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No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th July 1861, No. 3,521:—

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated 21st June 1861, No. 141.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward the report of the Committee on the Nellore Cattle Show, which was held at Addanki on the 21st and 22nd January last.

2. I regret extremely that press of business has prevented my submitting this report sooner, and I request permission to publish it in the District Gazette, as in last year, with such orders as may be passed on it, forwarding at the same time a copy of the Gazette gratis to each of the exhibitors.

3. In their remarks on the number of cows exhibited, and the quality of the cows thus brought forward for prizes in a District renowned all over India for the beauty and excellence of its breed, the Committee have referred to the well known native superstitions with regard to the "evil eye." Like the modern Greeks the natives universally dread the "evil eye." They especially dread it for their children. No rich native sends his children out, and it is not, as might be supposed, from native notions of exercise that he keeps them at home, but native notions of what might befall them out of doors. Charms are freely resorted to to fend off the dread influence even when the children are sedulously kept within doors, and knowing that a Ryot looks on his cow as part of his family, I was disposed to believe that the fear of the "evil eye" fully accounted for the small show, and poor show of cows and heifers, commented on by the committee. A day or two afterwards, however, I happened to be in Ongole, and there talking with a native on the subject of the Exhibition, and the conclusions at which the Committee had arrived, I was told of another very important prejudice that will I fear long affect any good the Exhibition may be able to accomplish, in respect to animals not intended for sale.

4. It seems that if a fair price is offered a native thinks he is bound to sell whether he was showing his animal for sale or not. If he refuses to sell, he believes he will never have any luck with the animal again; all will go wrong. If it is a cow that a bid has been made for, she will become barren, or she will become sickly, or she will throw bad calves. She will die. She will never be of use to him or his again; and when young stock are selling so well, and a good cow is thus a source of large profit to the owner, here is evidently a very strong reason why the number of cows exhibited this year was small, and the animals themselves for this District very indifferent.

5. That the superstition described in the preceding paragraph exists amongst all the Ryot classes I have no doubt. Subsequent inquiries have convinced me of the accuracy of my original information, if it were not borne out by the results of the show; and the Board may perhaps doubt whether, under these circumstances, it was right to award prizes to cows that were decidedly inferior to what might probably have been found quietly tethered in the next farm yard. But it is only thus that we shall be able to break through a foolish and injurious superstition. The prizes, I think, should still be given for what comes, and I trust before long some man will be found bold enough to run the risk, and see if a good cow cannot bring him in a prize of 48 Rupees, and give him a remunerative calf into the bargain, although he refuses a fair bid for her because he does not want to sell her.

6. The Committee further recommend an extension of the rule laid down last year to the 2nd and 3rd prizes for full grown animals, which being entirely in the same spirit, had probably only to have been proposed to be approved; and I now beg to support the recommendation of the Committee, that the winners of the 2nd and 3rd prizes in the full grown classes should not be allowed to compete at a subsequent meeting for either a similar or a lower prize.

7. I enclose a full and detailed list of the cattle exhibited, and showing further the village, Táluq, and District to which each exhibitor belonged. The sum granted in prizes was

Rupees 910, to which must be added Rupees 37-6 for sundries, such as fodder, &c., as shown in the accompanying account, making in all Rupees 947-6, and for this sum I beg that the Board will be pleased to obtain the requisite sanction.

Year	No. of Animals.
1860.....	74
1861.....	 112
Increase...	38

8. The sundries it will be observed includes the expenditure under this head for last year's show, as well as this. Last year by an oversight I omitted to apply for sanction for the sum so expended, and the increase in this year's expenditure is chiefly owing to the increase in the number of animals exhibited, and the high price of fodder consequent on the bad season.

9. For next year's show, I beg to recommend that the 20th and 21st January may be fixed as the days, and that the show be held as hitherto at Addanki, and in conclusion I beg to express my hope that the Board will be pleased to bring the report of the Committee under the consideration of Government at an early date, so as to allow of the requisite orders being obtained, and timely notice given to intending exhibitors, although there has been so much delay on my part.

Report of the Committee on the Cattle Show held at Addanki on the 21st and 22nd January 1861.

1. The Collector, Officiating Sub-Collector, and Acting District Engineer, ex-officio Members of the Exhibition Committee, requested Lieutenant Marshall, Lieutenant Lugard, C. Narayanasawmi, Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, N. Krishna Raú, Tahsíldár of Ongole, Raghupati Raú, Tahsíldár of Kandukuru, and P. Venkatakrishnamma, Sarishtadár of the Sub-division, to assist them in the adjustment of the prizes.

2. The show of full grown Bulls was very good, twenty-four beasts being exhibited. After a careful scrutiny, seven of the animals exhibited were selected as decidedly superior; and of these seven the owners were—1, Kandarti Venkiah; 2, Kakarlapudi Gopal Raz; 3, Mutineni Guravappa; 4, Chaganti Kondappa Náyudu; 5, Pota Narasimmulu; 6, Mandana Janaki Ramudu; and 7, Vunam Venkiah.

A fine white bull, the property of Pota Narasimmulu, was finally selected for the 1st prize by a majority of six to two of the Committee.

The 2nd prize was adjudged to Mutineni Guravappa, *nem. con.*

This bull won the 2nd prize among the four-years-old last year, and gives promise of considerable future improvement,

And the 3rd prize was awarded to Vunam Venkiah, who last year with fewer competitors won the 2nd prize in this class with the same animal.

3. Among the bulls brought from the Kistna District were several very creditable animals. The best, belonging to Kandarti Venkiah, was included in the seven selected to compete for the 1st prize, as previously stated; and under the circumstances of the case, the Committee resolved to award to it a special prize of Rupees 20 out of the discretionary allowance. A second special prize of Rupees 15 was similarly awarded to Jaganamudi Seshachellam of Inakonda Táluq in the Kistna District.

4. The show of four-years-old bulls comprized thirty beasts, of which nine were selected after a preliminary examination as decidedly superior to the others. These nine four-years-old belonged to—1, Cherukuru Atchaya; 2, Koduru Pallaya; 3, Mareddi Venkatanarayana Reddi; 4, Mandapalli Muttiyalu; 5, Chaganti Kondappa Náyudu; 6, Devarapalli Ramalinga Reddi; 7, Pasupuleti Butchaya of the Kistna District; 8, Sanganeni Rama Bhotlu; and 9, Nellakurti Nagulu.

5. Opinion was much divided as to the decision of the prizes in the class of four-years-old, the animals being very nearly on a par as regards quality.

The 1st prize was awarded by only a majority of one to Koduru Pullaya,

The 2nd prize again by a majority of one fell to Chaganti Kondappah Náyudu,

And the third prize a majority of one gave to Cherukuru Atchaya.

A special prize of 15 Rupees was also awarded to Pasupuleti Bozaya of Inakonda Táluq, Kistna District, who exhibited altogether three bulls.

6. The number of three-years-old bulls exhibited was small. There were only ten exhibitions in this class.

The 1st prize was awarded to Koduru Pullaya, who, it will be observed, also won the 1st prize in the four-years-old.

The 2nd prize fell to Bolineni Ramaswami, and the 3rd to Mareddi Venkatanarayana Reddi.

7. The show of two-years-old comprized nine animals, most of which, however, were considered decidedly above the average.

The 1st prize was awarded to Chaganti Bhimanna.

The 2nd and 3rd prizes fell to Kakarlapudi Gopala Raz.

8. In the decision of the 3rd prize opinion was much divided, in the two-years-old class, between two animals; and the Committee considered it desirable to award to the unsuccessful competitor, Bolineni Ramasawmi, a special prize of 10 Rupees. This competitor had two bulls in the show in this class.

9. Only five yearlings were exhibited; and the 1st prize was assigned to Narayadu of Thanunakonda,

The 2nd to Koduru Pullaya of Nidamaluru,

The 3rd to M. Nagadu of Yendluru.

10. The Committee feel bound to express their approbation of the great care that has evidently been taken in the rearing of the yearlings exhibited which promise to turn out remarkably well.

11. The number of cows with calf at heel, and in calf, were fifteen, which, though so far satisfactory, could not be regarded as by any means coming up to the numbers that might be expected, nor as regards quality did the eleven exhibited at all represent the superior class of this animal in the Nellore district. The people are evidently as yet unwilling to exhibit their best cows, being probably afraid of the "evil eye," which it is well known is regarded with considerable pprehension by a large proportion of the Ryots.

12. Of the animals exhibited, the 1st prize was awarded almost unanimously to Yerrabalani Papayah, the 2nd prize fell to Bolineni Ramudu, and the 3rd prize was awarded to Boburi Ramudu.

13. The contest of the 3rd prize was so close that the Committee decided on awarding a special prize of Rupees 10 to Boburi Lakshminarusu, the owner of the unsuccessful animal.

14. In the Heifers the list of animals was smaller still, the total number being only nine. The 1st prize fell to Prottipati Musaladu, the 2nd to Kancherla Seshu, and the 3rd to Shekti Kotadu.

15. The Committee were glad to observe a decided improvement in the number and quality of the working cattle exhibited this year compared with that of the last.

The 1st prize was carried away with ease by a pair of bullocks from the Kistna District, the property of Gaddi Venkatesu, which were incomparably superior to any of the other pairs exhibited this year.

The 2nd prize fell to Muttavarapu Virappa, whose cattle were extremely fine specimen of draught bullocks, and the 3rd was awarded to Ravala Appayah; whilst several other very superior pairs of cattle were exhibited by the unsuccessful candidates. The total number of working cattle exhibited was thirteen pairs; at the same time the Committee must further remark that several extremely fine specimens of this class of animals were exhibited singly, which, under the rules of the meeting, could not be permitted to compete for prizes, because not paired.

16. From this list, the Board will observe that there has been a great increase in the number of animals exhibited in every class, except the three-years-old, and the yearlings.

The quality of the animals, moreover, in each class show no falling off, except among the three-years-old, and here it may be explained most satisfactorily. The animals have been sold out of the District. There has been, it is well known, a large demand, and the effect of this demand has been felt by the show.

17. Taken as a whole, the Committee consider the result of the show to have been most satisfactory. There has been a large increase in the number of animals exhibited. There has been no falling off in the general quality; and it is further the pleasing duty of the Committee to draw attention to the fact, that amongst the cattle brought forward for competition this year, many have come from the Zamíndárís of the Nellore District, the Ryots of which have not, apparently, hitherto taken any interest in the show.

18. In their report of last year, the Committee ventured to recommend the introduction of a rule, that in future the animal winning the 1st prize in the highest class of bulls, cows, or draught cattle should not be competent to compete at future shows for the same prize, which recommendation met the approval of the Board and of Government. The good effects of this rule have been amply evinced and fully acknowledged by all attending this year's meeting in the large number of superior animals brought forward to compete for the prizes for full grown bulls, and working cattle; and the Committee this year, acting on the experience thus gained, beg now to recommend the extension of this rule to the winners of the 2nd and 3rd prizes also in these classes, which they propose should not hereafter be permitted to compete at a subsequent meeting for either a similar or a lower prize.

The Committee, in conclusion, think it only right to bring to the notice of the Board that a strong recommendation was made by several of the most influential exhibitors of the property of increasing the number of prizes awarded, according to the present arrangements for the young stock.

But after a careful consideration of the sale, the Committee are of opinion that the best mode of meeting this suggestion is to devote a suitable proportion of the discretionary allowance to the institution of fresh prizes to any of these classes in which the numbers and merits of the cattle exhibited may seem to call for such a course.

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES,
(,,) T. GREENAWAY, Captain.
(,,) W. S. WHITESIDE.
(,,) R. C. A. MARSHALL, Lieutenant.
(,,) H. L. LUGARD, Lieutenant.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES, *Collector.*

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1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted for the information of Government, and that sanction be solicited for the expenditure on the Addanki Cattle Show amounting to Rupees 947-6.

2. The Board agree with the Committee in viewing the results as encouraging, and on the whole satisfactory. They do not doubt that time will eradicate the superstitious feeling which on this occasion seems to have limited the number of first-class Cows exhibited, and that the small annual expenditure made on this Show will produce very valuable effects on the agricultural Stock of the country.

3. The Board support the Collector's recommendation that the Show be held next year in the same locality, and on 20th and 21st January 1862. They approve of the Collector's intention

publish the report of the Committee in the District Gazette, and to distribute copies to the xhibitors.

4. They request leave to convey the thanks of Government to the Members of the Committee for their good services.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

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o. 46. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1861, No. 1,768.

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3. Sanction for the expenditure incurred and amounting to Rupees 947-6-0 is granted. he expenditure likely to be incurred on this account in January next should be provided for n the Budget.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

Revenue Dept

No. 1768

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Under date the 6th September 1861.

Read the following

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Cattle Show in the Salem District

Boards Proceedings regarding the Stallions Cattle shew, with orders thereon -

No: 45 to 46.

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