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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, *24th August* 1875.

Read again Proceedings Board of Revenue, 6th March 1875, No. 545, recorded in G. O., 8th April 1875, No. 558.

No. 234. Read also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th June 1875, No. 1,791 :—

Read the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent Government Farms, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 27th May 1875, No. 272.

I HAVE the honor to submit the report called for in Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 3,108, dated the 19th April 1875.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

WE have read with care the report on the Cattle Show held in 1875 at Addanki, which was communicated to us in Government Order, No. 558, dated the 8th of April 1875; we have also read the reports of the four preceding shows held there, and have the honor to state that we agree in thinking that these shows have been as successful as could reasonably have been expected, and we would strongly recommend that they should continue to be held annually as long as they yield such good results.

2. We would direct attention to the accompanying statements; that marked A. contains the opinions of the Committee of each Show from 1871 to 1875 inclusive. It will be noticed that these opinions are highly favorable. Statement B. gives the remarks of the judges on the different classes shown in each year from 1871 to 1875 inclusive, &c. After carefully examining these remarks, we are of the opinion that there is nothing in them at the least discouraging; at the last two shows in one or two classes there appears to have been some slight faling off in the quality of stock exhibited, but this was quite exceptional; for, judging from these remarks the quality of the stock in most classes has not only been maintained, but in many instances considerably improved. We would not, however, attach too great importance to these "remarks," seeing that but few of the gentlemen who officiated as judges acted more than once in this capacity during the five years in question; and, as they had no common standard, it is not improbable that the different sets of judges attached very different meanings to such remarks as "a fine lot," "an indifferent lot," "a lot of moderate quality," "a middling lot," &c.

3. We believe that, even were it the fact that a small number of cattle are specially bred for these shows by a handful of men in a few villages, this would be sufficient encouragement to justify the holding of these shows. The presence of even a single improved bull in a village is a cause for satisfaction. Such animals must eventually make their mark on the breeding cattle of the district and improve them. The same observations apply equally to stallions of a superior kind, in the effect likely to be produced on the breed of horses of the district.

4. We would invite attention to the extraordinary success of the exhibits from Nellore at the late Agricultural Exhibition in Madras. From the published report we learn that of the fifty prizes awarded for cattle, sheep, and goats, though in competition with the whole Presidency, no less than thirty of these prizes were awarded to animals exhibited from the Nellore District, the amount of prize money thus secured being Rupees 740 out of a total of Rupees 1,337½ awarded, or about 55 per cent. These animals were shown by nineteen different exhibitors; of these five only were prize-takers at the last Addanki Show, and nine only at the Nellore and Addanki Shows of 1874.

MADRAS,
27th May 1875.

(Signed) G. WESTERN, Veterinary Surgeon,
Inspector of Cattle Diseases, Madras.

(„) W. R. ROBERTSON,
Superintendent, Government Farms.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., 8th April 1875, No. 558.

2. The Board concur generally in the opinion expressed by the Superintendent, Government Farms, and Veterinary Surgeon G. Western in their report, and recommend the continuance of the Addanki Show.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 235.

Miscellaneous.

ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1875, No. 1,272.

THE Government continue to attach much importance to the Nellore and Addanki Cattle Shows, and they regret that the latter, which alone took place last cold season, was not attended by the Collector of the District.

2. They are of the opinion expressed in Proceedings, Board of Revenue, 13th April 1871, No. 1,534, that anything like discouragement from the Head of the District is sure to have a disastrous effect.

3. The show under report seems to have been on the whole fairly successful. The heifers are reported to have been a very good lot, though there was a falling off in cows. In ponies there was a satisfactory improvement both in numbers and quality.

4. In the concluding paragraph of the report, Mr. Glenny, the Sub-Collector, alludes to the fact that the successful exhibitors are a limited class, that attempts to buy young stock from them fail, and that they do not belong to the class who deal in cattle on a considerable scale, and the Board of Revenue accept these arguments as proving conclusively that these annual shows have no beneficial effect in the district generally.

5. His Excellency the Governor in Council is satisfied from the results of these shows that a spirit of competition has been excited, which if properly encouraged and directed must lead eventually to the formation of a few herds of exceptional quality, such as must in the natural course of events establish value sufficient to induce the owners to part with individuals belonging to them.

6. As observed by Messrs. Robertson and Western in paragraph 3 of their report the presence of even a single improved bull in a village is a cause of satisfaction, as such animals must eventually make their mark on the breeding cattle of the district and improve them.

7. The district of Nellore is the only one in the Presidency in which systematic efforts have been made by Government grant to exhibition of cattle to improve the stock used for agricultural purposes.

8. The fact that at this show there were persons present ready to execute commissions on a large scale from Ceylon and Tanjore, coupled with the extraordinary success achieved by the Nellore District at the last Madras Agricultural Exhibition when thirty prizes for animals were taken by that district out of fifty in competition with the whole Presidency, clearly proves that the policy in regard to these shows has not been without tangible results.

9. The expenditure, amounting to Rs. 2,292-11-2, is sanctioned.

10. Ordered that the following letter be adddressed to Government of India :—

(Here enter No. 1,273, dated 24th August 1875.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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Govt. of 1875 Madra

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE

&c., &c., &

Dated August, 24th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 24th August 1875, No. 1,272.

AUGUST

Nos. 234-235.

Cattle Show held at Addanki in the Nellore District in January 1875.—Passing observations on Board's Proceedings reporting on the —; sanctioning the expenditure incurred, namely, Rs. 2,292-11-2; and ordering a letter to be addressed to the Government of India.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2629.

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From B^d of Rev.

Dated 29 June 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

As the G. I. are hesitating ab^t. providing funds the subject must lie over for the present. If funds are not given us the Prizes at any rate cannot be continued - & by the time the

Show bill doubtless
lapse. EB

FOR ORDERS.

Adaulai Cattle
Show held in Jany 75

Submitting report
on cattle show held
at Adaulai in
Jany 75.

Pro. Board of Rev.
6. March 1875. 545.
recorded in G.O. 8 April 1875,
No. 558.

Submitting joint
report of Actg Asst. Govt.
Insp. & Vet. Surg. Western
on the Adaulai Show.

Pro. Board of Rev.
29 June 1875. 1791.

I pass the draft. but
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of these shows as the
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& we have no surplus
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The expenditure amounting to Rs 2292.11.2 is sanctioned

Ordered that the following letter be addressed to Govt. of I.

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6 the Accountant General 5

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Cattle Show Lots at [illegible]

Nelson Dr., in Jany 7/15