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

READ—the following Fortnightly Narrative of the Bellary district for the period ending 31st December 1896.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There was no rain during the fortnight in any of the rainfall-recording stations, but in five villages in the north of Rayadrug taluk, there was a slight fall varying in quantity from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch. Except in a few villages of Alúr taluk, four villages in Harpanahalli taluk and some villages of Holugundi firka in Hadagalli taluk, drinking water-supply is generally sufficient throughout the district. Water-supply for irrigation purposes is generally insufficient in Adóni and Hospet divisions except under the river-fed channels and tanks. In Bellary division, it is reported to be sufficient.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops.

Adóni Division.—Garden crops are being sown here and there in Adóni taluk. In Alúr, cotton-picking is begun, and some of the lands are being ploughed up with a view to keep them ready for the next season. Except on high level poor soils, cotton is generally in good condition. White cholum sown prior to the rain of 23rd November is faring well, but that sown subsequently has not sprouted and where it has, it is not likely to live unless supplemented by further rain of which there seems to be no prospect.

Bellary Division.—Second crop paddy is being sown in some villages under tanks, channels and wells in Rayadrug taluk. Paddy and ragi are being harvested with an outturn of 10 annas, gingelly 4 annas, and castor 5 annas. Wet crops are in good condition under tanks and wells. Standing dry crops are also in good condition, but require more rain.

Hospet Division.—Sugarcane is being prematurely harvested in three villages in Kúdligi and mungari cholum in a few villages of Hadagalli, outturn ranging from 2 to 8 annas. In Harpanahalli taluk, hingari crops are being sown, and cholum, ragi and korra harvested with an outturn of 4 to 12 annas in non-affected villages of that taluk. Crops under river channels and wells are in very fair condition. Standing dry crops in Hadagalli are in urgent need of rain and in Hospet and Kúdligi, cotton, white cholum and castor have withered or are wilting for want of moisture.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle.

Adóni Division.—Pasture not available except for goats and sheep in the plains of Adóni. Fodder scanty. The condition of stall-fed cattle is fair in Adóni and good in Alúr and that of others is fair or tolerable in Adóni and bad in Alúr. Cattle disease is reported from one village (Kurukundi) in Alúr taluk. Out of 600 head of cattle brought for sale on 25th December 1896 to Adóni market, only nine were purchased by butchers for prices varying from Rs. 5 to 8 and eighty-one by agriculturists for an average of Rs. 25 each and the rest did not get any sale. As compared with the last fortnight, the prices of cattle have slightly risen.

Bellary Division.—Fodder is insufficient in dry villages. Pasture is available to a small extent. Hill grass and prickly-pear are being used by poor ryots. Condition of cattle is not good in Bellary, but fair in Rayadrug. There is no demand for cattle in Bellary market. Cattle are being taken to Mysore territory where fodder is reported to be available. Cattle disease is slightly prevalent in Rayadrug taluk.

Hospet Division.—Fodder generally insufficient. Pasture hardly procurable at all except in villages bordering on Tungabhadra channels and in southern and western portions of Harpanahalli. Condition of cattle is generally fair except in Hospet taluk where the cattle of poorer classes are becoming emaciated.

General Remarks.—With the waning hopes of a late rainfall to revive the white cholam, &c., crops sown after the rains of November 23rd, the outlook is getting daily more serious. An increase in the numbers of relief workers may be expected. One more good rain would have considerably altered the state of things, but I fear that the monsoon is over.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

PRICES of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolahs per rupee, for the period ending 31st of December 1896.

Stations.	Rice.		White Cholam.		Yellow Cholam.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	End of last fortnight.	End of current fortnight.	
Adóni	8-00	8-60	12-00	13-43	14-00	15-58	17-20	19-35	Prices are generally falling and the fall is especially noticeable in Harpanahalli. This is due to the merchants offering their stocks for sale for fear of loss of interest and deterioration in the quality of grain if kept longer. It is also partly due to absence of briskness in the export trade.
Alúr	7-83	8-10	10-81	12-36	13-39	14-42	15-42	17-20	
Bellary	8-00	9-72	12-00	13-39	14-00	14-42	16-49	18-43	
Rayadrug	8-00	9-18	10-50	12-36	12-50	13-39	14-55	15-52	
Hospet	8-50	8-64	12-00	14-42	13-50	15-45	17-40	17-46	
Kádligi	7-00	8-64	..	..	12-00	15-45	13-58	17-46	
Harpanahalli ..	6-50	9-72	..	..	12-00	16-48	15-52	21-34	
Hadagalli ..	7-00	9-72	..	..	12-00	16-48	..	..	
Average ..	7-60	9-04	11-46	13-19	12-92	15-51	15-79	18-26	

ACTIVITY OF TRADE.—(1) *Private trade, active or not.*—Private trade active both in rice and dry staple food-grains, but in cholam it is dull in Hospet and Hadagalli.

(2) *State the imports by rail or sea; of rice or other staple food-grains.*—

	Estimated imports in bags.			Exports.	
		Bellary.	Adóni.	Bellary.	Adóni.
Rice	..	139	503	..	..
Cholam	..	86	1,128	..	1,061
Cumbu	..	..	574	..	2,375
Gram	..	..	904	..	..

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

(1) *On works.*—Good. The Head Assistant Collector states that he saw two or three specimens of emaciation at Darogi and but could not attribute their condition to want of food.

(2) *In villages.*—The Deputy Collector, Adóni, states that labouring classes in a few villages in the north-eastern portion of the Adóni taluk and people residing in villages far away from the relief works are beginning to feel the want of employment. He promises to submit proposals in a day or two to start more works. Fresh works will be started if there is real necessity. In Alúr taluk, the condition is fairly good and elsewhere, generally good.

Sickness and Mortality.—Nothing abnormal. Public health generally good; no deaths from starvation. Cholera reported during the last fortnight in Alúr taluk has subsided.

Remarks.—The Commissioner having found it necessary to start a relief work between Adóni and Alúr near Kammarchedu, orders have been issued to start the Alúr-Adóni road work beginning at Kammarchedu and working southwards. As soon as the proposals of the Adóni Deputy Collector are received, the opening of a work in the north-eastern portion of Adóni will be considered. The Head Assistant Collector proposes the opening of a test relief work at Gadignur and Antapur valley of Hospet taluk. He has been asked to submit definite proposals. He states that scarcity has not yet begun to visibly affect the bodily condition of the people.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

On works.—In what taluks open and comparison of numbers—

Taluks.	Number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
<i>Adóni.</i>			
Adóni Municipal road works	524	482	The fall in the number of relief workers at Adóni and Alúr is partly due to enforcement of task and partly to some of the labourers resorting to cotton picking. The increase in Bellary is due to return of coolies hitherto employed on agricultural operations and that in Hospet to larger number wanting employment near Darogi side. As regards the Narayanadevakeri and Devagundanahalli tanks, the Head Assistant Collector has been asked to report if these works are really necessary to provide employment to the poor. The Public Works Department has begun to take over charge of the works in Alúr taluk.
Balasudoddi tank	454	431	
Adóni-Madhavaram road work	1,721	1,599	
<i>Alúr.</i>			
Alúr-Cheppigiri road work	4,977	4,296	
Halbarni-Moka road	2,755	2,403	
Harinanum-Baruni road	1,496	1,273	
<i>Bellary.</i>			
Bellary-Siruguppa road work	663	831	
Bellary-Moka road	648	728	
<i>Hospet.</i>			
Darogi-Metri road	573	689	
Narayanadevakeri tank	147	101	
<i>Hadagalli.</i>			
Devagundanahalli tank work	352	896	
Total ..	14,310*	13,229	

Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise—

Taluka.	Number relieved.				Remarks.
	At kitchens.		Weavers.		
	This.	Last.	This.	Last.	
Adóni	225	178	880	984	Orders have been issued to open a kitchen on Darogi-Metri road. The increase in Adóni and Alúr is due to the sub-division of the kitchen so as to afford facility to the children. Similar arrangements will be made everywhere. The decrease in the number of weavers is stated to be due to the increased demand for cloth.
Alúr	192	60	..	..	
Bellary	89	113	..	..	
Total ..	506	351	880	984	
Adóni	..	..	..	..	

Private charity.—The number of inmates in the private kitchen at Bellary is 140 against 323 at the end of last fortnight. The falling off is probably due to the fact that a private individual, named Paramma, is feeding the poor (mostly children) numbering about 200 every day.

Remarks.—Two gangs of relief workers on the Halharni-Moka road in Alúr taluk were fined for short work below the minimum wage, as they idled away their time at the instigation of contumacious characters. Such deductions were also made on the works in Bellary taluk, but it having been found on inquiry that the short work was due to heavy task prescribed, orders have been issued not to let the deductions fall below the minimum wage until further orders. Executive Engineer has been asked to prepare a task table with reference to lead and lift, and when that is done, the difficulty complained of in fixing the task will cease.

Inspections—Taluk and places visited.

Collector—visited Moka works with the Commissioner.

Deputy Collector, Adóni—visited Aspari, Molagunelli, Nagaradona, Ruma-durgam, Halharni, Alúr and inspected the Adóni road municipal work, Alúr-Cheppigiri road work and Halharni-Moka road work.

Deputy Collector, Bellary—inspected the two road works in Bellary taluk.

Head Assistant Collector—visited Darogi, Kampli, Metri, Chinnapuram and Devalapuram.

General Remarks.—The Head Assistant Collector has submitted proposals to afford relief to the weavers at Kampli in their own craft. The matter is under inquiry. Every effort is being made to induce the ryots to take Government loans. The Head-quarter Deputy Collector reports that there is a great demand for ploughing cattle in the Rayadrug taluk. The Deputy Collector will be instructed to encourage the ryots concerned to resort to State loans.

LOAN TRANSACTIONS.—Statement showing particulars of loan transactions under the Land Improvement and Agriculturists' Loans Acts.

Taluka.	Repair and construction of wells.										Other purposes.										Total.				Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21						
Adoni..	..	..	..	..	26	Rs. 6,600	..	..	..	..	133	Rs. 12,120	..	..	..	..	159	Rs. 18,120	1	..						
Alor ..	..	..	..	..	64	22,600	..	..	..	400	1,685	2,36,960	3	400	..	400	1,749	2,58,560	..	..						
Bellary ..	..	..	..	..	57	9,250	..	..	..	..	486	73,640	..	..	..	..	643	82,790	..	..						
Rayadrug ..	..	..	..	..	7	1,400	..	..	..	..	39	4,000	..	..	..	..	46	6,500	..	..						
Hospet ..	..	..	..	..	49	3,365	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	49	3,365	..	1						
Kadlgi ..	..	..	..	..	7	1,100	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	1,125	..	..						
Harpanahalli ..	..	..	..	..	4	600	..	..	..	..	34	4,650	..	..	..	..	38	6,250	..	..						
Hadagali ..	..	..	..	..	22	3,810	..	..	..	..	99	15,975	..	..	..	..	121	19,785	..	..						
Total ..	..	..	..	..	236	48,825	3	400	3	410	2,477	3,47,270	..	400	3	400	2,713	3,96,095	1	1						

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.				Cattle and seed grain and iron ploughs.				Total.				Applications pending.			
	Applications accepted.		Loans dis used.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Number.	Amount.
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.				
Adoni ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alor ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rayadrug ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hospet ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kadlgi ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harpanahalli ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hadagali ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* Includes amount sanctioned in last year and paid this year.

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2. The agricultural outlook in the district continues to deteriorate, and the prospect of much crop being obtained from the November sowings decreases. A certain amount of field work still goes on, but this must soon come to an end.

3. Prices, which became considerably easier during the fortnight, are again apparently hardening, but trade is excessively dull, though, when the situation in other parts of India becomes clearer, it is difficult to see what is to prevent a considerable enhancement of the local prices of cholam and cumbu.

4. The condition of the people is reported to be generally good, but the Commissioner, during his inspections in Alur and Adóni taluks, noticed a number whose appearance indicated continued under feeding, and he has drawn the attention of the Sanitary Commissioner to the matter. It has also been referred to in B.P., No. 4, dated 4th January 1897. This is the critical stage at which the people must be taken in hand and closely watched to prevent deterioration from becoming general.

5. The number of loan applications pending for land improvement loans is very large, and the appointment of special Revenue Inspectors to dispose of these promptly has been recommended to Government. When they are appointed, it is hoped that rapid progress will be made in this work.

6. The Collector did little touring. Mr. Campbell's work in the last two months has been beyond praise, so this calls for no further remark. The Deputy Collector, Bellary, might have been more active.

7. It appears that there is much demand for ploughing cattle in Rayadrug, while there is no market for cattle in Adóni. The Divisional officers concerned should endeavour to make these facts known to the parties concerned.

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