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[Despatch Abstract.]

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following paper:—

Note by the Chief Auditor, Madras Railway, on the Capital and Revenue Accounts of the Kolar Gold Fields Railway for the half-year ended the 30th June 1897.

CAPITAL.

Statements Nos. V, VI and XVIII.—No capital expenditure was incurred during the half-year. The total capital outlay, including suspense, from the commencement of operations to the end of the half-year under review, is Rs. 7,49,690-3-6 and the expenditure, excluding suspense, Rs. 7,28,208-4-10, which gives an average of Rs. 72,821 per mile open.

REVENUE.

General Results.

2. The following table shows the general results of working:—

	Half-year ending June 1896.	Half-year ending June 1897.	Difference.	
Mean mileage worked	MILES. 10	MILES. 10		
Train mileage	15,856	17,942	+ 2,086	+ 13.16
Average number of trains over the whole line daily in both directions	NO. 8.71	NO. 9.91	+ 1.20	..
Gross earnings	RS. 70,213	RS. 98,854	+ 28,641	+ 40.79
Working expenses	40,857	54,963	+ 14,106	+ 34.53
Net earnings	29,356	43,891	+ 14,535	+ 49.51
Percentage of working expenses to gross earnings	58.19	55.60	- 2.59	..
Percentage of net earnings to capital outlay including suspense	3.95	5.85	+ 1.90	..

3. The gross earnings per mean mile worked per week averaged Rs. 270 and were realized at a cost of 55.60 per cent. against corresponding half of the previous year.

4. The net earnings amounted to Rs. 43,891-6-2, which gives a return at the rate of 11.71 per cent. per annum on the capital outlay, including suspense.

Gross Earnings.

5. The following table shows the gross earnings for the two half-years:—

	Half-year ending June 1896.	Half-year ending June 1897.	Difference.	
			Amount.	Per cent.
Coaching ..	RS. 21,896	RS. 26,383	+ 4,487	+ 20.49
Goods ..	48,064	72,208	+ 24,144	+ 50.23
Electric telegraph ..	122	133	+ 11	+ 9.02
Steam-boat ..	..	..	..	..
Sundries ..	131	130	- 1	- .76
Total ..	70,213	98,854	+ 28,641	+ 40.79

6. *Abstract H—Coaching Traffic.*—The number of passengers of the various classes carried including troops and police and season tickets, and the earnings therefrom are as follows:—

	First-class.		Second-class.		Third-class.		Total.	
	No.	Earnings.	No.	Earnings.	No.	Earnings.	No.	Earnings.
First half of 1896	1,212	539	6,214	1,213	256,092	18,921	263,518	20,673
Do. of 1897	1,637	662	7,761½	1,388	324,501½	23,156	333,900	25,206

7. The receipts from passengers' luggage amount to Rs. 831.

8. The earnings under horse, carriage and dog traffic are Rs. 81.

9. Parcels for the public show a receipt of Rs. 186.

10. *Abstract I—Goods Traffic.*—The following is a summary of the tonnage of goods lifted and the earnings therefrom as compared with the corresponding period of 1896:—

	Half-year ending June 1896.		Half-year ending June 1897.	
	Quantity.	Earnings.	Quantity.	Earnings.
Merchandise, general	TONS. 15,424	RS. 14,319	TONS. 28,533	RS. 26,502
Military stores	.. 4	.. 3	.. 191	.. 50
Railway materials for construction	.. 39,434	.. 33,561	.. 53,153	.. 45,234
Coal (including Locomotive revenue)	.. 132	.. 44	.. 1,578	.. 249
Revenue stores (excluding Locomotive coal)		.. 137		.. 173
Other goods traffic	.. 54,994	.. 48,064	.. 83,455	.. 72,208
Less outstanding irrecoverable or not recovered				
Total	54,994	48,064	83,455	72,208

11. The following table shows some of the principal commodities carried during the two half-years:—

	Half-year ending June 1896.		Half-year ending June 1897.	
	Quantity.	Earnings.	Quantity.	Earnings.
Coal	TONS. 39,434	RS. 33,561	TONS. 53,153	RS. 45,234
Metals—	.. 919	.. 857	.. 1,914	.. 1,756
Iron	.. 1,608	.. 1,366	.. 3,891	.. 3,414
Stone and lime	.. 7,651	.. 6,782	.. 17,156	.. 15,325
Timber				

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Working Expenses.

12. The Kolar Gold Fields Railway is worked by the Madras Railway Company and the charge to the Mysore Darbar therefor is ascertained in the manner set forth in the foot-note to statement No. 8 of the printed accounts.

13. The Kolar Gold Fields Railway having earned surplus profits from the commencement, I have claimed 1 per cent. of its net earnings for the Provident Institution as per agreement : this matter was overlooked on previous occasions.

ORDER—No. 708 R., dated 22nd September 1897.

Ordered that the note by the Chief Auditor, Madras Railway, on the Capital and Revenue Accounts of the Kolar Gold Fields Railway for the half-year ended the 30th June 1897, be forwarded to the Government of India and to the Secretary of State in continuation of Proceedings of Government, No. 679 R., dated 17th September 1897.

[Here enter No. 709 R., dated 22nd September 1897.]

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. J. E. SPRING,
Offg. Joint Secy. to Govt.,
Railway Branch.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
„ Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

(Copy.)

LETTER to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State
for India.

No. $\frac{25}{708 R.}$, dated 22nd September 1897.

FORWARDING copy of Proceedings embodying a note by the Chief Auditor, Madras Railway, on the Capital and Revenue Accounts of the Kolar Gold Fields Railway for the half-year ended the 30th June 1897.

No. ²⁶/₇₀₈ R., 22ND SEPTEMBER 1897.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—to

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

MY LORD,

In continuation of our Despatch No. ²²/₆₇₉ R., dated 17th September 1897, we have the honour to forward, herewith, a copy of our Proceedings, No. 708 R., dated 22nd September 1897, embodying a note by the Chief Auditor, Madras Railway, on the Capital and Revenue Accounts of the Kolar Gold Fields Railway for the half-year ended the 30th June 1897.

We have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble servants,

(Signed) A. E. HAVELOCK.
(") H. W. BLISS.
(") J. GROSE.

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22nd September 1897.

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the 30th June 1897.*

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CHIEF AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
MADRAS, 7th September 1897.

To
THE ACTING AGENT AND MANAGER,
Madras Railway Company.

DEAR SIR,

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To The Agent & Manager MR
" Excavations R. A. Smith

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Chief Auditor

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