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Fortnightly Narrative.

*Recording, with remarks, the — of the Bellary
Dt. for the period ending 15th January 1897*

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- (i) Arrange mats should be made for hutting relief workers who have to walk a long distance to the works; and
- (ii) Before suspending or fining the work should consider the circumstances of each case. *He should also state his reasons for such action. It may be the best way to put the merit of the case to rest.*

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SUBJECT.

To the Board (Sett) the task is clear Fortnightly narrative. *Des. 12.2.97. P.C. Des. 20.2.97*
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Submitting to Govern-
ment with remarks
— of Bellary District
for period ending 15th January 1897

I myself think that we ought
to start as many village works as
we can so that the people may not
have to go far to get work — See also that
is said about the men having to maintain
their children and by their wages. *3/2/97*
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the children should be brought to kitchens on the works.

if this can be arranged for for want of adequate hutting arrangements, relief should be given to the children & old people in the villages. I also think that we want to improve the housing in the villages

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It is, I think, probable that all that the Hon. Mr. Blair recommends is wanted. But, I don't like to give any agreement to learn for myself in the spot, the position of affairs. I expect to be in the Bellary dist. on the 19th Inst.

10.2.97

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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 15th January 1897.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Rainfall and water-supply.—There was no rain during the fortnight in any part of the district. Drinking water supply is scanty in some villages of the Ramadurgam and Peddahotur firkas of Alúr taluk and in several villages of Hadagalli and Kúdligi taluks and four villages in Harpanahalli taluk. Elsewhere it is generally sufficient. Supply for irrigation purposes is sufficient in river-fed channels and tanks and moderate in wells. (Other sources are dry except in the south of Harpanahalli and parts of Bellary Division.

Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops—Adóni division.—Cotton pickings are going on. Standing cotton on light soil is fair, that on the other soils is bad in Adóni and is withering in Alúr. The bulk of white cholum in Adóni and Alúr is withering. Castor-oil plants are doing fairly well. Speaking generally, I am afraid there is no chance whatever for the cholum sown at the end of November. It is now only about a foot high and cannot come to maturity without further rain.

Bellary Division.—Second crop paddy is being sown under wells and Hagari channels in Rayadrug taluk. Wet crops in Rayadrug taluk and dry crops in both the taluks except Kurugode firka of Bellary taluk are at present in good condition. Late sown horse-gram, white cholum, cotton and Bengal-gram are stated to be in need of rain in Rayadrug range. In Rayadrug taluk outturn of harvested paddy and ragi is 10 annas and of oil-seeds 5 annas.

Hospet Division.—Lands have been and are being ploughed up for next year in Harpanahalli, Kúdligi and Hadagalli. Horse-gram is being harvested in some villages of Hadagalli; Paddy in Hospet and sugarcane in parts of Hansi firka in Kúdligi and Kadlabal firka in Hadagalli, estimated yield being bad to middling. Standing crops are fair in Harpanahalli except in twelve affected villages. In other taluks castor, cotton, gram and dholl, poor to bad. White cholum looks straggling and ready to wither for want of rain. Sugarcane under wells in Hospet and Kúdligi is partially withering. Other crops under wells are doing fairly.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni Division.—Pasture not available. Dry fodder may last for three months in Adóni and is very scarce in Alúr. The condition of stall-fed cattle is generally fair and that of others is tolerable in Adóni and bad in Alúr.

Bellary Division.—Pasture and fodder are available to a small extent in dry villages. Hill grass and prickly-pear are being used in some villages of Bellary taluk. Cattle in Bellary are getting emaciated. Cattle disease is prevalent in two villages of Rayadrug taluk with fourteen attacks and one death.

Hospet Division.—No pasture except in south of Harpanahalli and to a small extent in villages bordering on river channels. Fodder is very scarce in some affected villages in Hospet, in Hansi firka of Kúdligi and in Holagundi and Kadlabal firkas of Hadagalli; elsewhere sufficient. Condition of cattle generally good except in Hospet.

General Remarks.—As regards cotton and white cholum, the prospects are not on the whole encouraging. The rainy season having entirely past, *hingari* crops sown subsequently to November rains will produce little or nothing beyond fodder. No unusual mortality among cattle is expected except in Hospet, Bellary and Alúr. Cattle have been largely sent away to Mysore and other places for grazing. There is demand for ploughing cattle in Rayadrug.

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 January 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholum.		Yellow cholum.		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	8-60	9-67	13-43	12-90	15-58	14-51	19-35	18-12	Except in Kódligi and Rayadrug the prices are generally rising except in the case of rice. The fall in Rayadrug and Kódligi is probably due to imports from Mysore Territory. The rise in the price of rice in Bellary is due to absence of imports. The rise in the price of other articles is but natural considering the state of the season. There is also large export from Adóni to Northern India.
Alúr	8-10	9-18	12-36	11-85	14-42	13-39	..	..	
Bellary	9-72	9-18	13-39	12-36	14-42	14-42	18-43	15-52	
Rayadrug	9-18	9-72	12-36	13-91	13-39	15-45	15-52	16-49	
Hospet	8-64	8-64	14-42	13-39	15-45	14-94	17-46	16-49	
Kódligi	8-64	8-64	..	..	15-45	16-48	17-46	17-46	
Harpanahalli	9-72	9-72	..	..	16-48	15-97	21-34	20-86	
Hadagalli	9-72	9-72	..	..	16-48	15-45	..	..	
Average	9-04	9-36	13-19	12-88	15-51	15-07	18-26	17-15	

Activity of trade.—Except in Rayadrug, private trade is not very active.

Imports and Exports by rail.—Estimated in bags:—

	Imports.		Exports.	
	Bellary.	Adóni.	Bellary.	Adóni.
Cholum	1,532	126	..	637
Rice	..	69	..	190
Cumbu	..	479	..	495
Other	..	606	..	375

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—During the fortnight, I have seen the people on the following works:—

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| (1) Chinna Tambalam | } Adóni taluk. |
| (2) Balasaloddi | |
| (3) Adóni road work | |
| (4) Adóni weavers | |
| (5) Harivanum... | Alúr taluk. |

The people on works Nos. 1 and 2 are on the whole in poor condition and the Executive Engineer who saw them a month previously thinks that they have deteriorated. I noticed two cases of decided emaciation. One was a typical case of a man

who had to walk eight or nine miles to and from the work and had to support several children at home on famine wage. I am making systematic enquiries and having registers prepared under sections 65 and 73 of the Famine Code with a view to ascertaining the number of people in villages in affected tracts who are in need of kitchen or village relief. When the returns are received, I shall be in a position to decide how many central kitchens are required. The people on works Nos. 3, 4 and 5 are on the whole in fair condition. The labourer of the Ceded Districts is not usually troubled with superfluous flesh, and considering the reluctance of these people to live on the works and the continual exercise which is thereby entailed on them, not to speak of the children which they have to feed, it is not to be wondered at that they should grow spare and lean on the famine wage. Another month will show whether the deterioration in physique, which is now becoming noticeable, will stop where it is or increase. The condition of the workers is being very carefully watched. The Famine Commissioner and the Sanitary Commissioner have seen all these people. The Head Assistant Collector reports unfavourably on the condition of the people on the Narayanadévarakeri work.

In villages.—Generally good. The Head Assistant Collector reports that the people at Bellahunsi, Hadagalli taluk, are in bad condition. A test relief work was started in this locality on the 20th November 1896 and closed as a failure. I am consulting the Head Assistant Collector about starting it again at an early date.

Sickness and Mortality.—Public health is generally good. There are no cases of death reported from starvation. The death-rate in Alúr is increasing, the increase appearing under "other causes." This points to the necessity of opening central kitchens under section 65. I have already ordered one at Alúr and called for immediate proposals from Divisional Officers for opening others in suitable localities.

Remarks.—The test works referred to in the last report, viz., Adóni-Alúr road and Gadiganur road have been started. One more work having been considered necessary between Aspari and Alúr, orders have been issued to start the Aspari-Alúr road work beginning near Aspari and working towards Alúr. The Deputy Collector, Adóni, has been requested to start a work in the north-eastern portion of Adóni taluk to provide employment for people in that locality. The Head Assistant Collector has also been requested to report if any more works are needed.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

1. *On works.*—In what taluks open, and comparison of numbers:—

Taluks.	Number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni—			
Municipal road works	482	738	Narayanadévarakeri tank work was personally inspected by the Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Spencer, and reported to be unnecessary as a relief work. It was accordingly ordered to be closed. There is a general rise in the number of coolies on all the works in Adóni, Alúr and Bellary taluks and this is due to the cessation of agricultural operations. The slight fall on Balasaloddi work does not call for remarks being perhaps due to some of them having gone to pick cotton. The fall in Harivanum work was due partly to cotton season and partly to the Local Fund Engineer having erroneously opened an ordinary work there; the latter has been ordered to be closed. The fluctuation on other works is small and calls for no remark.
Balasaloddi tank	431	401	
Adóni-Madhavaram road	1,599	1,916	
Alúr—			
Alúr-Chippigiri road, Northern section	4,296	2,283	
Do. do. Southern section	..	2,253	
Halharni-Moka road	2,408	2,543	
Harivanum-Baruvi road	1,273	848	
Alúr-Adóni road	..	577	
Bellary—			
Bellary-Siruguppa road	831	866	
Bellary-Moka road	728	801	
Hospet—			
Daraji-Metri road	689	653	
Narayanadévarakeri tank	101	73	
Gadiganur road	..	204	
Hadagalli—			
Devagondanahalli tank	396	375	
Total	13,229	14,531	

2. *Gratuitous relief*.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluka.	Number relieved.				Remarks.
	At kitchens.		Weavers.		
	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	This fort-night.	Last fort-night.	
Adóni	505	225	..	..	The increase is due to the opening of more kitchens so as to provide kitchens to the labourers' children near the work spot.
Alár	506	192	..	..	
Bellary	112	89	..	..	
Hospet	50	..	..	..	
Total ..	1,173	506	..	..	
Adóni	..	..	774	880	Fall due to demand for cloth being the Hindu marriage season.

3. *Private Charity*.—The number of inmates in the private kitchen opened by the Bellary public is 204 against 140 in the previous fortnight. The number daily fed by Paramma is 300 against 200 in the last fortnight.

Remarks.—As regards the payment of wages below the minimum for short work, I have nothing to add to my previous reports. As reported in my letter, No. 8-G & B, dated 5th January 1897, read in B.P., Mis. No. 235, dated 11th January 1897, orders have been issued not to allow the payment to fall below the minimum except in proved cases of neglect on the part of the coolies.

INSPECTIONS—TALUKS AND PLACES VISITED.

Deputy Collector, Adóni.—*Adóni Taluk*.—Chinna Tambalam and Mallapalli villages and the Adóni-Madhavaram road work and Adóni Municipal road works. *Alúr taluk*.—Kammerchedu village and the Alúr-Adóni road work.

Deputy Collector, Bellary—Rayadrug Taluk.—Rayadrug, Kallyam, Somalupur and Badanhal. *Bellary Taluk.*—Halkundi, Heraduhai, Herahal, Kolur, Madiri, Kurugodu, Vaddihatti, Badanahal, Bylore, Dammur, Kaggal, Gududur, Hundihal, Channahal, Bellary-Siruguppa road work and Bellary-Moka road work.

Head Assistant Collector—Hospet Taluk.—Narayanadévarakeri and Hospet. *Hadagalli Taluk.*—Marabbihal, Byulukundi, Hampaságaram, Huvinahadagalli, Devagondanahalli, Holagundi, Uttangi, Ittigi. *Harpanahalli Taluk.*—Alabur. *Kúdligi Taluk.*—Ambali, Benur, Duparuhalu, Timmalapur, Gajapuram, Kandugal, Busupuram, Akkapuram, Devalapuram, Badaladaku, Moluchinta, Moruba, Ammankeri, Kúdligi, Narayanadévarakeri and Devagondanahalli relief-works.

Collector.—Adóni, Chinna Tambalam, Balasaladoddi, Harivanum and Mallapalli to inspect the relief-works with the Commissioner.

General Remarks.—A large number of people in Bellary taluk have left their villages and gone to Mysore and other places to earn their livelihood. The number comes to about 900 in thirteen villages. In about 120 cases, whole families have emigrated, and in about 60 cases, portions of families have gone away leaving their women and children behind. About 40 of these families have taken their cattle also along with them. The majority have left very recently after the relief-works were started owing, it is reported, to the insufficiency of the famine wage. Some of these people were formerly on the Siruguppa road work. These villages are at a short distance (2 to 8 miles) from the scene of work. The number that has thus gone exceeds 10 per cent. in a few villages. There are some able-bodied people, chiefly women burdened with a number of children, in some villages. They do not come to works, depending on the wages earned by other members of their families or on what may be sent to them by their relations who have gone to Mysore Territory, &c., where they earn higher wages.

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

Taluka.	Repair and construction of wells.						Other purposes.						Total.		Number of wells.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending enquiry.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending enquiry.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending enquiry.		Constructed or repaired.	Under construction or repair.
	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	..	..	..	..	27	Rs. 6,100	..	Rs. 800	..	Rs. 400	125	Rs. 12,520	..	Rs. 800	..	Rs. 400	162	Rs. 18,620	..	..
Alur	..	..	..	..	64	23,350	..	150	..	1,705	2,42,930	..	150	..	150	1,789	2,65,440	..	..	
Bellary	..	..	..	..	57	9,250	..	100	..	597	87,930	..	597	..	1	150	634	96,540	..	..
Kayadrug	..	..	..	..	12	750	..	..	..	49	12,050	..	49	..	..	..	61	12,810	..	..
Hospet	..	..	..	..	12	1,910	..	..	..	37	2,055	..	37	..	..	..	49	3,965	..	..
Kadlgi	..	..	..	..	7	1,100	..	..	..	..	1	25	..	..	..	..	8	1,125	..	..
Harpanahalli	..	..	..	..	4	4,600	..	..	..	..	34	4,650	..	..	..	..	88	5,250	..	..
Hadagalli	..	..	..	..	22	3,810	..	..	..	..	99	15,975	..	..	..	..	121	19,785	..	..
Total	7	1,200	..	..	195	46,870	6	1,050	4	550	2,657	76,955	13	2,250	4	550	2,852	4,23,825	1	1

Taluka.	Purchase of fodder.						Catle and seed-grain and iron ploughs.						Total.					
	Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending enquiry.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending enquiry.		Applications accepted.		Loans disbursed.		Applications pending enquiry.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	
Adoni	..	..	..	..	..	Rs. 7,898	..	Rs. 1,785	..	Rs. 1,995	..	Rs. 1,675	..	Rs. 1,785	..	Rs. 1,995	..	Rs. 9,773
Alur	..	..	..	..	..	129	..	..	..	147	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,710
Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	132
Kayadrug	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	147
Hospet	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75
Kadlgi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,839
Harpanahalli	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,135
Hadagalli	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
Total	..	..	..	..	230	11,862	13	1,785	16	1,995	156	7,885	13	1,785	16	1,995	386	19,747

Note.—The Tahsildars and Divisional Officers have been requested to dispose of the large number of applications pending as soon as possible. Additional Revenue Inspectors have been appointed—three for Alur, one for Adoni, one for Hadgalli and one for Bellary taluks; one more has been sanctioned for Bellary and will soon be appointed.

RESOLUTION—dated 25th January 1897, No. 52.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The statement appended shows that with the November rainfall the deficiency in the area of land sown has been considerably reduced; but in the Alúr, Bellary and Rayadrug taluks, the short-fall is still very large; whilst in the Adóni, Alúr and Bellary taluks the area of second sowings has been greater than usual. The outturn of the early crop has not yet been definitely reported by the Collector, but the cotton crop is poor and being picked at least two months earlier than usual; whilst the prospect of the white cholum sown at the beginning of December is miserable. It may produce a little fodder; no more. The Commissioner regretted to find that even under the most favourable circumstances—as when dry crops are sown in the bed of the large Daroji tank—the prospects of anything coming to maturity are very small.

3. Pasturage and fodder are scarce all over the eastern half of the district, and in the Alúr and Bellary taluks the cattle are in bad condition; but many have been sent away to Mysore for grazing.

4. Prices, though easier than they were in the middle of December, are again hardening and, should trade revive with the north, must be expected to rise again.

Prices in seers of 80 tolas per rupee.			
Grains.	December 19th.	January 2nd.	January 16th.
Cholum	13-3	14-4	14-2
Ragi	16-8	17-8	17-4

5. The condition of the people as reported is not satisfactory, and demands constant watchfulness on the part of the District officers to guard against any serious deterioration, and the Collector's action in suspending the operation of the rules regarding fining being carried beyond the minimum wage has the Board's approval; whilst, from his remarks

regarding the distances the people have to travel, it would appear necessary to open more works in the most affected tracts. There is no doubt that a large proportion of the workers at Chinnatambalam are in poor condition. The Collector noticed deterioration in the coolies at Harivanum and the Executive Engineer in those at Balasabadoddi. The condition of some of the workers at Daroji is unsatisfactory. It is to be expected that old men and women will be often in bad condition, but when girls of 8 to 15 years are distinctly emaciated, it is plain that watchfulness is necessary. There are cases of sore-eyes at Daroji which should be looked to. The condition of the people, poorer ryots included, in the Antapur valley of Hospet is said to be bad; Mr. Spencer is going to look into it. The number of relief-workers is now increasing considerably, having been 13,337 on December 26th and 15,638 on January 16th. The numbers must now, the Board fears, be expected to go on increasing until the end of May, and the Public Works Department should be prepared for this at all points.

6. Loan applications continue to come in and as yet the progress made in the disposal thereof has been small. It is hoped that, with the progress made in the appointed for inquiring into the applications, rapid progress may be made, especially with the land improvement loans, as a means of affording employment to the people in their own villages.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Bellary.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.

" " Chief Engineer.

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APPENDIX.

STATEMENT of the areas sown in the Bellary district in 1896 up to December compared with the average to that date and the average for the whole year.

Taluku.	First crop.					
	Dry.			Wet.		
	Up to December.		Annual average.	Up to December.		Annual average.
	1896.	Average.		1896.	Average.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Adóni	ACS. 307,486	ACS. 319,069	ACS. 328,364	ACS. 1,785	ACS. 2,549	ACS. 2,852
Alúr	259,474	297,698	306,804	7	228	253
Bellary	284,113	382,809	392,118	4,087	4,205	4,364
Rayadrug	163,084	226,402	218,535	8,199	9,411	9,752
Hospet	63,474	93,535	93,968	13,508	13,692	14,023
Hadagalli	232,879	228,272	230,931	1,205	1,175	1,373
Harpanahalli	194,425	183,884	187,500	3,515	3,327	3,413
Kódligi	158,580	155,787	162,286	4,602	5,234	6,112
Total	1,663,515	1,887,456	1,920,506	36,908	39,821	42,142

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	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Alór	19,512	4,138	4,767	..	10	24
Bellary	13,455	1,998	2,863	15	41	773
Rayadrug	4,643	1,018	2,868	129	257	4,373
Hospet	202	279	710	174	503	1,101
Hadagalli	1,615	548	662	111	48	98
Harpanahalli	2,560	1,107	1,178	621	78	215
Kúdligi	138	145	465	19	73	812
Total	78,188	15,032	19,927	1,189	1,349	8,510

NOTE.—Annual averages worked out in the Board's office.

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Agricultural operations and condition of standing crops—Adóni division.—Cotton pickings are going on. Standing cotton on light soil is fair, that on the other soils is bad in Adóni and is withering in Alúr. The bulk of white cholum in Adóni and Alúr is withering. Castor-oil plants are doing fairly well. Speaking generally, I am afraid there is no chance whatever for the cholum sown at the end of November. It is now only about a foot high and cannot come to maturity without further rain.

Bellary Division.—Second crop paddy is being sown under wells and Hagari channels in Rayadrug taluk. Wet crops in Rayadrug taluk and dry crops in both the taluks except Kurugode firka of Bellary taluk are at present in good condition. Late sown horse-gram, white cholum, cotton and Bengal-gram are stated to be in need of rain in Rayadrug range. In Rayadrug taluk outturn of harvested paddy and ragi is 10 annas and of oil-seeds 5 annas.

Hospet Division.—Lands have been and are being ploughed up for next year in Harpanahalli, Kúdligi and Hadagalli. Horse-gram is being harvested in some villages of Hadagalli; Paddy in Hospet and sugarcane in parts of Hansi firka in Kúdligi and Kadlabal firka in Hadagalli, estimated yield being bad to middling. Standing crops are fair in Harpanahalli except in twelve affected villages. In other taluks castor, cotton, gram and dholl, poor to bad. White cholum looks straggling and ready to wither for want of rain. Sugarcane under wells in Hospet and Kúdligi is partially withering. Other crops under wells are doing fairly.

Supply of fodder and pasture and condition of cattle—Adóni Division.—Pasture not available. Dry fodder may last for three months in Adóni and is very scarce in Alúr. The condition of stall-fed cattle is generally fair and that of others is tolerable in Adóni and bad in Alúr.

Bellary Division.—Pasture and fodder are available to a small extent in dry villages. Hill grass and prickly-pear are being used in some villages of Bellary taluk. Cattle in Bellary are getting emaciated. Cattle disease is prevalent in two villages of Rayadrug taluk with fourteen attacks and one death.

Hospet Division.—No pasture except in south of Harpanahalli and to a small extent in villages bordering on river channels. Fodder is very scarce in some affected villages in Hospet, in Hansi firka of Kúdligi and in Hagundi and Kadlabal firkas of Hadagalli; elsewhere sufficient. Condition of cattle generally good except in Hospet.

General Remarks.—As regards cotton and white cholum, the prospects are not on the whole encouraging. The rainy season having entirely past, *hingari* crops sown subsequently to November rains will produce little or nothing beyond fodder. No unusual mortality among cattle is expected except in Hospet, Bellary and Alúr. Cattle have been largely sent away to Mysore and other places for grazing. There is demand for ploughing cattle in Rayadrug.

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 January 1897.

Stations.	Rice.		White cholum.		Yellow cholum.		Ragi.		Remarks.
	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	End of last fort-night.	End of current fort-night.	
Adóni	8-60	9-67	13-43	12-90	15-53	14-51	19-35	16-12	Except in Kúdligi and Rayadrug the prices are generally rising except in the case of rice. The fall in Rayadrug and Kúdligi is probably due to imports from Mysore Territory. The rise in the price of rice in Bellary is due to absence of imports. The rise in the price of other articles is but natural considering the state of the season. There is also large export from Adóni to Northern India.
Alúr	8-10	9-18	12-36	11-85	14-42	13-39	..	..	
Bellary	9-72	9-18	13-39	12-36	14-42	14-42	18-43	15-52	
Rayadrug ..	9-18	9-72	12-36	13-91	13-39	15-45	15-52	16-49	
Hospet	8-64	8-64	14-42	13-39	15-45	14-94	17-46	16-49	
Kúdligi	8-64	8-64	..	..	15-45	16-48	17-46	17-46	
Harpanahalli ..	9-72	9-72	..	..	16-48	15-97	21-34	20-86	
Hadagalli ..	9-72	9-72	..	..	16-48	15-45	..	..	
Average ..	9-04	9-30	13-19	12-68	15-51	15-07	18-26	17-15	

Activity of trade.—Except in Rayadrug, private trade is not very active.

Imports and Exports by rail.—Estimated in bags:—

	Imports.		Exports.	
	Bellary.	Adóni.	Bellary.	Adóni.
Cholum	1,532	126	..	637
Rice	..	69	..	190
Cumbu	..	479	..	495
Other	..	606	..	375

CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.

On works.—During the fortnight, I have seen the people on the following works:—

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|---------------------|---|--------------|
| (1) Chinna Tambalam | } | Adóni taluk. |
| (2) Balasaladoddi | | |
| (3) Adóni road work | } | Alúr taluk. |
| (4) Adóni weavers | | |
| (5) Harivanam | | |

The people on works Nos. 1 and 2 are on the whole in poor condition and the Executive Engineer who saw them a month previously thinks that they have deteriorated. I noticed two cases of decided emaciation. One was a typical case of a man

who had to walk eight or nine miles to and from the work and had to support several children at home on famine wage. I am making systematic enquiries and having registers prepared under sections 65 and 73 of the Famine Code with a view to ascertaining the number of people in villages in affected tracts who are in need of kitchen or village relief. When the returns are received, I shall be in a position to decide how many central kitchens are required. The people on works Nos. 3, 4 and 5 are on the whole in fair condition. The labourer of the Ceded Districts is not usually troubled with superfluous flesh, and considering the reluctance of these people to live on the works and the continual exercise which is thereby entailed on them, not to speak of the children which they have to feed, it is not to be wondered at that they should grow spare and lean on the famine wage. Another month will show whether the deterioration in physique, which is now becoming noticeable, will stop where it is or increase. The condition of the workers is being very carefully watched. The Famine Commissioner and the Sanitary Commissioner have seen all these people. The Head Assistant Collector reports unfavourably on the condition of the people on the Narayanadévarakeri work.

In villages.—Generally good. The Head Assistant Collector reports that the people at Bellahunsi, Hadagalli taluk, are in bad condition. A test relief work was started in this locality on the 20th November 1896 and closed as a failure. I am consulting the Head Assistant Collector about starting it again at an early date.

Sickness and Mortality.—Public health is generally good. There are no cases of death reported from starvation. The death-rate in Alúr is increasing, the increase appearing under "other causes." This points to the necessity of opening central kitchens under section 65. I have already ordered one at Alúr and called for immediate proposals from Divisional Officers for opening others in suitable localities.

Remarks.—The test works referred to in the last report, viz., Adóni-Alúr road and Gadiganur road have been started. One more work having been considered necessary between Aspari and Alúr, orders have been issued to start the Aspari-Alúr road work beginning near Aspari and working towards Alúr. The Deputy Collector, Adóni, has been requested to start a work in the north-eastern portion of Adóni taluk to provide employment for people in that locality. The Head Assistant Collector has also been requested to report if any more works are needed.

MEASURES OF RELIEF.

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

Taluk.	Number employed.		Remarks.
	Last fortnight.	This fortnight.	
Adóni—			
Municipal road works	482	738	Narayanadévarakeri tank work was personally inspected by the Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Spencer, and reported to be unnecessary as a relief work. It was accordingly ordered to be closed. There is a general rise in the number of coolies on all the works in Adóni, Alúr and Bellary taluks and this is due to the cessation of agricultural operations. The slight fall on Balasaladoddi work does not call for remarks being perhaps due to some of them having gone to pick cotton. The fall in Harivanum work was due partly to cotton season and partly to the Local Fund Engineer having erroneously opened an ordinary work there; the latter has been ordered to be closed. The fluctuation on other works is small and calls for no remark.
Balasaladoddi tank	431	401	
Adóni-Madhavaram road	1,599	1,916	
Alúr—			
Alúr-Chippigiri road, Northern section	4,296	2,283	
Do. do. Southern section	..	2,253	
Halharni-Moka road	2,403	2,543	
Harivanum-Barovi road	1,273	848	
Alúr-Adóni road	..	577	
Bellary—			
Bellary-Siruguppa road	831	866	
Bellary-Moka road	728	801	
Hospet—			
Daraji-Metri road	689	653	
Narayanadévarakeri tank	101	73	
Gadiganur road	..	204	
Hadagalli—			
Devagondanahalli tank	396	875	
Total	13,229	14,531	

2. Gratuitous relief.—Numbers relieved at kitchens and otherwise :—

Taluk.	Number relieved.				Remarks.
	At kitchens.		Weavers.		
	This fort- night.	Last fort- night.	This fort- night.	Last fort- night.	
Adóni	505	225	..	..	The increase is due to the opening of more kitchens so as to provide kitchens to the labourers' children near the work spot.
Alór	506	192	..	..	
Bellary	112	89	..	..	
Hospet	50	..	..	..	
Total	1,173	506	..	..	
Adóni	..	..	774	880	Fall due to demand for cloth being the Hindu marriage season.

3. *Private Charity.*—The number of inmates in the private kitchen opened by the Bellary public is 204 against 140 in the previous fortnight. The number daily fed by Paramma is 300 against 200 in the last fortnight.

Remarks.—As regards the payment of wages below the minimum for short work, I have nothing to add to my previous reports. As reported in my letter, No. 8-G & B, dated 5th January 1897, read in B.P., Mis. No. 235, dated 11th January 1897, orders have been issued not to allow the payment to fall below the minimum except in proved cases of neglect on the part of the coolies.

INSPECTIONS—TALUKS AND PLACES VISITED.

Deputy Collector, Adóni—Adóni Taluk.—Chinna Tambalam and Mallapalli villages and the Adóni-Madhavaram road work and Adóni Municipal road works. *Alúr taluk.*—Kammerchedu village and the Alúr-Adóni road work.

Deputy Collector, Bellary—Rayadrug Taluk.—Rayadrug, Kallyam, Somalapur and Badanhal. *Bellary Taluk.*—Halkundi, Heraduhall, Herahal, Kolur, Madiri, Kurugodu, Vaddihatti, Badanahal, Bylore, Dammur, Kaggal, Gududur, Hundihal, Channahal, Bellary-Siruguppa road work and Bellary-Moka road work.

Head Assistant Collector—Hospet Taluk.—Narayanadévarakeri and Hospet. *Hadagalli Taluk.*—Marabbihal, Byulukundi, Hampaságaram, Huvinahadagalli, Devagondanahalli, Holagundi, Uttangi, Ittigi. *Harpanahalli Taluk.*—Alabur. *Kúdligi Taluk.*—Ambali, Benur, Duparuhallu, Timmalapur, Gajapuram, Kandugal, Busupuram, Akkapuram, Devalapuram, Badaladaku, Moluchinta, Moruba, Ammanakeri, Kúdligi, Narayanadévarakeri and Devagondanahalli relief-works.

Collector.—Adóni, Chinna Tambalam, Balasaladoddi, Harivanum and Mallapalli to inspect the relief-works with the Commissioner.

General Remarks.—A large number of people in Bellary taluk have left their villages and gone to Mysore and other places to earn their livelihood. The number comes to about 900 in thirteen villages. In about 120 cases, whole families have emigrated, and in about 60 cases, portions of families have gone away leaving their women and children behind. About 40 of these families have taken their cattle also along with them. The majority have left very recently after the relief-works were started owing, it is reported, to the insufficiency of the famine wage. Some of these people were formerly on the Siruguppa road work. These villages are at a short distance (2 to 8 miles) from the scene of work. The number that has thus gone exceeds 10 per cent. in a few villages. There are some able-bodied people, chiefly women burdened with a number of children, in some villages. They do not come to works, depending on the wages earned by other members of their families or on what may be sent to them by their relations who have gone to Mysore Territory, &c., where they earn higher wages.

Note.—The Tahsil-dars and Divisional Officers have been requested to dispose of the large number of applications pending for Aldr, one for Adóni, one for Hadagalli and one for Bellary taluks; one more has been sanctioned for Bellary and will soon be appointed. Additional Revenue Inspectors have been appointed—

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Submitted for the information of Government.

3. Pasturage and fodder are scarce all over the eastern half of the district, and in the Alúr and Bellary taluks the cattle are in bad condition ; but many have been sent away to Mysore for grazing.

... is expected to rise again.

5. The condition of the people as reported is not satisfactory, and demands constant watchfulness on the part of the District officers to guard against any serious deterioration, and the Collector's action in suspending the operation of the rules regarding fining being carried beyond the minimum wage has the Board's approval; whilst, from his remarks

6. Loan applications continue to come in and as yet the progress made in the disposal thereof has been small. It is hoped that, with the special establishments appointed for inquiring into the applications, rapid progress may be made, especially with the land improvement loans, as a means of affording employment to the people in their own villages.

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

Copy to the Sanitary Commissioner.
 " " Chief Engineer.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT of the areas sown in the Bellary district in 1896 up to December compared with the average to that date and the average for the whole year.

Taluka.	First crop.					
	Dry.			Wet.		
	Up to December.		Annual average.	Up to December.		Annual average.
	1896.	Average.		1896.	Average.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Adoni	ACS. 307,486	ACS. 319,069	ACS. 328,364	ACS. 1,785	ACS. 2,549	ACS. 2,852
Alur	259,474	297,698	306,804	7	228	253
Bellary	284,113	332,809	392,118	4,087	4,205	4,364
Rayadrug	163,084	226,402	218,535	8,199	9,411	9,752
Hospet	63,474	93,535	93,968	13,508	13,692	14,023
Hadagalli	232,879	228,272	230,931	1,205	1,175	1,373
Harpanahalli	194,425	183,884	187,500	3,515	3,327	3,413
Kudligi	158,580	155,787	162,286	4,602	5,234	6,112
Total	1,663,515	1,887,456	1,920,506	36,908	39,821	42,142

Taluka.	Second crop.					
	Dry.			Wet.		
	Up to December.		Annual average.	Up to December.		Annual average.
	1896.	Average.		1896.	Average.	
	8	9	10	11	12	13
Adoni	ACS. 36,063	ACS. 5,799	ACS. 6,414	ACS. 120	ACS. 339	ACS. 1,114
Alur	19,512	4,138	4,767	..	10	24
Bellary	13,455	1,998	2,863	15	41	773
Rayadrug	4,643	1,018	2,868	129	257	4,373
Hospet	202	279	710	174	503	1,101
Hadagalli	1,615	548	662	111	48	98
Harpanahalli	2,560	1,107	1,178	621	78	215
Kudligi	138	145	465	19	73	812
Total	78,188	15,032	19,927	1,189	1,349	8,510

NOTE.—Annual averages worked out in the Board's office.

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Miscellaneous.

Recorded with the following remarks:—

(i) Arrangements should be made for hutting relief-workers who have to walk a long distance to the works; and
(ii) Before suspending fining, the Collector should consider the circumstances of each case. He should also state his reasons for such action. It may be the preferable way to meet the necessities of the case either to reduce the task or the class of the gang.

(True Extract.)

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