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RAILWAYS.

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DATED 24th Mar 1894

[Despatch Abstract.]

Report of the Inspection of the Kolar
Gold Fields Railway

Recording the — prior to its being
opened for passenger traffic.

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Permanent-way.—The rails are second-hand iron double headed 75 lb. 20 feet and 19 feet long, having had about 12 years' wear; the sleepers are cast-iron pots 6 per rail; the fastenings are those in use on the Madras Railway. A few rails here and there should be taken out and the bruised ends cut off. At 3/0 miles the curve wants pulling into shape; there are some fish bolts wanted in the Urigani station main line and at 9/4 mile the bent rails require the jim-crow.

Stations.—There are 4, namely, Balaghat, Urigam, Champion Reefs, Mysore Mines. The platforms are all under standard lengths, and their reduced lengths have been sanctioned, as also a slight infringement necessary to bring the 2 feet tramway line alongside the siding for transshipment of coal at those stations, where the standard gauge is not laid in by the mining companies. This allows coal to be unloaded into the small trucks direct.

There is suitable accommodation at all stations for passengers, but the latrines are not yet quite complete, nor are station platform lamps provided.

The private siding of the Nandidroog mine, leading from the main line at Urigam station, must be provided with bolt and taper key and padlock, and the stationmaster must keep the points locked for main line only.

At Champion Reef station the culvert at the north end of the platform requires a wall to protect passengers.

All the stations save Balaghat have a goods platform and small shed.

Watering arrangements.—This will be provided at Urigam station where a tank of 2,000 gallons is to be erected, supplied by the Nandidroog Mines Company. There is one water-pipe between main line and siding. At present the arrangement for watering is temporary.

Signals.—Those at Bowringpett governing the cross-over road, are not yet erected; at all the other stations, except Champion Reef station, the signals are erected and working fairly, the distant signal lever handles being at the ends of the platform. In no case did I see lamps and glasses for night signalling; at Champion Reef there should be two home signals—one at each end of the platform—near the distant signal levers from where the driver at the distant signal can see the home signal and also the signalman at the home signal can see the distant signal.

Points and Crossings.—All in good order; of the Madras Railway ordinary pattern.

Provision is being made to put in safety points at—

Balaghat south end;

Urigam north end;

Champion Reefs north end;

to prevent trucks from running away during shunting.

Turn-table.—This, a second hand 40' one from the Madras Railway, is being erected at the Mysore mines station. Until ready the line should be worked by a tank engine.

Working.—The line will be worked by the Madras Railway on the absolute block system. An agreement between the Mysore State and the Madras Railway is under preparation.

The documents with this report are—

I Tabulated details.

II Plan and section of railway.

IV Certificate by manager.

V Deflection cards.

I am of opinion that the opening of the railway should be postponed until the signals at all the stations are complete and in working order, and, so that no further delay may take place; the railway having already been twice inspected; I ask for sanction to open the branch on my own responsibility as soon as I am satisfied that the signals are in order, under chapter V, paragraph 1 (b) of the rules for the Inspection of Railways prior to opening for passenger traffic issued with Government of India Circular No. 6 Railway, dated 7th September 1893.

MADRAS,
15th March 1894.

(Signed) F. R. UPCOTT,
Senior Govt. Insp. of Railways, Madras.

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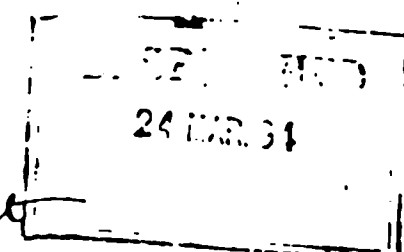
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be forwarded for the information
of the Resident
in Mysore.

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The Agent & Manager hereby
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