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### APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. J. P. LEWIS to be Additional District Judge, Chilaw, for the 10th, 11th, and 12th January, 1895.

By His Excellency's command,  
J. A. SWETTENHAM,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, January 5, 1895.

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It is hereby notified that Monday, the 14th instant, will be observed as a Public Holiday, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 4 of 1886, on account of the Tamil Thai Pongol.

By H. E. the Lieut.-Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Colombo, January 5, 1895.

J. A. SWETTENHAM,  
Acting Colonial Secretary.

## ABSTRACT OF SEASON REPORTS FOR THE MONTH ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1894.

### WESTERN PROVINCE.

#### COLOMBO DISTRICT.

Paddy : maha paddy plants are about four to six months old, and are generally in good condition. A small intermediate cultivation of "bala-wi" in Alutkuru korale south and Hewagam korale promises to be fairly remunerative.

Dry Grain : no cultivation.

Other products : fruit and vegetables are scarce and dear, except in the Salpiti korale, where jakfruit and yams are on sale at ordinary prices.

Prices of staple products : rice, from Rs. 3.50 to Rs. 4 a bushel ; cocoanuts, from Rs. 30 to Rs. 40 a thousand.

Rainfall : deficient, only a few showers having fallen during the month.

Remarks on harvest prospects generally : standing crops of paddy have been injuriously affected by the uneven character of the weather, and the maha harvest will in consequence be generally rather below an average.

#### NEGOMBO DISTRICT.

Paddy : the yala harvest has been reaped, but partly damaged by drought. The maha harvest is thriving well.

Dry Grain : no dry grain.

Other products : breadfruit and plantains are scarce and dear.

Price of staple products : coconut crops are not good, prices are very high. Price of rice is high.

Rainfall : not heavy.

Remarks on harvest : middling.

#### KALUTARA DISTRICT.

Paddy : the maha crop is about four months old. It was damaged to some extent by floods.

Dry Grain : there is very little dry grain cultivation in this district.

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

Prices of staple products : rice, Rs. 3.50 to Rs. 4.25 a bushel ; cocoanuts, Rs. 35 to Rs. 45 a thousand.

Rainfall : moderate.

Remarks on harvest prospects generally : the prospects of the maha harvest are fair in the Pasdun korale, but unfavourable in the Rayigam korale and the Totamunas.

### CENTRAL PROVINCE.

#### KANDY DISTRICT.

Paddy : maha being transplanted or blossoming. Prospects fair, but some damage by flies and drought except in Pata Hewaheta, where prospects are good.

No yala cultivation.

Dry grains : in all stages from small plants to being reaped. Prospects generally fair, but badly damaged in places by flies and drought.

Rainfall generally insufficient.

#### MÁTALÉ DISTRICT.

In Mátalé south the rainfall during the month was 5.75, which, though poor, was sufficient to keep alive the sown fields ; and the crop prospects are fair.

In Mátalé north the rainfall was satisfactory, and several of the tanks in Inamalawa and Kandapalla koralés were filled twice, and paddy crop prospects are fair. The chenas are getting on well in Kandapalla, but in Inamalawa and Wagapanaha pallesiyapattu the plague of grasshoppers ("polangeti") is doing much damage. The paddy cultivation in Wagapanaha pallesiyapattu is extremely poor. The price of paddy and kurrakkan is high.

In Mátalé east the rainfall was satisfactory, and the cultivation is good and extensive.

#### NUWARA ELIYA DISTRICT.

Kotmale : paddy in ear ; good crop anticipated ; no work on chenas. Walapane : a full paddy crop reaped ; kurrakkan young. Uda Hewaheta : paddy being reaped, half good ; kurrakkan young.

### NORTHERN PROVINCE.

#### JAFFNA DISTRICT.

Weather : there was some heavy rain almost throughout the district between the 1st and 6th, and again between the 17th and 23rd. The total rainfall registered at the Public Works Department Office, Jaffna, during the month was 8.70 inches. The wind in general was from the north-east.

Paddy, kalapokam, of 1895 : rain improved the condition of paddy plants. The plants of earlier sowing in ear. More rain required. Weeding completed.

Dry grain crops : varaku in ear ; prospects very good. Other dry grains—putsamy, karuttasamy—also in ear, prospects good.

Tobacco : in nurseries, and transplanting commenced in some divisions.  
Prices of staple articles : paddy, Re. 1·87 ; kurakkan, Re. 1·25 ; varaku, Re. 1·50.

## MULLAITTIVU DISTRICT.

Prospects for kalapokam are good. Paddy in ear and blossom, whilst ploughing and sowing continues. In Karakkadaimulai dry grain is in ear, and promises a good crop.

Prices : paddy, Re. 1·50 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1 per bushel ; manioca, 4 cents per lb. ; palmyrah roots, 25 cents per 100.

Rainfall return not yet received. Rainfall throughout the district has been abundant.

## VAVUNIYA DISTRICT.

Paddy crop will be good in Cheddikulam, Melpattu, and Kilakkumulai north. In Panankamam the paddy has suffered from worms and want of water. There may be a half crop.

In Kilakkumulai south there has been a general want of rain, and but little paddy has been sown, except under Mamadu restored tank.

Kurakkan in old chenas promises a good crop, except in Panankamam, where it has been eaten by worms.

Prices : paddy, Re. 1·40 to Re. 1·75 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1·25 to Re. 1·50 per bushel.

Rainfall during month : 6·51 inches. Very little rain fell in Kilakkumulai south and Panankamam. Elsewhere there was a fair amount.

## EASTERN PROVINCE.

## BATTICALOA DISTRICT.

Paddy : sowing of later munmari with three months' paddy is in progress. Early munmari is in excellent condition.

Dry grain : Indian corn crop is good and ripe. Fine grain is being sown in some places, and in other places it is young and good.

Price : current price of paddy, Re. 1·33 a bushel ; of dry grain, Re. 1 a bushel.

Rainfall : rainfall in December, 1894, 14·26 inches.

Further particulars can be seen from the quarterly report ending this month.

## TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT.

Rainfall during the month 13·65 inches.

Paddy crop : in blossom. In Koddियar pattu, out of about 1,000 acres sown for the munmari crop, about 400 acres are in ear and blossom. In Tampalagam pattu : at Kantalai only a small extent is under cultivation ; crops in good condition. At Kinyai and Nachechikuda half of the paddy crops are in blossom, and the rest are grown up plants. In Kaddukulam pattu east and west the crops are in blossom, and the condition is good.

Price of paddy, Re. 1·50 per bushel ; price of dry grain, Re. 1·25 per bushel.

The village tanks at Kaddukulam are full. Allai and Ilakkantai tanks in Koddiyar pattu are also full, but not Peruveli tank.

## NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE.

## KURUNĒGALA DISTRICT.

A few refreshing showers fell during the month. Prospects good, except in Hiriyala north, where rain has been peculiarly short. Area of cultivations below average, however. Health of people and cattle good.

## CHILAW DISTRICT.

In the northern division of the district bala-wi cultivation still in progress and fine grain in blossom.

In the central division cultivation of paddy and fine grain for maha is over. The condition of the crop is very good, and there is every prospect of a good harvest. The bala-wi is young, and fine grain in blossom. There is sufficient water in the tanks.

In the southern division the ma-wi crops of the lower tracts have been damaged by floods and those on higher tracts are in good condition. Fine grain in blossom.

Tobacco curing is over. The crop is good, and prices high.

## PROVINCE OF UVA.

## BADULLA DISTRICT.

Udukinda division : yala crop being harvested, outturn good. Ploughing for maha harvest in progress. Kurakkan crops promising well.

Yatikinda division : ploughing for maha cultivation general. Indian corn and kurakkan crops doing well.

Buttala division : sowing for maha harvest commenced. Kurakkan and indian corn crops well advanced, and promising.

Wellassa division : ploughing for maha harvest general. Kurakkan and indian corn crops flourishing.

Bintenna division : ploughing for maha harvest proceeding. Indian corn and kurakkan crops earing.

Wiyaluwa division : yala crop being harvested. Preparations for maha harvest being made. Kurakkan crop not expected to be good ; but indian corn in good condition, and large harvest expected.

Wellawaya division : preparations for maha cultivation being made ; kurakkan and indian corn doing well.

## PROVINCE OF SABARAGAMUWA.

## RATNAPURA DISTRICT.

Paddy : maha cultivation progressing favourably, except on low-lying fields, where the crops have suffered damage from rain ; and in other parts where dry weather prevailed, prospects fair. Yala cultivation has just begun, and in some parts of Kolonna korale the yala crop is being harvested ; prospects good.

Dry grain : el-wi and amu crops on hen and owita land are beginning to blossom, and some are ripe ; kurakkan chena in the Bintenna are yet young, and thriving well.

## KĒGALLA DISTRICT.

Maha paddy : prospects are good throughout the district.

Dry grain : hill paddy, iringu, and amu prospects are generally good ; kurakkan sown in parts of Three Korales and Beligal korale is growing well, as also mun and meneri sown in Beligal korale.

Rainfall has been moderate.

Price of paddy and dry grain has been stationary. The price of a bushel of paddy is Re. 1.50 to Rs. 2 ; hill paddy, Re. 1 to Re. 1.12 ; kurakkan, 75c. to Re. 1. Fuller particulars are given in the quarterly report.

Cattle disease : foot-and-mouth disease is prevailing in parts of Beligal korale, Dehigampal korale, and Atulugam korale. Steps have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease. It is decreasing in the two latter korales.