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Season Report.—Publishing — for March 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

SEASON REPORT FOR MARCH 1897.

SECTION I.—Statement showing the average fall of rain in each district during the month of March 1897 and also the total fall from 1st April 1896 up to the month, compared with the corresponding figures of the preceding year and with the averages of the 25 years ending 1894-95.

Districts.	AVERAGE RAINFALL FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ENDING 1894-95.		1895-96.		1896-97.	
	In the month.	From 1st April up to the month.	In the month.	From 1st April up to the month.	In the month.	From 1st April up to the month.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	INCHES.	INCHES.	Number of rainy days.	Rainfall.	Number of rainy days.	Rainfall.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Ganjām	0.81	45.61	1	0.53	INCHES.	INCHES.
2. Vizagapatam (Littoral Agency)	0.70	41.96	1	0.50	54.84	1.76
3. Gódvári	1.00	57.51	1	0.25	44.74	2.44
4. Kistna	0.34	38.90	1	0.19	70.94	1.72
5. Kurnool	0.49	33.58	..	0.07	47.69	1.47
6. Bellary	0.25	27.60	..	0.06	42.42	0.62
7. Anantapur	0.22	22.74	..	..	26.12	0.14
8. Cuddapah	0.18	23.32	..	..	26.98	0.06
9. Nellore	0.24	28.60	..	0.07	25.05	0.03
10. Madras *	0.25	34.64	..	0.03	31.48	0.09
11. Chingleput	0.39	49.02	..	..	30.94	0.13
12. South Arcot	0.25	44.52	..	..	47.50	0.36
13. North Arcot	0.28	42.00	..	..	47.76	0.07
14. Salem	0.34	37.35	..	..	58.10	0.31
15. Coimbatore	0.58	31.25	..	0.10	39.84	0.07
16. Trichinopoly	0.65	25.48	..	0.05	38.50	0.63
17. Tanjore	0.43	33.66	1	0.11	29.91	0.37
18. Madura	0.48	43.81	1	0.27	41.20	0.06
19. Tinnevely	0.94	29.94	1	0.59	54.59	0.35
20. Nilgiris	1.67	26.29	2	1.39	36.08	0.50
21. Malabar	1.97	62.64	..	0.17	31.99	0.33
22. South Canara	0.88	113.45	1	0.26	69.46	1.34
	0.17	142.04	..	..	111.81	88.81
					145.98	136.56
						158.54

* Average of 80 years ending 1892.

River freshes.—The Gódvári 4.3 feet over the upper sill of Dowlaishweram lock. Fair in Tanjore. Slight in Ganjām, Cuddapah, North Arcot and in parts of Coimbatore. Nil elsewhere.

Supply to tanks.—Fair in parts of North Arcot and Coimbatore. Sufficient in Trichinopoly and Tanjore. Slight or insufficient in Ganjām, Gódvári, Kistna, Nellore and Chingleput. Nil elsewhere.

SECTION II.—Statement showing the extent of cultivation (Government and Minor Inam) for the month of March 1897.

Districts.	UP TO THE MONTH.				UP TO THE MONTH OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.				AVERAGE OF THE FIVE PREVIOUS YEARS INCLUDING LAST YEAR FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD.			
	First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.	
	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
Ganjām	ACS. 978	16	ACS. 6	6	ACS. 149,830	12,814	ACS. 180,662	15,218	ACS. 219,637	191,312	ACS. 219,637	16,010
Vizagapatam	992	..	491	3,327	182,128	15,393	207,236	2,579	193,599	33,507	..	29,346
Gódvári	3,013	66	13	156	46,631	26,596	70,705	13,845	85,090	40,741	76,394	30,097
Kistna	3,695	400	3,979	11,826	349,333	53,731	556,566	55,667	..	..	..	..
Kurnool	4,372	1,601	479	30,682	510,889	87,160	365,543	32,648	480,429	127,960	526,706	66,813
Bellary	4,415	1,706	498	314	1,310,506	292,905	1,625,415	12,540	..	..	..	..
Anantapur	2,421	133	1,036	1,407	299,749	158,053	1,124,888	36,263	300,392	164,620	344,005	64,787
Cuddapah	853	102	256	785	23,951	30,248	556,389	4,454	..	..	..	..
	3,274	235	1,232	2,192	39,254	38,215	1,681,277	7,967	..	..	..	..
	735	80	149	1,239	30,374	73,476	1,335,038	6,619	42,627	26,500	1,765,934	9,605
	125	22	88	471	37,356	22,696	376,625	1,918	..	..	..	..
	860	102	237	1,710	37,759	96,072	1,711,663	8,519	42,394	33,513	..	..
	1,397	239	825	1,000	58,951	97,333	970,738	16,400	..	..	..	..
	184	27	138	260	12,910	31,010	267,324	3,102	..	..	..	..
	1,581	266	963	1,350	71,891	128,343	1,238,062	19,562	..	..	..	..
	6,022	1,672	2,584	2,584	85,006	130,638	990,172	34,898	92,875	30,907	1,243,937	6,757
	1,194	922	1,876	1,876	47,490	47,612	299,579	17,211	..	..	..	..
	6,216	2,594	4,460	4,460	133,096	178,240	1,290,051	52,109	169,951	62,822	1,400,831	59,449

Section II.—Statement showing the extent of cultivation (Government and Minor Inam) for the month of March 1897—cont.

Districts.	IN THE MONTH.				UP TO THE MONTH.				AVERAGE OF THE FIVE PREVIOUS YEARS INCLUDING LAST YEAR FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD.			
	First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.	
	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
Mellore .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 1,861	ACS. 1,800	ACS. 617	ACS. 2,005	ACS. 645,683	ACS. 189,783	ACS. 73,433	ACS. 19,547	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..
	171	180	82	369	185,504	32,773	18,235	3,340	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	2,032	1,980	3,374	814,187	222,556	91,668	22,887	820,611	224,212	79,554	18,920
Chingleput .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 2,464	ACS. 4,532	ACS. 4,024	ACS. 17,175	ACS. 326,712	ACS. 19,963	ACS. 19,963	ACS. 65,136	..	..	..	..
	194	611	346	1,801	35,627	1,144	7,315	..	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	2,658	5,143	4,370	213,925	362,339	21,107	72,501	221,361	368,497	27,032	83,753
South Arcot .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 14,251	ACS. 3,733	ACS. 7,373	ACS. 6,247	ACS. 343,564	ACS. 124,133	ACS. 62,018	ACS. 32,018	..	..	..	..
	804	402	178	255	86,218	20,065	3,561	2,625	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	15,055	4,135	7,551	1,014,309	363,619	127,594	54,643	1,109,633	371,298	156,422	69,680
North Arcot .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 5,172	ACS. 3,811	ACS. 9,065	ACS. 17,847	ACS. 483,438	ACS. 219,406	ACS. 71,054	ACS. 33,345	..	..	..	..
	343	994	788	2,200	45,373	29,619	6,197	10,628	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	5,515	4,805	9,853	20,047	249,025	77,251	93,973	584,263	263,365	103,564	108,376
Salem .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 748	ACS. 224	ACS. 3,650	ACS. 3,112	ACS. 1,126,056	ACS. 90,611	ACS. 122,901	ACS. 26,577	..	..	..	..
	67	25	45	105	43,221	8,583	4,166	1,238	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	815	249	3,695	1,169,277	99,194	127,067	27,815	1,185,699	99,785	182,411	34,404
Coimbatore .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 13,959	ACS. 1,017	ACS. 1,834	ACS. 1,437	ACS. 1,905,910	ACS. 87,786	ACS. 173,068	ACS. 25,048	..	..	..	..
	148	264	179	95	215,294	8,486	16,449	2,864	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	14,107	1,281	2,013	1,532	2,121,204	96,272	188,517	2,166,554	91,547	209,763	31,937
Tiruchinopoly .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 4,816	ACS. 645	ACS. 1,838	ACS. 2,007	ACS. 682,707	ACS. 126,995	ACS. 31,599	ACS. 46,191	..	..	..	..
	364	56	234	210	55,065	5,895	2,503	1,919	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	5,180	701	2,072	737,772	132,890	33,902	48,110	717,429	125,926	33,091	49,018
Tanjore .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 1,589	ACS. 485	ACS. 1,837	ACS. 1,915	ACS. 728,018	ACS. 15,038	ACS. 62,607	ACS. 911	..	..	..	..
	85	1	55	12	25,946	33,941	911	4,234	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	1,674	486	1,927	297,267	761,959	15,949	66,841	305,334	780,791	16,708	71,977
Total ..	263,364	799,514	14,091	72,663	263,364	799,514	14,091	72,663	263,364	799,514	14,091	72,663

Section II.—Statement showing the extent of cultivation (Government and Minor Inam) for the month of March 1897—cont.

Districts.	IN THE MONTH.				UP TO THE MONTH.				AVERAGE OF THE FIVE PREVIOUS YEARS INCLUDING LAST YEAR FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD.			
	First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.		First crop.		Second crop.	
	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.
Madure .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 1,539	ACS. 910	ACS. 7,021	ACS. 4,340	ACS. 742,042	ACS. 155,681	ACS. 36,656	ACS. 60,464	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..
	558	47	269	331	57,478	12,912	1,496	2,077	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	2,117	7,290	4,731	799,520	168,593	38,152	62,541	814,779	167,861	48,702	63,166
Tinnevely .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 9,983	ACS. 1,136	ACS. 30,565	ACS. 18,251	ACS. 893,166	ACS. 188,920	ACS. 89,113	ACS. 116,795	..	..	..	..
	1,185	96	532	708	29,105	11,265	1,709	5,855	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	11,138	31,117	18,959	922,271	200,155	90,822	122,650	925,367	199,203	97,755	117,379
Nilgiris .. Government ..	ACS. 2	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. 65,170	ACS. 6,679	ACS. 1,845	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..
	3,785	1,853	315	6,516	506,329	445,048	39,466	192,699	66,998	5,929	2,201	..
	899	295	705	..	4,847	6,953	935	1,961	..	..	..	..
Malabar .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 4,784	ACS. 2,248	ACS. 1,020	ACS. 6,516	ACS. 509,676	ACS. 452,001	ACS. 40,401	ACS. 194,560	ACS. 533,060	ACS. 450,786	ACS. 34,226	ACS. 200,576
	..	10	..	5	129,106	249,890	2,705	176,979	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	..	..	..	3,629	6,104	215	5,250	..	..	..	..
South Canara .. { Government .. { Inam ..	ACS. 14,869,628	ACS. 4,155,674	ACS. 1,383,017	ACS. 1,138,053	ACS. 2,672,166	ACS. 556,749	ACS. 228,962	ACS. 127,149	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..	ACS. ..
	78,087	25,033	9,380	21,993	2,672,166	556,749	228,962	127,149	..	..	..	..
	Total ..	86,112	23,681	91,784	17,541,793	4,712,423	1,591,979	1,265,202	4,800,329	1,585,412	1,334,364	17,943,635
Total ..	1,859,289	1,243,948	4,787,697	1,859,289	1,243,948	4,787,697	1,859,289	1,243,948	4,787,697	1,859,289	1,243,948	4,787,697

SECTION III.—Statement showing the average prices of the principal food-grains and salt for the month of March 1897.

NUMBER OF SEERS OF 80 TOLAS PER RUPEE.															
Districts.	Second-sort rice.			Cholan.			Cumbu.			Ragi.			Salt.		
	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of the ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of the ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of the ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of the ten normal years previous to 1895-96.	In the previous month.	In the month.	In the corresponding month of the five years ending 1895-96.
Circars ..	10.1	10.7	18.2	..	17.2	..	17.0	29.9	14.5	15.2	29.4	12.1	12.0	13.2	
Vizagapatam ..	9.8	10.0	15.5	..	15.1	..	15.0	27.6	16.7	16.9	28.3	12.3	12.2	13.1	
Gódvári ..	9.9	10.1	15.6	..	16.9	..	16.8	27.5	14.8	14.7	28.4	11.6	11.6	11.9	
Kisna ..	10.8	10.6	14.8	..	16.5	..	16.1	23.6	18.7	18.2	29.2	12.7	12.6	13.0	
Kurnool ..	9.4	9.2	13.0	..	14.4	..	14.0	27.9	16.5	15.8	28.3	11.7	11.7	12.4	
Bellary ..	9.1	9.2	12.7	..	13.4	..	12.9	29.0	16.3	16.0	28.3	11.7	11.7	12.4	
Anantapur ..	9.5	9.6	13.9	..	13.8	..	13.6	28.2	17.3	17.8	33.0	11.9	11.8	12.0	
Cuddapah ..	9.1	9.1	14.0	..	14.2	..	14.1	28.2	17.4	17.4	31.4	12.2	12.2	12.7	
Nellore ..	11.6	11.2	14.1	..	13.6	..	13.2	28.3	16.6	16.9	24.7	12.7	12.7	12.9	
Madras ..	10.5	10.8	12.2	..	13.6	..	13.2	28.3	16.5	16.2	25.3	11.9	12.0	12.4	
Chingapat ..	11.8	12.1	15.3	..	16.1	..	15.7	22.5	18.8	18.4	27.5	12.6	12.6	12.8	
South Arcot ..	14.4	14.4	15.3	..	19.6	..	19.3	20.4	21.1	21.2	29.6	13.3	13.3	13.8	
North Arcot ..	11.3	11.5	15.2	..	22.2	..	21.7	27.3	24.9	24.8	27.8	12.0	12.1	12.3	
Salem ..	11.9	11.8	15.9	..	16.2	..	16.4	25.4	20.6	20.8	28.1	12.3	12.3	12.9	
Coimbatore ..	11.5	11.7	13.9	..	20.0	..	19.3	25.1	21.5	21.2	29.6	13.5	13.5	13.6	
Trichinopoly ..	12.0	12.3	14.7	..	22.6	..	21.6	26.2	24.7	24.9	27.7	12.7	12.7	13.7	
Tanjore ..	13.3	13.4	15.3	..	23.6	..	23.8	26.5	20.6	20.8	26.2	13.6	13.6	14.2	
Madura ..	12.7	13.0	14.9	..	19.0	..	18.5	27.2	22.1	21.8	26.4	10.5	10.5	11.3	
Tinnevely ..	12.2	12.5	13.9	..	20.4	..	20.8	22.9	22.1	21.5	26.4	11.8	11.8	12.5	
Nilgiris ..	8.0	9.2	11.2	..	18.5	..	19.1	22.9	..	..	..	13.7	13.7	14.2	
Malabar ..	11.0	10.8	13.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
South Canara ..	11.9	11.7	14.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

CONDITION OF THE MARKET.

Compared with the previous month, the price of rice, *second sort*, rose in Nellore; elsewhere it was easier or almost stationary. All the dry food-grains were dearer in Bellary, Nellore and Coimbatore. There was a rise in the price of one or other of the dry grains in all other districts except Ganjám, Vizagapatam, Gódvári, Anantapur, Madras and the Nilgiris. The price of salt was generally stationary.

Compared with the averages of ten normal years previous to 1895-96, the prices of all the grains continued high throughout the Presidency. The price of dry grains was, as a rule, in the northern half of the Presidency, twice the normal.

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The statements read above showing the rainfall, cultivation and prices of food-grains and of salt in the several districts of the Presidency during March 1897 will be published.

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