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PROVINCE OF MYSORE.

(No. 15.)

Condition Report for Week ending 19th May 1877.

Bangalore District.—Markets continue fairly supplied, and prices were, on the whole, steady. Rain fell throughout the District, the quantity gauged at head-quarters of taluks ranging from 20 cents to 2.25 inches, and some tanks received from 15 to 60 days' supply of water. Heavy rain fell at Bangalore on the 17th and 18th May, and 1.30 inches were registered at the Government Observatory. These showers have largely benefited the standing crops, and enabled the ryots to resume their agricultural operations. The prospects of the season have consequently improved somewhat. Cholera and small-pox are still prevalent, and cattle suffer from want of good and sufficient fodder.

Kolar District.—Markets fairly supplied. Prices remained steady, except in three taluks where they fell slightly. Rain had fallen in all the taluks, the quantity registered at head-quarters varying from 1 to 3 inches. Some of the tanks in the District received a fair supply of water. These showers have so far proved favorable to the standing crops. Cholera, small-pox and fever still prevail. Cattle suffer generally from want of forage.

Tumkur District.—Markets continue fairly supplied. Prices remained stationary, excepting in the Chik-nayakanhalli and Kunigal Taluks where they fell slightly. Rain fell throughout the District, and as much as from 21 cents to 2.04 inches were gauged at head-quarters of taluks. Eleven tanks in the Koratagere Taluk and a few more in other parts of the District received from 8 to 60 days' supply of water. The rain-fall during the week has infused hope and induced the agricultural classes forthwith to commence ploughing operations. New javari crops are being sown in some places. The standing paddy crops under wells are promising well and the condition of the gardens is improving somewhat. Cholera, dysentery and small-pox are prevalent.

Mysore District.—Markets continue fairly supplied, but prices have risen slightly in some taluks. There was no rain during the week in Yedatore and Heggaddevankote Taluks, where the crops are reported to be withering. The rain-fall in the other taluks was scanty, but has slightly benefited the standing crops. Fresh sowings were carried on in parts of Chamrajnagar, Mysore, Periyapatna and Gundlupet Taluks. Cholera is still prevalent throughout the District, and cattle suffer from want of forage and also, in some places, from murrain.

Hassan District.—Markets continue fairly supplied. Prices fluctuated. Light showers of rain fell in all the taluks of the District except two, and a small supply of water was stored in some tanks. The standing crops of paddy, javari, gingelly oil seed, and other cereals in the Hassan, Arkalgud, Belur, Harnahalli and Narsipur Taluks, are suffering from want of rain. Paddy is being harvested in the Manjarabad Taluk. Cholera is prevalent in all the taluks, and also small pox, fever and dysentery in Belur, Manjarabad and Narsipur.

Shimoga District.—Markets fairly supplied, except in some villages of the Channagiri and Honnali Taluks, where cholera prevented importation on a large scale. Prices pretty steady. There was a slight shower of rain in three taluks only. The sugar-cane crop in the Shikarpur and Sagar Taluks is suffering from want of rain, while in the Kavalodurga Taluk the standing crops are doing well. There was no improvement since the submission of the last report in the prospects of the season. Cholera prevails in all the taluks except Nagar, but is on the decline.

Kadur District.—Markets sufficiently supplied. Prices unsteady. Rain fell in three out of six taluks, the maximum quantity registered being 50 cents at Lakvalli. Paddy, javari, ragi and other cereals are being sown in the Lakvalli, Koppa, Chikmagalur and Banavar Taluks. The prospects of the season are indifferent and the public health is bad, cholera and fever being prevalent throughout the District.

Chitaldroog District.—Markets continue fairly supplied, except in three taluks where cholera checked importation. Price of ragi has risen in some places. Rain fell in all the taluks, the quantity registered at the head-quarters ranging from 60 cents to 3.05 inches, and some tanks received a supply of water. In many places the ryots have commenced ploughing operations. The standing crops are generally in a fair condition. Prospects remain unaltered. The health of the people has improved somewhat, although cholera still prevails more or less throughout the District. Cattle suffer much from want of fodder.

General Remarks.

During the week ending 19th May, rain had fallen very generally in the Province; but, in the Mysore, Hassan, Shimoga and Kadur Districts, the rain-fall was rather scanty. In the Nundydroog Division, however, there have been constant and copious falls which, to some extent, have relieved the apprehensions of the agricultural classes in the three most distressed Districts of Bangalore, Tumkūr and Kolar. The south-west monsoon has not, as yet, set in, but, in expectation of getting more rain, the ryots have resumed ploughing operations, and fresh sowings have taken place in some taluks. In parts of the Mysore, Hassan and Shimoga District young crops, it is reported, begin to show signs of withering and are, therefore, absolutely in need of rain.

2. Prices of food grains were, on the whole, steady. There was a slight fall in the Kolar District and a rise in the Shimoga and Kadur Districts.

3. Public health has not much improved, as epidemics of cholera and fever are still prevalent. The number of deaths from cholera, reported during the week, was 1,096 as shewn below, being 150 less than that of the previous week:—

Bangalore District	109	Shimoga District	100
Kolar	125	Kadur	15
Tumkūr	149	Chitaldroog	123*
Mysore	34		
Hassan	81		
		Total...	1,096

4. The number of works in progress Revenue officers was 2,276 as against 2,200 of the previous week. The daily average number of distressed persons employed was 29,933 or 2,348 less than in the preceding week. There was, however, a small increase of 244 persons on works under officers of P. W. D., the average daily attendance being 34,466 as against 34,222 of previous week. The heavy rain-fall on the 16th instant has, it is said, induced a certain number to forsake the works and to return to their villages to commence ploughing. In some places outbreaks of cholera have seriously impeded work. The Executive Engineer of the Kadur Range reports that cholera has been so bad on one work (opening out Basavankanave ghat) that hardly a cooly will work on it.

5. The daily average number of persons who were recipients of gratuitous relief at the kitchens, was 108,482, or 6,083 more than in the previous week. The numbers have been steadily increasing in almost every District which, the Commissioner of Ashtagram Division explains, is due, partly, to the prosecution of house-to-house inspection, and, partly, to increasing applications from wandering paupers, many of whom are not fit to be employed on works, the majority of them being women with young children. The proportion of men, women and children fed at the kitchens is shewn in the following table:—

	No.	Percentage to the total No.
Men	25,478	23.5
Women	39,066	36.0
Children	43,938	40.5
Total...	108,482	100.0

6. It has been ascertained that there were only 36 Mysoreans employed on works in Madanapalli Taluk, Cuddapah District, of H. M.'s Territory. Arrangements have been made to bring them back to their own taluks.

7. The number of persons belonging to Her Majesty's Territory, who were fed at the kitchens in Mysore, was, during the week under review, 836 as against 830 of the previous week.

8. The weight of grain received by rail, during the week, was 3,661 tons as shewn below, being 47 tons more than in the previous week:—

	Tons.
From Madras	2651
" Beypore	456
" Sholapur and Nagpore on the G. I. P. Railway	47
" Nagapatnam and other stations on the S. I. Railway	400
" Kolar District	8
" the neighbouring districts of the Madras Presidency	99
Total	3,661

* The number of deaths from cholera in the Chitaldroog District for the week ending 19th May was 123, but ten cases were, by mistake, omitted to be included in the season telegram of the 24th idem.

The daily average amounted to 523 tons.

9. About 2,263 tons of grain were exported from Bangalore into the interior of the Province to the frontier taluks of the Madras Presidency as noted below:—

	Tons.
Towards the Tumkūr District	882
" the Bellary and Chitaldroog Districts	189
" the Mysore District	285
" Oosoor in the Salem District	291
To the taluks adjoining Bangalore	616
Total...	2,263

10. The supply of grain appears to be ample for all present needs. The Commissioner of Ashtagram Division reports that markets continue fairly supplied, partly, by home-grown produce and, partly, by importation. The taluks of the Mysore District, with the exception of Mandya, are, it is believed, self-supporting, the home-grown produce, chiefly from lands under the river channels, being sufficient for the population. But the greater part of Hassan District is dependent for supplies on the Mysore District and the inland markets of Bangalore and Tiptur on one side and on the Western Coast on the other. "Great efforts," Colonel Hay writes, "are being made by local traders and ryots to bring Canara boiled rice from Mangalore before traffic is stopped by the monsoon, and an entirely new trade in ragi brought by sea to Mangalore has been developed by the present scarcity."

11. The difficulty of procuring forage for cattle is said to be decreasing owing to the recent rain-fall, but the great mortality which has already taken place, as reported in the last narrative, has impoverished many a ryot and deprived him of his agricultural stock. In the Ashtagram Division, the condition of the cattle is said to be improving in some places. Grass has sprung up along the water courses, pasture lands, &c., by which the sheep are specially benefited. A greater portion of the cattle sent to the jungles has returned. The Commissioner reports that, owing to the great demand for dry straw from the Tumkūr and other districts to the eastward, the thatch of houses has, in some instances, been sold, and the Mahad ryots, who were in the habit of using the straw for manure, have, this year, used nothing but tank silt, as they have sold off their whole stock of straw.

"By Order,"

B. M. M. C. C.
Assistant Secretary.

PROVINCE

(No. 15.)

CONDITION STATEMENT FOR

DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS.		Area in square miles.	Affected area in square miles.	Population.	Population of the affected area.	No. and description of works in progress under Revenue Officers.					Daily average number of persons employed on works of all kinds under Revenue Officers.		Daily average number of persons employed on works carried on by the Professional Department.		Amount sanctioned up to date of report for works under Revenue Officers.	Expenditure from the above amount known up to date.
1	2	3	4	5	Roads.	Tanks.	Miscellaneous works.	Total present week.	Total last week.	During last week.	During present week.	During last week.	During present week.	15	16	
NORTH DISTRICT.	Bangalore...	2,914	1,914	828,354	384,968	54	125	247	426	454	5,270	3,803	5,992	5,826	2,50,906	1,50,310
	Kolar...	2,577	2,577	618,954	618,954	61	264	162	510	478	5,212	4,730	6,331	5,384	2,07,305	1,36,356
	Tumkur...	3,606	3,606	632,239	632,239	58	274	80	392	352	4,859	5,529	2,235	2,180	2,00,931	1,54,706
SOUTH DISTRICT.	Mysore...	4,127	1,470	943,187	118,032	37	51	62	170	180	942	700	8,404	9,835	1,02,777	60,941
	Hassan...	3,291	2,154	658,417	190,873	19	33	23	75	73	1,668	1,761	4,131	4,062	96,202	75,451
NAGAR.	Shimoga...	3,797	358	498,976	47,431	17	22	59	98	112	1,363	1,234	3,301	3,443	1,34,600	95,466
	Kadur...	2,294	691	333,925	100,444	17	37	138	192	191	1,509	1,232	2,587	2,700	71,438	39,636
	Chitaldroog...	4,471	4,238	531,360	511,204	24	61	266	351	318	10,080	10,117	1,191	1,443	2,03,257	1,38,226
Bangalore Municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	59	62	62	1,158	824	...	...	23,152	20,388
Mysore Municipality	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	27,077	17,098	5,053,412	2,804,145	310	890	1,076	2,276	2,200	32,281	29,633	34,222	34,466	12,85,568	8,71,430	

NOTE.—1. The expenditure entered in column 24 includes the amount contributed by private subscriptions.
2. The figures entered in columns 17 and 18 are based on the latest accounts received from the
3. The figures in column 18 exhibit the adjusted expenditure to end of February and un-

OF MYSORE.

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THE WEEK ENDING 19TH MAY 1877.

Amount sanctioned up to date of report for works under Officers of the Professional Department.	Expenditure up to date from the above amount.	Particulars regarding gratuitous relief.						Prices of staple grains in lbs. per rupee.						Average Rain-fall for five years in inches, calculated up to 31st March 1876.	Total Rain-fall from 1st April 1875, up to 12th May 1877.	Rain-fall during the present week.	Remarks.
		During last week.	During present week.	Amount of private subscriptions up to date.	Amount of Government grant.	Grants for gratuitous relief.	Total.	2nd sort Rice.	Bagl.	2nd sort Rice.	Bagl.	2nd sort Rice.	Bagl.				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
10,16,363	18,95,645	45,414	47,157	1,406	1,22,795	1,24,201	1,31,632	26.	00	17	13	16	35	18-61	1-30		
		11,792	12,389	6,088	34,701	40,787	38,284	32	80	13	16	14	16	25-4	16-9	1-60	
		14,268	16,247	1,023	64,337	65,363	62,349	28	106	12	16	12	16	27-4	17-58	2-4	
		823	1,618	5,987	2,670	3,657	7,332	24	70	11	15	11	16	24-3	23-80	-76	
		4,785	4,791	823	10,645	11,268	10,314	32	76	12	13	12	13	34-4	17-07	-23	
		970	936	2,566	1,610	4,476	4,927	30	73	12	15	11	14	38-4	20-20	-11	
		1,270	1,247	2,259	4,041	6,300	5,102	30	64	13	14	12	13	35-7	25-85	-35	
		9,302	10,713	6,401	21,701	28,102	20,158	24	68	12	14	12	14	23-5	12-3	1	
		9,935	9,839	19,098	43,560	62,658	58,572	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		3,790	3,630	11,336	5,325	21,161	10,197	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
19,16,263	18,95,645	1,02,369	1,08,482	56,878	3,16,185	3,75,063	3,57,178	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

as well as the Government grant-in-aid thereto.
Public Works Department.
adjusted for March 1877.

W. H. Mumbury
Asst. Secretary.

Register of Rain-fall recorded scientifically at the Government Observatory at Bangalore, for each week in the year, as the usual monthly averages do not give sufficiently reliable information in a tropical climate.

Week.	Month.	Rain-fall—Inches and Cents.								Remarks for 1877.
		Average of,* 1871, 1872 and 1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.				
1st	January.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Week ending 19th May 1877.
2nd		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3rd		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4th		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5th		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6th	Feb.	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7th		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
8th		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
9th		...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	
10th		...	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	
11th	March.	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	65	
12th		...	...	...	...	86	...	7	...	
13th		...	...	...	1	56	...	47	...	
14th		...	41	...	...	31	...	...	2	
15th		...	20	...	14	...	...	47	...	
16th	April.	...	40	...	...	...	...	5	...	
17th		...	2	...	45	...	15	...	...	
18th		...	86	...	13	...	...	1	37	
19th		...	19	6	20	...	86	...	1	
20th		...	24	1	12	2	39	...	34	
21st	May.	...	36	3	88	...	35	...	93	
22nd		...	9	4	28	...	48	...	3	
23rd		...	39	...	20	1	69	...	1	
24th		...	10	...	83	1	43	1	42	
25th		June.	...	88	...	28	...	7	...	
26th	...		1	15	...	30	...	14	...	
27th	...		14	...	11	1	73	...	75	
28th	...		1	11	...	48	...	3	...	
29th	...		71	3	44	...	39	...	2	
30th	July.	...	19	2	42	...	19	...	23	
31st		...	1	8	...	28	...	63	1	
32nd		...	2	42	2	74	1	24	...	
33rd		...	1	98	1	51	...	59	1	
34th		August.	...	1	97	1	96	...	86	
35th	...		54	1	45	1	59	...	58	
36th	...		2	30	4	65	...	...	1	
37th	...		3	24	4	63	...	6	...	
38th	Sep.		...	1	5	3	8	1	19	
39th		...	1	56	2	31	...	54	...	
40th		...	3	12	2	20	...	27	...	
41st		...	1	11	...	59	...	...	...	
42nd		Oct.	...	1	76	1	30	...	45	
43rd	...		...	48	2	56	1	39	...	
44th	...		...	5	1	75	...	...	...	
45th	...		...	33	...	82	...	26	...	
46th	Nov.		...	...	47	...	...	...	34	
47th		...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	
48th		...	...	49	...	35	...	...	...	
49th		...	...	42	...	9	...	...	9	
50th		Dec.	...	...	8	...	1	...	3	
51st	...		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	
52nd	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		34	66	56	54	22	6	17	34	

Mean Meteorological Results from the Bangalore Observatory Register.		For the week ending 5th May 1877.	For the week ending 12th May 1877.	For the week ending 19th May 1877.
Reduced atmospheric pressure	...	26.890	26.875	26.818
Mean temperature of air	...	82.2	83.30	79.2
Maximum solar heat in vacuo	...	156.6	160.9	140.8
Maximum in shade	...	94.7	95.5	89.0
Minimum in shade	...	71.3	72.8	71.8
Depth of rain in inches	...	0.22	...	1.30

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PROVINCE OF MYSORE.

Special Famine Report.

(No. 15.)

For the Week ending 19th May 1877.

To avoid confusion, the tabular statement and letter press refer only to returns closed at midnight on Saturday the 19th May. From that date to the despatch of this return, any noteworthy incidents are briefly noted hereunder.

INTERIM REPORT.

Prospects have been further improved by the rain that has since fallen, but more is wanted to save the standing crops, and to enable the ryot to sow the land already ploughed.

Bangalore, 31st May 1877.

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General No. 2171 Mysore Chief Commissioner's Office
By 27/From,

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Major T. G. Clarke,

Offg. Secretary to the

Chief Commissioner of Mysore.

To,

The Chief Secretary

to Government,

Fort Saint George.

Dated Bangalore the 31st May 1877.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to forward herewith for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council, three printed copies of the Special Famine Report of Mysore for the week ending 19th Instant.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

W. H. H.

Offg. Secretary.

W. H. H.

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From The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner
of Mysore.

To The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

Dated 31st May
Despatched 1st June
Received 4th June

ENCLOSURES NO. 3
General No. 2171 } 1877.8
G No. 27 } No 3388

Forwarding 3 printed
copies of the Spl. Famine
Report of Mysore for
week ending 19th Inst.

8th June 1877. No 1656
Comm. to the Revenue
(Famine) Dept. to the
H^o of Revenue & to the
Sanitary Commissioner
Vide B.O. 11 June 1877 No 3286

Rev. (Famine) Dept. to
Board of Revenue
Sanitary Comm.
4/6/77

Financial Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter from the off^{ce} Secretary
to the Chief Commissioner of Mysore,
to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 31st May 1877 No 2171.

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner
to forward herewith for the information of this
Board the Governor in Council, three printed
copies of the Special Famine Report of Mysore
for the week ending 19th Instant.

Order thereon 8th June 1877 No 1656

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

(In Contract.)

H. H. H.
Under Secretary.

The Revenue (Famine) Dept.
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Rec 1877 Sept
No 4406
Cost of 1187 1 M. Adams.

No. 1187 Sept

To

Dated 7
Recd 8 } June 1877, No. 1187

Nos.

Copy of the *Memorandum*
by the *Secretary*
for the *Board of Directors*

to the *Board of Directors*

1187 286

This must be paid to the *Secretary*
in the *proper* *order* *of* *payment*

11th June 1877