21-12. Health—fever and small-pox slightly prevalent; cattle healthy. Imports—tons, rice 173; other grains 226. Rainfall nil.

No. 83. Report from Collector of South Arcot, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 17-45, cholam 30-83, ragi 33-78, cumbu 32-37. Health generally good, but small-pox was prevalent in parts of Cuddalore taluk. Crops—paddy, ragi, cholam, varagu, cumbu, ground-nut and sugar-cane were harvested in parts of the district, the outturn varying from 8 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 some insects causing much havoc both in tender crop and ears; it is reported by Tahsildars of Tindivanam, Cuddalore, Kallakurichi and Tiruvannamalai taluks. Agricultural operations—kar-paddy, ragi, indigo, gingelly, cotton and cumbu were being sown and weeded; the later samba paddy was weeded; ploughing and manuring operations were also going on. Water-supply plentiful in tanks and rivers. No rain.

No. 84. Report from Collector of Salem, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 16-91, cholam 27-19, cumbu 31-92, ragi 31-03. Health, fever prevalent in three taluks. Crops in good condition; paddy, varagu, dholl and lamp-oil seeds being harvested, and the yield below the average. Agricultural operations—paddy and cholam being sown. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall nil.

No. 85. Report from Collector of Trichinopoly, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 15-82, cholam nil, ragi 32-75, cumbu 34-42. Health generally good; fever is prevalent in Trichinopoly town, Kulitalai, Manapalai and Kilpaluvur divisions; also slight small-pox in Udayarpalaiyam taluk. Crops generally good. Agricultural operations—paddy was sown and transplanted; paddy, cholam, ragi, cumbu, varagu and samai were harvested; paddy yielded an outturn of six annas to a full crop, cholam one of 3 to 12 annas, ragi one of 6 to 12 annas, cumbu one of 6 to 12 annas, varagu one of 3 annas to a full crop, and samai one of 3 to 12 annas. Water-supply sufficient except in villages of Perambalur and Musiri taluks where tanks breached during the late cyclone. Rainfall—Trichinopoly Cantonment, Trichinopoly Town, Lalgudi, Musiri, Turaiyur, Kulitalai, Manapalai, Perambalur, Jayankondacholapuram, Kilpaluvur nil; Pudukota return has not been received yet.

No. 86. Telegram from Collector of Tanjore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 13-14, cholam 32-95, ragi 36-42, cumbu 33-32. Rainfall nil; rivers $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet. Crops generally good; in parts injured by insects. Harvest—paddy, black-gram, ragi, varagu; outturn average.

No. 87. Telegram from Collector of Coimbatore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 15-27, cholam 27-85, ragi 34-75, cumbu 37-86. Fever parts three taluks. Crops generally good except cholam not thriving parts four taluks, and paddy blighted parts Coimbatore. Harvest eight taluks; paddy four taluks, cholam one, ragi three, cumbu two taluks, average; cholam, cumbu each one taluk, poor; other six taluks about average. Rain nil.

No. 88. Telegram from Collector of Madura, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 15.27, cholam 23.76, ragi 31.0, cumbu 28.81. Paddy harvested Madura, Tirumangalam, Melur, Periyakulam, Sivaganga; ragi Periyakulam; samai Palni, yield average. Partial loss of wet crops in some places.

No. 89. Report from Collector of Tinnevely, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 31st January 1881.

Rice (second sort) 14.72, cholam 41.60, cumbu 29.60, ragi 41.28. Health generally good, but fever is prevalent in parts of Ambasamudram, Tenkasi, Otapidaram and Tinnevely; small-pox in parts of Tenkasi, Otapidaram, Srivilliputtur and Tinnevely; dysentery in Tinnevely and cattle-disease in Tenkasi and Tinnevely. Crops—condition generally good, but in parts of Nanguneri, Otapidaram and Srivilliputtur, crops require rain; paddy is being harvested in parts of Sator, Srivilliputtur, Sankaranainarkoil, and the outturn is up to the average; dry crops, such as ragi, samai, cumbu, cholam, &c., are being harvested in parts of Tenkasi, Tenkarai, Otapidaram, Sator and Sankaranainarkoil, and the outturn is below the average in the first two and up to the average in the rest. Agricultural operations—wet cultivation is still going on in Otapidaram and Sankaranainarkoil. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall—55 in Tinnevely; other taluks nil.

No. 90. Report from Commissioner of Nilgiris, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Second-sort rice 11.0, cholam 22.43, ragi 22.43, cumbu 23.65. Health generally good. Standing crops are in good condition; ganjee is being harvested. Agricultural operations—ploughing in progress. Water-supply sufficient. Rainfall—Ootacamund and Kodanad nil, no returns from other stations.

No. 91. Telegram from Collector of Malabar, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 15.1, ragi 24.0. Harvesting second crop progressing; crop above average. Small-pox four taluks; slight cattle-disease Cherikal, Wynad and Ernad. Rainfall nil.

No. 92. Report from Collector of South Canara, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Rice 16.57, ragi 23.47. Health good except slight fever in some localities and a few cases of small-pox in Udipi taluk. Crops—harvesting of second rice-crop commenced in three taluks, outturn reported to be average in parts and above average in others. Agricultural operations—preparations being made for the cultivation of third rice-crop in Mangalore taluk. Water-supply generally sufficient. Rainfall nil.

No. 93. Telegram from Dewan of Travancore, to Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated 1st February 1881.

Season telegram, Trivandrum. Reaping is nearly over; Madras second-sort rice 12.81 and paddy 24.26 seers per rupee. No small-pox or cholera, but fevers and bowel affections prevail. No rain.

No. 94. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1881, No. 249.

Miscellaneous.

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the Sanitary Commissioner.
the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
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