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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read the following paper:—

No. 25-A. Endorsement of the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department, dated Fort St. George, 23rd June 1877, No. 389.

Read the following letter from Surgeon-Major A. M. ROSS, Zillah Surgeon, Nellore, to Deputy Surgeon-General W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D., Indian Medical Service, Presidency and Northern District, Madras, dated 13th June 1877, No. 108.

I HAVE the honor to report the result of my examination into the condition of the coolies on relief-works in the neighbourhood of Nellore on the 3rd June 1877.

Coolies first examined.

Men.—Thirteen were examined.

Six lost weight—one (No. 4, Gali Nursimah, who has been pretty steadily going down hill) 5 lbs., two 3 lbs., one 1 lb., two $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. = total 13 lbs.

Four gained weight—one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., one 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., two $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. = total 5 lbs.

Three remained stationary.

One was dropsical and gained weight in consequence, one was emaciated and anæmic, and one was emaciated, dropsical, and anæmic.

Women.—Twenty-three were examined.

Nine lost weight—one 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., one 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., two 1 lb., four $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. = total 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Eleven gained weight—one 5 lbs., three 2 lbs., two 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., three 1 lb., two $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. = total 18 lbs.

Three remained stationary.

One was scorbutic, two anæmic, one anæmic and scorbutic, four anæmic and dropsical, two dropsical and scorbutic, one emaciated and scorbutic, one emaciated, anæmic, and scorbutic, three dropsical, but less so than formerly.

Boys.—Seven were examined.

Two lost weight—one 1 lb., one $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. = total 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Two gained weight—one 1 lb., one $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. = total 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Three remained stationary.

Two were scorbutic, one scorbutic and anæmic.

Girls.—Ten were examined.

Six lost weight—one 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., three 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., two $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. = total 9 lbs.

Two gained weight, each 1 lb. = total 2 lbs.

Two remained stationary.

One was slightly scorbutic, one very thin and anæmic.

The new scale of wages, *i.e.*, Annas 2 for men, Annas 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ for women, and Anna 1 for children came into force only on the 1st June, so that it had no time to produce any marked effect on the body of relief laborers.

The men had lost among them 8 lbs. since last examination, while the women gained 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. The boys remained exactly stationary, and the girls lost on the whole 7 lbs.

It is to be hoped that the increased wage will have the effect of bringing these people into better condition in time, but it will be seen from the tables of weights that most have a considerable leeway to make up to reach even the very poor standard of condition (which could, as a rule, hardly be worse) which they presented when first examined and to make up for the increase of the wage; the prices of grain are rising, although not as yet proportionately.

Relief Coolies on Road-works.

Men.—Sixteen were examined.

Nine lost weight—one 5 lbs., two 4 lbs., one 3 lbs., one 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., three 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., one 1 lb. = total 24 lbs.

Three remained Stationary
One was dropsical & gained weight in

Eleven gained weight—one 6 lbs., one (who wore a heavier cloth) 4 lbs., one 2½ lbs., one 2 lbs., one 1½ lbs., two 1 lb., four ½ lb. = total 20 lbs.

One remained stationary.

Four were more or less scorbutic, one was anæmic, one anæmic and dropsical, one anæmic and scorbutic, one anæmic, scorbutic, and dropsical, one had oedema of the feet, two were dropsical (one increasingly so, who gained 6 lbs. in weight from this cause), and one is marked as very much reduced.

Boys.—Eleven were examined.

Two lost weight—one 3 lbs., one ½ lb. = total 3½ lbs.

Six gained weight—one 2 lbs., one 1½ lbs., one 1 lb., three ½ lb. = total 6 lbs.

Three remained stationary.

Two were scorbutic (one less so), two were anæmic and scorbutic, and three were anæmic.

Girls.—Nine were examined.

Two lost weight—one 1½ lbs., one 1 lb. = total 2½ lbs.

Six gained weight—one 3 lbs., one 2½ lbs., two 2 lbs., two 1 lb. = total 11½ lbs.

One remained stationary.

Two were scorbutic (one slightly so), one was anæmic, two anæmic and scorbutic (one slightly).

The increased wage has hardly had time to operate, but if fully meeting requirements should have shown better results than the tables of weights exhibit. The prices of grain is increasing and the quantity of raggi (the most nourishing grain) in the market is diminishing.

No. 4,770.

It is to be hoped that the larger allowance and higher wage may improve the physical condition of the paupers of Nellore, but *downwards still* is the direction of their condition.

MADRAS,
18th June 1877.

(Signed)

W. J. VANSOMEREN, M.D.,
Deputy Surgeon-General,
I.M.S., P. and N. District.

FORWARDED to the Chief Secretary for the information of Government.

(Signed) G. SMITH, M.D.,
Surgeon-General, I.M.D.

No. 25-B.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1877, No. 2,180-A.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Sanitary Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Additional Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
„ the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Collector of Nellore.

Ed. A. Grubert.

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No 108

Dated 13th June 1877

Civil Dispensary
Nellore

From

A.E. Mc Ross. Esquire
Leillah Surgeon

To

The Deputy Surgeon General
S.M.S. Presidency
Northern District
Madras.

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REVENUE.

THE SURGEON-GENERAL, INDIAN
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT,
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EXAMINEE NUMBER, No. 1338-A.

Relief Coolies in Nellore District. — Communi-
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the Leillah Surgeon reporting on the result of the
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Women Twenty three were examined.

Nine lost weight - one $4\frac{1}{2}$ lbs, one $2\frac{1}{2}$ lbs,
one $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs, two 1 lbs, four $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs = Total $12\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Two gained weight - one 5 lbs, three 2 lbs,
two 1 lbs & two $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs = Total 18 lbs.

Three remained Stationary.

One was scorbutic, two anemic, one anemic
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Boys Seven were examined
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Relief/Cooking on Road Works.

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2 time last weight one 5 lb, two 4 lb
one 3 lb one 2 1/2 lb, three 1 1/2 lb, one 1 lb =
Total 24 lb. Four gained weight
one 2 lb, one 1 1/2 lb, two 1/2 lb = Total 4 1/2 lb
Three remained stationary.

Two had edema of the feet,
two had edema, and two were scorbutic
one was scorbutic, one was emaciated
and scorbutic, and one was anemic
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Boys.

Eleven were examined.

Two lost weight, one 3 lb one 1/2 lb =
total 3 1/2 lb. Six gained weight one
2 lb, one 1 1/2 lb, one 1 lb three 1/2 lb = total
6 lb.

Three remained stationary.

Two were scorbutic (one less so) two
were anemic and scorbutic and
three were anemic.

Girls

Five were examined.

Two lost weight one 1 1/2 lb, one 1 lb = total
2 1/2 lb. Six gained weight one 3 lb
one 2 1/2 lb two 2 lb, two 1 lb = total 11 1/2 lb

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Sir,
Yours Obedt Servt
H. J. Sanborn M.D.
Gallah Surgeon & Lib.

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Madras
18.6.77

H. J. Sanborn M.D.
Deputy Surgeon
1145, 39th St.

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