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Controller, Ceylon, for the Fourteenth
Year of Restriction, April 1, 1946, to
March 31, 1947

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE TEA CONTROLLER, CEYLON, FOR THE FOURTEENTH YEAR OF RESTRICTION, APRIL 1, 1946, TO MARCH 31, 1947.

Introduction.—This report covers the fourth year of the extended period of Control under the Tea Control (Extension) Ordinance, No. 3 of 1943.

2. *Exportable Quota.*—The exportable quota was fixed at 314,485,015 lb. representing 125 per cent. of the Standard Quota of 251,588,012 lb. The previous year's quota was the same.

3. *Acreage Under Tea.*—At the end of the year the acreage registered and assessed under the Tea Control Ordinance was—

	Wholly planted with Tea.	Inter-planted with Tea.	Total
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Estates ..	482,633	7,062	489,695
Small Holdings ..	46,252	16,906	63,158
	<hr/> 528,885	<hr/> 23,968	<hr/> 552,853

4. Table I. of Appendix A to this report gives the distribution of this acreage by revenue districts.

5. The registered acreage at the end of the previous year was—

	Wholly planted with Tea.	Inter-planted with Tea.	Total
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Estates ..	480,820	7,150	487,970
Small Holdings ..	45,010	16,906	61,916
	<hr/> 525,830	<hr/> 24,056	<hr/> 549,886

6. *Assessment of Estates.*—There was no change in the method of assessment of estates.

7. The number of estates in the register was 2,367 as against 2,315 in the previous year.

8. The assessed standard crop of all estates for the period was 278,243,118 lb. as against 278,344,068 lb. in the Control year 1945-46.

9. *Assessment of Small Holdings.*—There was no change in the method of assessment of small holdings. The number of small holdings in the register at the end of the year was 77,668 as against 76,258 in the previous year.

10. The assessed standard crop of all small holdings for the year under review was 18,903,807 lb. as against 18,516,389 lb. in 1945-46. A statement showing the distribution of the Standard Crop according to revenue districts is published as Table II. of Appendix A.

11. *Exports.*—The total quantity of tea exportable during the year under review was 314,485,015 lb. The total quantity of tea exported was 272,124,106 $\frac{7}{8}$ lb. leaving a balance of 42,360,908 $\frac{1}{8}$ lb. 635,668 lb. of imported Green Tea were re-exported during the period under review.

12. The monthly exports of tea on licences during the year 1946-47 were as follows :—

1946.	Lb.	1946.	Lb.
April ..	16,701,551 $\frac{3}{16}$	September ..	20,453,718 $\frac{19}{32}$
May ..	22,597,618 $\frac{1}{2}$	October ..	16,821,726 $\frac{3}{8}$
June ..	24,987,707 $\frac{7}{8}$	November ..	24,540,697 $\frac{1}{4}$
July ..	32,502,650 $\frac{3}{4}$	December ..	28,899,628 $\frac{3}{16}$
August ..	30,004,292 $\frac{1}{4}$		
1947.	Lb.	1947.	Lb.
January ..	17,215,852 $\frac{3}{32}$	March ..	21,121,606 $\frac{12}{16}$
February ..	16,277,057 $\frac{3}{16}$		

13. Appendix B to this report gives the exports of tea during the year 1946-47 as derived from the "Ceylon Customs Returns".

14. *Tea Exported as Ships' Stores, by Parcel Post, &c.*—The total quantities of tea exported as Ships' Stores and by Parcel Post during the year were 134,238 lb. and 228,809 9/16 lb. respectively. 3,515 lb. were exported as Gift Tea to British, Imperial, Indian or Allied Troops.

15. *Tea Nurseries.*—Thirteen licences were issued during the year for an area of 12 acres 0 roods 01 perches for the planting of nurseries on virgin land.

16. *Planting of New Areas.*—The International Tea Committee allowed Ceylon 15,803 acres for new planting of tea with the extension of the period of control from April 1, 1943. Out of this acreage 6,361 acres 1 rood 07 perches were set apart to be allotted to participants of the Rubber Capital Compensation Scheme in respect of slaughter tapped rubber areas, and the balance extent, viz., 9,441 acres 2 roods 33 perches was fully allocated by December 31, 1945, to applicants desirous of planting new tea. A number of permits issued to these applicants had to be cancelled due to the inability of the permit holders to comply with the requirements of the Tea (New Planting) Regulations, 1943, and the acreage thus made available was re-allocated to other applicants.

17. The number of permits issued up to the end of the period under review was 2,924 for an extent of 10,480 acres 1 rood. The total acreage planted was 3,627 acres 2 roods 23 perches while planting on 1,855 acres was nearing completion. Owing to adverse weather conditions and labour difficulties, many permit holders were unable to complete planting and their permits have been extended.

18. *Replanting.*—Ten permits were issued for replanting 85 acres 2 roods 20 perches.

19. *Tea Prices.*—The monthly average *ex* Warehouse prices for High, Medium and Low Grown Tea paid to Estates during the period under review were as follows :—

1946.		High Grown.		Medium Grown.		Low Grown.
April	..	130 cents	..	120 cents	..	114 cents
May	..	127 "	..	118 "	..	114 "
June	..	126 "	..	117 "	..	114 "
July	..	124 "	..	115 "	..	112 "
August	..	127 "	..	116 "	..	112 "
September	..	130 "	..	118 "	..	114 "
October	..	128 "	..	117 "	..	114 "
November	..	128 "	..	118 "	..	116 "
December	..	128 "	..	118 "	..	116 "
1947.						
January	..	130 cents	..	120 cents	..	116 cents
February	..	130 "	..	120 "	..	116 "
March	..	130 "	..	120 "	..	116 "

20. The average price per lb. of tea shipped to the United Kingdom and to Outmarkets were as follows :—

1946.		United Kingdom.		Outmarkets.
April	..	129·46 cents	..	132·92 cents
May	..	129·10 "	..	136·17 "
June	..	129·43 "	..	130·0 "
July	..	128·69 "	..	129·67 "
August	..	127·88 "	..	128·83 "
September	..	126·44 "	..	129·87 "
October	..	127·69 "	..	132·88 "
November	..	128·40 "	..	132·10 "
December	..	127·17 "	..	132·12 "
1947.				
January	..	126·77 cents	..	129·82 cents
February	..	128·31 "	..	126·48 "
March	..	152·91 "	..	128·49 "

21. *Legislation.*—With the rescission of the Defence (Control of Tea Sales) Regulations, 1943, which contained provision for calling from the proprietors of Estates or Small Holdings or Manufacturers, particulars regarding figures of production for compilation of statistics required by the International Tea Committee, it became necessary to revive sections 11A and 32A of the Tea Control Ordinance, which were suspended by the Defence (Tea Control) (Suspension) Regulations, 1942, to enable the continuation of the collection of statistics in regard to production. Accordingly the Defence (Tea Control) (Suspension) Regulations, 1942, were amended reviving sections 11A and 32A, and Regulations, cited as the Tea (Registration of Manufacturers) Regulations, 1947, were made enforcing the registration of all manufacturers of tea and empowering the collection of statistics in regard to production.

22. *Tea Control Fund.*—There was no change in the Tea Control cess of 5 cents per 100 lb. of made tea exported.

23. The total income during the year under review was Rs. 186,484·32. The total estimated expenditure for the year was Rs. 256,955 and the actual expenditure was Rs. 256,650·78 showing a saving of Rs. 304·22. The cash balance at March 31, 1947, was Rs. 43,918·48. In addition a sum of Rs. 1,200,000 continued to be invested in the Ceylon Government 3 per cent. National Loan, 1954.

24. The following statements are printed to Appendix C to this report:—

- (1) Statement of Receipts and Payments.
- (2) Statement of Estimated and Actual Expenditure.
- (3) Balance Sheet.

25. The Auditor-General continued to be responsible for the audit of the income and expenditure of the Tea Control Fund.

26. *Tea Advisory Board.*—The following members formed the Tea Advisory Board:—Messrs. R. P. Gaddum, P. M. Menon, S. F. H. Perera, D. C. Wilson, N. H. Wykeham-Dulling and the Tea Controller, ex-officio Chairman of the Board. Mr. D. C. Wilson resigned his seat in February, 1947, and Mr. G. K. Newton was appointed in his place.

27. *Tea Appeal Board.*—The following members formed the panel of the Boards of Appeal:—Messrs. George E. de Silva, M.S.C.; George R. de Silva, M.S.C.; W. P. H. Dias; W. H. Gourlay; F. H. B. Koch, K.C.; Sir John Tarbat; Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon; and Mr. E. A. P. Wijeratne.

28. No meetings of the Board of Appeal were held during the year under review.

29. *International Tea Committee.*—Mr. G. C. S. Corea, the Ceylon Government Representative in London, took the place of Mr. E. B. Alexander, C.M.G., as Ceylon's representative on the Committee, and the latter continued as alternative member. The others representing Ceylon are Sir Clifford Figg, Messrs. Andrew Young and A. C. Matthews.

30. *Staff.*—Mr. P. Saravanamuttu, C.C.S., the permanent Controller, went on leave with effect from September 1, 1946, preparatory to retirement when the writer was appointed Acting Tea Controller in addition to his duties as Acting Tea Commissioner. Mr. U. L. L. Perera continued in the capacity of Assistant Controller. In addition to the two Staff Officers, 7 Inspectors, 30 clerks and 9 minor staff were employed by the Department at the end of the year.

31. *Acknowledgments.*—My grateful thanks are due to the members of the Tea Advisory Board and the various Heads of Departments who have always ungrudgingly assisted me in the various matters referred to them.

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Acting Tea Controller.

Colombo, September 5, 1947.

Appendix A.

TABLE I.

Acreage under Tea as at the end of the Fourteenth Year of Control, 1946-47, classified according to Revenue Districts.

Revenue Districts.	Estates.				Small Holdings.				Total.		
	No. of Estates	Wholly planted	Inter-planted	Total	No. of Small Holdings	Wholly planted	Inter-planted	Total	Wholly planted	Inter-planted	Total
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Kandy	768	162,847..	1,476	164,323..	39,576..	25,260..	7,772	33,032	188,107..	9,248	197,355
Matale	81	18,361..	469	18,830..	1,161..	862..	250..	1,112..	19,223..	719..	19,942
Nuwara Eliya	275	102,216..	—	102,216..	6,756..	5,417..	9..	5,426	107,633..	9	107,642
Badulla	295	87,065..	218	87,283..	5,088..	6,086..	4..	6,090..	93,151..	222..	93,373
Ratnapura	271	51,367..	906	52,273..	3,605..	2,997..	765..	3,762..	54,364..	1,671..	56,035
Kegalla	141	20,699..	1,229	21,928..	9,322..	2,041..	4,273..	6,314..	22,740..	5,502..	28,242
Galle	262	13,934..	1,513	15,447..	5,132..	1,732..	1,747..	3,479..	15,666..	3,260..	18,926
Matara	218	16,715..	562	17,277..	1,560..	1,527..	317..	1,844..	18,242..	879..	19,121
Hambantota	1	17..	—	17..	—	—	—	—	17..	—	17
Colombo	8	692..	149	841..	260..	63..	112..	175..	755..	261..	1,016
Kalutara	40	7,957..	488	8,445..	5,142..	246..	1,625..	1,871..	8,203..	2,113..	10,316
Kurunegala	7	763..	52	815..	66..	21..	32..	53..	784..	84..	868
	2,367	482,633	7,062	489,695	77,668	46,252	16,906	63,158	528,885	23,968	552,853

Table II.—Assessed Standard Crop for the Fourteenth Year of Control, 1946-47, Classified according to Revenue Districts.

Revenue Districts.	Estates Lb. of made Tea.	Small Holdings Lb. of made Tea.	Total Lb. of made Tea.
Kandy	83,405,014	9,450,143	92,855,157
Matale	10,151,979	327,027	10,479,006
Nuwara Eliya	62,812,600	1,778,003	64,590,603
Badulla	53,170,090	1,966,799	55,136,889
Ratnapura	33,060,945	1,209,102	34,270,047
Kegalla	12,511,920	1,900,773	14,412,693
Galle	8,507,978	1,054,266	9,562,244
Matara	8,814,024	595,725	9,409,749
Hambantota	5,538	—	5,538
Colombo	351,264	50,982	402,246
Kalutara	5,205,686	555,357	5,761,043
Kurunegala	246,080	15,630	261,710
	278,243,118	18,903,807	297,146,925

Appendix B.

Export of Tea for the period April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947, as derived from the "Ceylon Customs Returns".

lb.

Quantity of tea shipped as per Customs Returns from April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 272,261,450 14/16

Deduct.

Ships' Stores—April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 .. 134,238
 Gift Tea—April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 .. 3,515
 137,753

272,123,697 14/16

Add.

Exports through Army Base Post Office on licences not included in Customs Returns—April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 .. 409

Total exports subject to licences—April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 .. 272,124,106 14/16
 Unexported balance of Quota at March 31, 1947 .. 42,360,908 2/16

Export Quota Promulgated (125 per cent. of Standard Quota) .. 314,485,015

Appendix C.

TABLE I.

Tea Control Fund

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Period April 1, 1946, to March 31, 1947.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
To Balance brought forward ..	18,720 11	By 1 Personal Emoluments—	
Transferred from Gratuity Scheme ..	35,000 0	Staff Officers ..	18,427 51
		Clerks ..	55,341 74
Fixed Deposit transferred to current account ..	40,000 0	Inspectors ..	31,425 48
Tea Cess ..	147,759 43	Minor Employees ..	6,468 27
Miscellaneous Receipts ..	2,724 89	Extra Clerical assistance, overtime fees and payment for employment of minor employees ..	1,074 96
Interest on money invested in Ceylon Government National Loan ..	36,000 0	Rent allowance ..	11,177 94
Deposits received ..	34 85	Pensionary contribution ..	1,112 73
Advances recovered ..	520 0	Holiday warrants and concessionary season tickets ..	971 20
		Orderly allowance to Inspectors ..	1,971 0
		Allowances to staff ..	5,085 20
		War allowance ..	34,895 97
			167,952 0
		2 Travelling ..	12,334 51
		3 Rents ..	3,083 30
		4 Electric supply and lighting ..	1,448 77
		5 Stationery, office furniture, office requisites and transport charges ..	3,159 26
		6 Postage, &c. ..	2,789 54
		7 Printing and advertising ..	678 36
		10 Contribution towards expenses of London Committee ..	43,484 29
		11 Audit fees—Government ..	1,210 42
		12 Legal Expenses ..	10 50
		13 Contribution towards Tea Control Department Gratuity Scheme ..	15,000 0
		14 Incidental expenses ..	5,499 83
		Deposits refunded ..	34 85
		Advances allowed ..	520 0
		Balance ..	23,553 65
			280,759 28
	280,759 28		

Gratuity Scheme Fund.

	Rs. c.		Rs. c.
To Balance brought forward ..	44,321 67	By Payments ..	4,258 9
Contribution for 1946/47 ..	15,000 0	Balance (in current account) ..	20,364 83
Receipts from Tea Commissioner ..	301 25	(invested in Government National Loan 1954 ..	35,000 0
			55,364 83
	59,622 92		59,622 92

TEA CONTROL FUND.

Table II.—Statement of Sanctioned and actual Expenditure for period April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947.

Sub-head.	Sanctioned Expenditure.		Actual Expenditure.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
1. Personal emoluments ..	136,595	0	167,952	0
2. Travelling ..	18,450	0	12,334	51
3. Rents ..	3,600	0	3,083	30
4. Electric supply and lighting ..	1,600	0	1,448	77
5. Stationery, &c. ..	5,000	0	3,159	26
6. Postage, &c. ..	4,150	0	2,789	54
7. Printing and advertising ..	15,000	0	678	36
8. Assessors fees ..	1,000	0	—	
9. Fees to members of Board of Appeal ..	1,000	0	—	
10. Contribution towards expenses of London Committee ..	46,560	0	43,484	29
11. Audit fees ..	2,500	0	1,210	42
12. Legal expenses ..	1,000	0	10	50
13. Contribution towards Tea Control Department gratuity scheme ..	15,000	0	15,000	0
14. Incidental expenses ..	5,500	0	5,499	83
	256,955	0	256,650	78

Table III.

TEA CONTROL FUND

Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1947.

LIABILITIES		Rs. c.		ASSETS.		Rs. c.		Rs. c.	
1. <i>Sundry Creditors.</i>				1. <i>Furniture.</i>					
Bills outstanding ...	1,227	28		As per last balance sheet ..	6,947	0			
Contributions in the Tea Control Department gratuity scheme ..	55,364	83		Additions during the year..	150	0			
			56,592	11			7,097	0	
2. <i>Surplus Assets.</i>									
As at March 31, 1946 ..	1,288,252	82		<i>Less amount realised by sale of furniture..</i>		77	81		
Deduct Excess Expenditure over Income for period 1946-47 ..	78,770	81		2. <i>Office Requisites.</i>				7,019	19
			1,209,482	1	As per last balance sheet ..	3,050	22		
				Additions during the year	722	75			
							3,772	97	
				<i>Less amount realised by sale of articles</i>		308	25		
				3. <i>Cash.</i>				3,464	72
				Bank balance in current account ..	39,370	89			
				Postal orders, money orders and cheques paid into the Bank but not credited till after March 31, 1947 ..	8,791	22			
				Petty Cash Imprest ..	100	0			
							48,262	11	
				<i>Deduct.</i>					
				Cheques drawn but not presented to Bank for payment till after March 31, 1947 ..	4,343	63		43,918	48
				Ceylon Government 3 per cent National Loan, 1954 ..				1,200,000	0
				Balance meter reading of Postal Franker ..				695	40
				4. <i>Sundry Debtors.</i>					
				Tea Export Cess for March 1947 ..	10,804	34			
				Miscellaneous dues out standing ..	21	99			
				Advances outstanding ..	150	0		10,976	33
								1,266,074	12
								1,266,074	12

Appendix D.

Regulations framed under the Tea Control Ordinance (Cap. 299).

Notifi- cation No.	Date of Publication in <i>Gazette</i> .	Section of the Ordinance under which Regulations are framed.	Subject Matter.
80A ..	September 13, 1946	.. 2 ..	Appointment of Mr. V. Paramanathan to act as Tea Controller
81 ..	January 24, 1947	.. 37 (1) (c) and 42 (2) ..	Amendment of Regulations relating to Tea Control Department Gratuity Scheme
82 ..	January 31, 1947	.. 42 ..	The Tea (Registration of Manufacturers) Regulations, 1947
83 ..	March 14, 1947	.. 42 (7) ..	Ratification by Governor of Regulations published by Notification No. 81
84 ..	Do.	.. do. ..	Ratification by Governor of Regulations published by Notification No. 82