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APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE GOVERNOR.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. B. HILL to act as District Judge, Mátara, and Additional Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Mátara, with effect from the 11th instant, during the absence of Mr. E. M. DE COUCY-SHORT on leave, or until further orders, and while so acting to be a Visitor of the Mátara Prison.

By His Excellency's command;

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
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HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. H. O. FOX to act as Assistant at Negombo to the Government Agent, Western Province, from 14th to 18th instant inclusive, during the absence of Mr. J. P. LEWIS on leave, or until further orders, and while so acting to be Assistant Collector of Customs, Negombo, Superintendent of the Prison at Negombo, a Visitor of the Post Offices in the District of Negombo, and Additional Superintendent of Police, Negombo.

By His Excellency's command,

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 6, 1895.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. W. H. MOOR to act as Police Magistrate, Colombo, with effect from May 11, 1895, during the employment of Mr. J. D. MASON on other duty, or until further orders, and while so acting to be a Visitor of the Prisons in Colombo.

By His Excellency's command,
E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 1, 1895.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. R. B. HELLINGS to act as Commissioner of Requests and Police Magistrate, Galle, and Municipal Magistrate, Galle, with effect from the 11th instant, during the employment of Mr. G. C. ROOSMALECOOQ on other duty, or until further orders.

By His Excellency's command,
E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 10, 1895.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to nominate Mr. E. CREASY, Acting Inspector-General of Police, to be Councillor of the Municipal Council of Colombo, in the place of

Major L. F. KNOLLYS, who has left the Island on leave of absence.

By His Excellency's command,
E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 9, 1895.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to nominate Mr. F. W. JOHNSON, Provincial Engineer, Southern Province, to be a Member of the Municipal Council, Galle, in the place of Mr. H. E. H. HAYES, who has left the Island.

By His Excellency's command,
E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 7, 1895.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Wanigasundara Appuhamilagé DON ELIAS, Police Vidané of Bopetta, to be an Inquirer into Deaths for the Judicial Districts of Colombo and Avisawella and Pasyala, *vice* DON THOMIS JAYAWARDANA, Inquirer into Deaths, resigned.

By His Excellency's command,
E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, May 7, 1895.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

A MEETING of the Legislative Council will be held at the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 16th instant, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Council Chamber,
Colombo, May 4, 1895.

By order,

H. L. CRAWFORD,
Clerk to the Legislative Council.

IN accordance with articles (c) and (d) of His Excellency the Governor's Amended Minute dated December 7, 1894, it is hereby notified that the rate of exchange which ruled on April 30 last was—

1s. 1 $\frac{7}{32}$ d.

Audit Office,
Colombo, May 9, 1895.

F. R. SAUNDERS,
Acting Auditor-General.

Return of Cooly Immigrants at the Ports of Colombo and Mannar during the under-mentioned Periods.

| Colombo. [Week ended May 8] | Arrivals. | Departures. |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Men | 1,261 | 1,269 |
| Women | 408 | 418 |
| Children | 466 | 144 |
| Infants | 123 | 71 |
| Mannar. [Week ended May 9] | 1,411 | 246 |

E. NOEL WALKER,
Colonial Secretary.

SEASON REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1895.

WESTERN PROVINCE.

COLOMBO DISTRICT.

Paddy : rain has helped the ploughing of fields, most of which have been sown for yala. The plants in low-lying fields sown early are thriving.

Dry grain : no cultivation, except a little kurakkan in Hewagam korale.

Other products : fruit and vegetables are scarce and dear generally.

Prices of staple products : rice, from Rs. 3.25 to Rs. 4 a bushel ; cocoanuts, from Rs. 35 to Rs. 40 per 1,000.

Rainfall : during the month there was sufficient rain.

Remarks on harvest prospects generally : prospects of a good harvest are before us.

NEGOMBO DISTRICT.

Paddy : yala harvest cultivation has commenced for this harvest. In Hapitigam korale some fields have already been sown.

Dry grain : some chenas are being prepared for cultivation in Hapitigam korale. No dry grain is cultivated in Alutkuru korale north.

Other products : fruit and vegetables are scarce.

Prices of staple products : rice, Rs. 3.25 to Rs. 4 per bushel ; cocoanuts, Rs. 35 to Rs. 40 per 1,000 ; paddy, Re. 1.75 per bushel.

Rainfall good, but more wanted.

Remarks on harvest prospects generally : fair.

KALUTARA DISTRICT.

Paddy : in the Pasdun korale the sowing for the yala harvest is nearly over. In the Kalutara Totamune the harvest is about one month old in some cases, and in some cases the fields are still being sown. In the Rayigam korale the fields are still being prepared for the yala harvest, this work having being delayed owing to want of rain.

Dry grain : kurakkan is being sown in the Pasdun korale. No dry grain is cultivated in the Totamunes. There is very little cultivation in the Rayigam korale.

Other products : fruit and vegetables are abundant in the Rayigam korale and the Totamunes, but scarce in the Pasdun korale.

Prices of staple products : country-grown rice, Rs. 4 to Rs. 4.50 per bushel ; imported rice, Rs. 3 to Rs. 4.50 per bushel ; cocoanuts, Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 per 1,000

Rainfall moderate in the Totamunes and the Rayigam korale, and plentiful in the Pasdun korale.

Remarks on harvest prospects generally : the prospects of the yala harvest are poor in the Rayigam korale and fair in the Totamunes and the Pasdun korale.

CENTRAL PROVINCE.

KANDY DISTRICT.

Paddy : maha harvesting concluded. Crop or prospects of crop fair, except in Udunuwara, where prospects are poor owing to drought. Yala cultivation commenced in all divisions, except Uda Bulatgama, where there is no yala cultivation. Crop or prospects of crop : too early to form an opinion.

Dry grain : yala kurakkan being sown. Crop or prospects of crop : too early to form an opinion.]

Rainfall satisfactory.

Prices : paddy, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1.25 per bushel ; cocoanuts, Rs. 5 per 100.

MATALE DISTRICT.

Mátalé south : the rainfall recorded for the month is 11.30 in. The yala operations have begun in most places, but more rain is badly wanted for the progress of the yala fields.

Mátalé north : the rainfall was fair in Kandapalla korale, but only sufficient to partly fill some tanks. The kanata sowing with fine grains other than kurakkan is being carried on, for which the present weather seems most favourable.

Mátalé east : kurakkan crops have been secured in all the villages with satisfactory returns. Maha fields produced a good crop in Gangala korales. The fields in Laggala Udasiyapattu have not been yet reaped, but the prospects are good.

NUWARA ELIYA DISTRICT.

Kotmale : maha paddy harvest being reaped, crop somewhat damaged by drought. Uda Hewaheta and Walapane : paddy young, condition not satisfactory.

Dry grain : chenas are being cleared for kurakkan. Uda Hewaheta : no cultivation this month. Walapane : a fair crop gathered.

Rain : during the month there was sufficient rain.

Prices of staple articles : paddy, Re. 1.25 in Kotmale ; in the other two divisions Re. 1.75. Kurakkan and Indian corn, Re. 1.25 and Re. 1 per bushel.

Fruits and vegetables deficient owing to dry weather.

NORTHERN PROVINCE.

JAFFNA DISTRICT.

Weather : there was rain throughout the district on the 17th, and some partial showers on the 7th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 19th, 20th, and 23rd. The rainfall registered at the Public Works Department Office, Jaffna, was 3.61 in. The wind was variable up to the 25th, and the south-west wind set in on the 26th, apparently the little monsoon

Paddy, kalapokam of 1895 : threshing of paddy was continued in the Karachi, Punakari, and Pachilaippa divisions.

Dry grain crops : kurakkan, payaru, and ellu are in blossoms and in ear. Prospects middling owing to want of rain in the early part of the cultivation.

Tobacco plants were cut and cured during the month, and the crop is reported fair.

Price of staple articles : paddy, Re. 1.62 per bushel ; rice, Rs. 3.25 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; varaku, Re. 1.25 per bushel ; sami, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; pinaddu, Rs. 3.50 per kudai.

MANNAR DISTRICT.

In some of the villages in Mantai division, where paddy crops (maha) were reaped and stacked, some of the proprietors are threshing their crops for food. In Muchali and Nanaddan pattus, as stated in the report for March, paddy crops totally failed, except in three or four villages.

Dry grain crops have helped the people a great deal during this season of distress. The paddy fields are now being manured in some of the villages.

Paddy sells at Re. 1.50 per bushel, and kurakkan at Re. 1.25 per bushel, as in March.

Rainfall during the month is 2.08 in.

Health of people improved much since the setting in of the south-west monsoon.

Health of cattle not satisfactory. In general they suffer for want of water and pasture. Murrain has broken out in Muchali north and Nanaddan west.

MULLAITTIVU DISTRICT.

Threshing of paddy was carried on in some villages. Cutting and curing of tobacco begun. Some tobacco gardens were abandoned during the early part of the month in maritime pattus and Mulliavalai owing to scarcity of water in wells.

Prices of food articles : rice, Rs. 3 per bushel ; paddy, Re. 1.25 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1 per bushel ; varaku, 75 cents per bushel.

There were refreshing showers of rain about the middle of the month, and the wind sometimes blew strongly from the south-west.

VAVUNIYA DISTRICT.

Constant slight rain.

Kalapokam paddy and kurakkan over. Idaipokam nearly ripening. Crop saved by rain during month.

Gingelly in a few last year's chenas in plants ; prospects very good.

Paddy cheaper than last month ; kurakkan the same price.

SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

GALLE DISTRICT.

Paddy : the yala sowing is now over in all the pattus, and the young crops look promising, there having been a seasonable fall of rain of about 7 in.

Dry grain : sowing of amu and karakkan is also over. Mederi is being sown, but in limited extent.

Miscellaneous : breadfruit and jak are scarce ; sweet potatoes and vegetables are plentiful ; cocoonut, too, is plentiful, and price per thousand on an average is Rs. 30.

Prices of staple products : rice is from Rs. 3 to Rs. 3.50 per bushel ; paddy, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; mederi, Rs. 2 ; amu, Re. 1.25 ; kurakkan, Re. 1.50 ; breadfruit, Rs. 4 per hundred ; jakfruit, Rs. 20 per hundred ; sweet potatoes, Re. 1.25 per cwt. ; plantain bunches, Rs. 25 per hundred ; cucumber, Rs. 3 per hundred ; pumpkins Rs. 15 per hundred.

Public health on the whole satisfactory, and better than it was : dysentery still hangs about, and also some cases of fever ; a few cases of chickenpox and measles also occurred in the Four Gravets and Akmimana.

Cattle : healthy, no disease.

HAMBANTOTA DISTRICT.

Magam pattu : maha paddy crop in the western walakada has already been harvested ; yala cultivation commenced. The crop of second maha at Tissa is being reaped, and reported to be good. The crop of Magama is young, and is expected to be good.

West Giruwa pattu : the few showers which fell during the month revived the dying paddy crop. The crops of lands under the Udukiriwila tank are fairly good. The prospects of land dependent on other irrigation works and the rainfall have been reported to be meagre. The ripe crops were damaged owing to flood caused by the rain in the interior.

Dry grain : with the recent showers sowing commenced.

Prices of staple products : rice, is Rs. 3.60 to Rs. 4 per bushel ; paddy, Re. 1.52 to Re. 1.75 ; mederi, Re. 1 per bushel ; amu, Re. 1 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; Indian corn, 50 cents per 100 pods. ; breadfruit, Rs. 5 to Rs. 9 per 100 ; cocoants, Rs. 35 to Rs. 40 per 1,000 ; pumpkins, Rs. 25 per 100 ; plantain bunches, Rs. 37.50 per 100 ; sweet potatoes, Rs. 2 per cwt. ; jakfruit, Rs. 18 per 100 ; murunga, 25 cents per 100.

Rainfall : there have been a few showers during this month.

Health : The health of the inhabitants has greatly improved.

Paddy : the crops in Beminiyanwila under the Walawe works are still young ; not expected to give a good yield. Those in Kanuketiya Lower have been reaped, also those in the Moderagam palata, but owing to the heavy rains that fell during the month they could not have been threshed. No paddy cultivation both in the Wewgam palata and Paranagam palata.

Cocoanuts are still scarce, and the price of a hundred is Rs. 5 ; value of paddy per bushel, Re. 1.50.

Preparations for pasu yala cultivation being commenced.

MATARA DISTRICT.

Paddy : cultivation retarded in Wellaboda and Gangaboda pattus owing to lateness of rain.

Copious rains, however, have fallen during the last ten days of April, and operations are being vigorously pushed on. In other parts of district prospects favourable.

Dry grain : very little sown, but crops are thriving.

Prices : same as last month.

EASTERN PROVINCE.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT.

Paddy : reaping of early munmari harvest is over, and of late munmari has been commenced. Sowing of pinmari is in progress. The protracted drought in the first quarter of this year led to the entire failure of crops on 900 acres on early munmari lands, and the crops on 6,000 acres more were only saved by the rain which fell in this month. Rest of the crop of both early and later munmari on 20,000 acres escaped damage.

Dry grain : harvest was over in January and February.

Price of paddy is Re. 1 a bushel.

Rainfall : after a long drought rain commenced to fall from the 8th instant only. It came rather late, and crops on 900 acres entirely failed ; others on 26,000 acres, though saved, will not yield so well as they did last year.

The fall of rain in April was 6·67, and this, added to the floods from up-country, inundated the pinmari lands now under cultivation and damaged the seed sown and the young plants on about 1,500 acres, which require to be sown again after the flood subsides. About 6,000 acres remain to be sown.

Hoof disease has appeared in Eraur and Rukampattu. Steps are taken to stop its spread.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE.

KURUNEGALA DISTRICT.

The welcome rain which fell in the latter half of the month produced considerable energy throughout divisions in the preparation of land for yala cultivation. The tanks in the Wannu and Hiriyala are reported to be filling; chena prospects very favourable. Should a fair quantity of rain attend the burst of the south-west monsoon, there will be no cause for uneasiness as to food supply, but there is a deficiency of seed paddy.

The health of people and cattle has been good.

Rainfall registered at Kurunegala during April was 13·01 in. Less rain appears to have fallen in Hiriyala than in other divisions.

CHILAW DISTRICT.

Northern division : Maha paddy crop has been reaped, and is being threshed. In some villages paddy is being sown in "kekulam." Chenas are cleared in some and fine grain, such as menderi and mun, are being sown.

Central division : paddy and fine grain crops of maha have been harvested, and the yield is reported to be 29,969 bushels ; crop good. Fine grain harvested was about 2,280 bushels. Yala cultivation continues. Dewareddiri and kottiarane sown, about 600 bushels ; crops good though young. About 17 bushels of fine grain cultivated thriving well. If rain continues cultivators intend to sow bala-wi.

Southern division : maha sowing continues. About 218 bushels paddy have been sown during the current month. Crops thrive well, as there was sufficient rain.

Total rainfall during the month 3·84 in.

PUTTALAM DISTRICT.

Crops of late maha cultivation in Demala hatpattu being gathered; prospects moderate. Clearing of chenans for yala cultivation commenced in Demala hatpattu and Puttalam pattu. No operations in Kalpitiya division.

NORTH-CENTRAL PROVINCE.

ANURADHAPURA DISTRICT.

Rainfall during the month 11·40 in. at Anuradhapura ; in Nuwarakalawiya and Tamankaduwa rainfall was moderate, but not continuous, and it has not been sufficient to fill any of the village tanks. Paddy crops under some tanks have been harvested, and under some are maturing and being reaped. Condition of crop good. No tavalus. Gingelly and menderi are being sown in some chenans, and in others the seeds have germinated. Cultivation limited owing to restriction of chenans. There are a few tanks which are full, whilst the rest have about quarter or no water. In Hurulu palata scarcity of food is reported in some villages.

Cattle murrain has been reported in one village of Nuwaragam palata, two in Hurulu, and two in Tamankaduwa, but the disease is not spreading.

PROVINCE OF SABARAGAMUWA.

RATNAPURA DISTRICT.

Paddy : in Kuruwiti korale the second maha crop is being harvested ; weather unfavourable. In Atakalan and Kolonna korales maha cultivation is progressing ; weather favourable. Recent rain has facilitated preparation of fields for yala sowing in Nawadun, Kadawatu, and Meda korales. In Kuruwiti and Kukulu korales yala crop promises well.

Dry grain : in Kuruwiti korale owitas for yala cultivation are sown, and in Nawadun korale under preparation. Yala chenans in Nawadun and Kukulu korales and in the Pannil pattu of Atakalan korale are being sown. In the Meda pattu of Atakalan korale el-wi chenans are being cleared.

No murrain among cattle.

KĒGALLA DISTRICT.

Paddy : ploughing operations for yala have commenced throughout the district. Godahinatti already sown in Three Korales and Lower Bulatgama.

Dry grain : chenans are being cleared for sowing hill paddy and kurakkan. Kurakkan has already been sown in parts of Beligal korale and Galboda and Kinigoda korales. Mun, gingelly, and tana have also been sown in parts of Beligal korale.

Price of paddy, Re. 1·25 per bushel ; hill paddy, Re. 1·12 per bushel ; kurakkan, 75 cents per bushel.

Rainfall registered at Ambanpitiya 18·05 in. ; Ruwanwella, 22·20 in.

The district is free from cattle disease, but fever is increasing everywhere.

SEASON REPORTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 1895.

| Province and District. | Average Rainfall in Inches. | | | Price per Bushel. | | | | | | | Sowing and Condition of Crop and Harvest. |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | In the Quarter ended Mar. 31, 1895. | To end of Quarter from beginning of year. | Average to end of corresponding Quarter of past three years. | Paddy. | | | Dry Grain. | | | | |
| | | | | Last Quarter. | This Quarter. | Corresponding Quarter last year. | Description of Grain. | Last Quarter. | This Quarter. | Corresponding Quarter last year. | |
| | | | | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | |
| WESTERN. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Colombo ... | 7-65 | 7-65 | 9-72 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Hardly any in the market | | | | Work for yala has been greatly impeded by want of rain. Low-lying fields have been sown for yala here and there. Owing to the drought the growth of the young plants is slow. Maha crops were reaped during this quarter, and were rather poor. |
| Negombo ... | 3-94 | 3-94 | 12-59 | 1 50 | 1 75 | 1 50 | do. do. do. | | | | Fields sown for the maha harvest have been reaped; crops not good owing to drought. |
| Kalutara ... | 4-83 | 4-83 | 10-57 | 1 50 to 1 75 | 1 75 | 1 50 | No dry grain is sold in this district | | | | The yala cultivation has commenced. The maha harvest was reaped during this quarter. The crop was an average one. |
| CENTRAL. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KANDY. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Udunuwara ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 0 | 1 25 | Kurakkan Amu | 1 50 0 50 | 1 0 0 50 | 1 0 0 50 | Yala paddy and kurakkan being sown. Maha paddy harvested; crops poor owing to severe drought. |
| Yatinuwara ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 25 | 1 0 | Hill paddy Kurakkan Amu | 1 0 1 0 0 75 | 1 0 1 0 0 75 | 1 0 — — | Maha paddy harvested; crops fair. |
| Tampané ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Hill paddy Amu Kurakkan | 1 0 0 75 1 0 | 1 0 0 75 1 0 | 1 12 1 0 1 0 | Maha paddy and hill paddy harvested; crops fair. |
| Harispattu ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 0 | 1 0 | — | — | — | — | Yala kurakkan chenas being cleared. Maha paddy, hill paddy, and amu harvested; crops of the two former fair, and of latter good. |

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|-------------------|-------|-------|---------|------|------|------|--|---|--|---|--|
| Pata Dumbara ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 75 | 1 50 | Kurakkan | 1 50 | 1 0 | 1 50 | Maha paddy sown late are ripening ; prospects bad, fields having died owing to drought. Maha paddy sown earlier harvested. Kurakkan and hill paddy harvested ; crops bad. |
| Uda Dumbara ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Kurakkan | 1 25 | 1 0 | 1 0 | Maha paddy in Gampaha korale ripening ; prospects fair. Maha paddy in other korales harvested ; crops fair. |
| Pata Dumbara ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 25 | Kurakkan | 1 25 | 1 25 | 1 25 | The weather has been unusually dry. Maha fields ripening and in ear ; prospects good. Maha paddy earlier sown and maha kurakkan harvested ; crops good. |
| Udupalata ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 25 | 1 0 | — | — | — | — | Yala paddy cultivation commenced. Maha paddy harvested ; crops fair |
| Uda Bulatgama ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Hill paddy Kurakkan | 1 50 1 37 | 1 50 1 37 | 1 50 1 25 | Maha paddy harvested ; crops bad. |
| MATALÉ. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mátalé South ... | 11-02 | 11-02 | 16-76 | 1 75 | 1 50 | — | Kurakkan | 1 50 | 1 25 | — | The maha harvest was very poor owing to the long drought. Several fields in Kobonsiyapattu and Asgiri korales died entirely. The fields harvested in Matale Uda-iyapattu did not suffer from want of rain on account of the hill streams, and therefore crops were good. Gampahasiya pattu fields were harvested, with satisfactory results. The chenas were all reaped, and the crops were good. The garden produce, such as cocoanuts and vegetables, fetched high prices in the market. |
| Mátalé North : | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dambulla ... | 6-09 | 6-09 | } 12-24 | 2 0 | 1 50 | — | Kurakkan | 1 50 | 1 0 | — | The tanks in Kandapalla and Inawalawa were partly filled in January, which allowed of the cultivation of some fields abandoned after ploughing for want of water, and also saved the crops in several places. In Inamalawa and Wagapanaha Pallesiyapattu a plague of grasshoppers did much damage to the chenas. In Udugoda korales a plague of godawello damaged late sown fields in several places. The maha crop on the whole was fair, and best where the cultivation had begun early under the dry ploughing "kekulan" system. In Wagapanaha Pallesiyapattu the paddy crops were scanty, but the chenas have given the cultivators a good supply of corn. |
| Galewela ... | 5-22 | 5-22 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mátalé East ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 25 | — | Kurakkan | 1 25 | 1 0 | — | The paddy fields and chenas gave their usual supply of grain unaffected by the protracted drought. |
| Leloya ... | 21-30 | 21-30 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| NUWARA ELIYA. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Uda Héwáhēt ... | — | — | — | 1 25 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Kurakkan | 1 50 | 1 25 | 1 50 | Kurakkan harvested ; paddy plants 2½ months old. |
| Walapané ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 75 | 1 50 | Kurakkan | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Kurakkan crop is being reaped—¾ good ¼ bad, owing to want of rain. Paddy cultivation of the maha commenced. |
| Kotmalé ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 25 | 1 25 | Kurakkan | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 37 | Maha harvest reaped—⅞ good, ⅛ bad, owing to drought. Chenas are being cleared for kurakkan. |
| NORTHERN. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jaffna ... | 1-37 | 1-37 | 3-57 | 1 79 | 1 65 | 1 75 | Varaku Payaru Kollu Kurakkan Panichami Ellu Tinai Ulunthu Putchami Mondi Karutta- chami | 1 42 3 58 2 73 1 52 1 50 4 18 1 59 3 79 — 1 50 1 46 | 1 14 3 66 2 31 1 43 1 59 4 50 1 62 3 65 — — 1 31 | 1 35 3 70 2 66 1 72 1 47 3 87 1 53 3 66 1 0 0 50 1 37 | Want of rain during the quarter very much interfered with dry grain sowing in paddy lands. The sowing on garden lands was however carried on as usual, and the prospects are reported to be fair. Paddy was reaped and threshed throughout the district during the quarter. The crops of Punakari, Karachi islands, Valiganiam east and west, and Tenmaradchi were reported good, while in the other divisions the crops on high lands were indifferent owing to want of rain, and those on low lands and lands watered from wells and ponds were said to be fair. In January there was no rain except a few slight showers in some of the divisions, and a heavy rain at Jaffna on the 7th. In February there was no rain in any part of the district, and the weather was dry by day with heavy dews at nights. In March there was again a total absence of rain, and the weather was exceedingly hot. |

| Province and District. | Average Rainfall in Inches. | | | Price per Bushel. | | | | | | | Sowing and Condition of Crop and Harvest. | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|
| | In the Quarter ended March 31, 1895. | To end of Quarter from beginning of year. | Average to end of corresponding Quarter of last year. | Paddy. | | | Dry Grain. | | | | | |
| | | | | Last Quarter. | This Quarter. | Corresponding Quarter last year. | Description of Grain. | Last Quarter. | This Quarter. | Corresponding Quarter last year. | | |
| NORTHERN— <i>contd.</i> | | | | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | | |
| Mannár ... | 1.53 | 1.53 | 4.28 | 2 0 | 1 50 | 1 75 | Kampampullu, ka-daikkanni, kurakkan | Dry grain is generally consumed by the cultivators, and no price can be quoted. Kurakkan sells at Re. 1.25 | | | | Paddy (maha) crops in a few villages in Mantai division have been reaped; outturn unsatisfactory. But they have failed in Muchali division. Dry grain cultivation in the district generally good. |
| Mullaittivu ... | 0.32 | 0.32 | 11.41 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 25 to 2 40 | Kurakkan Varaku Gingelly | 1 0 to 1 28 0 75 to 1 0 3 0 to 4 0 | 0 75 to 1 0 0 75 to 1 0 4 0 to 5 0 | 1 0 to 2 0 1 0 to 1 25 4 0 to 6 0 | | Sowing of paddy under tanks continued in Periyakulam tank only, in Melpattu north, during the quarter. Condition of the crops fair. The kalapokam paddy crops in manavari lands and the dry grain crops have been reaped and stacked during the quarter. The outturn was on the whole good, except in some villages of the maritime pattus and Tunukkai, where the crops were a failure owing to want of rain. There was no rain during the quarter. Rain is badly wanted, especially for those lands sown late under tanks. Tobacco crops not satisfactory. Many gardens were abandoned owing to scarcity of water. |
| Vavuniya ... | 1.34 | 1.34 | 20.06 | 1 40 to 1 75 | 1 50 | 2 95 | Gingelly Kurakkan | 3 0 to 4 0 1 25 to 1 50 | 4 0 1 25 | 3 75 1 9 | | Idaipokam sown in many villages is in various stages. Plants have been affected by want of water. Gingelly has been sown in last year's chenas, and have not yet germinated. Kalapokam paddy crop has been partly reaped and partly abandoned. Outturn below average. Kurakkan reaped; crop fair. Rain urgently wanted for Idaipokam cultivation. |
| SOUTHERN. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GALLE. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Four Gravets and Akmimana | 7.94 | — | 31.47 | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | | No dry grain | | | | Maha crop reaped, and the return favourable. Sowing for yala commenced in February, and was over in all but owiti lands, drought having interfered with the cultivation of such lands. The crop already raised in low-lying fields are looking well and promising. |
| Wellaboda pattu | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | | No dry grain | | | | Maha crop harvested in February, and it was a middling harvest. Preparations made for yala sowing. |
| Gangaboda pattu | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | | No dry grain | | | | Maha crop reaped, and it was a medium harvest. Yala sowing commenced, and was nearly over. |
| Bentota - Walallawiti koralé | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | | No dry grain | | | | Maha harvest was over, it was a poor one. Yala sowings nearly over. |
| Hinidum pattu ... | — | — | — | 2 0 | 2 0 | 2 0 | Hill paddy, amu, kurakkan, and meneri | | | | | Maha crop was reaped, and a medium harvest secured. Yala lands were partly sown in March. |
| Talpe pattu ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 37 | 1 37 | Amu, kurakkan, and meneri | 1 25 | 1 25 | 1 25 | | Maha crop reaped, and the harvest was middling. Yala sowings over. Dry weather interfered considerably with the sowing. Dry grain sowings were small. |

| HAMBANTOTA. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|------|-------|------|---------|------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| Magam pattu ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Fine grain | 1 25 | 1 25 | 1 25 | The second maha at Tissa is being reaped. The harvest will be a successful one. |
| East Giruwa pattu | — | — | — | 1 25 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Fine grain | 1 25 | 1 0 | 1 50 | Do. do. do. |
| West Giruwa pattu | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 62½ | 1 50 | Fine grain | 1 25 | 1 25 | 1 0 | The crops of second maha being harvested. Owing to severe drought the crops of lands dependent on the local rainfall suffered a great deal. |
| | | | | | | | Indian corn | to 1 50 | to 1 50 | to 1 50 | |
| | | | | | | | Amu | 1 0 | 1 0 | 1 25 | |
| | | | | | | | Tana | 0 75 | 1 0 | 0 62½ | |
| | | | | | | | | 1 0 | 0 75 | 1 0 | |
| MÁTARA. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mátara District ... | — | — | 43 34 | 1 55 | 1 40 | 1 40 | Kurakkan | 1 33 | 1 25 | 1 34 | Preparations are going on for the sowing of yala, but anxiety caused by want of rain. Maha generally good; in Weligam korale excellent; in Wellaboda pattu and Morowak korale fair. |
| | | | | | to 1 75 | | Amu | 1 0 | 1 0 | 1 18 | |
| | | | | | | | Mediri | 1 25 | 1 5 | 1 50 | |
| | | | | | | | Mun | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | |
| EASTERN. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Batticaloa ... | 6-14 | 6-14 | 27 83 | 1 33 | 1 0 | 1 50 | Indian corn | 1 0 | 1 0 | 1 0 | Sowing of pinmari is delayed very much for want of rain. Of the little that was sown about 1,000 acres have been destroyed by caterpillars. Munmari lands are being harvested. The unirrigable lands, to the extent of about 20,000 acres, partly damaged. The yield will not be so good as that of last year. |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | Hoof disease appeared in last month in Erawur pattu, but its spread is stopped. |
| Trincomalee ... | 6-94 | 6-94 | 11-77 | 1 50 | 1 12½ | 1 75 | Kurakkan | 1 37 | 1 0 | 1 25 | Condition of crop is good. Harvest reaped and stacked. Rainfall much below average, but crops not affected. |
| NORTH-WESTERN. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| KURUNĒGALA. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wendawili Hatpattu (rainfall registered at Kurunēgala) | 3-46 | 3-46 | 16-42 | 1 50 | 1 25 | 1 75 | Kurakkan | 1 0 | 1 0 | 1 25 | No sowing. A large area of chena land has been made ready for sowing. Two-thirds of the crop of lands sown was reaped; one-third withered away. |
| | | | | | | | Tana | 1 0 | 1 0 | 1 25 | |
| Katugampola Hatpattu (rainfall registered at Dandugamuwa) | 6-73 | 6-73 | 7-89 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| Hiriyala Hatpattu (rainfall registered at Gokarella) | — | — | 12-98 | 2 0 | 1 25 | 1 50 | Kurakkan | 1 75 | 1 0 | 1 25 | No sowing. |

| Province and District. | Average Rainfall in Inches. | | | Price per Bushel. | | | | | | | Sowing and Condition of Crop and Harvest. |
|---|---|---|---|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | In the Quarter ended Mar. 31, 1895. | To end of Quarter from beginning of year. | Average to end of corresponding Quarter of last year. | Paddy. | | | Dry Grain. | | | | |
| | | | | Last Quarter. | This Quarter. | Corresponding Quarter last year. | Description of Grain. | Last Quarter. | This Quarter. | Corresponding Quarter last year. | |
| | | | | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | |
| NORTH-WESTERN—contd. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wanni Hatpattu (rainfall registered at Nikaweratiya) | — | — | 7.10 | 2 0 | 1 0 | 1 75 | Kurakkan | 1 75 | 1 0 | 1 50 | 1,700 amunams and 2 pelas of paddy have been sown. Agricultural operations are all over. Crops partly earing and partly ripe. 420 amunams of cultivated land withered away from failure of tanks. Chenas are prepared for yala cultivation. No sowing. Maha crops of paddy lands have been reaped. |
| Dambadeni Hatpattu (rainfall registered at Narammala and Polgahawela) | 4.77 | 4.77 | 9.50 | 1 50 to 2 0 | 1 25 to 1 50 | 1 25 to 1 50 | Kurakkan | 1 0 to 1 25 | 1 12½ to 1 25½ | 1 0 to 1 12½ | |
| Dewameddi Hatpattu (rainfall registered at Wariyapola) | — | — | 8.50 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | |
| CHILAW. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pitigal Kóralé North | 1.08 | — | — | 1 50 | 1 0 | 1 50 | Kurakkan | 1 25 | 0 75 | 1 50 | Maha crop : ma-wi, fine grain, and kurakkan. Dewareddiri being sown in some villages. Rest of the fields ploughed and being prepared for dewareddiri and bala-wi, but not sown for want of rain. Chenas being cleared for fine grain cultivation. Maha crop : ma-wi about 20,900 bushels, fine grains about 2,030 bushels, and kurakkan. |
| Pitigal Kóralé Central | 4.45 | 4.45 | — | 2 25 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Kurakkan Meneri | 1 50 4 0 | 1 50 4 25 | 1 0 4 0 | |
| Pitigal Kóralé Southern | 7.93 | 7.93 | — | 1 50 | 1 75 | 2 0 | Kurakkan Gingelly Meneri Green peas | 1 50 3 75 0 75 2 50 | 1 25 3 0 0 75 2 50 | 1 50 3 50 0 75 2 50 | About 145 bushels dewareddiri sown. Condition of crop poor in Otara-palata ; in Kammal pattu greatly damaged by want of rain. Maha crop : ma-wi, fine grain, and kurakkan. |
| PUTTALAM ... | 1.93 | 1.98 | 27.55 | 1 75 | 1 37½ | 2 33 | Kurakkan | 1 55 | 1 0 | 1 53 | Paddy crops reaped and stacked. Paddy and fine grain chenams in Demala hatpattu and Kalpitiya division partially failed for want of rain. Crop middling in Puttalam, fair in Kalpitiya, and moderate in Demala hatpattu division. No sowing of paddy. Gingelly and menderi chenams have been sown. Paddy and kurakkan cultivated for the maha harvest have been harvested. Returns indifferent. |
| NORTH-CENTRAL. Nuwarakalawiya | Rainfall during the quarter was little and insufficient | | | 1 50 | 1 25 | 2 0 | Kurakkan Gingelly Mun Undu Kollu | 1 37 4 0 — — — | 1 37 4 0 4 0 2 0 — | 1 0 3 0 — — — | |

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|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Tamankaduwa ... | Fair | — | — | 2 50 | 2 0 | 1 50 | Kurakkan Gingelly Mun Undu Kollu | 1 15 3 75 3 75 2 75 2 75 | 1 25 3 75 3 75 2 75 2 75 | 1 25 3 75 3 75 3 75 1 50 | No sowing of paddy. Gingelly and menderi chenas have been sown Fair. |
| UVA. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Udukinda ... | — | — | — | 1 73 | 1 78 | 1 74 | Kurakkan Indian corn Green peas Kollu | 1 98 1 79 4 34 2 12 | 1 74 1 64 4 7 2 25 | 1 36 1 65 4 85 2 51 | Fields are still being ploughed and sown in some korales ; kurakkan and yala crops are being gathered. Paddy and fine grain. |
| Yatikinda ... | — | — | — | 1 75 | 2 0 | 2 0 | Kurakkan Indian corn Green peas Kollu | 1 50 1 50 3 50 2 25 | 1 50 1 25 4 0 3 0 | 1 25 1 0 3 50 3 0 | The cultivation of fields for maha has been completed, so also for kurrakan. Paddy and fine grain. |
| Wellassa ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Kurakkan Indian corn Green peas | 1 25 1 0 4 0 | 1 0 0 75 3 50 | 0 75 1 0 4 50 | Cultivation of paddy and fine grain is completed. Paddy and fine grain. |
| Wiyaluwa ... | — | — | — | 1 75 | 1 75 | 1 50 | Kurakkan Indian corn Green peas Kollu | 1 50 1 50 5 0 3 50 | 1 0 1 0 3 75 3 25 | 1 0 1 25 4 0 2 50 | Sowing of paddy ; young crops. Paddy and fine grain. |
| Buttala ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 75 | 1 25 | Kurakkan Indian corn Green peas | 1 0 0 75 3 0 | 0 75 0 50 3 0 | 1 17 0 75 3 25 | Sowing of paddy is over ; paddy plants slightly damaged by drought. Kurakkan almost over ; yield good. |
| Wellawaya ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 2 0 | 1 75 | Kurakkan Indian corn Green peas Kollu | 1 50 1 50 4 75 4 25 | 1 50 1 37 3 37 4 0 | 1 25 1 50 5 75 4 0 | Paddy fields are being sown ; kurrakkan and Indian corn crops are good. Paddy and fine grain. All the village tanks and streams are dry, and the fields under them are left uncultivated. No rain during the quarter. |
| Bintenna ... | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 25 | Kurakkan Indian corn Green peas Kollu | 1 25 1 12 5 0 — | 1 0 0 75 3 50 — | 1 25 1 0 2 80 — | Some fields are being ploughed and sown ; others are being reaped and threshed ; the crops are good ; kurakkan crops are being gathered. Paddy and fine grain. For want of rain paddy and kurrakkan crops have suffered a good deal. |
| SABARAGAMU WA. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RATNAPURA. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kuruwiti Koralé | 4-74 | 4-74 | 6-06 | 1 25 | 1 25 | 1 25 | Kurakkan Meneri Amu | 0 75 0 75 0 50 | 0 75 0 75 0 50 | 0 75 0 75 0 50 | Blossoming. Second maha. |
| Nawadun Koralé | — | — | — | 1 75 | 1 50 | 1 50 | Amu Meneri Kurakkan | 0 75 0 75 1 0 | 0 75 0 75 1 0 | 0 75 0 75 1 0 | The maha crop has been gathered during the quarter throughout the korale, and the outturn on the whole is said to be good. |

* This represents the rainfall registered in January and February. A heavy shower fell on March 10, but the gauge having been blown down by the storm on that occasion, the rainfall could not have been ascertained.

| Province and District. | Average Rainfall in Inches. | | | Price per Bushel. | | | | | | | Sowing and Condition of Crop and Harvest. |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | In the Quarter ended Mar. 31, 1895. | To end of Quarter from beginning of year. | Average to end of corresponding Quarter of past three years. | Paddy. | | | Dry Grain. | | | Corresponding Quarter last year. | |
| | | | | Last Quarter. | This Quarter. | Corresponding Quarter last year. | Description of Grain. | Last Quarter. | This Quarter. | | |
| SABARA-GAMUWA— <i>contd.</i> | | | | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | Rs. c. | |
| Atakalan Kóralé | — | — | — | 1 50 | 1 50 | 1 50 | El-wi | 1 0 | 0 75 | 1 0 | The second maha fields are sown, and they are about two months old. Fields for the yala are ploughed. The first maha harvest was gathered during the quarter. Kurakkan and el-wi chenas are all reaped, harvest good. There was not much rain in March, consequently the preparation of fields to be cultivated for the yala has been rendered difficult. |
| | | | | | | | Indian corn per 100 pods | 0 25 | 0 25 | 0 25 | |
| | | | | | | | Tana | 0 75 | 0 50 | 0 75 | |
| Kolonna Kóralé... | — | — | — | 1 75 | 1 75 | 1 75 | Kurakkan Amu | 1 0 | 0 75 | 1 0 | Maha fields in some parts half grown, in some tender plants, and in other parts fields are being prepared for cultivation. Maha chenas for 1895 reaped; outturn on the whole satisfactory; chena crops on the whole satisfactory. |
| | | | | | | | Kurakkan Tana | 0 75 | 1 0 | 1 37 | |
| | | | | | | | Green peas | 4 0 | 4 0 | 4 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Koilu | 4 0 | 4 0 | 4 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Indian corn per 100 pods | 0 75 | 0 75 | 1 0 | |
| Kadawatu Kóralé | — | — | — | 1 25 to 1 50 | 1 25 to 1 50 | 1 50 to 2 0 | Kurakkan | 1 12½ to 1 37½ | 0 75 to 1 12½ | 1 50 to 1 75 | Peramas sown; paddy in flower; condition not good on account of drought. A large extent of fields for yala cultivation had to be abandoned, and kurakkan crops have also largely failed for want of rain. No harvest except the kurakkan that was gathered and the peramas now in flower. |
| | | | | | | | Mun-eta | — to 2 50 | 2 0 to 2 50 | — | |
| | | | | | | | Iringu | — to 1 25 | 1 0 to 1 25 | — | |
| Meda Kóralé ... | — | — | — | 1 25 to 1 50 | 1 25 to 1 50 | 1 50 to 2 0 | Kurakkan | 1 12½ to 1 37½ | 0 75 to 1 12½ | 1 50 to 1 75 | Do. do. do. |
| | | | | | | | Mun-eta | — to 2 50 | 2 0 to 2 50 | — | |
| | | | | | | | Iringu | — to 1 25 | 1 0 to 1 25 | — | |
| Kukulu Kóralé ... | — | — | — | 1 25 | 1 25 | 1 25 | Amu | 0 75 | 0 75 | 0 75 | Crops of maha, 1895, gathered in during January and February. The yala fields are sown. Fair. Chenas are being prepared for cultivation of hill paddy and kurakkan. Paddy: maha harvested; crop middling; late maha crop poor owing to drought. Hill paddy and amu harvested; crops generally good. The iringu crop was damaged to some extent owing to bambupiduma. There was very little rain during the quarter, and the late maha crop was greatly damaged. Cases of smallpox, chickenpox, measles, and dysentery have been reported. Out of eight cases of smallpox three have recovered, one has died, and four are still under treatment. Five cases are traceable to smallpox brought by a Buddhist priest off the B. I. ss. Scindia on his return from a pilgrimage to Buddha Gaya. No cattle disease. |
| KĒGALLA. | | | | | | | Meneri | 0 75 | 0 75 | 0 75 | |
| Galboda and Kinigoda Kóralés | (No meteorological instruments for observations) | | | 1 25 | 1 25 | 1 25 | Kurakkan Hill paddy | 1 0 | 1 0 | 1 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Kurakkan | 0 75 | 0 75 | 0 75 | |
| | | | | | | | Mun | 3 0 | 3 0 | 3 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Iringu | 3 0 | 3 0 | 3 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Gingelly | 3 50 | 3 50 | 3 50 | |
| | | | | | | | Amu | 0 75 | 0 75 | 0 75 | |

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| ParanakuruKóralé | 7-77 | 7-77 | 14-53 | 1 50 | 1 25 | 1 25 | Hill paddy Kurakkan Mun Iringu Gingelly Amu | 1 12 1 0 3 0 2 50 3 50 1 0 | 1 12 0 75 3 25 2 50 3 50 0 75 | 1 25 0 75 3 25 3 0 3 50 0 75 | Chenas are being prepared for cultivation of hill paddy and kurakkan. Paddy: maha harvested; crop good; late maha crop poor owing to drought. Hill paddy, iringu, and amu harvested; crop good. Two cases of smallpox in January and February—one died, one recovered; no cases in March. No cattle disease. |
| Beligal Kórale ... | (No met- eorological instruments for recording observations) | | | 1 25 | 1 25 | 1 25 | Hill paddy Kurakkan Mun Iringu Meneri Gingelly Tana Amu | 1 0 0 87 3 25 0 84 0 62 3 25 1 0 0 75 | 1 0 0 75 3 25 0 75 0 62 3 25 1 0 0 62 | 1 0 0 87 3 50 0 84 0 62 3 25 1 0 0 75 | Chenas are being prepared for sowing hill paddy and kurakkan. Paddy: maha harvested; crop fair; late maha crop poor owing to drought. Hill paddy, iringu, and amu harvested; crop good. Kurakkan, mun, and meneri middling. The late maha crop was damaged owing to the drought. Health of the people has been generally good. No cattle disease. |
| Three Kóralés and Lower Bulat- gama | — | — | — | 2 0 | 1 25 | 2 0 | Hill paddy Kurakkan Amu Iringu | 2 0 1 0 0 75 1 0 | 1 25 1 0 0 75 1 0 | 2 0 1 0 0 75 1 0 | Bala-wi is being sown on owitas for the yala; chenas are being prepared for sowing hill paddy and kurakkan. Paddy: maha harvested; crop good. Hill paddy, iringu, and amu harvested; crop generally good. Kurakkan crop poor owing to drought. In the beginning of the quarter there was foot-and-mouth disease in parts of Dehigampal korale, Atulugam korale, and Uduwapalata. It has disappeared now. Sporadic cases of chickenpox in Uduwapalata has been reported. Fever is reported from a few villages in Dehigampal korale. |

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Observations will be received not later than May 17, 1895.

A. WALKER,
Acting Director.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Colombo, May 3, 1895.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application from the Rev. W. Charlesworth for the removal of his Matara Fort Vernacular Girls' School to a house about 50 yards from the old school-room has been received.

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A. WALKER,
Acting Director.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Colombo, May 3, 1895.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned persons have been licensed during April, 1895, under clause 9 of Ordinance No. 15 of 1889:—

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Licensed Surveyor.

No. 122.—P. P. Chandrasekkaram Pillai, Surveyor, Jaffna.

D. G. MANTELL,
Surveyor-General's Office,
Colombo, May 3, 1895.

RETURN of Arrivals of Immigrant Coolies from April 1 to 30, 1895:—

| | |
|--------------|-------|
| Men ... | 2,753 |
| Women ... | 794 |
| Children ... | 270 |

Total ... 3,817

W. H. JACKSON,
Assistant Government Agent.

Mannár Kachchéri,
May 2, 1895.

Railway Probationers' Examination.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Examination for the admission of Probationers into the Railway Service will be held at the Colombo School of Agriculture on May 20 and 21, commencing at 11 A.M.

A fee of Rs. 2-50 must be paid by candidates who present themselves for examination if not already in the Railway Service. This fee must be paid in revenue stamps, to be affixed to each application for leave to undergo the examination.

The examination will consist of—

- (1) English Dictation and Handwriting.
- (2) Arithmetic.
- (3) A General Paper to test the knowledge of the English Language.
- (4) Conversation and Interpretation between an Englishman and a native of Ceylon, either Sinhalese or Tamil.
- (5) Shorthand-writing. (Special marks will be awarded for a competent knowledge of this subject.)

Candidates who fail to satisfy the Examiners in sections (1) and (2) will be ineligible for the remainder of the examination.

All candidates must apply for certificates of admission to the examination on printed forms, which will be supplied by the Director of Public Instruction. These forms must be filled up and forwarded by the candidates so as to reach the Director of Public Instruction not later than noon of Wednesday, May 15.

Candidates not already in the Railway Service must be between the ages of 18 and 25. They should forward to the Director of Public Instruction, with their application forms,—

- (1) Certificates of the registration of their birth (affidavits will not be accepted), showing them to be between the ages of 18 and 25 on May 20.
- (2) Certificates of good character signed by the candidates' Teachers or Schoolmasters by preference, or a Member of the Public Service, Justice of the Peace, or Minister of religion.

When the results of the examination are made known, the successful candidates must present themselves at the office of the Principal Civil Medical Officer for examination as to physical fitness and chest measurement.

A. WALKER,

Acting Director of Public Instruction.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Colombo, May 1, 1895.

SALES OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 15, 1895, at 10.30 A.M., will be sold by public auction at the Police Court of Avisawella the following confiscated and unclaimed articles lying in the said Court:—

13 bags of tea
A quantity of arrack in a jar
5 bottles containing arrack
1 small glass
4 empty bottles
1 earthen pot
1 small jar
4 red handkerchiefs
3 red saron
1 white cloths
1 arecanut-cutter

1 piece cloth
1 white coat
1 piece black cloth
1 leather belt
1 woman's jacket
1 14-lb. weight
1 2-lb. weight
1 half measure
2 hammers
1 axle
1 chunam box

PHILIP DE SARAM,
Police Magistrate.

Police Court,
Avisawella, May 1, 1895.

THE under-mentioned found and unclaimed articles will be sold by public auction at the Railway premises, Maradana, at 12 o'clock noon on Monday, May 20, 1895:—

3 penknives and 5 keys
1 bangle and 1 earpick
2 knives and 1 arecanut cutter
1 comb and 1 strop
2 pairs spectacles
3 hat pins and 1 rosary
1 sapphire
1 pouch and 1 tin tobacco
1 lot cloth
1 lot pillows
1 piece soap in case
1 bottle perfumery
1 tumbler and 1 corkscrew
2 bundles sticks and 1 log sapanwood
1 lot mats
1 lot talipot

5 shawls and 1 comforter
1 bottle soldering fluid
1 tiffin basket with plates, &c.
1 raincoat
1 raincoat
1 overcoat
1 cape
4 bundles clothes
3 banians and 1 coat
1 hand bag
1 package plates and spoons
1 small bag
2 umbrellas, burnt by sparks
1 oilcloth and 1 saddle
8 fans and 2 pairs gloves

1 rifle
2 saws
1 begging-bowl
1 ball wax
1 crowbar
1 basin and 1 kettle
2 betel pounders
2 buckets
1 package wire fencing and 1 brick
1 lot bottles
26 handkerchiefs
8 pipes
10 pipes
1 lot bags
1 bundle coir yarn
1 bundle tea shooks
1 package pestles and 1 pingo stick
4 empty cases
1 case carpenters' tools
12 walking-sticks
13 walking-sticks
1 coffee pot
3 fruit dishes
1 tray
2 iron chimneys
1 lot tins and jars
2 pots and 1 goblet
1 chamber pot
2 battens and 1 foot rule
2 sieves and 2 strainers
1 drum and 1 tennis ball
8 aaps
4 hats
5 hats
5 hats
1 hat in box
1 hat in box
3 unclaimed parcels containing arrowroot
1 parcel nutmeg and 1 tin biscuits

8 pairs sandals
12 pairs sandals
10 umbrellas
10 umbrellas
10 umbrellas
10 umbrellas
10 umbrellas
12 umbrellas
2 pairs socks and 4 pairs shoes
1 packet books and 1 roll paper
3 cooly cumblies
1 lot baskets
4 towels
6 tin boxes
6 empty fowl baskets
1 piece leather and 1 parcel incense
1 bag lead
1 bag hides
1 bag tools
2 bags chatties
1 bag cartridges
1 bag containing scales, &c.
3 bags containing sundries
2 bags gram
2 boxes sundries
1 coconut scraper and 2 axes
2 digging forks
3 digging forks
3 baskets containing sundries
3 tin boxes containing thread, &c.
2 parcels and 4 bottles medicine
2 Kalutara baskets
1 curling tong and 1 package hoop iron
1 box with 2 chimneys

General Manager's Office,
Colombo, May 6, 1895.

W. T. PEARCE,
General Manager.