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Fortnightly Narrative.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, — of the Bellary district for the period ending 15th April 1897.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

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Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni Division.—Pasture, there is none. Fodder is scanty in Alúr and may last for about three months in Adóni. The condition of stall-fed cattle is good and that of others is fair in Adóni and poor in Alúr. Cattle disease is reported from two villages in Alúr taluk, the number of deaths being 17. It is reported that 210 head of cattle were brought to the Adóni market for sale, of which 28 were purchased by agriculturists and 19 by butchers and the remaining 163 found no sale. *Bellary Division.*—Pasture is very limited. Fodder is sufficient in wet villages and scanty elsewhere. Hill grass and prickly-pear are much used in Bellary. The condition of cattle is not good in Bellary. There is some little cattle disease in three villages of Rayadrug and among the municipal cattle in Bellary town. The latter were treated with success by the Stock Inspector Santayya. *Hospet Division.*—No pasture. Fodder is insufficient except in Harpanahalli taluk, in river side villages in Hospet and in Hirehadagalli firka of Hadagalli taluk.

Condition of cattle is generally good, but deteriorating in east of Hospet taluk and in Kadlabal firka of Hadagalli. *Sandur State.*—Fodder and pasture sufficient, but there is now some difficulty in getting grass from the hills.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The late rain induced the cultivators in some villages to plough their red-soil lands. To alleviate the difficulty of water-supply for drinking purposes small amounts have already been advanced in Hospet division for removing silt and deepening of wells and for digging water holes in streams. The attention of the Divisional officers of Bellary and Adóni has also been repeatedly drawn to the importance of this work in their divisions, but though something has been done the progress is not so satisfactory as it should have been. Their serious attention has again been drawn to the matter and I have personally ordered a number of works to be started in villages in the south of Alúr visited by me during the fortnight as also in villages in the Antapur valley in the Hospet taluk. Both these tracts suffer badly for want of water even in ordinary years and just now their difficulties are very great. The permanent solution of the problem is not easy, but it will have to be found. Meanwhile no pains will be spared to give the people such relief as is possible. In some villages, there is no lack of water within a short distance of the surface, but it is brackish and undrinkable. In Sandur, wells are being deepened and cleared of silt, and a large number of wells have been dug in the bed of the Vanka.

FOOD SUPPLIES AND THE STATE OF THE MARKETS.

PRICES of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th of April 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholam.		Yellow cholam.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	End of last period.	End of current period.	
Adóni	9·13	9·13	10·75	11·55	12·90	12·63	17·20	17·20	Prices are rising and the stocks of yellow cholam are failing. The grain imported from Rajahmundry is of inferior quality. Tahsildars have been ordered to calculate wages on the basis of white cholam when no good yellow cholam is available. Many of the relief workers are now eating white cholam.
Alúr	8·37	8·10	11 88	10·30	12 88	11 33	..	..	
Bellary	9·18	8·64	10·30	10·82	12 36	12·36	15·52	16·49	
Rayadrug	9·72	9·72	13·39	12·36	13·91	13·39	15·52	14·55	
Hospet	8·64	8·64	10·30	11·33	11·33	12·36	13·58	14·55	
Kúdligi	8·64	7·56	..	..	12·36	12·36	14·55	13·58	
Harpanahalli	9·72	9·72	..	..	13·39	13·39	15 52	15·52	
Hadagalli	9·72	9·72	..	..	12·36	12·88	..	..	
Sandur	9·45	9·45	..	..	12·60	13·04	15·90	16·60	
Average ..	9·17	8·96	11·32	11·27	12·67	12·64	15·39	15·52	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is reported to be active in Adóni, Alúr, Rayadrug and Kúdligi. The Divisional Officer states that trade in Bellary is dull. This is not borne out by the statistics, the quantity imported during the fortnight being 27,857 maunds. There was a large import of cholam to Adóni particularly from Gódávari.

From the following rail-borne trade figures it will be seen that the imports are greatly increasing. This is a satisfactory feature :—

Stations.	Imports during week ending			Exports during week ending		
	27th March 1897.	3rd April 1897.	10th April 1897.	27th March 1897.	3rd April 1897.	10th April 1897.
Hospet	188	626	590	953	150	309
Bellary	9,225	15,165	12,692	194	1,054	1,011
Adóni	5,945	9,041	2,721	485	149	229
Others	4	2½	86	..	..	44

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—Generally good except a few cases on Daroji-Metri road work where wages of workers were found to be shared by the non-working dependants. Orders of the Board have already been solicited for the appointment of a Circle Inspector to introduce grain doles in this part of the taluk. In the meantime all such cases are being relieved by the Indian Famine Charitable Relief fund.

[Since the above was written, the appointment of Circle Inspectors has been sanctioned; and grain doles will at once be given wherever needed.]

In villages.—Generally good. A kitchen was opened at Chintacunta on the 9th instant with great success as regards attendance. I then went on to Yerur and a kitchen was opened there on the 11th. The attendance was very satisfactory. This additional relief should prove of great assistance to the people, and it is being steadily extended throughout the affected tracts. Orders have been issued for the distribution of grain doles in villages in Alúr taluk. The taluk has been divided into six circles and for the time being one Circle Inspector is placed in charge of two circles. An additional Circle Inspector was appointed in Adóni taluk to investigate cases for gratuitous relief in Adóni and Yemmiganúru firkas. Divisional Officers have been requested to submit immediate proposals wherever it is found necessary to open central kitchens or issue grain doles.

Sickness and mortality.—The public health is generally good. No deaths reported from starvation.

There were 24 attacks and 14 deaths from small-pox in Gundagatte and Uchangidrug villages of Harpanahalli taluk. The outbreak of small-pox on Madhavaram road work in Adóni taluk seems to have been arrested.

It is reported that there is some little small-pox in three villages of Kúdligi, but the particulars of attacks and deaths are not available.

There was one case of suspected cholera on Madhavaram work, but it did not prove to be a real case of cholera and there are no fresh cases.

Remarks.—The Head Assistant Collector states that there is no need at present to open central kitchens or to adopt special measures of relief to weavers. In Yemmiganúru and the surrounding villages, the condition of the weavers having been reported to require immediate attention, I have, in anticipation of sanction, ordered relief to be started on the same lines as at Adóni. Employment is still available in villages in clearing nuth grass, but only the able-bodied males can find labour on this work and rain will soon put a stop to it. In Bellary and Hospet taluks sugarcane cutting and the conversion of its juice into jaggery employs a large number of men and cattle. In Sanduru State the local demand for labour not being sufficient, the Administrator has opened an ordinary road work, and the authorities of the Komaraswamy temple have also opened some forest works. Some are also employed in clearing and deepening wells. I shall visit the State next week.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni	14,995	19,122	The increase is large but this must be expected owing to diminished local demand for labour. My estimate was a daily average of 50,000 throughout April.
Alúr	21,913	23,879	
Bellary	4,398	5,437	
Hospet	2,975	3,892	
Hadagam	1,437	1,596	
Kúdligi	..	235	
Total ..	45,718	54,161	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Adóni	1,209	1,355	..	145	Increase due to opening of central kitchens and the location of kitchens on works in suitable centres.			
Alúr	898	1,547	50	403				
Bellary	187	356	..	145				
Hospet	328	351	..	18				
Hadagalli	91	57	..	10				
Kúdligi	..	42	..	..				
Total ..	2,713	3,708	50	721				

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given		Weavers' relief.			
			Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Adóni	Adóni ..	Adóni ..	780	848	1,013	8,764

Note.—Increase due to decrease of local demand for cloths.

Private charity.—The Bellary public kitchen was closed from the 1st instant and a Government kitchen has been opened in its stead. There are upwards of 240 on its rolls.

Paramma continues to feed daily about 150 paupers chiefly children. Thirty persons were relieved in Adóni from the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund and a few in Alúr.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Kowtalam-Kupgal road in Adóni taluk, the Gowripore-Kúdligi road in Hospet taluk and the Bandri-Somalapur road work in Kúdligi taluk were opened as relief works during the fortnight. The Holagundi-Hebbatam road work was to have been opened on the 15th instant, but report of the actual opening has not yet been received. One more kitchen was attached to the Madhavaram and Nandavaram works, respectively. The Nandavaram work having proceeded farther to the north, the Yemmiganuru-Kosgi road has been ordered to be opened so as to afford employment nearer their homes to the people round Yemmiganur. The Adóni Municipal work having been completed, the gangs have been transferred to the section of the Madhavaram road near Adóni. A kitchen has been ordered on the Siruguppa road at Sanvarpuram but it has not yet been opened. The Tahsildar of Hadagalli proposes to open one or two more works in his taluk but the Head Assistant Collector promises to report later after personal inspection.

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

Taluks.	Other purposes.								Repair and construction of wells.								Total.								Number of wells.	
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications accepted.		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.	Number.	Amount.		
	1		10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	8	9	6	7	4	5	36	37	38	39	20	21
				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Adóni			57	4,600	685	62,315	85	7,225	61	4,920	758	78,231	78	6,165	73	15,916	4	330	..	..	118	5,000	1	2
Alúr			848	88,650	1,414	2,06,900	1,044	1,16,715	661	89,460	1,483	2,30,206	1,028	1,12,015	24,300	69	6	800	63	3,812	266	21,384	..	5
Bellary			182	19,195	1,014	1,42,225	206	21,045	187	19,670	1,060	1,51,875	260	20,445	9,650	46	5	475	16	608	416	16,460	..	22
Rayadrug			109	13,640	163	28,165	131	18,690	131	16,115	237	47,166	109	13,640	19,000	74	22	2,475	..	..	16	1,110	..	7
Hospet			9	660	48	3,780	18	2,250	16	1,760	74	9,140	11	850	5,360	26	7	700	..	..	86	3,669	..	..
Kúdligi			..	..	8	450	1	160	..	..	11	1,900	..	..	1,460	8	..	..	40	1,300	68	1,983	..	..
Harpanahalli			30	3,730	45	5,100	81	3,980	30	3,730	47	5,600	31	3,680	600	2	..	..	8	160	9	400	..	..
Hadagalli			30	4,355	196	32,190	86	4,990	32	4,455	237	41,190	33	4,790	9,000	41	2	100	6	400	86	2,366	1	41
Total	..	..	1,263	1,34,810	3,668	1,80,125	1,551	1,93,955	1,308	1,39,600	3,907	5,65,301	1,490	1,61,985	85,176	339	46	4,380	118	6,167	1,014	64,341	1	41

Taluks.	Cattle, seed-grain and iron ploughs.								Purchase of fodder.								Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending.	
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	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39											
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
Adóni	..	..	..	..	85	2,850	..	..	..	..	33	2,140	..	..	..	..	118	5,000	..	..	118	5,000
Alúr	..	..	16	1,995	2	1,800	64	3,812	63	3,812	254	19,584	13	1,165	1,817	87	266	21,384	63	3,812	266	21,384
Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	300	17	625	16	605	408	16,460	..	..	605	16	416	16,460	16	605	416	16,460
Rayadrug	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	10	760	..	..	..	..	16	1,110	..	..	16	1,110
Hospet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	3,669	..	..	..	..	86	3,669	..	..	86	3,669
Kúdligi	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1,810	40	1,300	58	1,983	..	..	1,300	40	68	1,983	40	1,300	68	1,983
Harpanahalli	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	160	3	150	9	490	..	..	150	3	9	490	3	150	9	490
Hadagalli	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	455	6	400	56	9,365	31	3,680	400	6	86	2,366	6	400	86	2,366
Total	..	..	16	1,995	92	5,020	123	6,282	118	6,167	922	47,321	13	1,780	4,172	102	1,014	64,341	118	6,167	1,014	64,341

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited—By the Collector.—Tumati, Avinamadugu, Vitlapur, Hirehalu, Virapur, Antapur-Vaddu road work, Ganglapuram, Chintakunta, Yerur, Sirugapuram, Námakkal, Chippigiri Beldona, Nagardona and the Alúr-Chippagiri work.

Deputy Collector, Adóni.—Peddatumbalam, Chinnatumbalam, Rachmori, Sugur, Chilakaladona, Nandavaram, Yemmiganur, Adóni-Madhavaram road work (two sections) and Nandavaram road work and six kitchens.

Deputy Collector, Bellary Division.—Bodavahal, Somalapuram, Hiradahal, Halakundi, Kolur, Somasamudram, Paramadevanahalli, Kukkabevinahalli, Bevinahalli, Bisalahalli, Sanganakal, Marur, Korlagundi and Dummur; the kitchens attached to Siruguppa, Gooty and Moka road works.

Head Assistant Collector, Hospet.—On account of the accumulation of arrears both in the Revenue, Magisterial and Local Fund work consequent upon the jamabandi of Harpanahalli taluk, he was not able to make much touring. He has disposed of the arrears and promises to go out on tour.

RESOLUTION—dated 7th May 1897, No. 346.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the fortnight under report showers fell throughout the district, and the Collector reports that they "will do some good in the matter of drinking-water." The supply is generally sufficient, except in parts of Alúr, Bellary, Hospet, Kúdligi and Sandur where want of water is much felt. The Board notes with satisfaction that the Collector recognises the need for action in improving the sources of supply, and that he is not satisfied with what is being done. He is hampered by want of funds. The early orders of Government are requested on B.P., dated 12th April 1897, No. 1374, Land Revenue, wherein the Board strongly supported the Collector's proposal to utilise surplus pound funds for this purpose. The rain has encouraged ryots to prepare their fields for the next sowings, nuth grass is being removed in parts, and second-crop paddy has been harvested, but there appears to be but little agricultural employment.

3. Pasture is *nil*, except in Sandur, and fodder is generally scanty, but the better class of cattle is reported to be still in good condition. Inferior classes are showing signs of deterioration. There is a tendency to sell, but the supply is far greater than the demand.

4. Prices are rising, and stocks of yellow cholam are failing. Importation is fairly brisk, but the grain brought in is said to be of inferior quality. The following statement shows the position of prices:—

	Measures per rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (average of white and yellow).
Standard rate	13·2	30·0
Warning "	10·6	22·5
Scarcity "	7·9	15·0
Current "	9·0	11·9
April 1892	8·9	15·3

5. The condition of the people is reported to be generally good, except where relief-workers have been sharing wages with dependants. It is satisfactory to note that the latter are now more ready to attend kitchens than they have been, and this tendency, together with the higher rate of wages lately sanctioned and the organisation of village relief, should stop any further deterioration. Under the present policy of relief, all those who have lately been supported by the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund will be transferred to Government relief, leaving the fund to be devoted to other more appropriate objects. The numbers on relief-works have increased by 8,443 or

18 per cent., and there can be no doubt that with agricultural operations practically at an end, and the higher wages now offered (the effect of which has not yet had time to be felt), these numbers will swell very considerably in the next few weeks. Small-pox and cholera have broken out in parts. It is to be hoped that the measures adopted by the Collector will keep the relief camps free from infection.

6. The Collector's action in opening relief for weavers in Yemmiganur and its neighbourhood is approved.

7. The condition of the Head Assistant Collector's division is critical, and it is probable that an extension of relief is necessary there. The Divisional Officer has been unable to tour sufficiently to keep himself in touch with his charge owing to the pressure of office work, and the Collector should report whether he ought to be relieved of his ordinary duties. The Head Assistant Collector has reported his opinion that there was no need to open central kitchens. This matter probably will be reconsidered.

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Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Sandur	0 32

Agricultural operations and condition of the standing crops—Adóni Division.—Ploughing and clearance of nuth grass are the only agricultural operations in progress. Garden crops are in good condition; there are no other standing crops. *Bellary Division.*—Land is being prepared for sowing next season. Second-crop paddy is being harvested with an outturn of 8 annas. Sugar-cane is still being cut in Siruguppa and a few other villages of Bellary taluk. Crops under wells and streams are in good condition, while those under the Kanekal tank are fading. Nuth grass is being removed in both the taluks. *Hospet Division.*—Lands are being tilled in Hadagalli, and manured in Harpanahalli and removal of nuth grass is going on in the villages of the Hadagalli and Hirehadagalli firkas of Hadagalli taluk. Wheat and bengal-gram are being harvested in tank-beds in Harpanahalli, the yield being middling. Under river channels in Hospet sugar-cane planting and the sowings of second crop paddy are proceeding. Garden crops are generally in fair condition and will be improved by the recent rains. *Sandur State.*—Lands are being prepared for next season. There are no standing crops except betel and vegetables.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni Division.—Pasture, there is none. Fodder is scanty in Alúr and may last for about three months in Adóni. The condition of stall-fed cattle is good and that of others is fair in Adóni and poor in Alúr. Cattle disease is reported from two villages in Alúr taluk, the number of deaths being 17. It is reported that 210 head of cattle were brought to the Adóni market for sale, of which 28 were purchased by agriculturists and 19 by butchers and the remaining 163 found no sale. *Bellary Division.*—Pasture is very limited. Fodder is sufficient in wet villages and scanty elsewhere. Hill grass and prickly-pear are much used in Bellary. The condition of cattle is not good in Bellary. There is some little cattle disease in three villages of Rayadrug and among the municipal cattle in Bellary town. The latter were treated with success by the Stock Inspector Santayya. *Hospet Division.*—No pasture. Fodder is insufficient except in Harpanahalli taluk, in river side villages in Hospet and in Hirehadagalli firka of Hadagalli taluk.

Condition of cattle is generally good, but deteriorating in east of Hospet taluk and in Kadlabal firka of Hadagalli. *Sandur State.*—Fodder and pasture sufficient, but there is now some difficulty in getting grass from the hills.

General remarks on the previous subjects.—The late rain induced the cultivators in some villages to plough their red-soil lands. To alleviate the difficulty of water-supply for drinking purposes small amounts have already been advanced in Hospet division for removing silt and deepening of wells and for digging water holes in streams. The attention of the Divisional officers of Bellary and Adóni has also been repeatedly drawn to the importance of this work in their divisions, but though something has been done the progress is not so satisfactory as it should have been. Their serious attention has again been drawn to the matter and I have personally ordered a number of works to be started in villages in the south of Alúr visited by me during the fortnight as also in villages in the Antapur valley in the Hospet taluk. Both these tracts suffer badly for want of water even in ordinary years and just now their difficulties are very great. The permanent solution of the problem is not easy, but it will have to be found. Meanwhile no pains will be spared to give the people such relief as is possible. In some villages, there is no lack of water within a short distance of the surface, but it is brackish and undrinkable. In Sandur, wells are being deepened and cleared of silt, and a large number of wells have been dug in the bed of the Vanka.

Food supplies and the state of the markets.

Prices of principal food-grains at principal markets in the affected tracts, in seers of 80 tolas per rupee, for the period ending 15th of April 1897.

Stations.	Rice. End of last period.	Rice. End of current period.	White cholam. End of last period	White cholam. End of current period.	Yellow cholam. End of last period.	Yellow cholam. End of current period.	Ragi. End of last period.	Ragi. End of current period.	Remarks.
Adóni	9·13	9·13	10·75	11·55	12·90	12·63	17·20	17·20	Prices are rising and the stocks of yellow cholam are failing. The grain imported from Rajahmundry is of inferior quality. Tahsildars have been ordered to calculate wages on the basis of white cholam when no good yellow cholam is available. Many of the relief workers are now eating white cholam.
Alúr	8·37	8·10	11·88	10·30	12·88	11·33	..	..	
Bellary	9·18	8·64	10·30	10·82	12·36	12·36	15·52	16·49	
Rayadrug ..	9·72	9·72	13·39	12·36	13·91	13·39	15·52	14·55	
Hospet	8·64	8·64	10·30	11·33	11·33	12·36	13·58	14·55	
Kúdligi	8·64	7·56	..	..	12·36	12·36	14·55	13·58	
Harpanahalli ..	9·72	9·72	..	..	13·39	13·39	15 52	15·52	
Hadagalli ..	9·72	9·72	..	..	12·36	12·88	..	..	
Sandur	9·45	9·45	..	..	12·60	13·04	15·90	16·80	
Average ..	9·17	8·96	11·32	11·27	12·67	12·64	15·39	15·52	

Activity of trade.—Private trade is reported to be active in Adóni, Alúr, Rayadrug and Kúdligi. The Divisional Officer states that trade in Bellary is dull. This is not borne out by the statistics, the quantity imported during the fortnight being 27,857 maunds. There was a large import of cholam to Adóni particularly from Gódávari.

From the following rail-borne trade figures it will be seen that the imports are greatly increasing. This is a satisfactory feature:—

Stations.	Imports during week ending 27th March 1897.	Imports during week ending 3rd April 1897.	Imports during week ending 10th April 1897.	Exports during week ending 27th March 1897.	Exports during week ending 3rd April 1897.	Exports during week ending 10th April 1897.
Hospet	188	626	590	953	150	309
Bellary	9,225	15,165	12,692	194	1,054	1,011
Adóni	5,945	9,041	2,721	485	149	229
Others	4	2½	86	..	..	44

Condition of the people.

On works.—Generally good except a few cases on Daroji-Metri road work where wages of workers were found to be shared by the non-working dependants. Orders of the Board have already been solicited for the appointment of a Circle Inspector to introduce grain doles in this part of the taluk. In the meantime all such cases are being relieved by the Indian Famine Charitable Relief fund.

[Since the above was written, the appointment of Circle Inspectors has been sanctioned; and grain doles will at once be given wherever needed.]

In villages.—Generally good. A kitchen was opened at Chintacunta on the 9th instant with great success as regards attendance. I then went on to Yerur and a kitchen was opened there on the 11th. The attendance was very satisfactory. This additional relief should prove of great assistance to the people, and it is being steadily extended throughout the affected tracts. Orders have been issued for the distribution of grain doles in villages in Alúr taluk. The taluk has been divided into six circles and for the time being one Circle Inspector is placed in charge of two circles. An additional Circle Inspector was appointed in Adóni taluk to investigate cases for gratuitous relief in Adóni and Yemmiganúru firkas. Divisional Officers have been requested to submit immediate proposals wherever it is found necessary to open central kitchens or issue grain doles.

Sickness and mortality.—The public health is generally good. No deaths reported from starvation.

There were 24 attacks and 14 deaths from small-pox in Gundagatte and Uchangidrug villages of Harpanahalli taluk. The outbreak of small-pox on Madhavaram road work in Adóni taluk seems to have been arrested.

It is reported that there is some little small-pox in three villages of Kúdligi, but the particulars of attacks and deaths are not available.

There was one case of suspected cholera on Madhavaram work, but it did not prove to be a real case of cholera and there are no fresh cases.

Remarks.—The Head Assistant Collector states that there is no need at present to open central kitchens or to adopt special measures of relief to weavers. In Yemmiganúru and the surrounding villages, the condition of the weavers having been reported to require immediate attention, I have, in anticipation of sanction, ordered relief to be started on the same lines as at Adóni. Employment is still available in villages in clearing nuth grass, but only the able-bodied males can find labour on this work and rain will soon put a stop to it. In Bellary and Hospet taluks sugarcane cutting and the conversion of its juice into jaggery employs a large number of men and cattle. In Sanduru State the local demand for labour not being sufficient, the Administrator has opened an ordinary road work, and the authorities of the Komaraswamy temple have also opened some forest works. Some are also employed in clearing and deepening wells. I shall visit the State next week.

Measures of relief.

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

Taluks.	Number employed		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni	14,995	19,122	The increase is large but this must be expected owing to diminished local demand for labour. My estimate was a daily average of 50,000 throughout April.
Alúr	21,918	23,879	
Bellary	4,398	5,437	
Hospet	2,975	3,892	
Hadagani	1,437	1,596	
Kúdligi	..	235	
Total ..	45,718	54,161	

Gratuitous Relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluks.	Number relieved							
	At kitchens.				In poor-houses.		In villages.	
	Dependants.		Others.					
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.
Adóni	1,209	1,355	..	145	Increase due to opening of central kitchens and the location of kitchens on works in suitable centres.			
Alúr	898	1,547	50	403				
Bellary	187	356	..	145				
Hospet	328	351	..	18				
Hadagalli	91	57	..	10				
Kúdligi	..	42	..	..				
Total ..	2,713	3,708	50	721				

Taluks.	Number of villages in which relief was given		Weavers' relief.			
			Number of persons relieved.		Number of cloths manufactured.	
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	In the period.	Up to date.
Adóni	Adóni ..	Adóni ..	780	848	1,013	8,764

Note.—Increase due to decrease of local demand for cloths.

Private charity.—The Bellary public kitchen was closed from the 1st instant and a Government kitchen has been opened in its stead. There are upwards of 240 on its rolls.

Paramma continues to feed daily about 150 paupers chiefly children. Thirty persons were relieved in Adóni from the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund and a few in Alúr.

General Remarks.

The Kowtalam-Kupgal road in Adóni taluk, the Gowripore-Kúdligi road in Hospet taluk and the Bandri-Somalapur road work in Kúdligi taluk were opened as relief works during the fortnight. The Holagundi-Hebbatam road work was to have been opened on the 15th instant, but report of the actual opening has not yet been received. One more kitchen was attached to the Madhavaram and Nandavaram works, respectively. The Nandavaram work having proceeded farther to the north, the Yemmiganuru-Kosgi road has been ordered to be opened so as to afford employment nearer their homes to the people round Yemmiganur. The Adóni Municipal work having been completed, the gangs have been transferred to the section of the Madhavaram road near Adóni. A kitchen has been ordered on the Siruguppa road at Sanvarpuram but it has not yet been opened. The Tahsildar of Hadagalli proposes to open one or two more works in his taluk but the Head Assistant Collector promises to report later after personal inspection.

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

Taluks.	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.		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.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			8	9	10	11	12	13			14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.				Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Adóni	7	1,060	4	330	73	15,916			78	6,165	67	4,590	685	62,315			85	7,225	61	4,920	758	78,231	1	2
Alúr	16	8,700	5	800	69	24,300			1,028	1,12,015	846	88,650	1,414	2,05,900			1,044	1,15,715	851	89,450	1,483	2,30,206	:	5
Bellary	6	600	5	475	48	9,650			220	20,445	182	19,196	1,014	1,42,225			206	21,045	187	19,670	1,060	1,51,876	:	5
Rayadrug	22	4,950	22	2,475	74	19,000			109	13,640	109	13,640	163	28,165			131	18,590	131	16,115	237	47,166	:	22
Hospet	7	1,400	7	700	26	6,360			11	850	9	650	48	3,780			18	2,250	16	1,260	74	9,140	:	7
Kúdligi	1	160	:	:	8	1,450			:	:	:	:	3	450			1	160	:	:	11	1,900	:	:
Harpanahalli	:	:	:	:	2	500			31	3,980	:	:	45	6,100			81	3,980	30	3,730	47	5,600	:	:
Hadagalli	2	200	2	100	41	9,000			33	4,790	30	4,355	196	32,190			85	4,990	32	4,455	237	41,190	:	:
Total	61	12,070	45	4,880	339	85,176			1,490	1,61,985	1,263	1,34,810	3,568	4,80,125			1,551	1,93,955	1,308	1,39,690	3,907	6,65,801	1	41

Taluks.	Purchase of fodder.						Cattle, seed-grain and iron ploughs.						Total.						Number of wells.	
	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.		
1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39		
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		
Adóni	..	..	..	..	33	2,140	..	..	..	..	85	2,860	..	..	..	..	118	6,000		
Alúr	41	2,017	87	1,817	254	19,084	..	1,785	16	1,995	2	1,800	64	3,812	63	3,812	256	21,384		
Bellary	17	625	16	605	408	16,460	13	..	..	..	..	..	17	625	16	605	416	16,460		
Rayadrug	..	..	..	..	10	750	..	..	..	..	6	360	..	..	..	..	15	1,110		
Hospet	..	..	..	..	80	8,669	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	86	3,669		
Kúdligi	41	1,320	40	1,300	68	1,083	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	1,320	40	1,300	68	1,083		
Harpanahalli	3	150	3	150	9	490	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	150	3	150	9	490		
Hadagalli	8	455	6	400	66	2,855	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	455	6	400	66	2,365		
Total	110	4,497	102	4,172	922	47,321	13	1,785	16	1,995	92	6,020	123	6,282	118	6,167	1,014	62,341		

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Taluks and places visited—By the Collector.—Tumati, Avinamadugu, Vitlapur, Hirehalu, Virapur, Antapur-Vaddu road work, Ganglapuram, Chintakunta, Yerur, Sirugapuram, Námakkal, Chippigiri Beldona, Nagardona and the Alúr-Chippagiri work.

Deputy Collector, Adóni.—Peddatumbalam, Chinnatumbalam, Rachmori, Sugur, Chilakaladona, Nandavaram, Yemmiganur, Adóni-Madhavaram road work (two sections) and Nandavaram road work and six kitchens.

Deputy Collector, Bellary Division.—Bodavahal, Somalapuram, Hiradahal, Halakundi, Kolur, Somasamudram, Paramadevanahalli, Kukkabevinahalli, Bevinahalli, Bisalahalli, Sanganakal, Marur, Korlagundi and Dummur; the kitchens attached to Siruguppa, Gooty and Moka road works.

Head Assistant Collector, Hospet.—On account of the accumulation of arrears both in the Revenue, Magisterial and Local Fund work consequent upon the jamabandi of Harpanahalli taluk, he was not able to make much touring. He has disposed of the arrears and promises to go out on tour.

Resolution—dated 7th May 1897, No. 346.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. During the fortnight under report showers fell throughout the district, and the Collector reports that they "will do some good in the matter of drinking-water." The supply is generally sufficient, except in parts of Alúr, Bellary, Hospet, Kúdligi and Sandur where want of water is much felt. The Board notes with satisfaction that the Collector recognises the need for action in improving the sources of supply, and that he is not satisfied with what is being done. He is hampered by want of funds. The early orders of Government are requested on B.P., dated 12th April 1897, No. 1374, Land Revenue, wherein the Board strongly supported the Collector's proposal to utilise surplus pound funds for this purpose. The rain has encouraged ryots to prepare their fields for the next sowings, nuth grass is being removed in parts, and second-crop paddy has been harvested, but there appears to be but little agricultural employment.

3. Pasture is *nil*, except in Sandur, and fodder is generally scanty, but the better class of cattle is reported to be still in good condition. Inferior classes are showing signs of deterioration. There is a tendency to sell, but the supply is far greater than the demand.

4. Prices are rising, and stocks of yellow cholam are failing. Importation is fairly brisk, but the grain brought in is said to be of inferior quality. The following statement shows the position of prices:—

	Measures per rupee.	
	Rice.	Cholam (average of white and yellow).
Standard rate	13·2	30·0
Warning „	10·6	22·5
Scarcity „	7·9	15·0
Current „	9·0	11·9
April 1892	8·9	15·3

5. The condition of the people is reported to be generally good, except where relief-workers have been sharing wages with dependants. It is satisfactory to note that the latter are now more ready to attend kitchens than they have been, and this tendency, together with the higher rate of wages lately sanctioned and the organisation of village relief, should stop any further deterioration. Under the present policy of relief, all those who have lately been supported by the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund will be transferred to Government relief, leaving the fund to be devoted to other more appropriate objects. The numbers on relief-works have increased by 8,443 or

18 per cent., and there can be no doubt that with agricultural operations practically at an end, and the higher wages now offered (the effect of which has not yet had time to be felt), these numbers will swell very considerably in the next few weeks. Small-pox and cholera have broken out in parts. It is to be hoped that the measures adopted by the Collector will keep the relief camps free from infection.

6. The Collector's action in opening relief for weavers in Yemmiganur and its neighbourhood is approved.

7. The condition of the Head Assistant Collector's division is critical, and it is probable that an extension of relief is necessary there. The Divisional Officer has been unable to tour sufficiently to keep himself in touch with his charge owing to the pressure of office work, and the Collector should report whether he ought to be relieved of his ordinary duties. The Head Assistant Collector has reported his opinion that there was no need to open central kitchens. This matter probably will be reconsidered.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. BUCKLEY,
Famine Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ Collector of Bellary.
Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.
„ „ Collectors of other affected districts.

ORDER—No. 399, Revenue, dated 28th May 1897.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded.

2. The Financial Department will be requested to pass early orders on Board's Proceedings, No. 1374, dated 12th April 1897 (Land Revenue).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
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