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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

11th August 1877, No. 1063.

Sanitary.

Read the following paper :—

No. 30. *From the Hon. J. G. COLEMAN, Acting President of the Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 8th August 1877, G. No. 531.*

I have the honor to forward the report of the Special Health Officer for Madras for the week ending 4th instant.

2. The following table shows the mortality for the last five weeks :—

Week ending	Small-pox.	Measles.	Fevers.	Dysentery.	Diarrhœa.	Cholera.	Other Diseases.	Total.
July 6th ..	88	..	151	213	156	68	261	937
„ 13th ..	83	..	158	273	187	96	288	1,085
„ 20th ..	76	..	144	321	202	101	306	1,150
„ 27th ..	53	..	130	267	218	105	255	1,028
August 3rd ..	59	..	126	267	211	142	270	1,075

Enclosure No. 1.

From Dr. H. STANDROUGH, Special Health Officer, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 7th August 1877.

I have the honor of forwarding for the information of His Grace the Governor in Council a Report for the week ending 4th August 1877 of the working of the Special Health Department.

2. Distress is more apparent in Madras, and the overcrowding still continues. I candidly admit that, although much has been done in furtherance of sanitary improvement, I am compelled to announce much of it is more superficial than real. Streets, alleys and huts, are daily attended to, houses disinfected, dust-bins emptied, and drains cleaned out, yet the fact remains that within a few hours afterwards, the places are as dirty as ever, and must be so as long as the streets are crowded with poor from the surrounding districts, and the drains have no flow. Pass through the narrow streets and parcheries when you will, eyes and nose will be assailed with the sight, and stink of scattered heaps of every disgusting species of organic filth. This condition is mainly owing to the want of sufficient dust-bins. The Health Inspectors have had their attention drawn to forwarding all orphans found wandering about the streets to the orphanage at the Monegar Choultry, and paupers from the Mofussil found in the streets are sent on to the Special Officer at the Monegar Choultry Relief Camp, appointed for sending them on their several districts, if sufficiently strong to proceed there.

3. The death-rate during the past week was 1,075 against 1,028 of the preceding week. There were 142 cases of cholera, an increase of 38, and 59 of small-pox, an increase of 6. Dysentery and diarrhœa 478; of this number 251 were from Monegar Choultry and Relief Camps. There is therefore no improvement in the health of Madras, but rather the reverse, but it is hoped a few more showers of the kind that have fallen during the past few days will bring about a more favorable condition of things. In spite of the Police, a very large number of people are wandering about the streets of the city, and are huddled together wherever they can find a place to sleep in. The houses of the [illegible] people are still overcrowded, and there is no [illegible] very inferior and unwholesome quality is used very largely. Measures are being taken to prevent an inconvenient accumulation of rice bags on the beach, as it is felt that the smell from them is

both unpleasant and likely to affect the public health. Before rice is despatched from the Railway Station care is taken to see that no damaged rice is sent upcountry, without informing the authorities in the Mofussil as to the danger of permitting damaged rice to be sold in the Mofussil markets. The recent rains have contributed to add to the existing quantity of damaged rice.

Summary of work done by Health Inspectors during the week ending 4th August 1877:—

Number of District.	Name of Ward.	Number of Houses and Huts		Diseases Detected.			Number of Cases sent to Hospital.	Number of Food-stocks issued.	Number of Persons vaccinated.
		Visited.	Cleaned and disinfected.	Cholera.	Small-pox.	Other Diseases.			
1 ..	East	551	53	7	2	..	7	4	40
1 ..	Centre	505	22	16	..	10	15	15	85
1 ..	West	388	34	11	3	23	30	18	83
2 ..	North	367	90	6	..	4	7	11	113
2 ..	Centre	391	6	3	..	11	4	31	79
2 ..	South	303	14	..	1	10	8	6	41
3 ..	North	276	60	1	..	2	..	5	65
3 ..	Centre and South.	259	126	4	2	3	5	9	59
5 ..	North	496	61	6	2	25	11	71	189
5 ..	Centre	231	29	8	..	..	6	3	91
5 ..	South	313	23	4	1	..	4	23	41
7 ..	North	375	26	4	1	3	3	4	79
7 ..	Centre	290	4	3	..	2	2	3	32
7 and 8 ..	North and South.	229	3	1	..	3	2	1	74
6 and 8 ..	Do. ..	489	10	13	..	3	13	24	40
8 ..	South	174	8	13	..	9	14	56	57
	Totals ..	5,687	574	100	12	110	136	284	1,230

No. 31. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1877, No. 1063.

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

2. The attention of the Acting President of the Madras Municipal Commission will be invited to the remarks in paragraph 2 of the Special Health Officer's report regarding the want of sufficient dust-bins.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

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