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No. 73. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1864 No. 5,331 :—

Read the following letter from Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly' dated Camp Perambalur, 3rd August 1864, No. 166.

1. I have the honor to submit my report on the progress of public works in this District during the past official year 1863-64.

2. The following is a Comparative Statement of the expenditure on account of the public works :—

| Description of works. | Expenditure in 1862-63. | Expenditure in 1863-64. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NEW WORKS. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. | RS. A. P. |
| Irrigation works ... ... | 20,288 7 10 | 12,574 4 5 | ... ... ... | 7,714 3 5 |
| Roads ... ... ... | 21,413 2 9 | 17,398 8 3 | ... ... ... | 4,014 10 6 |
| Buildings ... ... ... | 10,581 14 2 | 10,059 13 3 | ... ... ... | 522 0 11 |
| Total... | 52,283 8 9 | 40,032 9 11 | ... ... ... | 12,250 14 10 |
| REPAIRS. | | | | |
| Irrigation works ... ... | 61,034 7 2 | 81,813 9 4 | 20,779 2 2 | ... ... ... |
| Roads ... ... ... | 45,260 15 5 | 47,362 1 6 | 2,101 2 1 | ... ... ... |
| Buildings ... ... ... | 761 9 9 | 2,898 2 8 | 2,136 8 11 | ... ... ... |
| Total... | 1,07,037 0 4 | 1,32,073 13 6 | 25,016 13 2 | ... ... .. |
| Grand Total... | 1,59,340 9 1 | 1,72,106 7 5 | 25,016 13 2 | 12,250 14 10 |
| | | Net Increase... | 12,765 14 4 | |

NEW WORKS.—Irrigation.

3. Under this head was spent a sum of Rupees 12,574-4-5 during the year under report. Nearly one-half of this amount, *i. e.*, Rupees 5,044, were expended in constructing a Head Sluice, and a regulating Dam, and in otherwise improving the Peruvalai, one of the important irrigating Channels in this District. Rupees 2,919 were spent to complete the Ponneri Channel Project, which has been in progress for the last three years. In this year the water has passed down a little more freely into the Main and Branch Channels, and the result has been the cultivation has extended in the year under report in almost all the villages irrigated by this Channel. It was found unnecessary to remit the tax on the waste land in these villages, as water for irrigation was duly provided. Rupees 593 were laid out in extending the Calingulah on the south bank of the Woyacondan, within the limits of Sholamadavy village. Rupees 1,736 were spent for minor works, such as the construction of Aqueducts, Dams, and Sluices, &c., to the several Channels and Calingulahs to the important Tanks, &c. On the left bank of the Coleroon, three surplus Sluices were built at a cost of Rupees 1,145, and 478 Rupees have been spent towards the construction of a Head Sluice in a branch Channel of the Aiyan Vaikal in the Trichinopoly Talook. The Calingulah of the Sholamadevi Tank and of the Kavalagudi Channel cost Rupees 348 and 304 respectively.

Communications.

4. A sum of Rupees 17,398 have been laid out on new roads during the year ; of which Rupees 5,008 were spent in forming the new Salem road viâ Turayur. The masonry works on the line have been completed up to the distance of about six miles, and the earth-work is progressing rapidly. The line is opened for traffic to the distance about eleven miles. The Southern and Northern Trunk Road's extension from their present terminations to the Railway Station

at Trichinopoly, and their metalling have cost Rupees 3,218 during the year. The Tanjore road was metalled at a cost of Rupees 2,910, and Rupees 4,008 and 1,049 have been laid out for increasing the water-way of the Bridges and Culverts on the road from Trichinopoly to Dindigul and Tanjore respectively.

Buildings.

5. The total sum expended under this head amounts to Rupees 10,059. Of this the Police Constable Huts in different stations and the Subsidiary Jails, cost Rupees 4,993 and 2,241 respectively. The Subsidiary Jails were a great want in this District, and they have been completed in the Museri, Perambalur, and Wudayarpalayam Talooks. Rupees 1,999 was spent for converting the old Jail into a Lunatic Asylum, and the remainder was expended on sundry little works.

REPAIRS.

6. The total sum spent during the year under review towards the repair of the irrigation works amounts to Rupees 81,813. Of this Rupees 71,297 were spent in strengthening the banks of the Cauvery and the Coleroon, and the principal irrigating Channels and their several branches, and in constructing Sluices, &c., for the latter. The rest, Rupees 10,516, was spent on the repairs of the Tanks in different parts of the District. Rupees 47,362 were spent on repairs of communications. The Trunk Road No. 8 cost Rupees 14,000; the Salem road, Rupees 9,984; the Madura road, Rupees 4,892; the Caroor road, Rupees 8,450; and the Tanjore road, Rupees 2,275. Some of the Travellers' Bungalows in this District were repaired at a cost of Rupees 564. The repairs of Buildings amounts to Rupees 2,808. The Collector's Office was repaired at a cost of Rupees 1,754, and the remaining portion was laid out on other sundry buildings.

7. The heads of the Weyacondan, the Ramavaithalai, and the Yelantharaithalai, three of the chief irrigating Channels, are fast silting up; sand and deposit is accumulating to such an extent that free admission of water is very difficult, and something must be done at once to remedy this. The north and south Aiyan Vaikals, and the Nathad Channels are also getting choked up with sand, &c., in some parts.

8. All the main roads in the District are generally in good repair, the Madurai road was the exception, but this has this year been much improved. The Trunk Road from Salem to Trichinopoly suffered a little by the last monsoon, the metalling is worn away, and its banks are cut up by rain water. The District roads are not in a desirable state in any of the Talooks, but especially in the Wudryarpalayam and Perambalur Talooks. They requiro much attention from the Engineer Department.

9. Below is given a Statement showing the whole irrigation works in the District, distinguishing those in repair from those out of order. A very small proportion needs repair, and measures are being adopted for putting them in order.

| Description. | In repair. | Out of repair. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Large Tanks ... ... ... ... ... | 441 | 41 | 482 |
| Small do. ... ... ... ... ... | 415 | 212 | 627 |
| Irrigating Channels... ... ... ... | 836 | ... | 836 |
| Supplying do. ... ... ... ... | 690 | 154 | 844 |
| Dams ... ... .. ... ... ... | 55 | 3 | 58 |
| Bridges ... ... ... ... ... | 279 | ... | 179 |
| Tank Sluices ... ... ... ... ... | 591 | 54 | 645 |
| Channel Sluices ... ... ... ... .. | 464 | 3 | 467 |
| Calingulahs ... ... ... ... ... | 198 | 12 | 210 |
| Total... | 3,969 | 479 | 4,448 |

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1. Submitted for the information of Government. Good work appears to have been done, but the Board request attention to the remarks in paragraph 7, as to the necessity of clearing some important irrigation Channels, on which a large amount of revenue depends.

2. The Board trust that the District Road Fund will shortly be in a position to enable the local Officers to put the minor roads in order. The report as to the state of the main roads and tanks is satisfactory.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1864, No. 1,617.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Department Public Works.

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