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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

31st May 1877, No. 755.

Sanitary.

Read the following paper :—

No. 108. *From L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd May 1877, G. No. 217.*

I have the honor to forward the Special Health Officer's Report for the week ending 19th instant. I append a statement of the mortality during the last five weeks :—

Week ending	Small-pox.	Measles.	Fever.	Dysentery.	Diarrhoea.	Cholera.	Other Diseases.	Total.
April 20 ..	367	1	104	102	85	92	196	947
" 27 ..	294	3	115	129	82	94	218	935
May 4 ..	221	..	110	118	90	201	205	945
" 11 ..	208	..	122	93	82	224	186	915
" 18 ..	197	1	97	72	77	146	161	751

2. The apparent improvement in the week under report is due partly to several of the death reports for the 17th and 18th during which the storm continued not having been received. These reports will come into the current week's return, and it is therefore possible that the improvement in the current week may be somewhat less than Dr. Stanbrough anticipates.

3. The Red Hills Tank is reported to have received about ten feet of water, and the pumps and engines were partly submerged before it was possible to get them moved. The delivery channel is now being cleared of weeds, and will be ready for use on Thursday when the supply will be let in from the lake without the aid of pumping. It is probable that it will not be necessary to pump again, unless water is taken off for irrigation.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Dr. H. STANBROUGH, Special Health Officer, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd May 1877.

I have the honor of forwarding, for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, a report of the working of this Department for the week ending 19th May 1877.

The death-rate from all diseases reported for the week ending 19th instant was 751 or 98.2 per thousand of population; of which number 223 were caused by cholera and diarrhoea, and 197 by small-pox. The abundant rain which has fallen, accompanied by strong winds from the 15th to the 18th inclusive, have contributed very materially in securing the drains and cleansing the atmosphere of its impurities. The water-supply about which much anxiety was felt is now abundant and calculated to suffice for the wants of the population until the next monsoon.

The report of the current week will it is contemplated give satisfactory proof of an improvement in public health. Every possible precautionary measure is being taken by this Department, as well as by the Municipality, to prevent the sale and the use of rice unfit for human consumption. The Health Inspectors have been ordered in their house-to-house visitation to take special care that such rice is not offered for sale. It is to be feared that the rice damaged by the late

rains is being put into fresh bags and despatched to the mofussil markets. Precautionary measures based on the information obtained from the Railway authorities are being taken, and notice sent of the despatch of suspicious rice from Madras to the Civil authorities up-country.

The following is a summary of work done by the Health Inspectors during the week under review. The house-to-house visitation has been greatly impeded by the heavy rains:—

No. of Districts.	Name of Wards.	NUMBER OF HOUSES AND HUTS.		DISEASES DETECTED.			Number of Patients sent to Hospital.	Number of Food Tickets issued.	Number of Persons Vaccinated.
		Visited.	Cleaned and Disinfected.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Other Diseases.			
1	East	481	162	2	4	1	..	1	82
	Centre	547	13	3	3	1	3	4	53
	West	331	53	1	14	2	1	47	24
2	North	257	80	13	11	3	14	20	58
	Centre	457	9	4	12	8	7	10	33
	South	252	9	3	2	..	1	..	58
3	North	145	14	..	6	..	..	1	58
	Centre and South.	200	59	4	1	1	4	16	86
	North	353	45	30	5	1	12	112	351
5	Centre	192	28	4	5	..	..	16	57
	South	207	14	15	1	1	3	11	55
	North	269	13	2	2	4	1	14	50
7	Centre	91	16	11	2	..	2	3	64
	North and South.	55	18	9	2	1	1	5	61
	North and South.	153	8	3	..	..	..	7	18
8	South	129	..	2	..	4	..	93	57
Total		4,119	539	106	70	27	50	359	1,165

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1877, No. 755.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, to the Board of Revenue, and to the Sanitary Commissioner.

2. No irrigation will be permitted from the Red Hills Tank without the special order of Government.

3. The Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch) will furnish a detailed report as to the height of water in the tank and duration of supply, and also as to whether any—and if so, how much—can be spared for purposes of irrigation.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue (Famine) Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Public Works Department.
" President of the Municipal Commission, Madras.

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