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Page 2:- Constitution of the Resident Population
Read % of total with each of the figures of the Table.

Page 4:- Last paragraph 3rd line Read 11.8%.

Page 22:- Section VIII Diseases of the Respiratory System - Indian Males Read "375" instead of "175".

Page 35:- Offences against Revenue, Municipal, Road etc.
Read "Convictions & committals to Assizes 97.3% instead of "93.3"

Page 52:- Delete

Page 56:- Aloe Fibre Industry. The figures given are exclusive of employment in Cloth and Sack Factory workers.

Page 64:- Harvested area of foodcrop plantations Total for 1950 - 51 Read "9233" instead of "9,333".

Page 70:- Index of selling price of sugar Read "316" instead of "319"

Page 79:- Match Production - Figures relate to small boxes of about 35 sticks e.c.

Page 85:- First Table. ADD "Wine Manufactures ISIC 212 - 13 establishments".

Page 91:- Re-exports. These figures include value of returned imports and of cinema films temporarily held on a rental basis.

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Page 97:- First table ISIC 40 Construction. The number includes large building firms and job contractors.

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Page 155:- Read "Trends in circulation of currency" instead of "Trends in circulation of coins".

Page 167:- Number of books and periodicals deposited at the Archives Office.
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Page 176:- Last Table - Passengers gross ton miles. Basis of calculation found unsatisfactory. Altered in next issue.

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FOREWORD

With this volume comes out the fifth issue of the annual digest of Statistics for the Colony of Mauritius, prepared in the Central Statistical Office.

Owing to the considerable pressure of work in many other directions and certain staffing difficulties, it was unfortunately not possible to bring out the volume at an earlier date.

A number of new features have again been incorporated in this issue, in which the new International Classifications, sponsored by the Statistical Commissions of the United Nations, have for the first time been introduced:

1.- The International Statistical Classification of diseases, injuries and causes of death (W.H.O.1948);

2.- The International Standard Industrial Classification of Economic Activities (I.S.I.C. 1949);

3.- The Standard International Trade Classification (S.I.T.C.1950).

The tonnage index for external trade published in previous issues and derived from an assessment of the total freight tonnage of imports and exports, has now been replaced by a more accurate quantum index, computed from net tonnage and strictly related to the price index.

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Director of Statistics
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DEMOGRAPHY

Definition: For statistical purposes the convention has been adopted of dividing the whole population into three classes: (i) the General population, comprising Europeans and descendants of Europeans, and people of African and mixed origin; (ii) the Indian population proper, made up of Indian immigrants and their unmixed descendants; and (iii) the Chinese population consisting of immigrants from China and their descendants.

TOTAL RESIDENT[x] POPULATION- Estimated as at 31st December, 1950 +

	POPULATION			
	General	Indian	Chinese	Total
Males ...	74,043	153,889	8,812	236,744
Females ...	82,443	150,244	5,955	238,642
Total	156,486	304,133	14,767	475,386[@]
Sex proportions in the resident population (males to 1,000 females)	898	1,024	1,480	992

x By " resident" population is meant that population which is actually living in the Island; it excludes foreign military forces and civilians habitually resident in the island, but temporarily absent overseas on Military Service and as tourists or students. The "de jure" population of the island is estimated at 484,400.

\+ Based initially on Census Enumeration of June 1944;

@ Excluding members of the Pioneer Corps serving overseas.

CONSTITUTION OF THE RESIDENT POPULATION

Year	General	Indian	Chinese
1950	32.9	64.0	3.1

MOVEMENT OF THE CIVIL POPULATION[#] DURING THE YEAR

	General			Indian			Chinese			TOTAL
	Males	Fem.	Total	Males	Fem.	Total	Males	Fem.	Total	
Arrivals	2,057	1,228	3,285	730	298	1,028	682	258	940	5,253
Departures	2,252	1,159	3,411	653	242	895	447	147	594	4,900

\# Includes:

(a) the very small figure of engaged or discharged seamen;
(b) emigration and immigration to and from the dependencies

but does not include movements of troops and locally enlisted servicemen.

Resident population trends 1925-1950

YEAR	Natural increase Ø as at 31st December	Cumulative increase	Rate@ of natural increase	Net increase as at 31st December	Ratio of birth rate to death rate	Resident population as at 31st December
1925	+ 7,218	+ 7,218	+ 18.4	+ 5,965	1.77	393,708
1926	+ 5,562	+12,780	+ 14.1	+ 4,528	1.56	398,236
1927	+ 3,733	+16,513	+ 9.4	+ 3,457	1.38	401,693
1928	+ 3,864	+20,377	+ 9.5	+ 3,109	1.34	404,802
1929	+ 1,358	+21,735	+ 3.3	+ 747	1.11	405,549
1930	- 1,548	+20,187	- 3.9	- 1,091	0.89	404,458
1931	- 3,526	+16,661	- 8.9	- 4,316	0.77	400,142
1932	- 2,582	+14,079	- 6.6	- 2,644	0.80	397,498
1933	+ 2,864	+16,943	+ 7.4	+ 2,297	1.27	399,795
1934	+ 3,447	+20,390	+ 8.8	+ 3,036	1.34	402,831
1935	+ 2,801	+23,191	+ 7.1	+ 2,534	1.27	405,365
1936	+ 3,367	+26,558	+ 8.5	+ 3,611	1.32	408,976
1937	+ 2,580	+29,138	+ 6.4	+ 2,202	1.22	411,179
1938	+ 1,374	+30,512	+ 3.5	+ 1,647	1.12	412,826
1939	+ 3,236	+33,748	+ 8.0	+ 3,195	1.28	416,021
1940	+ 1,772	+35,520	+ 4.3	+ 1,317	1.17	417,338
1941	+ 2,994	+38,514	+ 7.4	- 252	1.29	417,086
1942	+ 1,626	+40,140	+ 4.0	+ 158	1.14	417,244
1943	+ 2,962	+43,102	+ 7.3	+ 1,188	1.28	418,432
1944	+ 6,903	+50,005	+ 16.4	+ 4,720	1.61	423,152
1945	+ 1,013	+51,018	+ 2.4	+ 2,164	1.07	425,316
1946	+ 3,899	+54,917	+ 9.2	+ 4,906	1.31	430,222
1947	+ 10,246	+65,163	+ 23.7	+ 5,832	2.18	436,054
1948	+ 8,521	+73,684	+ 19.3	+ 5,486	1.81	441,540
1949	+ 13,088	+86,772	+ 29.4	+15,177	2.77	456,717
1950	+ 16,657	+103,429	+ 35,8	+18,669	3.58	475,386

In the course of the 26-year period ending with 1950, the Natural Increase has amounted to 26.7% of the original population.

Ø Excess of births over deaths;

@ Rate per 1,000 of the mid-year population.

Natural Increase of Population

Year	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase +	Ratio to prewar (1935-1939 =100)
1945	16,290	15,277	1,013	38
1946	16,427	12,528	3,899	146
1947	18,926	8,680	10,246	384
1948	19,039	10,518	8,521	319
1949	20,472	7,384	13,088	490
1950	23,110	6,453	16,657	624

The figure of 23,110 numbering the total births for 1950 was again in excess of the figure for 1949 which, at 20,472 was already a record. The crude birth-rate reached 61.5 per 1,000 in the Indian population of one district, while in the capital, Port-Louis, rates of 43,1 and 57.0 per thousand were obtained in the General and Indian populations respectively.

The total number of deaths was remarkably low this year. The excess of births over deaths or natural increase of population was 514% above the quinquennial prewar average (1934-1938).

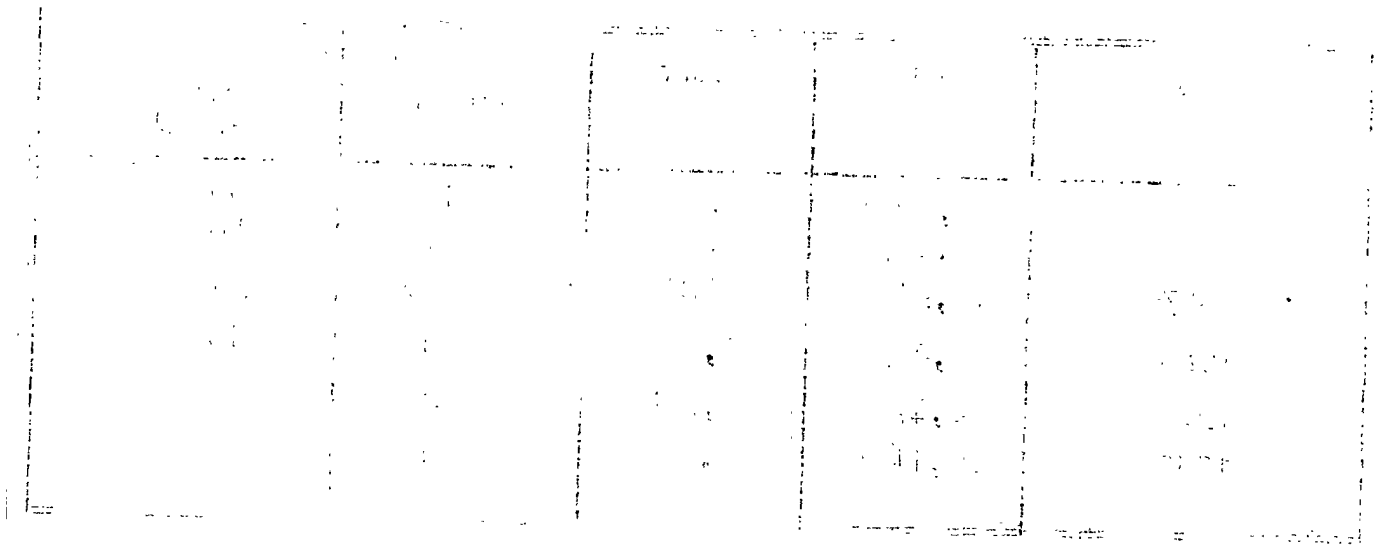
The natural growth reached at the end of 1950 the unprecedented figure 16,657, a number which is 6¼ times the corresponding average[1] (2,670) for the five prewar years 1935-1939. This outstanding increase for 1950, however, is not an isolated phenomenon; it is so far the culmination of a gradual development which started at the end of the war, and became more comspicuous since 1947.

The comparatively lower figure of natural growth for 1948 was consequent to a severe epidemic of whooping cough which prevailed in the island.

The total of the natural growth has in fact increased the whole Mauritian resident population of the end of 1945 by 11.8 in the short interval of the five post-war years. The percentage increase in the different ethnic groups of the population itself in the span of these five post-war years was as follows:

General population	Indian population	Chinese
+ 8.2%	+13.0%	+ 28.7%

+ Excess of births over deaths.



The population of Mauritius in 1846, a little over a century ago, was 158,500; the present population which is 475,400 is therefore just 3 times what it was then. Moreover, the constitution of the population itself has fundamentally changed, as is shown below:

Year	General	Indian	Chinese
1846	64.5%	35.5%	0.0%
1950	32.9%	64.0%	3.1%

It will be noted that the relative proportions of the General to the Indian elements in the population have, in the course of the century been completely reversed. On the one side Indian immigration has, here, played its part, but immigration ceased by about 1910. On the other hand, higher birth rates is a well-marked feature of the Indian population in Mauritius. The following table shows the percentage excess in the birth rate of the Indian population in comparison with the corresponding rate in the General population:

Year	Excess of Indian birth-rate
1944	+ 62%
1945	+ 32%
1946	+ 25%
1947	+ 29%
1948	+ 32%
1949	+ 37%
1950	+ 35%

Several factors have contributed towards this remarkably large natural growth of the population in recent years: the rapid economic recovery of the post-war period; general welfare measures from which the working classes have benefited; successful anti-malarial campaign. Certain indirect factors have also probably been responsible to some extent and past records have shown what considerable influence economic revival and depression can exert on the natural growth of the population. The prosperous years which immediately followed World War I witnessed a markedly enhanced natural growth which, however, did not attain the order of magnitude of the present day increase. On the other hand, economic depression of the period 1929 to 1933 was very powerful in not only reducing the previous natural growth, but in actually bringing about a natural decrease of the population during the years 1930, 1931 and 1932. (See page 3).

VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES

District	General[x]				Indian				Total	
	Males	Females	Total	Crude rates[+]	Males	Females	Total	Crude rates[+]	Births	Crude rates[+]
Port-Louis	950	815	1,765	43.1	946	948	1,894	57.0	3,659	49.3
Pamplemousses	168	152	320	48.5	876	853	1,729	57.7	2,049	56.1
Riviere du Rempart	137	159	296	41.7	994	962	1,956	61.5	2,252	57.9
Flacq	276	212	488	42.1	1,166	1,083	2,249	52.5	2,737	50.3
Grand Port	273	310	583	40.6	977	955	1,932	54.9	2,515	50.7
Savanne	183	168	351	40.6	716	644	1,360	51.5	1,711	48.8
Plaines Wilhems	1,335	1,239	2,574	38.0	1,831	1,831	3,662	52.1	6,236	45.2
Moka	137	94	231	42.1	563	584	1,147	57.1	1,378	53.9
Black River	120	112	232	41.3	178	163	341	49.8	573	46.0
Whole Island	3,579	3,261	6,840	40.7	8,247	8,023	16,270	54.8	23,110	49.7

BIRTH RATES[+] FOR THE WHOLE ISLAND - 1930 to 1950

Year	General	Indian	Total	Year	General	Indian	Total	Year	General	Indian	Total	Year	General	Indian	Total
1930	37.3	29.2	31.5	1935	34.9	32.9	33.6	1940	32.2	28.7	29.8	1945	32.0	42.2	38.5
1931	36.9	27.1	30.2	1936	36.4	34.1	34.9	1941	34.1	32.4	33.0	1946	33.5	41.8	38.7
1932	32.1	23.5	26.2	1937	36.3	34.7	35.2	1942	33.8	32.9	33.2	1947	36.9	47.8	43.8
1933	36.3	33.9	34.7	1938	36.0	32.1	33.4	1943	33.5	33.0	33.2	1948	35.8	47.3	43.1
1934	36.1	33.7	34.5	1939	38.4	34.8	36.0	1944	31.3	50.6	43.5	1949	37.3	51.0	46.0
												1950	40.7	54.8	49.7

x In this and subsequent tabulations the term "General Population" includes also the "Chinese";

+ Crude rates per 1,000 of the population.

SEXES OF CHILDREN BORN

General			Indian		
Males	Females	Male births per 1000 female births	Males	Females	Male births per 1,000 female births
3,579	3,261	1,097	8,247	8,023	1,028

BIRTH RATES

Crude birth rates were on the whole higher than corresponding rates for last year. The natural increase of population has amounted to nearly 38,000 souls in the course of the last three years.

In 1950, the crude birth rate was 35% higher in the Indian population than in the General population. In the General population it was only 13% higher than the average of 5 prewar years (1934-1938) while in the Indian population it was 64% above the corresponding prewar level. The following ratios give the birth rates since 1945 in the Indian population as compared with those obtained in the General population.

Year	Birth Rate Ratio Indian / General
1945	1.32
1946	1.25
1947	1.29
1948	1.32
1949	1.37
1950	1.35

DEATHS AND DEATH RATES.

DISTRICT	GENERAL				INDIAN				TOTAL	
	Males	Females	Total	Crude rates+	Males	Females	Total	Crude rates+	Deaths	Crude rates+
Port-Louis	280	248	528	12.9	261	231	492	14.8	1,020	13.8
Pamplemousses	82	50	132	20.0	238	170	408	13.6	540	14.8
Riviere du Rempart	40	44	84	11.8	213	193	406	12.8	490	12.6
Flacq	83	62	145	12.5	315	295	610	14.2	755	13.9
Grand Port	115	108	223	15.5	344	301	645	18.3	868	17.5
Savanne	67	57	124	14.3	213	200	413	15.6	537	15.3
Plaines Wilhems	353	407	760	11.2	461	434	895	12.7	1,655	12.0
Moka	46	42	88	16.0	169	126	295	14.7	383	15.0
Black River	46	31	77	13.7	62	66	128	18.7	205	16.5
Whole Island	1,112	1,049	2,161	12.9	2,276	2,016	4,292	14.5	6,453	13.9

Deaths and Death Rates.

The total number of deaths in 1950 was remarkably low- 13% lower than in the previous year. The crude death rates were again well below the prewar quinquennial average (1934-1938): in the general population the death rate was 49% and in the Indian population 50% below the prewar quinquennial average.

The death rate among the Indian population was in the ratio of 1.12 to 1 as compared with that of the General population. This ratio is lower than last year and is also very sensibly below that corresponding to the decennal average 1937-1946 which was 1.25 to 1.

+ per 1,000 of mid-year population.

NUMBER OF DEATHS BY AGE AND SEX (Total population)

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 1 ...	1,036	727	1,763
1 - 4 ...	323	321	644
5 - 9 ...	67	63	130
10- 14 ...	34	49	83
15- 19 ...	52	101	153
20- 24 ...	89	149	238
25- 34 ...	196	258	454
35- 44 ...	294	249	543
45- 54 ...	409	233	642
55- 64 ...	450	305	755
65- 74 ...	321	339	660
75- 84 ...	101	251	352
85 and over ...	16	20	36
All ages	3,388	3,065	6,453

MARRIAGES.

DISTRICT	POPULATION		
	General	Indian	Total
Port-Louis	400	287	687
Pamplemousses	57	155	212
Riviere du Rempart	53	172	225
Flacq	81	179	260
Grand Port	108	144	252
Savanne	74	161	235
Plaines Wilhems	558	400	958
Moka	49	122	171
Black River	20	30	50
Whole Island	1,400	1,650	3,050
Crude Rate+	16.7	11.1	13.1

+ Ratio of the actual number of persons of both sexes newly married to 1,000 of the entire population.

MARRIAGE RATES

The marriage rate in each population for 1950 was again higher than the corresponding average rates for the quinquennial period 1934-1938. In the General population it was 7% and in the Indian population it was 66% above this prewar average rate. The post-war increase in marriage rates is shown in the following table:

Prewar average (1934-1938)	General population 15.6		Indian population 6.7	
Year		% Increase on prewar average 1934-38		% Increase on prewar average 1934-38
1946	19.9	+ 28	17.0	+ 154
1947	19.6	+ 26	15.9	+ 137
1948	16.6	+ 7	13.5	+ 102
1949	17.0	+ 9	15.8	+ 136
1950	16.7	+ 7	11.1	+ 66

DIVORCES.	POPULATION			
	General	Indian	Chinese	Total
Adultery of husband ...	5	12	2	19
,, ,, wife ...	11	35	-	46
Adultery and "Injures Graves" of husband ...	-	3	1	4
Adultery and "Injures Graves" of wife ...	8	11	-	19
Adultery, Saevitiae & "Injures Graves" committed by husband	-	1	-	1
,, ,, ,, ,, wife	1	-	-	1
"Injures Graves" of husband	4	1	1	6
"Injures Graves" of wife	5	5	-	10
Saevitiae & "Injures Graves" of husband ...	3	2	-	5
Saevitiae & "Injures Graves" of wife ...	1	1	-	2
Desertion & Adultery of husband	-	2	-	2
,, ,, ,, ,,wife	1	-	-	1
Desertion & Saevitiae of husband	-	1	-	1
,, ,, of wife	-	2	-	2
	39	76	4	119

There were 116 cases in which a decree nisi " a vinculo matrimonii" was pronounced and 3 cases in which a decree" a mensa et thoro" was granted.

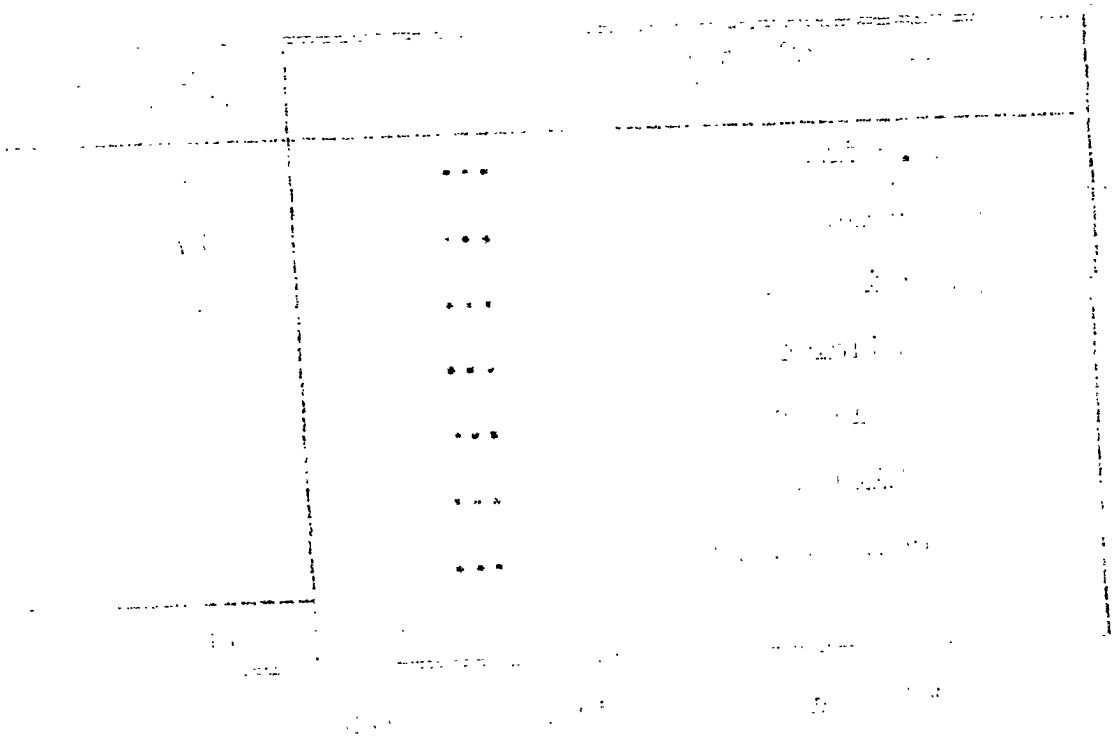
NUMBER OF DIVORCES BY NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING AT THE TIME OF DIVORCE.

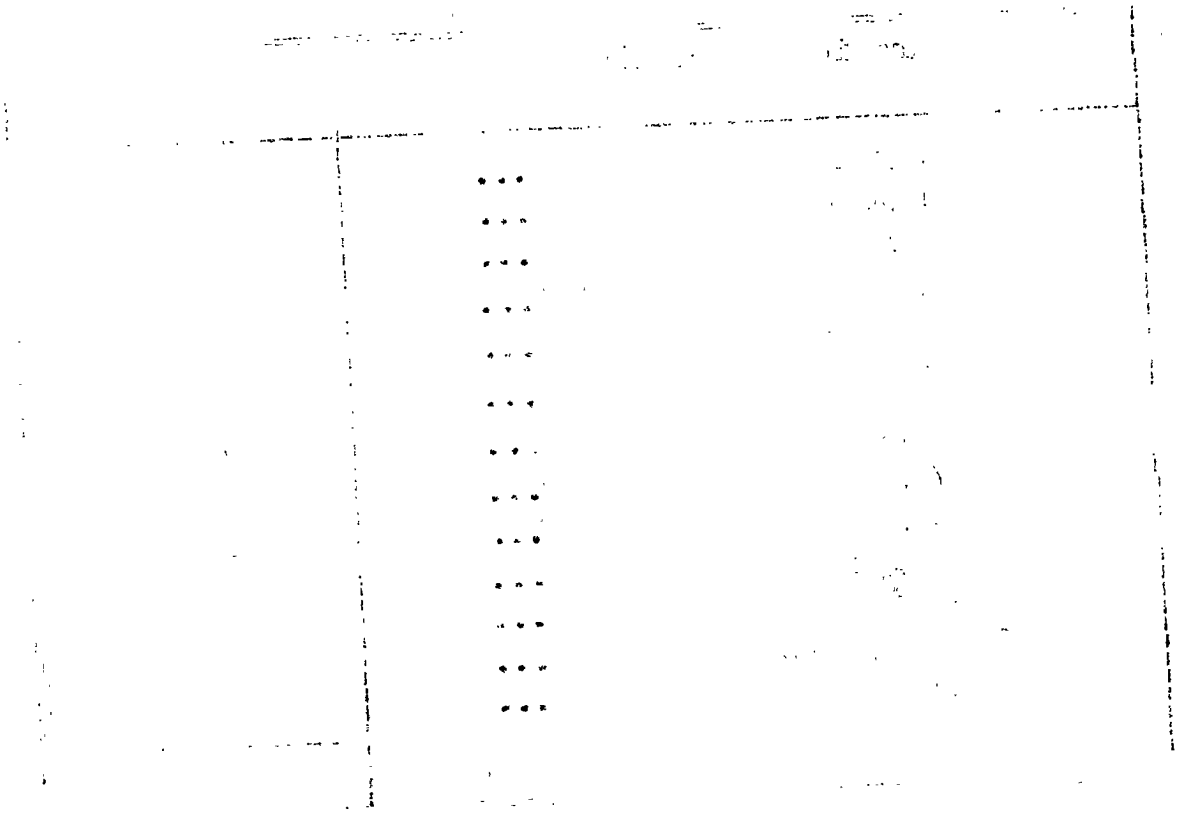
Number of children		Number of divorces
No. child	...	64
1 child	...	27
2 children	...	11
3 children	...	5
4 children	...	3
5 children	...	5
6 children and more	...	4
		119

Total number of children 129

NUMBER OF DIVORCES BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE.

Duration of marriage		Number of divorces
Under 1 year	...	2
1 year	...	1
2 years	...	6
3 years	...	12
4 years	...	22
5 years	...	11
6 years	...	14
7 years	...	7
8 years	...	5
9 years	...	12
10- 14 years	...	14
15- 19 years	...	6
20 years and over	...	7
	Total	119





STILL BIRTHS.

District	General		Indian		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Port-Louis	48	43	98	89	146	132
Pamplemousses	4	4	43	44	47	48
R/Rempart	6	5	50	29	56	34
Flacq	5	12	97	74	102	86
Grand Port	18	16	71	62	89	78
Savanne	9	8	52	42	61	50
P/Wilhems	57	65	133	104	190	169
Moka	4	1	50	44	54	45
Black River	4	7	9	3	13	10
Total	155	161	603	491	758	652

Total of still-births	...	...	1,410
% to live-births	...	...	6.1
% to total births	...	...	5.7

Still-births.

A still-birth is by definition the birth of a dead child at or after the seventh month of pregnancy. Still-births are not included either as births or deaths in the various numbers and rates shown in this chapter.

From year to year the number of still-births fluctuates closely around 1,400 ,corresponding to a ratio of 6% to 7% of the total births.

STILL-BIRTH RATE.+

Year	General	Indian
1946	5.5	9.7
1947	4.9	7.6
1948	5.4	7.6
1949	4.8	7.4
1950	4.6	6.7
1950 ratio	1:	1.5
Average 1937-1946 ratio	1:	1.7

+ percentage to live-births.

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Age	EXCLUSIVE OF STILL-BIRTHS								INCLUSIVE OF STILL-BIRTHS (x)							
	Males			Females			Total	Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 +	Males			Females			Total	Deaths per 1,000 births +
	G	I	T	G	I	T			G	I	T	G	I	T		
Under 3 months	159	529	688	120	363	483	1,171	50.7	314	1,132	1,446	281	854	1,135	2,581	105.3
3 months and under 6 months	43	114	157	32	73	105	262	62.0							262	115.9
6 months and under 12 months	71	120	191	52	87	139	330	76.3							330	129.4
1 year & under 2 years	61	98	159	55	89	144	303									
2 years and under 3 years	45	57	102	47	66	113	215									
3 years and under 4 years	15	30	45	7	36	43	88									
4 years and under 5 years	4	13	17	7	14	21	38									
	398	961	1,359	320	728	1,048	2,407									

(x) Inserted with due consideration of the result of ante-natal influences;

\+ The rate here refers to the total number of deaths occurring under the upper age limit;

G = General ; I= Indian ; T = Total.

RATES OF INFANTILE MORTALITY IN THE INDIAN POPULATION AS COMPARED WITH THE MORTALITY IN THE GENERAL POPULATION

Age	EXCLUSIVE OF STILL-BIRTHS						INCLUSIVE OF STILL-BIRTHS+					
	General		Indian		Ratio Indian/General		General		Indian		Ratio Indian/General	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Under 3 months	44.4	36.8	64.1	45.3	1.44	1.23	84.1	82.1	127.9	100.3	1.52	1.22
3 months and under 6 months	12.0	9.8	13.8	9.1	1.15	0.93						
6 months and under 12 months	19.8	15.9	14.6	10.8	0.74	0.68						
Under 1 year	76.2	62.5	92.5	65.2	1.21	1.04						

+ Rates here are computed on total births.

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES.+

Year	POPULATION		
	General	Indian	Total
1946	146.3	144.6	145.2
1947	112.2	114.7	113.9
1948	180.8	188.6	186.2
1949	88.5	92.0	91.0
1950	69.7	79.0	76.3

+ The number of deaths of infants under 1 year of age occurring in any year for every one thousand live births registered during the same year.

CAUSES OF DEATH- INFANTILE MORTALITY

SECTION@	Disease	Under 1 year	1 to 5 years
1	Infective & Parasitic Diseases	214	131
2	Neoplasms	-	-
3	Allergic ,Endocrine Systen,Metabolic and Nutritional Diseases	7	14
4	Diseases of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs	8	22
5	Mental,Psychoneurotic,and Personality Disorders	-	-
6	Diseases of the Nervous Systen and Sense Organs.	49	25
7	Diseases of the Circulatory Systen	-	1
8	Diseases of the Respiratory System	280	115
9	Diseases of the Digestive System	318	220
10	Diseases of the Genito-Urinary Systen	1	8
11	Deliveries and complications of Pregnancy,Childbirth,and the Puerperium	-	-
12	Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue	8	3
13	Diseases of the Bones and Organs of Movement	-	-
14	Congenital Malformations	8	1
15	Certain diseases of early infancy	778	-
16	Symptoms,Senility,and Ill-defined Conditions	85	76
17	Accidents,Poisonings and Violence	7	28
	Total	1,763	644

@ International Classification 1948.

Infantile Mortality.

Infantile mortality in 1950 was slightly lower, the total number of deaths of infants under 1 year of age being only 1,763 as compared with 1,863 in 1949. The rates of infantile mortality in 1950 were lower in both populations than during any of the previous 12 years. In the General population it was 51% lower and in the Indian population 49% lower than the previous 12 year average 1938-1949.

In the case of infants under 3 months of age, the rate of mortality was 34% higher in the Indian population than in the General population. When still-births are included, the rate is correspondingly about 38% higher in the Indian population. The inclusion of still-births raises the infantile mortality occurring under 3 months of age by the following proportions:

POPULATION		
General	Indian	Total
+ 113%	+ 123%	+ 120%

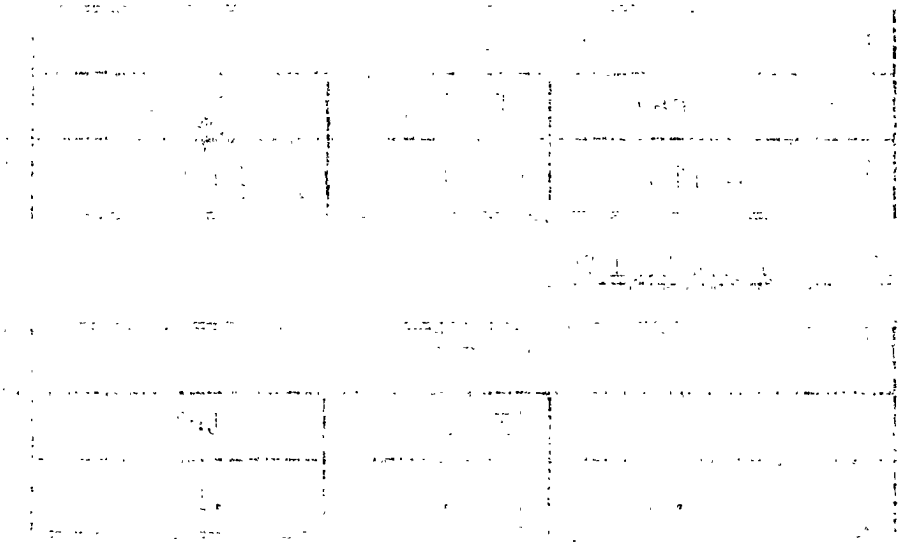
RATE OF MATERNAL MORTALITY+

POPULATION		
General	Indian	Total
3.5	3.5	3.5

+ per 1,000 total births.

Maternal Mortality.

The maternal mortality was again considerably in decline over the rates obtaining in the past. The rate of maternal mortality which had declined to 3.8 per thousand births in 1949 fell to 3.5 per thousand in 1950, a reduction of 67% as compared with the decennial average (1937-1946) of 10.5 per thousand.



RODRIGUES ISLAND (Area 40 square miles)

DEMOGRAPHY

POPULATION - Estimated as at 31st December, 1950

YEAR	NUMBER OF PERSONS		
	Total	Actual increase	Number per square mile
1948	13,326		333
		265	
1949	13,591		340
		371	
1950	13,962		349

The inhabitants of the island belong almost entirely to the General population. The number of inhabitants belonging to the Indian population is extremely small - being 0.2% of the total population. The ratio of males to females in the population is 1: 1.05

The rapid natural growth of population observed in Mauritius is also taking place to some extent in its main dependency, where in five years (1946-1950) the population has increased by 11.3%.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Year	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Birth rate per 1,000	Death rate per 1,000
1948	390	162	228	29.5	12.3
1949	459	139	320	34.0	10.3
1950	557	158	399	40.5	11.5

RODRIGUES

AGES AT DEATH

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under one year	32	37	69
1 year and under 5 years	15	15	30
5 years and under 10 years	3	2	5
10 years and under 20 years	2	1	3
20 years and under 45 years	10	7	17
45 years and under 65 years	5	6	11
65 years and over	14	9	23
	81	77	158

Infantile Mortality.

The infantile mortality in 1950 in the island was 123.9 per 1,000 live births showing an increase of 29% on the figure for 1949.

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

RODRIGUES

	General			Indian			Chinese			TOTAL
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	
Arrivals from Mauritius	244	56	300	114	7	121	91	11	102	523
Departures to Mauritius	218	106	324	119	9	128	90	9	99	551

M = Males ; F = Females ; T = Total.

HEALTH

The tables are computed from returns of the Medical and Health Department and of the Registrar General's Department.

Public Health Services.

In 1950, the Public Health Services consisted of 8 General hospitals, 3 special hospitals (one for Poliomyelitis, one for Leprosy and one Mental hospital) and 40 public dispensaries. On the total 254,055 cases (124,701 males and 129,354 females) were examined at the public dispensaries and the out-patients' department of the public hospitals; the number of out-patients in attendance was 350,202.

There were in addition to the above 5 private clinics, 3 maternity centres and 33 private hospitals maintained on sugar estates. The Health Services of the Island also comprised:

87 medical practitioners;
11 + dental surgeons;
150 + certificated nurses;
52 + registered midwives; x
155 + qualified dressers;
6 veterinary practitioners.

Statistics relating to the public hospitals are given in the following table.

+ 80 nurses, 12 midwives and 144 dressers belong to Government Medical Service;

x The total number of practising midwives is probably much greater.

STATISTICS OF HOSPITALS

Hospital	Patients remaining on		New admissions	Deaths	No. of beds.	Number of patients on any date during period under review		Cases		Number of operations performed on	
	31.12.49	31.12.50				Maximum	Minimum	Medical	Surgical	In-patients	Out-patients
Civil (Port-Louis)	244	241	7,795	469	376	385	201	5,670	2,125	1,672	2,380
Long Mountain	24	27	1,719	24	65	70	24	1,324	395	76	249
Poudre d'Or	23	15	1,892	26	70	65	15	1,299	593	167	230
Flacq	19	28	2,237	45	85	86	18	1,312	925	217	188
Mahebourg	29	34	2,156	99	106	90	29	1,495	661	179	652
Souillac	30	37	2,953	52	103	109	37	1,751	1,202	308	16
Moka	31	21	1,803	75	83	76	21	1,063	740	740	592
Victoria	196	194	6,570	304	272	263	166	3,832	2,738	1,849	3,511
Mental x (Infirmary only)	16	5	318	28	64	29	13	298	20	105	-
Industrial School	7	6	203	-	16	14	2	70	133	9	-
Beau-Bassin Prisons	25	12	433	1	57	32	12	325	108	21	-
Floreal *	159	161	220	7	200	193	159	84	136	600	857
Leper	46	48	4	1	54	49	46	4	-	62	-
TOTALS:	849	829	28,303	1,131	1,551	1,461	743	18,527	9,776	6,005	8,675

x Figures shown are for physical cases only.
* Hospital for poliomyelitis and orthopaedic cases.

HEALTH SERVICES

DISTRICT	Medical practitioners		Dentists	Occulists	Maternity centres	Pharmacies	Public Cemeteries	Hospitals	Mental Hospital	Dispensaries ++	Benevolent & orphan asylums	Private clinics	Estate hospitals	Beds in estate hospitals
	Private	Government												
Port-Louis	11	9	6+	-	-	15	-	1	-	2	6	-	-	-
Pamplemousses	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	2	1	4	52
R/Rempart	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	5	-	-	4	92
Flacq	1	1	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	7	-	-	4	86
Grand Port	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	6	3	-	6	130
Savanne	3	1	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	4	-	-	7	191
P/Wilhens	34	12	5	4	3	16	2	2	1	4	7	4	3	50
Black River	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	5	-	-	1	20
Moka	2	3	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	3	-	-	4	117
Total	56	31	11	4	3	33	22	10	1	40	18	5	33	738

+ 1 belonging to Government Medical Service;
++ Excluding 2 mobile dispensaries.

STATEMENT OF THE CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE ISLAND DURING THE YEAR 1950.

SECTION +	NATURE OF DISEASE	POPULATION						Total number of deaths	% of Total	Death rate per 100,000 of population
		General			Indian					
		M	F	T	M	F	T			
I	Infective and parasitic diseases	139	106	245	321	307	628	873	13.5	187.8
II	Neoplasms	18	46	64	18	40	58	122	1.9	26.2
III	Allergic, endocrine system, metabolic and nutritional diseases	23	34	57	80	64	144	201	3.1	43.2
IV	Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs	30	50	80	103	195	298	378	5.9	81.3
V	Mental, psychoneurotic, and personality disorders	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	0.2
VI	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	102	85	187	118	81	199	386	6.0	83.1
VII	Diseases of the circulatory system	83	90	173	143	111	254	427	6.6	91.9
VIII	Diseases of the Respiratory system	185	156	341	175	248	623	964	14.9	207.4
IX	Diseases of the Digestive system	186	137	323	331	259	590	913	14.2	196.5
X	Diseases of the Genito-urinary system	60	50	110	78	73	151	261	4.1	56.2
XI	Deliveries and complications of pregnancy, childbirth & the puerperium	-	25	25	-	61	61	86	1.3	18.5
XII	Diseases of the skin & cellular tissue	5	4	9	13	12	25	34	0.5	7.3
XIII	Diseases of the bones & organs of movement	2	1	3	2	3	5	8	0.1	1.7
XIV	Congenital malformations	3	-	3	5	2	7	10	0.2	2.2
XV	Certain diseases of early infancy	97	80	177	361	244	605	782	12.1	168.3
XVI	Symptoms, senility and ill-defined conditions	133	173	306	237	271	508	814	12.6	175.2
XVII	Accidents, poisonings & violence	46	12	58	90	45	135	193	3.0	41.5
	Total	1112	1049	2161	2276	2016	4292	6453	100.0	1388.5

+ International Classification, 1948.

Causes of death in the Island.

Death from all causes showed a decrease of 13% in 1950 as compared with 1949. The more important variations occurred in the various disease sections as indicated below:

Section	% increase or decrease in deaths
I	-35
IV	-20
VII	+ 4
VIII	+20
IX	-16
XII	+48
XIV	+100
XV	- 7

The principal causes of death were (i) Diseases of the Respiratory System.; (ii) Diseases of the Digestive System; (iii) Infective and Parasitic Diseases; (iv) Certain diseases of early infancy.

The decrease of 13% in the total number of deaths was principally due to a falling off in the occurrence of diseases of the Infective and Parasitic types, which, as affecting the incidence of mortality, showed a drop of 39.2% on last year. Anti-malarial works were carried in the island since 1942 and between the years 1943 and 1948 the deaths from malaria showed an overall decrease for the Colony of 40%. In January,1949,an island-wide campaign of malaria eradication by means of insecticides was started.

A slight decrease (7%) over last year on the incidence of mortality was also apparent in diseases of early infancy. The drop of 16% over last year in the rate of mortality among infants appears to be mainly ascribable this year to the small number of deaths due to Infective and Parasitic diseases and to diseases of the nervous system and sense organs. These causes of death among Infants (under 1 year) showed a decrease on last year of 25% and 22% respectively.

The proportion of still-births (6.1% of live-births) was about the same as last year.

DISEASES CAUSING HIGH MORTALITY IN MAURITIUS.

SECTION	DISEASE	Actual number of deaths	Death rate per 100,000 of population	± Variation on 1949 rate
I	(Malaria	388	83	- 128
	(Tuberculosis of the Respi-(ratory System	236	51	- 14
III	Asthma	116	25	- 2
IV	Anaemia	378	81	- 25
VI	Diseases of the nervous system & sense organs	386	83	+ 1
VII	Diseases of the circulatory system	427	92	-
VIII	(Influenza	102	22	+ 1
	(Pneumonia	399	86	+ 6
	(Bronchitis	385	83	+ 14
IX	Enteritis and Diarrhoea	753	162	- 37
X	Nephritis	238	51	- 9
XV	(Congenital Debility	613	132	- 20
	(Premature Birth	129	28	+ 1
XVII	Accidents, Poisonings and Violence)	193	42	- 1

TUBERCULOSIS

Year	Number of deaths in the Colony due to the disease	% to total deaths in the Colony	Crude death rate from tuberculosis per million living
1945	242	1.58	571
1946	196	1.57	462
1947	171	1.97	395
1948	269	2.56	609
1949	301	4.08	677
1950	244	3.78	525

The case mortality among hospital patients suffering from tuberculosis was 16%.

Maternal Mortality Rate+

YEAR	Rate per 1,000
1945	14.96
1946	10.39
1947	5.25
1948	4.10
1949	3.80
1950	3.51

+ The ratio of the number of deaths ascribed to the Puerperal State to the total number of births, including still-births.

The rate of maternal mortality this year was 3.51 per 1,000 in the Indian population and 3.49 in the General Population. On the whole it was in regression over last year, specially in the Indian Population and has fallen by 66% as compared with the 1946 rate.

MAIN CAUSES OF MORBIDITY

DISEASE	In-patients at hospitals	Out-patients at hospitals & dispensaries
Syphilis and its sequelae	260	1,145
Dysentery, all forms	314	3,351
Malaria	209	13,388
Ankylostomiasis	314	12,459
Other diseases due to helminths	80	14,020
Avitaminosis and other deficiency states	445	3,067
Anaemias	1,666	20,523
Allergic disorders; all other endocrine, metabolic and blood diseases	487	3,710
Inflammatory diseases of eye	147	3,065
Diseases of the circulatory system	904	2,389
Influenza	641	30,854
Pneumonia	521	138
Bronchitis	820	5,028
Diseases of teeth and supporting structures	117	21,273
Gastro-enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the newborn	271	5,481
Other diseases of the digestive system	931	20,555
Diseases of the genito-urinary system	1,390	6,100
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium +	1,225	2,253
Infections of skin & subcutaneous tissue	1,707	10,697
Muscular rheumatism and rheumatism unspecified	234	9,404
All other diseases of skin and musculo-skeletal system	430	7,473
Accidents, poisoning and violence	4,490	21,118

Number of persons treated for malaria in public hospitals.

YEAR	No. of malaria cases	Case % mortality
1945	3,244	4.57
1946	2,522	4.20
1947	1,989	3.82
1948	1,575	4.19
1949	804	5.35
1950	209	4.80

Causes of Morbidity.

Influenza ranks first in importance and shows on the total cases treated in hospitals and dispensaries an increase of 15% as compared with last year.

Cases of malaria treated in hospitals and dispensaries have shown a considerable decrease over last year (about 62%).

\+ Excluding 1,633 cases of "Delivery without complications".

The number of cases of Tuberculosis reported in hospitals and dispensaries showed a decrease of 15% over last year and the number of deaths ascribed to this disease was 19% lower.

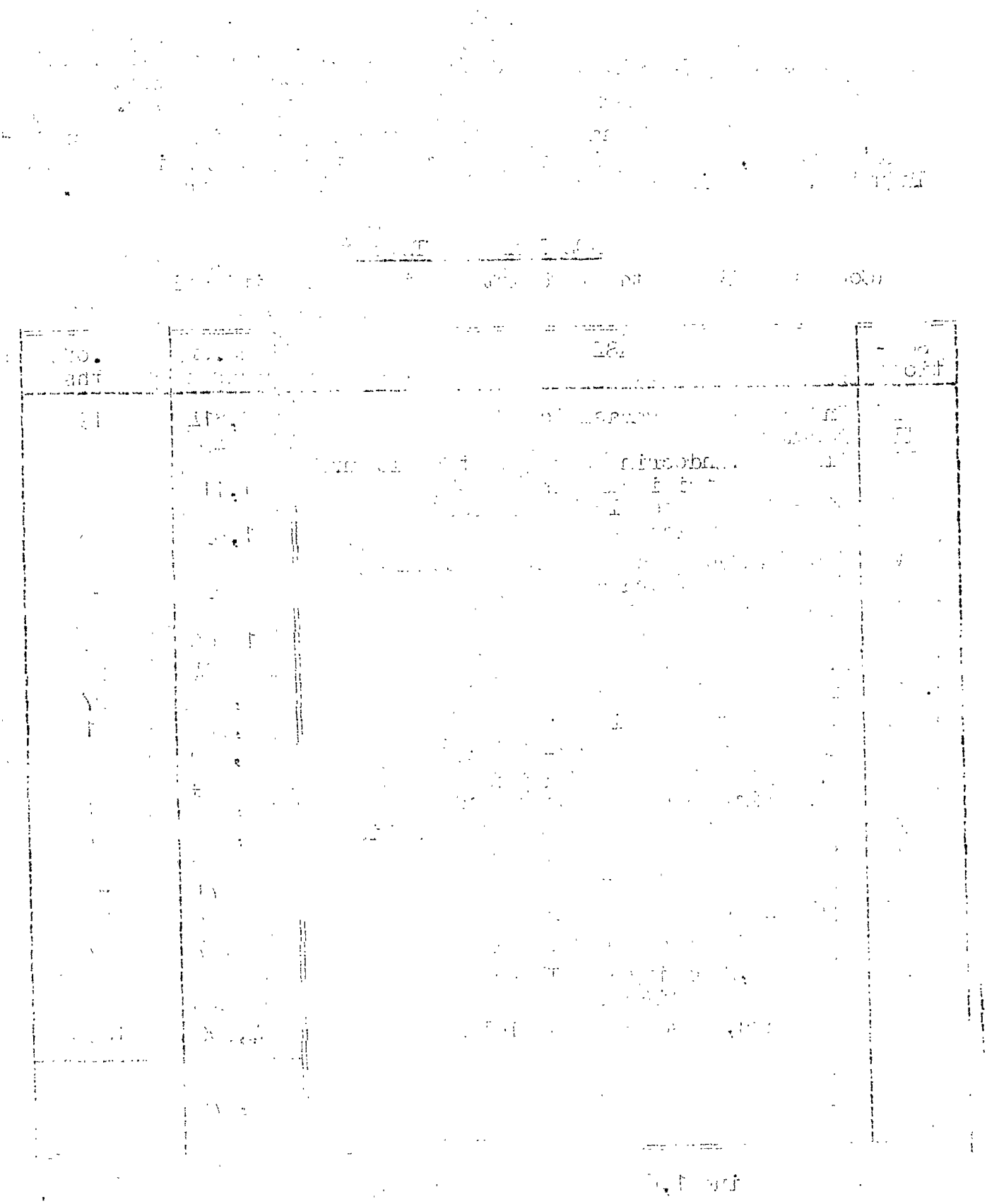
Cases of Anaemia reported were over 6% in excess of last year's number, cases of influenza were greater by 15% while cases of Injuries, Poisoning and Violence reached a higher figure by 19%.

HOSPITAL STATISTICS

(Corresponding to the 1948 International Classification)

Section	DISEASE	No. of cases	No. of deaths
I	Infective and Parasitic Diseases	2,814	219
II	Neoplasms	435	35
III	Allergic, Endocrine system, Metabolic and Nutritional Diseases	1,110	33
IV	Diseases of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs	1,695	53
V	Mental, Psychoneurotic and Personality Disorders	396	-
VI	Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	1,100	55
VII	Diseases of the Circulatory System	904	98
VIII	Diseases of the Respiratory System	2,581	97
IX	Diseases of the Digestive System	2,271	121
X	Diseases of the Genito-Urinary system	1,390	51
XI	Deliveries and Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the Puerperium	2,858+	71
XII	Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue	2,003	17
XIII	Diseases of the Bones and Organs of Movement	771	-
XIV	Congenital Malformations	36	10
XV	Certain Diseases of early Infancy	137	127
XVI	Symptoms, Senility and Ill-defined conditions	918	44
XVII	Accidents, Poisoning and Violence	4,490	100
	Total	24,276	1,131

+ Including 1,633 cases of "Delivery without complications".



NOTIFIABLE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

District	Typhoid Fever	Puerperal Fever	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Acute Poliomyelitis	Tuberculosis	Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis
Port-Louis	44	-	14	1	1	181	-
Pamplemousses	57	-	3	1	2	87	-
Riviere du Rempart	54	-	5	1	2	51	-
Flacq	54	3	8	1	-	76	-
Grand Port	28	-	4	4	1	61	-
Savanne	12	-	1	1	2	62	-
Plaines Wilhems	43	-	52	2	2	223	1
Black River	21	1	4	-	-	29	-
Moka	6	-	5	-	-	32	-
Total	319	4	96	11	10	802	1

The incidence of Diphtheria in 1950 showed a decrease of 38% over last year.

JUDICIAL STATISTICS

Police

The establishment of the Regular Force in Mauritius and Rodrigues at the end of 1949 was constituted as follows:

1 Commissioner
1 Deputy Commissioner
1 Police Medical Officer
10 Superintendents
1 Paymaster
1 Assistant Pay and Quartermaster
12 Assistant Superintendents (1 at Rodrigues)
14 Inspectors
58 Sergeants (1 attached to the Railways)
74 Corporals (1 attached to Railways and 1 at Rodrigues)
659 Constables (6 attached to Railways and 17 at Rodrigues)
20 Police Women

The Police Band comprised:

1 Bandmaster
1 Inspector
1 Sergeant
4 Corporals
16 Bandsmen

The following table shows the establishment of the Police Force in Mauritius and the proportion of police to population for the last 5 years:

Year ended 31st December	Officers	OTHER RANKS				TOTAL (+)	Proportion of police to population
		Inspectors	Sergeants	Corporals	Constables		
1945	21	11	51	65	495	643	1: 661
1946	25	12	51	64	536	688	1: 625
1947	25	12	51	64	536	688	1: 634
1948	25	12	52	64	542	695	1: 635
1949	26	11	52	65	542	696	1: 656
1950	26	14	57	72	630	799	1: 595

(+) Excluding Women Police, Police Band and Rodrigues Police.

Revenue and Traffic.

The following tables summarise the offences dealt with by the Revenue and Traffic Control Branch of the Police in 1950:

Revenue

	Cases
Illegal slaughtering of cattle ...	6
Other offences connected with the prevention of illegal slaughtering of cattle ...	14
Offences under the Defence (Food Control) Regulations ...	106
Revenue contraventions ...	584
Offences under the Distillery and Liquor Laws	137
Offences against the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance	70
Offences against the Weights and Measures Ordinance ...	148
Total :	1,065

Traffic

The following statement shows the number of cases prosecuted under the Traffic Laws:

	Cases
Public vehicles carrying an excessive number of passengers	263
Dangerous, negligent and inconsiderate driving	49
Overloading lorry	328
Exceeding speed limits	218
Other offences	2,901
Total	3,759

Crime.

A total of 56,347 cases of every description were reported to the Police of which 12,836 had no criminal character.

Investigations, Prosecutions and Convictions.

OFFENCES	Cases reported to the Police	Case prosecuted	Persons prosecuted	Persons convicted	Persons awaiting trial at the end of 1950+
Crimes	636	379	501	337	139
Misdemeanours	14,577	3,220	3,954	3,267	541
Contraventions	28,298	21,088	22,204	20,963	1,367
Total:	43,511	24,687	26,659	24,567	2,047

+ Includes cases in which information has not yet been filed.

Serious Cases.

Homicide ...	10
Larceny ...	1,849
Receiving stolen property	31
Embezzlement ...	472
Burglary ...	87
Robbery ...	61
Forgery ...	25
Praedial larceny ...	127
Profiteering ...	60
Other serious offences ...	243
Offences under the Distillery & Liquor Laws ...	137

70 cases were prosecuted under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

Fires.

347 cases of fire were reported to the Police in 1950 of which 318 were accidental, 8 were cases of arson and 21 cases of imprudence or negligence.

Juvenile Criminality.

OFFENCE	Number arrested and convicted.		
	1948	1949	1950
Larceny ...	91	96	78
Larceny, praedial ...	37	10	3
Larceny with violence ...	-	-	1
Larceny being two in number or more	8)		20
Larceny with breaking ...	10)		3
Larceny with night breaking	1)	60	4
Larceny with false key & scaling	3)		2
Larceny by person in receipt of wages	-)		-
Larceny by servant ...	4)		5
Larceny with aggravating circumstances	-	-	3
Homicide ...	-	1	-
Possession of stolen property	4	12	4
Vagrancy ...	33	7	10
Plundering ...	32	24	110
Wounds and blows ...	23	15	47
Offences against morality	-	4	-
Roguery and vagabondage ...	-	2	-
Forgery ...	-	-	3
Unlawful possession of wash	-	1	-
Various offences ...	116	246	217

Criminal Investigation Department.

The following is a statement of cases referred to, and dealt with by the Investigation Branch of the Criminal Investigation Department:

	Crimes	Misdemeanours
Number of true cases declared ...	62	199
Number of cases in which prosecution was entered ...	40	166
Convictions ...	18 (45%)	152 (91%)
Number of cases pending ...	16	8

In addition 20 cases of contravention were successfully prosecuted.

Bicycle Thefts.

YEAR	NUMBER OF BICYCLES	
	Lost or stolen	Recovered
1950	131	28

Habitual Criminals.

There were 2,132 reconvicted male criminals (including 103 first offenders reconvicted during the year) in Mauritius in 1950. At the end of the year

159 were in Prison;
323 were under Police supervision;
42 were out on licence;
462 were in the Mauritius Pioneer Corps (449 of these were serving overseas).

Violence and Assaults.

Assaults with violence are common. 1,219 cases of wounds and blows were examined by the Police Medical Officer and 2,150 medical reports were forwarded to the Police for use in evidence.

29 cases of rape and sexual assaults were dealt with.

Suicide.

7 cases were reported and investigated during the year and the following causes of death were found: 1 by drowning, 4 by poisoning, 1 by firearm and 1 by being run over by train.

Forgery and Theft.

In 1950, 362 exhibits related to cases of forgery, swindling and other fraudulent alteration of deeds and documents were examined in the Forensic Laboratory. The corresponding number of exhibits for 1949 was 501.

Firearms.

Licences were issued during the year involving the use of 5,294 firearms. The comparative figures for 1948 and 1949 were 4,976 and 5,083 respectively.

Summary of offences prosecuted by the Police.

OFFENCE	Number of persons prosecuted.		
	Males	Females	Total
Homicide ...	8	-	8
Other offences against the person ...	2,830	375	3,205
Praedial larceny ...	80	16	96
Other offences against property ...	1,714	337	2,051
Offences against the Labour, the Narcotic Substances, the Customs, the Stamps, the Municipal, the Road, the Bankruptcy Ordinances and other laws relating to the Economy of the Colony	20,192	729	20,921
TOTAL:	24,824	1,457	26,281

Judicial

Supreme Court.

In the Supreme Court, in 1950, the following cases were dealt with:

	Civil cases	Divorce cases	Criminal Appeals	Civil Appeals	Motions and other applications	Bankruptcy cases
New cases entered during the year	43	138	44	16	123	46
Cases disposed of	33+	137	37	10	137	47

+ Of which 19 were for actions exceeding Rs.3,000 .

There were 29 cases brought for trial before the Court of Assizes in which there were 35 accused parties.

1	Murder ...	2
2	Attempt at murder ...	1
3	Manslaughter ...	2
4	Wounds and blows causing death with premeditation but without intention to kill	1
5	Wounds and blows causing death without intention to kill ...	4
6	Involuntary homicide ...	9
7	Larceny with wounding ...	-
8	Larceny with night breaking ...	-
9	Striking an agent of the Civil Authority causing wounds ...	-
10	Rape ...	5
11	Attempt at Rape ...	-
12	Complicity in Rape ...	-
13	Complicity in Attempt at Rape	-
14	Procuring miscarriage ...	1
15	Arson ...	2
16	Bigamy ...	2
17	Sedition ...	-

22 of those accused parties were convicted, 11 discharged on the merits of the case, 1 discharged for want of prosecution, and one accused party was remanded to stand trial at the first session of 1951.

PERSONS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MAGISTERIAL COURTS BY ARREST, WARRANT AND SUMMONS.

	NUMBER OF PERSONS												GRAND TOTAL		
	discharged for want of prosecution			discharged on the merits of the case			summarily convicted			committed to Superior Courts					
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
ADULTS:															
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	12	12	-	12
Other offences against persons	67	13	80	449	83	532	2504	286	2790	21	1	22	3041	383	3424
Praedial larceny	9	-	9	27	3	30	94	14	108	3	-	3	133	17	150
Offences against property	43	1	44	196	22	218	1367	328	1695	8	-	8	1614	351	1965
Offences against Labour Ordinance	4	-	4	7	-	7	344	-	344	-	-	-	355	-	355
Offences against the Narcotic Substances Ordinance	1	-	1	7	-	7	81	1	82	-	-	-	89	1	90
Offences against the Customs & other Ordinances+ & Laws relating to the Economy of the Colony	171	8	179	405	13	418	20804	539	21343	1	2	3	21381	562	21943
Other offences	22	1	23	144	11	155	3252	202	3454	1	2	3	3419	216	3635
Total	317	23	340	1235	132	1367	28446	1370	29816	46	5	51	30044	1530	31574
JUVENILES:															
Homicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other offences against persons	-	-	-	5	-	5	59	2	61	-	-	-	64	2	66
Praedial larceny	-	-	-	2	-	2	32	1	33	-	-	-	34	1	35
Offences against property	2	-	2	15x	5	20	161	33	194	-	-	-	178	38	216
Offences against the Customs & other Ordinances+ & Laws relating to the Economy of the Colony	-	-	-	4	-	4	227	5	232	-	-	-	231	5	236
Other offences	2	-	2	3	-	3	36	5	41	-	-	-	41	5	46
Total	4	-	4	29	5	34	516	46	562	-	-	-	549	51	600

+ Including the Stamps, the Municipal, the Road and the Bankruptcy Ordinances
x Including one male discharged on probation

M = Males ; F = Females ; T = Total.

District Courts.

Percentage of Acquittals and Convictions.

The percentage of acquittals and convictions were as follows:

Offence	Non prosecutions & acquittals	Convictions & committals to Assizes.
	%	%
Against the person ...	17.6	82.4
Praedial larceny ...	22.2	77.8
Other offences against property	13.0	87.0
Offences against Revenue, Municipal, Road and other laws relating to the social economy of the Colony...	2.7	93.3
Offences against the Labour Law	3.1	96.9
Other offences ...	5.0	95.0

In the acquittals are included the cases in which the accused were released in Limine Litis and the cases which were abandoned for want of evidence; in the convictions are included the cases in which the accused were committed to stand trial at the Court of Assizes.

Classification of Offences.

The total number of cases prosecuted before the District Courts (including Preliminary Enquiries) during the year may be distributed as follows:

Offences against the person ...	3,423
Praedial larceny ...	176
Other offences against property ...	2,135
Other offences (including offences against the Labour Law, Revenue Law etc) ...	26,096
Total:	31,830

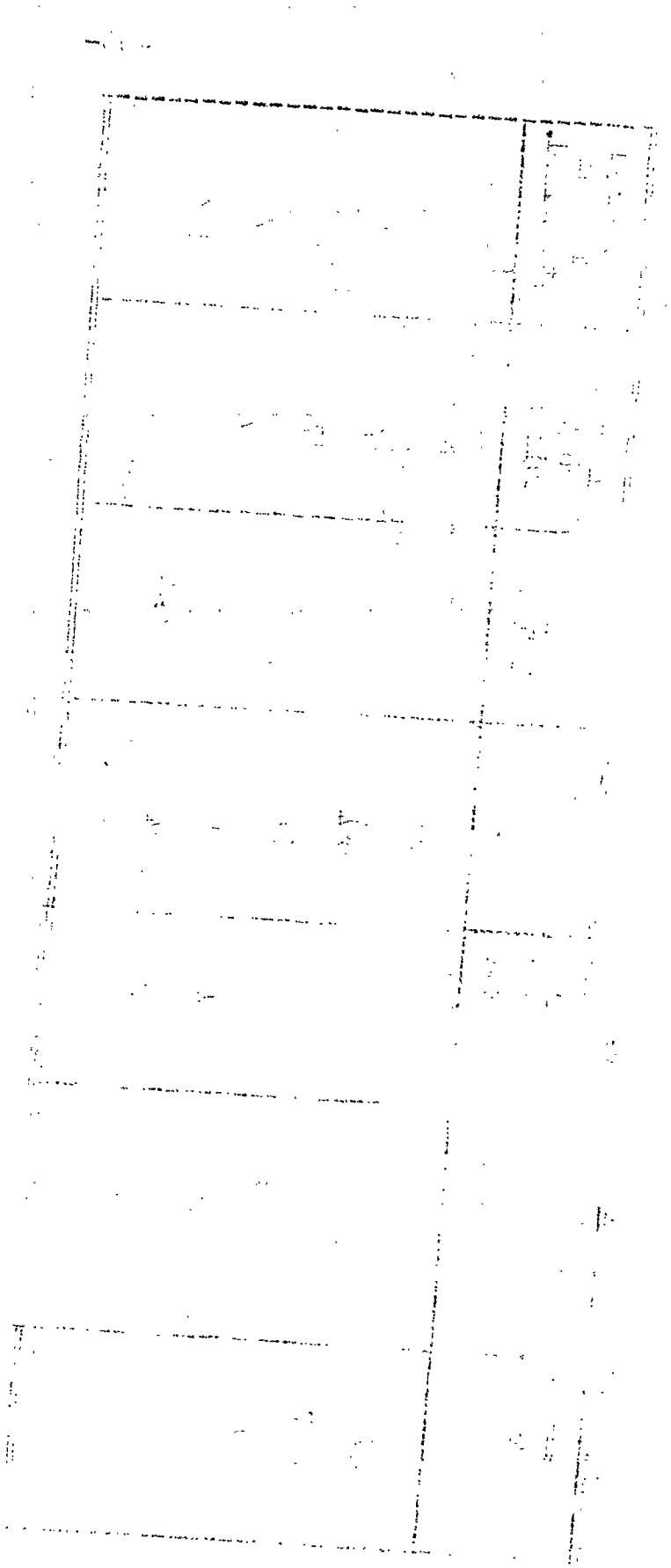
Convictions.

The convictions (including committals to Assizes) before the District Courts for the same period were as follows:

Offences against the person ...	2,886
Praedial larceny ...	144
Other offences against property ...	1,898
Other offences (including offences against the Labour Law, Revenue Law etc.) ...	25,502
Total :	30,430

OFFENCES AGAINST THE FISHERY LAWS.

YEAR	Total number of contraventions	Number of cases prosecuted	Number of convictions	Total fines inflicted	Number of boats seized	Number of illegal nets seized.
				Rs.		
1946	772	657	644	10,546	19	111
1947	770	676	664	11,924	7	99
1948	757	612	592	10,146	17	80
1949	777	664	660	9,208	7	75
1950	591	559	542	7,998	20	103



SUMMARY OF OFFENCES AGAINST THE FOREST LAWS DURING THE YEAR.

CATEGORY OF OFFENCE	Imprisonment without option of fine	Cases taken to Court			Cases dealt with Departmentally	Offenders Unknown	Total all offences	
		Fine	Caution	Acquittal			Cases	Number of persons involved
1. Unauthorised felling or removal								
(a) In Crown Forests	-	142	-	2	35	54	233	261
(b) In Mountain Reserves	-	15	-	2	-	12	29	18
(c) In River Reserves	1	131	-	5	13	83	233	150
(d) In Pas Geometriques	1	17	-	-	6	5	29	24
2. Illegal possession of Indigenous Forest Produce	-	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
3. Possession of tools:								
(a) In Crown Forests	-	28	-	-	-	-	28	34
(b) In River Reserves	-	11	-	-	-	-	11	12
4. Conflagration in Crown Forests.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Encroachment in River Reserves.	-	12	-	-	18	-	30	30
6. Plundering in Crown Forests.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	2	365	-	9	72	154	602	538

PRISONS STATISTICS.

OFFENCE	Total number of persons sentenced.	NATURE OF SENTENCE						DISTRIBUTION OF OFFENCES ACCORDING TO				
		BORSTAL	Imprisonment			PENAL SERVITUDE	DEATH	Age of offender			Education of offender	
			Per non payment of fine	Less than 1 month	More than 1 month			Under 25	25 to 50	Over 50	Illeterate offender	Offender able to read and write
MEN												
Homicide ...	18	1	-	-	8	9	-	3	13	2	3	15
Unnatural Crimes ...	18	-	-	-	12	6	-	7	10	1	14	4
Offences against the person ...	228	4	89	59	75	1	-	72	146	10	150	78
Offences against property ...	389	22	11	51	291	14	-	125	243	21	218	171
Praedial larceny ...	8	2	-	1	5	-	-	7	1	-	6	2
Drunkenness & Disorder	309	-	252	27	30	-	-	57	217	35	202	107
Other crimes and contraventions ...	299	-	102	73	123	1	-	65	206	28	189	110
Total: ...	1,269	29	454	211	544	31	-	336	836	97	782	487
WOMEN												
Homicide ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unnatural Crimes ...	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Offences agsinst the person ...	13	-	7	5	1	-	-	11	2	-	8	5
Offences against property ...	17	-	1	5	11	-	-	5	9	3	14	3
Praedial larceny ...	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-
Drunkenness & Disorder	25	-	17	4	4	-	-	12	10	3	19	6
Other crimes and contraventions ...	29	-	5	12	12	-	-	10	15	4	25	4
Total: ...	87	-	30	26	31	-	-	41	36	10	69	18
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,356	29	484	237	575	31	-	377	872	107	851	505

JUVENILES OFFENDERS DETAINED AT THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

OFFENCE	SENTENCE					AGE OF OFFENDER			TOTAL
	Less than 3 years	3 years	Over 3 years	Detained till the age of 18	Total	Under 10 years	10 to 14 years	Over 14 years	
Unnatural crimes	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
Offences against persons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Offences against property	-	13	1	20	34	-	11	23	34
Vagrancy	-	3	-	6	9	-	2	7	9
Other offences	-	3	-	3	6	-	3	3	6
TOTAL:	-	19	1	30	50	-	16	34	50

Probation

Legislation on this subject first came into force in 1947. Since the 3rd October, 1949, the Probation System covers the whole Island.

Number of persons released on Probation

YEAR	Juveniles		Adults		TOTAL
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
1947	35	1	8	1	45
1948	58	5	32	2	97
1949	69	2	37	12	120
1950	91	11	183	24	309

Number of persons who committed a breach of the conditions of the Probationary Order.

YEAR	Juveniles		Adults		TOTAL
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
1947	4	-	-	-	4
1948	15	-	-	-	15
1949	10	1	3	1	15
1950	5	1	10	1	17

In 1950, 68 probationers successfully completed their period of probation, as compared with 23 in 1949

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LABOUR AND SOCIAL

L A B O U R

Employment and Wages in local industries.

Statutory regulations exist for the compulsory submission to the Labour Department of a quarterly return of employment and of the actual wages paid on Sugar Estates to native unskilled labour; a statement of employment and wages for skilled manual workers of the Sugar Industry is furnished bi-annually to the Central Statistical Office; the statistics given in the tables hereafter concerning the Sugar Industry are compiled from the above-mentioned returns.

The minimum wages to be offered to unskilled native labour in the Sugar Industry are fixed by a Minimum Wage Board sitting once a year. The wages of skilled workers and artisans are fixed, as the occasion demands, by agreement between the Industrial Associations grouping the employers on one side and the workers on the other.

As regards employment and wages ruling in the other industries, periodical surveys are made.

Wages

Wages of Skilled Workers in the Sugar Factories.

CATEGORY OF WORKER		W A G E S					
		Monthly			Daily		
		Lowest	Highest	Average+	Lowest	Highest	Average+
CATEGORY "A"	Grade	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Fitters	I	73.03	140.-	85.78	2.36	5.20	3.01
	II	63.52	79.-	65.66	2.15	3.-	2.38
	III	46.20	61.92	49.92	1.63	2.25	1.93
Turners	I	70.-	115.50	79.13	-	-	5.-
	II	52.50	68.25	58.71	1.90	2.36	2.05
Tinsmiths		40.42	63.52	51.48	1.75	2.54	2.06
Blacksmiths	I	63.50	110.25	74.97	2.36	4.-	2.88
	II	57.75	64.72	58.67	2.-	2.40	2.18
	III	40.42	59.39	48.28	1.50	2.20	1.96
Coppersmiths	I	63.52	110.25	75.66	2.00	2.90	2.42
	II	46.20	63.-	53.23	-	-	2.20
	III	-	-	39.50	-	-	-
Boiler Makers	I	63.52	99.75	72.71	-	-	-
	II	46.20	63.-	51.30	2.40	2.57	2.48
	III	-	-	-	1.89	1.95	1.91
Welders	I	66.64	111.25	78.14	-	-	6.66
	II	46.20	77.70	59.12	1.70	2.56	2.14
Pattern Makers	I	62.37	135.-	73.68	-	-	4.-
	II	46.20	60.-	50.56	-	-	2.40

+ Weighted average

Wages of Skilled Workers in the Sugar Factories (continued)

CATEGORY OF WORKER		W A G E S					
		Monthly			Daily		
		Lowest	Highest	Average+	Lowest	Highest	Average+
CATEGORY "A"	Grade						
Moulders	I	62.37	115.-	83.87	-	-	-
	II	52.50	56.70	54.60	-	-	-
Pan Boilers	I	75.-	132.-	95.38	-	-	-
	II	63.50	86.-	67.84	2.30	2.50	2.40
	III	36.50	63.52	47.04	1.55	2.37	1.81
Masons Chief		57.75	72.50	61.44	2.18	2.39	2.28
Masons		41.58	57.50	47.98	1.84	4.16	2.16
Carpenters Chief		63.50	131.25	72.17	-	-	-
Carpenters		23.-	63.52	45.79	1.84	4.21	2.24
Motor Mechanics Chief		98.-	175.-	119.76	-	-	-
Motor Mechanics	I	63.-	141.75	81.39	-	-	2.70
	II	46.20	70.41	55.66	1.40	2.57	1.96
Motor Vehicle Drivers	I	145.-	80.-	47.17	1.73	2.44	1.93
	II	39.90	45.13	40.86	1.56	1.92	1.75
	III	30.-	38.-	35.31	1.35	1.78	1.04
Tractor drivers	I	36.75	157.50	61.47	-	-	-
	II	35.-	42.-	36.85	1.50	2.05	1.75
Loco Fitters	I	75.-	141.75	88.75	-	-	3.60
	II	46.50	70.87	62.54	-	-	1.90
	III	46.20	56.20	51.68	1.40	1.90	1.75
Electricians	I	77.70	100.-	86.53	-	-	3.45

+ Weighted average

Wages of Skilled Workers in the Sugar Factories (continued)

CATEGORY OF WORKER		WAGES					
		Monthly			Daily		
		Lowest	Highest	Average+	Lowest	Highest	Average+
CATEGORY "B"	Grade						
Mill Drivers	I	31.50	62.-	35.08	1.35	1.90	1.59
	II	29.50	33.75	29.88	1.12	1.35	1.26
Derrick Drivers	I	43.00	73.50	47.89	1.84	3.00	2.51
	II	29.50	44.62	38.52	1.45	1.75	1.63
Chief Boiler Attendants		34.-	115.-	46.71	-	-	1.70
Loco Drivers		32.-	64.60	38.14	1.90	2.-	1.95
Distillery Attendants	I	37.50	41.-	38.67	-	-	-
	II	29.50	32.-	30.71	-	-	-
	III	29.50	30.-	29.75	-	-	1.05
Chief Messengers:							
Laboratory		35.-	60.-	43.86	-	-	-
Office		22.65	43.-	32.67	1.05	1.15	1.10
Stores		26.80	63.90	33.-	1.06	1.08	1.07
Electricians	II	29.50	57.75	42.29	1.25	2.20	1.02

CATEGORY	BONUS ADDITIONAL TO WAGES				
	Cost of living bonus	Special bonus	End of year bonus	End of year gratuity	Overtime
A	85%	5%	1/12 basic earnings for the year	One month basic wage	Time + ½ Sundays Double time
B		20%			Time + ⅓

+ Weighted average.

Daily Paid Workers: The daily worker who is employed in an estate gang and paid directly by the Estate is also entitled to a daily allowance of 7% of his basic wage.

Wages of Skilled Workers- Other Industries+

	Employed by the month			Employed by the day		
	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
ISIC						
23 ALOE FIBRE INDUSTRY						
Factory: Engine drivers ...	162.-	75.-	118.-	5.-	3.-	3.83
Decortication operators ...	-	-	-	5.-	2.50	3.64
21 AERATED WATER WORKS						
Artisans ...	125.-	60.-	102.-	-	-	-
40 BUILDING CONTRACTORS						
Foremen ...	200.-	150.-	163.-	-	-	6.25
Carpenters-Head	-	-	175.-	-	-	6.-
Grade I	-	-	-	5.70	4.-	4.25
Masons - Head	-	-	175.-	-	-	10.-
Grade I	-	-	-	5.-	4.-	4.37
Blacksmiths ...	-	-	-	-	-	4.-
Painters ...	-	-	-	-	-	4.50
Tinsmiths ...	-	-	-	6.25	4.70	5.35
22 CIGARETTE MANUFACTURE						
Artisans ...	-	-	-	3.45	2.66	3.12
Lorry Drivers	-	-	-	-	-	4.92
21 DISTILLING INDUSTRY						
Artisans ...	175.-	46.-	92.-	4.-	1.85	3.53
Drivers	134.-	67.-	85.-	-	-	-
71 DOCKS						
Artisans ...	-	-	213.-	4.33	3.06	4.03
Lorry Drivers	159.-	158.-	158.-	-	-	-
51 ELECTRICITY						
Artisans ...	213.-	70.-	95.-	5.60	4.90	5.06
Drivers ...	92.-	70.-	87.-	4.90	3.85	4.35

+ Statistics furnished by the Labour Department.

Wages of Skilled Workers- Other Industries+ (continued)

	Employed by the month			Employed by the day		
	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
ISIC						
31 LIME INDUSTRY						
Artisans	100.-	48.-	79.-	7.-	2.50	4.93
31 MATCH INDUSTRY						
Artisans	-	-	-	4.62	2.30	3.04
31 OIL INDUSTRY						
Artisans and Foremen	-	-	-	5.98	3.50	5.32
19 SALT MANUFACTURE						
Artisans	-	-	-	5.13	3.97	4.12
Drivers	-	-	-	4.50	3.60	4.25
25 SAW MILLS						
Sawyers	200.-	80.-	160.-	5.-	3.-	4.07
Artisans	100.-	86.-	93.-	-	-	-
29 TANNING INDUSTRY						
Artisans	150.-	109.-	118.-	-	-	-
20 TEA INDUSTRY						
Factory: Artisans	130.-	85.-	105.-	-	-	4.48
Drivers	100.-	79.-	82.-	-	-	5.04
21 WINE INDUSTRY						
Artisans	-	-	-	5.-	2.-	3.73
Drivers	90.-	75.-	80.-	5.-	2.75	3.50

+ Statistics furnished by the Labour Department.

The number in front of each industry belongs to the major group of the International Stardard Industrial Classification.

WAGE INDICES +

Sugar Industry Artisans - Monthly employed

	1950 Index (1939 = 100)
Fitter ...	250
Pan Boiler ...	263
Motor mechanic ...	240
Blacksmith ...	235
Carpenter ...	241
Boiler maker ...	236
Motor Driver ...	297
Loco Driver ...	295
Mill Driver ...	324

+ 1950 wages include cost of living bonus, plus special bonus, plus end of year bonus, plus end of year gratuity.

Semi-skilled or Unskilled Workers.

Two categories exist for this type of labour:

(i) The workers employed by the month (Category I); and

(ii) The workers employed by the day (Category II).

Each of these categories is again sub-divided into three classes or grades for men and two classes or grades for women and juveniles.

The various classes are intended to group the workers in respect of their different abilities and efficiency in the field or factory.

The wages for both categories of male, female or juvenile workers of the sugar industry, have a lower limit fixed by a Minimum Wage Ordinance. The minimum possible earnings based on this Ordinance are shown in the following table.

SUGAR INDUSTRY

Minimum possible earnings per menseu +
based on the Minimum Wage Ordinance
Government Notice No. 894 of 1950

Period 1st July, 1950, to 30th June, 1951.

MONTHLY EMPLOYED: @	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Field or Factory Labourer:			
Basic wage ...	30.-	26.80	22.65
Cost of living allowance 85%	25.50	22.78	19.25
Regularity bonus ...	3.-	2.68	2.26
End of year bonus 15% ...	4.50	4.02	3.39
End of year gratuity ...	2.50	2.23	1.89
	65.50	58.51	49.44

	CLASS I	CLASS II	Children
Women and Juveniles:			
Basic wage ...	19.90	17.75	13.85
Cost of living allowance 85%	16.91	15.09	11.77
Regularity bonus ...	1.99	1.77	1.38
End of year bonus 15% ...	2.98	2.66	2.07
End of year gratuity ...	1.66	1.48	1.15
	43.44	38.75	30.20

+ Exclusive of overtime earnings;

@ The monthly worker is also entitled to house allowance, free medical treatment and annual leave. Female labourers are further entitled to maternity allowance.

SUGAR INDUSTRY (continued)

	Class	Basic wage	Cost of living allowance (85%)	Rs.	Monthly average at 25 working days
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.
DAILY EMPLOYED@:					
Field Labourer:					
Men ...	I	1.60	+ 1.36	= 2.96	74.-
	II	1.25	+ 1.06	= 2.31	57.75
	III	0.85	+ 0.72	= 1.57	39.25
Women ...	I	0.80	+ 0.68	= 1.48	37.-
	II	0.65	+ 0.55	= 1.20	30.-
Young persons		0.65	+ 0.55	= 1.20	30.-
Children ...		0.45	+ 0.38	= 0.83	20.75
Factory Worker:					
Men ...	I	1.30	+ 1.10	= 2.40	60.-
	II	1.05	+ 0.89	= 1.94	48.50
Women ...		0.65	+ 0.55	= 1.20	30.-
Young persons (male)		0.65	+ 0.55	= 1.20	30.-
+ Exclusive of overtime earnings					

@ The daily worker who is employed in an estate gang and paid directly by the Estate is also entitled to an additional daily allowance of 7% on his basic wage.

OVERTIME x

Week days		Sundays
For the first 4 hours	:Time + 1/3	Paid at double rate
Over 4 hours	:Time + 1/2	

x Calculated on the basic salary and cost of living allowance.

WAGE INDICES+ (1938 = 100)

Field or Factory Labourer - Category I - Monthly employed:

Period	1938 x Wage	July 1949 to June 1950 Wage	July 1949 to June 1950 Index	July 1950 to June 1951 Wage	July 1950 to June 1951 Index
MEN:	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Class I ...	20.-	64.25	321	65.50 @	327 @
Class II ...	18.-	57.40	319	58.51 @	325 @

Field Labourer - Category II- Daily employed:

Period	1938x Wage	July 1949 to June 1950 Wage	July 1949 to June 1950 Index	July 1950 to June 1951 Wage	July 1950 to June 1951 Index
MEN:	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Class I ...	0.95ø	2.96	312	3.07 @	323 @
Class II ...	0.50	2.31	462	2.40 @	480 @

+ Based on minimum possible earnings according to Minimum Wage Board Ordinance;
x From report of Minimum Wage Board 1938;
ø 66 cents per day during the inter-harvest season and Rs.1.25 per day during harvest.
@ Refers to labourers employed in an estate gang and paid directly by Estates (vide Government Notice 894/50);for labourers employed and paid by Job Contractors, the figures for the period July 1950 to June,1951 are the same as for the period July 1949 to June,1950.

Wages of semi-skilled or unskilled workers-Other Industries. @

	Employed by the month			Employed by the day		
	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
ISIC						
23 ALOE FIBRE INDUSTRY						
Factory: Men	-	-	-	5.-	2.-	2.57
Women	-	-	-	2.14	1.20	1.45
Field: Supervisors	120.-	60.-	87.-	3.33	2.32	2.83
Men	-	-	-	4.66	2.33	2.83
Women	-	-	-	2.-	1.45	1.77
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.50	1.25	1.33
21 AERATED WATER WORKS						
Men	100.-	60.-	80.-	-	-	3.50
Women	-	-	30.-	-	-	1.-
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.25	0.67	0.84
40 BUILDING CONTRACTORS						
Men	-	-	-	3.-	2.-	2.07
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.75	1.-	1.37
22 CIGARETTES MANUFACTURE						
Men	-	-	-	2.70	2.-	2.35
Women	-	-	-	2.-	1.50	1.75
21 DISTILLING INDUSTRY						
Men	105.-	72.-	92.-	3.20	1.50	2.06
71 DOCKS						
Supervisors	135.-	132.-	134.-	-	-	-
Men	75.-	72.-	73.-	12.96	4.07	10.25
Women	-	-	29.-	-	-	1.27
Juveniles	-	-	-	-	-	1.57
51 ELECTRICITY						
Men	81.-	37.-	62.-	3.-	2.25	2.54
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.50	1.25	1.45
31 LIME INDUSTRY						
Supervisors	-	-	71.-	-	-	-
Men	100.-	48.-	79.-	5.-	2.-	3.13
Women	-	-	-	1.76	1.10	1.32
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.25	1.-	1.06

@ Statistics furnished by the Labour Department.

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Wages of semi-skilled or unskilled workers-Other Industries.

	Employed by the month			Employed by the day		
	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
ISIC						
31 MATCH INDUSTRY						
Men	-	-	-	-	-	1.68
Women	60.-	54.-	57.-	-	-	0.98
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.50	0.81	0.90
31 OIL INDUSTRY						
Men	-	-	-	2.96	2.50	2.89
19 SALT MANUFACTURE						
Supervisors	-	-	-	-	-	3.60
Men	-	-	-	3.53	2.-	2.75
Women	-	-	-	1.60	0.90	1.25
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.40	0.75	1.05
25 SAW MILLS						
Supervisors	-	-	150.-	-	-	-
Men	71.-	60.-	69.-	3.-	2.50	2.61
Juveniles	-	-	-	-	-	2.50
29 TANNING INDUSTRY						
Men	105.-	65.-	87.-	4.25	1.65	3.05
Women	-	-	-	-	-	2.-
20 TEA INDUSTRY						
Factory: Men	-	-	54.-	-	-	2.75
Field: Supervisors	100.-	85.-	90.-	-	-	3.14
Men	-	-	-	3.25	2.64	2.85
Women	-	-	-	1.95	1.65	1.66
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.83	1.55	1.68
22 TOBACCO INDUSTRY						
Field: Men	-	-	-	4.-	2.-	2.89
Women	-	-	-	2.50	1.-	1.64
Juveniles	-	-	-	2.-	1.-	1.49
21 WINE INDUSTRY						
Men	-	-	-	5.-	1.75	2.74
Women	-	-	-	2.-	0.60	1.10
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.75	1.-	1.42

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Wages of semi-skilled or unskilled workers-Other Industries @

	Employed by the month			Employed by the day		
	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
ISIC						
23 ALOE FIBRE INDUSTRY						
Factory: Men	-	-	-	5.-	2.-	2.57
Women	-	-	-	2.14	1.20	1.45
Field:						
Supervisors	120.-	60.-	86.66	3.33	2.32	2.33
Men	-	-	-	4.66	2.33	2.83
Women	-	-	-	2.-	1.45	1.77
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.50	1.25	1.33
21 DISTILLING INDUSTRY						
Men	104.50	72.-	91.90	3.20	1.50	2.06
20 TEA INDUSTRY						
Factory: Men	-	-	53.50	-	-	2.75
Field: Supervisors	100.-	85.-	90.17	-	-	3.14
Men	-	-	-	3.25	2.04	2.35
Women	-	-	-	1.95	1.65	1.66
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.83	1.55	1.68
31 LIME INDUSTRY						
Men	-	-	-	5.-	2.-	3.13
Women	-	-	-	1.76	1.10	1.32
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.25	1.-	1.06
19 SALT MANUFACTURE						
Supervisors	-	-	-	-	-	3.60
Men	-	-	-	3.53	2.-	2.75
Women	-	-	-	1.60	0.90	1.25
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.40	0.75	1.05
25 SAW MILLS						
Men	71.-	60.-	69.30	3.-	2.50	2.61
Juveniles	-	-	-	-	-	2.50
31 MATCH INDUSTRY						
Men	-	-	-	-	-	1.68
Women	60.-	54.-	57.-	-	-	0.98
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.50	0.81	0.90
22 CIGARETTES MANUFACTURE						
Men	-	-	-	-	-	-
Women	-	-	-	2.-	1.50	1.75
31 OIL INDUSTRY						
Men	-	-	-	2.96	2.50	2.89
29 TANNING INDUSTRY						
Men	105.-	65.-	87.29	4.25	1.65	3.05
Women	-	-	-	-	-	2.00

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EMPLOYMENT

Employment of Skilled and Unskilled Workers in the Sugar Industry.

Summary of employment of Skilled Workers:	Monthly employed	Daily employed
Skilled Workers ...	3,134	892
Semi-skilled workers : Supervisors ...	1,330	645

Summary of employment of Unskilled workers:	MONTHLY EMPLOYED								
	Men			Women			Juveniles		
	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average
Class I	2605	2402	2505	101	87	95	22	5	13
II	1167	1067	1118	6	5	6	34	19	26
III	360	329	341	44	39	42	81	55	62
			3964			143			101
	DAILY PAID								
By Estate	15,707	11,788	14,043	11,161	8,568	9,859	3,803	3,326	3,589
By Job Contractors	12,180	8,331	9,807	7,346	5,644	6,350	1,465	1,145	1,241
			23,850			16,209			4,830

Proportion of monthly employed & daily employed workers in each category	Monthly	Daily
Skilled workers	78%	22 %
Supervisors	67%	33 %
Unskilled workers: Men	14%	86 %
Women	1%	99 %
Juveniles	2%	98 %

% distribution of daily paid unskilled workers employed by the Estates and by Job Contractors	Paid by ...	
	Estate	Job Contractors
Men	59 %	41 %
Women	61 %	39 %
Juveniles	74 %	26 %

Manpower employed in the Sugar Manufacturing Process only.

Number of skilled and unskilled workers employed per factory:

Maximum	...	322
Minimum	...	132
Average	...	210

Number of shifts per day per factory: 1½ to 2

Number of men per shift per factory:

Maximum	...	186
Minimum	...	66

Total number of men workers employed per day in the 27 Sugar Factories : 5,660

Employment in the Sugar Industry has a seasonal fluctuation determined by the harvest and inter-harvest periods. The harvest period is from July to December, but employment, as a rule, is at its highest between September and November, and at its lowest in January or June. The total employment in the Industry in 1950 reached a maximum of 62,700 workers and a minimum of 48,600 workers - a± 13% fluctuation on the average of 55,100.

The difference in conditions of employment between skilled and unskilled workers is noteworthy. About 78% of the skilled workers are employed on a monthly agreement, while more than 67% of the unskilled men are on day-employment. Nearly all unskilled women and juveniles are employed by the day.

The vast majority of workers in the Sugar Industry are field labourers, belonging to the cultivation side; there were only 27 factories in 1950 employing the greater number of skilled workers and artisans. In fact the proportion of skilled to unskilled labour in the Industry is only 7.3% . On the average one factory needs about 150 skilled men.

Employment in the Sugar Industry 1950.

YEAR	Maximum number of workers employed during the year			Minimum number of workers employed during the year			Average number of workers employed during the year		
	Skilled	Unskilled	Total	Skilled	Unskilled	Total	Skilled	Unskilled	Total
1950	4,186	58,478	62,664	3,903	44,677	48,580	4,026	51,072	55,098

Skilled workers are employed in the Secondary Industries to a total of about 3,100, while public services (Railways, Public Works, Electricity) employ about 2,600.

The total labour employment in the main industries and public services go on the average to add up to 9,700 skilled workers and nearly 42,000 unskilled men and some 25,300 women and juveniles, forming a grand total of 77,000. To this figure, might be added some 4,300 workers of the tailoring and shoemaking trades.

LABOUR DISPUTES

Number settled:

(a) By conciliation ...	1,273
(b) After arbitration (official trade dispute) ...	NIL
(c) Industrial Magistrate's Court (legal dispute) ...	281

Strikes.

Industries and Public Utility Services	No. of strikes	No. of workers involved	No. of man days lost
Health Services	1	50	8
Match Industry	4	270	1,890
Engineering	2	349	2,965
Printing	1	85	85
Electricity	1	226	678
Sugar Industry	13	2,137	16,348
Docks	2	310	1,370
	24	3,427	23,344

Casualties sustained during work.

	Deaths	Injuries
Factory cases ...	-	148
Rail Transport cases ...	-	44
Other cases ...	8	2,694
	8	2,886

Employment of Skilled and Unskilled Workers -Other Industries.@

	ISIC Group No	SKILLED WORKERS	Unskilled Workers M	F	Juveniles	TOTAL
Aloe Fibre Industry	231	27	324	318	99	768
Aerated Water Works	214	12	24	10	9	55
Bakeries	206	350	76	7	-	433
Building Trade	400	598	312	-	-	910
Bus coach building	383	55	10	-	18	83
Cigarettes manufacture	220	27	37	156	-	220
Distilling Industry	211	81	133	-	-	214
Docks	720	192	816	9	9	1,026
Electrical Companies	511	112	209	-	9	330
Jewellers Trade	395	172	-	-	78	250
Lime Industry	311	182	98	252	8	540
Match Industry	319	46	1	106	36	189
Oil Industry	209) 312)	56	-	-	-	56
Printing establishments	280	291	43	7	57	398
Public services:						
Government	810	2,517	6,935	119	204	9,775
Municipal	810	102	708	153	67	1,030
Salt Manufacture	190	10	84	49	7	150
Saw Mills	250	44	86	-	3	133
Stevedoring	716	6	817	-	-	823
Tanning Industry	291	8	32	1	-	41
Tea Industry	209	38	363	414	366	1,181
Tobacco plantations	010	53	665	732	353	1,803
Wine Manufacture	212	75	122	168	18	383
Workshops-Engineering and Motor	381) 382) 383) 384)	646	227	-	213	1,086
		5,700	12,122	2,501	1,554	21,877

ISIC = International Standard Industrial Classification

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List of Trade Unions and/or Industrial Associations as at 31 12.50.

ASSOCIATION	Number of members on roll	Number of persons who have ceased to be members	Number of members as at 31.12.50
Technical Workers			
Engineering and Technical Workers' Union	6,036	3,136	2,900
Government Railway Workers' Union	1,680	988	692
Printing Workers' Union	44	7	37
Electricity and Telephones Government Employees' Union	276	99	177
Government Printing Workers' Union	65	16	49
Government Nursing Association	306	77	229
General Workers' Union	2,112	674	1,438
Commercial			
Retail Milk Distributors' Association	46	-	46
Gold, Silver and Allied Trades' Union	15	-	15
Milk Producers' Union	51	-	51
Bus Owners' Union	131	58	73
Jewelliers' Association	52	27	25
Industrial			
Federation of Port & Harbour Employers	11	-	11
Tobacco Producers' Syndicate	43	-	43
Sugar Producers' Association	66	-	66
Planters' Association	1,683	237	1,446
Sugar Industry Staff Employees' Association	539	-	539
Tobacco Small Planters' Association	23	-	23
Labour			
General Port & Harbour Workers' Union	1,600	-	1,600
Mauritius Agricultural Workers' Union	188	-	188
Amalgamated Labourers' Association	12,437	6,223	6,214
Government Manual Workers' Union	2,045	793	1,252
Aided School Servants' Union	30	2	28
Clerical			
War Department Civilian Employees' Association	148	-	148
Government Servants' & Employees' Association	1,985	777	1,208
Municipal Employees' Union	52	-	52
Docks & Wharves Staff Employees' Association	176	-	176
Clerks' Association	55	-	55
Bank Officers' Guild	58	-	58
Intellectual			
Secondary School Teachers' Union	63	12	51
Government Teachers' Union	467	-	467
Union of Aided Primary School Teachers	460	-	460
Association of Principals of Roman Catholic Secondary Schools	11	-	11
Miscellaneous			
Prisons Department Workers' Union	88	4	84
Postmen Union	97	7	90
TOTAL	33,139	13,137	20,002

EDUCATION

Estimated number of children of primary school going age (5 - 12). 82,000

Percentage enrolment to children of primary school going age ... ... 59 %

Number of pupils on roll+ in Government and Aided Primary and Secondary Schools.

Year ended 30th June	Number
1945	41,483
1946	43,156
1947	45,738
1948	45,680
1949	51,557
1950	58,422

+ Exclusive of children attending private institutions.

Information concerning non-aided primary schools and part-time and night schools is not available in all cases, and besides such schools are not controlled by the Education Department and the information on record about some of them cannot be certified to be correct.

Government and Aided Primary Schools - End of 1950

DISTRICT	Number of schools	Number of scholars on roll and in average attendance. In Government Schools				Total number of scholars on roll	Number of schools	Number of scholars on roll and in average attendance In Aided Schools				Total number of scholars on roll
		Boys		Girls				Boys		Girls		
		Number on roll	Average atten - dance	Number on roll	Average atten - dance			Number on roll	Average atten - dance	Number on roll	Average atten - dance	
Port-Louis	9	2,431	2,026	1,726	1,069	4,157	11	3,639	3,100	3,640	2,987	7,279
Pamplemousses	10	1,863	1,493	1,063	793	2,926	3	744	581	440	326	1,184
Grand Port	10	1,861	1,419	965	707	2,826	7	1,182	866	1,043	770	2,225
Plaines Wilhems	10	3,250	2,467	2,017	1,556	5,267	20	5,888	4,743	5,346	4,247	11,234
Moka	2	487	375	183	137	670	6	1,019	824	666	528	1,685
R/ Rempart	6	1,929	1,529	783	595	2,712	4	792	574	509	339	1,301
Savanne	6	1,339	1,109	645	518	1,984	4	591	434	504	363	1,095
Black River	2	237	183	162	113	399	4	300	222	184	128	484
Flacq	8	1,536	1,195	868	649	2,404	14	2,235	1,697	1,173	854	3,408
Total:	63	14,933	11,796	8,412	6,137	23,345	73	16,390	13,041	13,505	10,542	29,895
RODRIGUEZ	1	285	226	235	192	520	3	748	494	775	521	1,523

Government and Aided Secondary Schools - End of 1959.

Distribution of Schools	Number of scholars on roll and in average attendance				
	Boys		Girls		Total number of scholars
	Number on roll	Number in average attendance	Number on roll	Number in average attendance	
Government					
Royal College ...	296	279	-	-	296
Royal College School ...	228	215	-	-	228
Total ...	524	494	-	-	524
Aided					
Loreto Convent (Curepipe)	113	99	429	341	542
Loreto Convent (St. Pierre)	135	121	103	94	238
Loreto Convent (Quatre-Bornes)	65	60	269	238	334
Loreto Convent (Port-Louis)	9	8	360	292	369
St. Joseph College	394	353	-	-	394
Sacré Coeur College	55	50	69	60	124
Loreto Convent (Vacoas)	68	61	132	113	200
St. Esprit College	218	205	-	-	218
St. Andrews' School	139	122	57	52	196
Total ...	1,196	1,079	1,419	1,190	2,615

SUMMARY

Roll of pupils and students in Schools and Colleges - End of 1950

	Enrolment			Average attendance		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Primary Schools						
Government ...	15,218	8,647	23,865	11,796	6,137	17,933
Aided ...	17,138	14,280	31,418	13,041	10,542	23,583
Secondary Schools						
Government ...	524	-	524	494	-	494
Aided ...	1,196	1,419	2,615	1,079	1,190	2,269
TOTAL: ...	34,076	24,346	58,422	26,410	17,869	44,279

S T U D E N T S

Agricultural College	31
Training College for Teachers	142

		Number	Number of Teachers
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES			
Primary Schools:			
Government and Aided	...	136	1,373
Other institutions	...	37	54
Secondary Schools:			
Government (Royal College) and Royal College School)	...	2	42
Aided	...	9	153
Other Institutions	...	32	265

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS		Number
Museum	...	1
Educational laboratories	...	5
Agricultural College	...	1
Training College for teachers	...	1
Public Libraries	...	4

DEPENDENCY OF RODRIGUEZ

	No. of schools
Number of primary schools (Government & Aided)	4
Number of teachers ...	38

SOCIAL WELFARE

Outdoor Relief.

The following table shows the classification of the paupers receiving relief in 1950 according to disabilities.

	Males	Females	Total
Old Age ...	1,242	3,193	4,435
Children of tender age	149	624	773
Tuberculosis ...	68	45	113
Other diseases ...	827	2,086	2,913
Temporary disabilities	356	731	1,087
Unemployed ...	14	54	68
Total	2,656	6,733	9,389

Indoor Relief.

Charitable Institutions:

	Males	Females	Total
Orphanages:			
Pere Laval ...	8	-	8
Rose-Belle ...	1	13	14
Plaisance ...	9	-	9
Belle Rose ...	47	10	57
Muslim ...	31	14	45
Bon Secours ...	-	33	33
Shradhanand ...	9	8	17
Total	105	78	183
Infirmaries:			
Rose Belle ...	50	20	70
Calebasses ...	120	-	120
Chemin Grenier ...	-	12	12
Belle Rose ...	-	63	63
The Home ...	18	13	31
Currinjee Jeewanjee	36	12	48
Bon Secours ...	-	37	37
Pamplemousses ...	76	-	76
Hospice Pere Laval...	-	83	83
Ramakrishna ...	14	8	22
Shradhanand ...	1	26	27
Total	315	274	589
The Austin Wilson's Home for Aged Persons	1	16	17

Old Age Relief.

The following table shows the number of persons receiving old age pension as at 31st December,1950:

	Males	Females	Total
Persons aged 65 and over ...	2,857	7,631	10,488
Blind persons aged 40 and over ...	23	34	57
Total	2,880	7,665	10,545

AGRICULTURE AND PRODUCTION

LAND UTILISATION		Acres	Acres	% of total island area
Agriculture:				
Sugar	...	170,600)		37.0)
Aloe (effective area)	...	5,000)		1.1)
Tea	...	2,200)	194,000	0.5) 42.1
Tobacco	...	700)		0.1)
Foodcrops	...	10,500)		2.3)
Vegetables	...	5,000)		1.1)
Arable land potentially productive	...		16,000	3.5
Private Forest lands	...		5,800	1.2
Meadow, grassland, scrub & grazing grounds	...		108,400	23.5
Crown Forests	...		67,100	14.6
Natural reserves	...		15,500	3.4
Built-up areas	...		6,200	1.3
Inland water bodies	...		2,100	0.5
Permanent waste lands	...		45,700	9.9
TOTAL ISLAND AREA	...		460,800	100.0

The main agricultural pursuit of the Island is sugar-cane cultivation which occupies the best of the agricultural lands available. In 1950, about 171,000 acres (37% of the total area) were under cane cultivation. Other industrial crops are grown on a minor scale; they are aloe fibre, tea and tobacco.

The major foodcrops, which comprise 2 cereals and several rootcrops occupy some 11,500 acres (including mixed cropping with sugar). There are in addition about 1,000 acres of banana plantation.

CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION

		Acres under cultivation	Metric tons
Industrial crops			
Cane Sugar	...	170,612	457,000
Aloe (raw fibre)	...	-	1,700
Tea	...	2,174	342
Tobacco	...	714	333+
		acres harvested	
Foodcrops			
Maize	...	6,290	3,900
Rice	...	680	500
Manioc	...	1,350	3,700
Sweet potatoes	...	330	700
Eddoes	...	470	1,200
Potatoes	...	1,450	4,100
Groundnuts	...	1,430	1,000
Vegetables	...	4,500	15,000

+ Weight of leaf tobacco.

Food Production

The figures of area related to foodcrop growing should be understood to represent the effective area which has yielded the tonnage indicated for each foodcrop.

This effective area is made up of:

(i) Land devoted exclusively to foodcrop growing;

(ii) Land available in sugar cane interlines and used for mixed cropping (2,000 acres);

(iii) The aggregate of land surface having borne two or three successive crops in one same year;

(iv) Land which has been devoted to food growing for only part of the year.

In 1950, the effective area on which foodcrops were harvested showed a reduction over the previous year of 4,500 acres. This reduction was for the greater part due to the extension of sugar cane cultivation which has, during the year, amounted to nearly 8,000 acres. Aloe plant cultivation on a regular scale has also taken place in recent years. The regression in foodcrops growing since 1948 is shown in the following table:

Harvested area (acres) of foodcrop plantations (period 1st July to 30th June)								
Period	Maize	Manioc	Eddoes	Sweet potatoes	Potatoes	Ground-nuts	Rice	Total
1947-48	10,430	1,669	443	652	834	2,295	1,956	18,279
1948-49	10,286	2,509	612	648	996	2,092	893	18,036
1949-50	8,425	1,442	438	224	1,168	1,347	677	13,721
1950-51	5,056	899	330	314	1,019	1,220	395	9,333
		Production of foodstuffs (metric tons)						
1947-48	6,500	2,800	1,100	1,200	3,000	650	1,500	17,000
1948-49	7,396	4,496	1,509	1,142	3,629	902	599	19,673
1949-50	5,250	3,939	1,092	494	3,350	904	519	15,558
1950-51	3,427	3,378	1,044	1,009	4,470	723	418	14,469

The average yield obtained in kilos per acre during the year 1949-1950 for each of the main foodcrops is given in the following table:

	Kilos		Kilos
Rice ...	767	Sweet potatoes ...	2,205
Maize ...	623	Groundnuts ...	671
Manioc ...	2,732	Potatoes ...	2,876
Eddoes ...	2,493		

CANE CULTIVATION AND SUGAR PRODUCTION

Cultivation and Yield.

The total area under cane cultivation in 1950 was 170,612 acres of which 157,522 acres, or 92% of the total cultivated area, were harvested. Very near 3,719,700 metric tons of cane were reaped. The larger estates to which a factory is attached produced 53.4% and the other plantations 46.6% of the total. The largest average yield of cane per acre for the crop was 34 metric tons obtained independently by 2 estates with factory, located East and North of the Island; the lowest average yield obtained by planters was slightly less than 14 metric tons per acre. The average yield for the whole crop was 23.6 metric tons per acre. It may be significant to note that the large estates possessing a factory, reaped on the average 47% greater tonnage per acre than all the other planters together, leaving out the metayers.

The following table gives the area of estates with factory under the principal cane varieties as at 30th June 1949 and 1950.

	30th June 1949		30th June 1950	
	Acres	% of total area	Acres	% of total area
M/ 134/32	66,901	89	71,204	92
M/ 171/30	3,161	4	2,326	3
M 112/34	1,850	2	1,571	2
Other varieties	2,311	5	2,639	3
TOTAL:	74,863	100	77,740	100

Further details of the sugarcane cultivation in 1950

	Area under cultivation		Area harvested			Tonnage of cane harvested		Yield
	Acres	% of total	Acres	% of total	% of area cultivated	M/Tons	% of total	Tons/Acre
Estates with factory: Virgins	19,476		9,729			312,173	8.4	
Estates with factory: Ratoons	58,264		58,153			1,672,383	45.0	
Total:	77,740	45.5	67,882	43.1	87.3	1,985,056	53.4	29.2
Metayers' lands	9,822	5.8	9,384	6.0	95.5	141,595	3.8	15.1
Planters' lands	83,050	48.7	80,256	50.9	96.6	1,593,023	42.8	19.8
Island total:	170,612	100.0	157,522	100.0	92.3	3,719,674	100.0	23.6

In respect of area, individual plantations were, in 1949, distributed according to the following table:

	Number	% of total number	% of cane cultivated area
0 - 4.99 arpents +	14,339	87.4	14
5 - 9.99 ,,	1,155	7.0	5
10 - 99.99 ,,	789	4.8	11
100 arpents and over	130	0.8	70
	16,413	100.0	100

+ 1 arpent = 1.043 acres

Manufacture of sugar, 1950.

The cane crop was milled in 27 factories, the majority of which operated between the middle of July to the middle of December. The earliest and latest dates of the milling period were the 26th June and 29th December respectively. The total weight of cane milled amounted to 3,719,700 metric tons in round numbers.

The production was distributed among the 27 factories as follows:

Quantity of sugar manufactured	No. of factories.
Over 25,000 m/Tons	4
20,000 - 25,000 m/tons	5
15,000 - 20,000 ,,	7
10,000 - 15,000 ,,	6
Under 10,000 ,,	5
	27

Sugar factories' Production

In Metric tons

Products of Manufacture		Residues of Manufacture	
White sugar	Raw Sugar	Molasses	Scums
12,620	444,106	98,496	57,762

Reckoning on the whole of the 1950 production, the overall commercial sugar extraction was 12.28% by weight of millable cane, which corresponds to an equivalent of 8.14 tons cane for 1 ton of sugar produced. The best average extraction of commercial sugar for a single factory was 13.28% of millable cane and the least extraction was 10.68%.

The total factory production was 12,620 metric tons of white (unrefined) sugar and 444,106 metric tons of raw sugar. The total tonnage of sugar manufactured was thus 456,726 tons showing an overall yield of sugar per harvested acre of 2.90 metric tons. The total of 1950 sugar production was nearly 10% greater than that of 1949 - the whole increase being attributable to an increase of 5% in the area harvested in 1950, and of 6% in the average yield per acre.

The largest quantity manufactured by a single factory was 27,005 metric tons and the smallest 8,536 metric tons. Nine factories produced more than 20,000 metric tons, 16 produced more than 15,000 metric tons and 22 factories out of 27 produced more than 10,000 metric tons.

YIELD OF SMALL CANE PLANTATIONS

(Frequency distribution of sample)

YIELD IN TONS / ARPENTS +	1948 Frequency per 1,000	1949 Frequency per 1,000	1950 Frequency per 1,000
Less than 5	(21.5)	(27.6)	(23.6)
5.0 - 5.9	14.5	17.3	12.8
6.0 - 6.9	23.3	19.6	14.7
7.0 - 7.9	29.9	25.1	17.8
8.0 - 8.9	37.1	31.2	21.3
9.0 - 9.9	41.7	41.5	29.4
10.0 - 10.9	46.4	46.8	34.4
11.0 - 11.9	55.0	51.4	41.5
12.0 - 12.9	55.8	54.1	45.0
13.0 - 13.9	60.5	56.2	49.7
14.0 - 14.9	59.0	60.6	51.3
15.0 - 15.9	59.4	59.1	53.1
16.0 - 16.9	58.2	57.0	52.8
17.0 - 17.9	54.9	52.8	54.0
18.0 - 18.9	50.4	51.2	57.5
19.0 - 19.9	45.9	53.0	60.0
20.0 - 20.9	40.9	48.7	58.7
21.0 - 21.9	37.9	42.8	51.2
22.0 - 22.9	31.7	33.6	43.1
23.0 - 23.9	29.9	27.3	35.9
24.0 - 24.9	25.0	22.9	29.4
25.0 - 25.9	21.6	20.4	25.0
26.0 - 26.9	16.0	17.4	21.2
27.0 - 27.9	13.8	14.7	20.3
28.0 - 28.9	12.7	10.5	17.5
29.0 - 29.9	9.9	9.5	15.0
30.0 - 30.9	8.9	7.3	10.9
31.0 - 31.9	5.6	6.3	8.7
32.0 - 32.9	4.9	4.2	6.9
33.0 - 33.9	3.6	4.0	5.6
34.0 - 34.9	3.4	3.8	4.7
35.0 - 35.9	2.6	2.9	3.1
36.0 - 36.9	1.7	2.3	3.4
37.0 and above	(16.4)	(16.9)	(20.5)
Total number of co-operative credit Societies' returns	2,419	2,943	3,203

+ 1 arpent = 1.043 acres

AREA OF SMALL PLANTATIONS

(Frequency Distribution of Sample)

Area (arpents)	1948	1949	1950
	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000	Frequency per 1,000
Less than 1.0	(213.5)	(222.4)	(210.8)
1.00 - 1.99	273.3	300.4	286.3
2.00 - 2.99	175.8	165.5	181.1
3.00 - 3.99	105.9	104.0	109.0
4.00 - 4.99	60.0	61.2	60.9
5.00 - 5.99	46.3	37.1	40.3
6.00 - 6.99	35.2	28.9	29.4
7.00 - 7.99	17.4	14.6	19.0
8.00 - 8.99	17.0	18.0	15.9
9.00 - 9.99	10.4	8.5	7.2
10.00 - 10.99	12.0	12.2	9.4
11.00 - 11.99	3.3	3.7	5.6
12.00 - 12.99	7.1	6.1	4.7
13.00 - 13.99	2.5	2.0	4.4
14.00 - 14.99	2.5	1.4	1.2
15.00 - 15.99	4.6	2.4	2.5
16.00 - 16.99	1.7	1.0	2.5
17.00 - 17.99	-	0.3	0.3
18.00 - 18.99	2.9	1.4	1.2
19.00 - 19.99	2.1	1.0	1.2
20.00 and above	(6.5)	(7.9)	(7.1)
Total number of Co-Operative Credit Societies' returns	2,419	2,943	3,203

The frequency distribution of the yields for the 1950 crop shows the same notable asymetry as in previous years.

The sample examined comprised 3,203 small plantations returned by the Department of Co-Operation.

There is very clear evidence from this frequency distribution, as compared with the ones of former years, that there is a progressive improvement in the yield of the small plantations.

The mean and modal values, however, show a larger relative increase in yield than the weighted average which is 17.4 tons/arpent as against 16.7 in 1949.

An important acreage has been put under new cane plantations in 1950 but in the sample examined (which is in size of the same order as last year), the fraction of small plantations of area less than 5 arpents is still 85%.

Mechanical cultivation on sugar plantations.

About 210 cultivation tractors were owned in 1950 by the larger estates and plantations, and some 15 more were operated by contractors. The majority of these tractors were below 50 H.P. and about 37% were of the Cletrac make.

Some 200 ploughs were used on sugar plantations.

Sugar Production 1940- 1950

YEAR	INDEX OF		
	Acreage cultivated	Sugar production	Selling Price
		(1938=100)	
1940	103.2	98.5	128
1941	104.5	101.1	129
1942	105.4	102.9	150
1943	88.0	96.4	151
1944	83.3	62.2	197
1945	99.3	43.3	289+
1946	101.5	91.1	220
1947	102.0	108.9	256
1948	105.6	122.7	270
1949	111.5	130.1	288
1950	116.6	142.9	319

+ Includes special bonus given in compensation of cyclone damage.

Distillery Produce.

In 1950, 9 distilleries were in operation, producing high degree alcohol (at 94° - 96° G.L.) from sugar molasses. The total quantity produced, expressed in terms of pure alcohol at 100° G.L. was 51,518 hectolitres, about 38% less than the total production of the previous year.

The quantities of this high degree alcohol which were either exported or converted into the various commercial spirits consumed locally are given in the following table:

In hectolitres

Rum (50°)	10,110	Vinegar	93
Power alcohol (94°)	3,160	Drugs	30
Denatured stove spirits (87°)	3,200	Perfumes (94°)	106
		Exported alcohol (94°)	43,964

The remaining stock (in terms of pure alcohol) held by distilleries at the end of the year was 8,613 hectolitres (at 100°G.L.) .

The exportation of high degree alcohol during the last 5 years is given in the following table:

Export of Colonial Spirits	Hectolitres	Value in Rupees
1946	37097	2,596,790
1947	55224	3,865,684
1948	52330	3,663,050
1949	59824	4,187,677
1950	43964	2,638,407

Aloe Fibre Industry.

Fibre, extracted from the leaves of the aloe plant (furcroea gigantea) is at present used in part in the manufacture of a number of packing bags or sacks and filter press cloth for the sugar industry and in part exported as raw fibre. In Mauritius, at present, the aloe grows wild with scrub and it is not, therefore, possible to ascertain the actual acreage from which the production is derived. Regular planting, which began in 1949 has now reached 2,100 acres, of which about 430 acres are sisal. These new plantations are as yet unproductive. The wild furcroea is estimated to grow sparsely over some 13,800 acres, but the present production is estimated from the yield to be derived from equivalent effective area of 3,000 acres.

The requirements of the sugar industry for packing a production of 500,000 metric tons of sugar are 6¼ million bags of 80 kgs net capacity or slightly more than 9 million bags of 55 kgs net capacity. It has been calculated that slightly over 6¾ thousand metric tons of raw fibre would be necessary to produce these packing requirements. In addition, some 350-400 tons of raw fibre would be needed to meet the miscellaneous other local requirements in filter press cloth, yarn etc.. At present somewhat less than 2,000 tons can be produced annually.

A weaving factory erected in Mauritius in 1932 is at present a well-equipped and efficient concern, capable of utilising some 1,200 tons of raw fibre annually to produce a million and a half bags each of 55 kgs capacity, to pack the sugar manufactured in the Colony. This production, however, is so far less than 1/5 of the sugar industry's requirements.

The production over the last five years was as follows:

YEAR	No. of factories +	Production (M/Tons)
1946	17	710
1947	11	940
1948	25	950
1949	30	1300
1950	40	1714

+ In operation

The quantity and value of exported fibre for each of the last four years were as follows:

	Quantity (Metric tons)	F.O.B. Value Rupees
1947	80	50,717
1948	108	105,800
1949	206	188,779
1950	380	567,272

The raw fibre consumed by and the manufactured products of the Sack Factory for the last three years were as follows:

COMMODITY	Unit	YEAR		
		1948	1949	1950
Raw fibre used	M/ Tons	1,073	1,146	1,259
Sacks (capacity 80 kgs of sugar)	Units	854,067	980,927	1,184,467
Sacks (capacity 55 kgs of sugar)	,,	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sacking cloth	Sq.yds	4,800	485	424
Filter press cloth	Yards	94,500	63,563	49,573
Yarn for twine making	M/Tons	56	49	35

Tea Industry

Tea is grown in the well-watered uplands of the Island; 2,174 acres were under cultivation in 1950. There were 5 factories producing tea for local consumption. Details of production of the tea factories are given below:

FACTORY	Production (Commercial tea)
Bois Chéri	152,476 kgs
Corson	105,347 ,,
Nouvelle France	19,420 ,,
Pont Colville	29,372 ,,
Avenir St.André	33,927 ,,
	Kilos 340,542

In addition, 1,805 kgs. of green tea were manufactured during the year.

Out of the production of 342 metric tons of tea, 22 tons were exported to the United Kingdom, South Africa and U.S.A. so that nearly 94% of the production went into local consumption.

Importation of foreign tea from Ceylon, Kenya and Hong-Kong amounted to only 40 tons.

The following table gives an indication of the trend in the development of this local industry during the past eleven years.

Area, Production and Imports 1940-1950

Year	Area	Local production	Imports
	Acres	M/Tons	M/Tons
1940	1,086	69.5	99.4
1941	1,326	105.5	144.8
1942	1,670	126.1	84.5
1943	1,969	173.9	68.1
1944	2,009	173.2	42.0
1945	2,009	165.0+	29.5
1946	2,009	216.4	72.2
1947	2,009	235.4	77.4
1948	2,031	280.0	57.7
1949	2,077	300.3	16.2
1950	2,174	342.3	39.5

+ Severe cyclones

Tobacco Industry.

Tobacco cultivation in 1950 covered an area of somewhat over 700 acres, the production being restricted to 426 tons of cured leaf tobacco. There were 468 growers, of which 397 produced air-cured and 71 flue-cured tobacco. Further details of this industry are given in the following tables:-

	1949-1950	1950-1951
Acreage under cultivation		
Flue cured leaf	229 acres	513 acres
Air cured leaf	107 ,,	201 ,,
Total	336 ,,	714 ,,
Crop production		
Flue cured leaf	195,938 kgs	182,990 kgs.
Air cured leaf	74,449 ,,	149,663 ,,
Total	270,387 kgs	332,653 kgs
Average yield per acre (Mauritius plantations)		
Flue cured	856 kgs	356 kgs
Air cured	693 ,,	746 ,,
Overall average	804 ,,	466 ,,

Average return obtained by producers in Mauritius.

Variety	PER ACRE		PER KILOG	
	1949-1950	1950-1951	1949-1950	1950-1951
Flue cured	Rs. 2,169	Rs. 875	Rs. 2.53	Rs. 2.42
Air cured	,, 1,024	,, 1,041	,, 1.48	,, 1.44

Highest and lowest values obtained during year 1950-1951

Variety	Yield per acre		Value per acre		Value per Kilog	
	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest
	Kgs	Kgs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Flue cured Amarello	1,478	122	3,563	223	3.03	1.20
Air cured Amarello	1,953	71	3,335	58	1.75	.60

The figures in the above tables refer to the "tobacco crop year" which normally extends from the beginning of April to the end of March.

Quantity of tobacco leaf received at factories.

In Kilos

	Financial Year		
	1947-1948	1948-1949	1949-1950
Local leaf	337,373	356,489	400,417
Imported leaf	92,725	81,740	91,495
Total:	430,098	438,229	491,912
Quantity of tobacco leaf used at factories			
Local leaf	333,943	362,855	395,116
Imported leaf	91,928	83,395	90,929
Total	425,871	446,250	486,045

Imported leaf represents on the average only 20% of the total leaf consumed.

Quantity of manufactured products obtained from leaf.

Kilos

	Financial Year		
	1947-1948	1948-1949	1949-1950
Quantity of manufactured tobacco obtained from leaf+	436,216	457,285	494,065
Marketable tobacco products			
Cigarettes	430,159	455,958	491,866
Tobacco in packets	78	67	66
Snuff	3,840	3,237	2,743
Total	434,077	459,262	494,675

In the course of the three-year period ending mid 1950, an average of 459 metric tons of locally manufactured cigarettes went into consumption, with an addition an average of about 23 metric tons of the imported commodity. In the total of 482 metric tons of cigarettes consumed, the local production represents therefore the very considerable proportion of 95%.

+ The increase of 0.5% - 4% in weight here is due to the incorporation of moisture in process of manufacture.

Forestry.

The Crown Lands cover an area of 82,000 acres of which 72,000 or nearly 90% are under control of the Conservator of Forests, while the remainder is administered by the Department of Public Works and other Government authorities. Forests lands, including scrub and grass lands, occupy in the Island 187,700 acres which are distributed as follows:

		Acres	Acres
1. CROWN FORESTS			67,150
(i) Native Forests	...	4,520	
(ii) Productive Forests	...	23,859	
(iii) Catchment areas	...	10,602	
(iv) Mountain reserves	...	23,424	
(v) Miscellaneous	...	4,745	
2. LEASED CROWN LANDS ON THE COASTAL BELT OF 250 FEET:			5,500
(i) Tree plantations	...	4,400	
(ii) Grazing lands	...	1,100	
3. NATIONAL RESERVES:			15,500
(i) Mountain reserves	...	9,000	
(ii) River reserves	...	6,500	
4. PRIVATE HOLDINGS:			99,700
(i) Forest land	...	5,800	
(ii) Scrub land	...	93,900	
TOTAL FOREST AND SCRUB LANDS	...		187,850

From 1946 to 1950, 275 acres have been planted with tree seedlings in the River Reserves, while 571 acres of new plantations were created in 1950 within the Crown Forests Lands.

Building and furniture timber from Crown forest produce in 1950 amounted to 9,756 cubic metres (in log volumes). In addition, it is estimated that 5,600 cubic metres of timber (in log volumes) were produced from private owned forests.

Although imports of building and furniture timber have steadily increased since 1945, the imported quantities have not yet reached their prewar level. The imported timber in 1950 represented nearly 88% of the volume of local forest produce.

Total output of Timber and Wood Fuel in 1950

	Unit	From Crown Forests	From Pas Geometriques & Private Forests	Total
Timber	C.ft (round timber)	365,677	218,000	583,677
Wood Fuel (round wood)	C.ft. (solid)	951,100	560,000	1,511,100

Details of the output of forest produce for 1950 are given hereunder.

Produce of crown forests (Log volumes in hundreds of cu.metres)

Timber	...	85.6
Sleepers	...	8.8
Round wood	...	11.9
Firewood	...	247.9
Charcoal wood	...	35.0

This represents a total equivalent in log volume of round timber of 38,927 cubic metres.

The Crown Forest also supplied 593 cubic metres of log wood for match manufactures.

Other Industrial Productions

Lime

Production of lime in Mauritius is connected with sugar manufacture, being the principal agent in the juice clarifying process. Lime is moreover employed as a fertilizer in agriculture. It is also generally used in the building trade and in the tanning industry. It is produced from corals, in stone kilns located near the sea-board. Of these kilns, only one is a modern patent continuous vertical type. Wood is generally used as fuel in these kilns, though a number also use coal.

The production for 1950 was as follows:-

No. of kilns in operation	Quick lime produced	Slaked lime produced	Total production
	M/Tons	M/Tons	M/Tons
24	11,800	12,000	23,800

Salt

Salt is extracted from sea-water in shallow paved pans located in the driest parts of the coastal belt. There were in the Colony, in 1950, 10 salt-works having a total area of nearly 130 acres. The smallest works have a surface of about 2 acres while the largest in actual operation in 1950 was of 40 acres.

The production of 1950 was only 2,610 metric tons as compared with 4,325 metric tons in 1949. This considerable reduction in production was due to a number of causes, the principal of which was adverse weather. Another factor is the present tendency among salt producers to transfer their activities over to the more remunerative aloe fibre production. The producers consider that the market price, fixed by control is too low. The price index is the comparatively low market price, fixed by control, which is allowed to producers; the price index of salt on the retail market in 1950 was 150% of prewar.

Oil and Soap.

Oil production in Mauritius assumed importance during the period immediately following the first World War and again, to an even greater extent, during World War II. There is at present only one oil extraction plant in the Colony; it was established some 25 years ago but was improved and enlarged during World War II in order to increase its productive capacity. This oil factory can now deal with 2,500 tons of copra and 2,500 tons of shelled groundnuts to produce a total oil output of 2,600 tons.

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Copra from which coconut oil is extracted, is produced by the dependencies of Mauritius - Agaléga and the Chagos Archipelago. The present production of copra is around 2,200 tons. The coconut oil produced is in part refined and deodorised for human consumption and in part used for the manufacture of soap.

The following table gives the quantities of copra used and the oil and soap manufactured during the last 3 years:

In Metric Tons

Year	Copra used	Edible oil produced	Soap manufactured	Poonac produced+
1948	2,103	1,126	314	711
1949	1,958	995	435	683
1950	2,213	1,248	358	795

+ Oil cake residue for feeding animals.

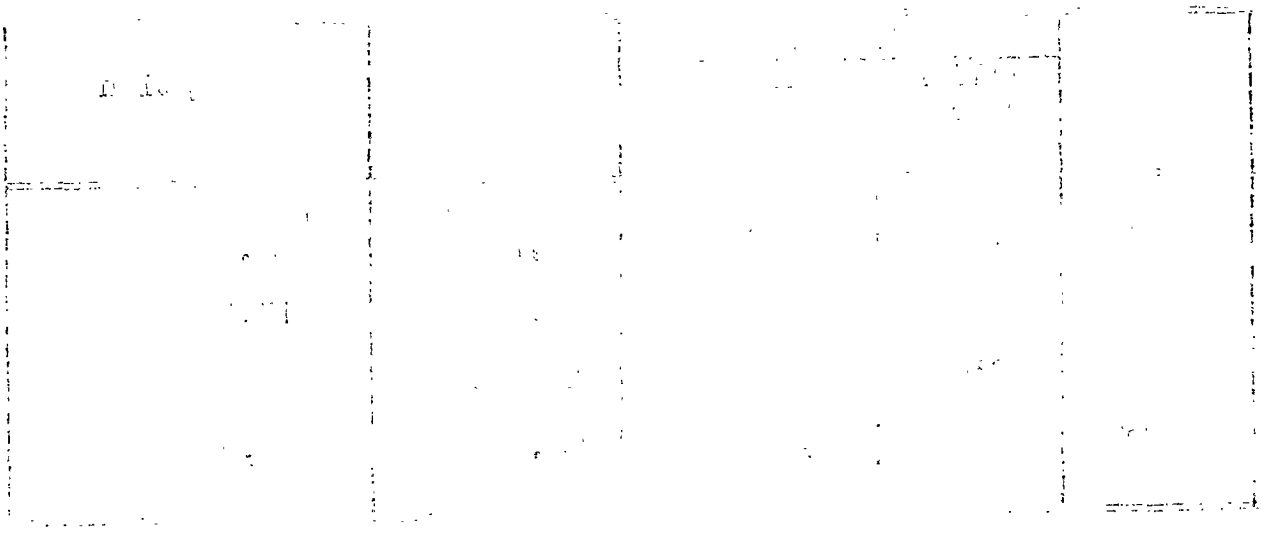
Match manufacture.

Matches are produced in the Island from imported chemicals and utilising wood from pine logs produced by the Forest Department.

The production and consumption of local matches in the Colony for the period 1947-1950 are given hereunder:-

YEAR	PRODUCTION		Value	Consumption
	Million sticks	Packed in gross boxes		
			Rs.	Gross Boxes
1947	150	26,264	82,700	4,700
1948	70	13,706	44,500	13,500
1949	230	45,936	145,300	67,276
1950	360	71,140	224,200	52,908

The two match factories consumed a total of 593 cubic metres of local wood in 1950.



NATURAL RESOURCES

Water Power.

Water power is used and has been developed in the Island for generating electricity in three main hydro-electric plants and to a lesser extent for driving machinery in sugar, aloe fibre factories and workshops.

The three main hydro-electric power stations are:

Station	Output in million kwtt-hrs.
1. The Tamarin River Power Station, Tamarin falls, (General Electric Supply Co.Ltd) ...	17.12 +
2. The Cascade River Power Station, Réduit falls, (Mauritius Hydro-Electric Co.) ...	2.34
3. The Savanne River Power Station, Cecil falls, Souillac (The Electric Generating Power Co.Ltd)	1.30
	20.76

+ Susceptible of being economically increased to 25.0 million kwtt-hrs.

The present output is estimated to represent just under 50% of the total optimum possible output of the hydro-electric power capable of being economically developed in the island.

In addition, about 400 H.P. of minor isolated water power installations exist in sugar factories, and another 200 H.P. estimated for aloe fibre factories.

The total output of the three main hydro-electric power stations was distributed as follows:

	Kwtt-hrs
Port-Louis and district	6,444,000
Beau-Bassin, Rose-Hill, Quatre-Bornes, Réduit, Moka and St. Pierre	3,888,000
Phoenix, Vacoas, Floréal, Curepipe and Forest Side	8,376,000
Rose-Belle, Souillac and Mahebourg district ...	2,054,000
TOTAL Kwtt-hrs.	20,762,000

This total output represents an increase of 18% over the previous year's output.

The aggregate power of electricity generating installations in the Colony (comprising the hydro-electric installations, the diesel operated installations and the several isolated installations in sugar factories) amounts to 14,000 H.P.

Livestock.

The main livestock of the Colony consist of draught and dairy cattle, the greater number of which are kept on small holdings or by individual cow-keepers, while a lesser number exists on sugar estates, where herds are kept mainly for the production of manure. A fair proportion of the locally-bred cattle go to supply the total beef consumed in the Island. Goats exist in fairly large numbers; with a comparatively small number of sheep and pigs. Equines are very small in number. Wild deer exist in a difficultly ascertainable number, but probably less than 10,000. The local stock is largely supplemented by importation of live animals, principally beef-cattle.

Total livestock in the Colony (1950 Census figures)

Dairy stock (including young stock) ...	32,100	Sheep ...	2,000
Herd cattle ...	5,100	Goats ...	53,500
Draught cattle ...	3,100	Pigs ...	4,000

Livestock imported during the year.

Head

Country of origin	Cows & oxen	Equines	Goats	Sheep	Pigs	Turtles
United Kingdom	-	19	-	-	-	-
Union of South Africa	-	2	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-
America	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	-	4	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	4,415	-	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rodrigues	622	-	3,819	1,573	2,377	-
Other dependencies	-	-	-	-	2	185
Total:	5,037	25	3,819	1,573	2,379	185

Depletion of livestock +

	Head
Cattle ...	12,960 x
Goats ...	14,633
Sheep ...	1,241
Pigs ...	4,984
Deer ...	2,000 @

+ slaughtered for food ; x of which 8,732 were from local herds; @ estimated annual number of head killed in hunting parties.

Beef cattle supply	From imports	From local herds
Percentage of animals slaughtered ...	32.6	67.4

Fisheries.

The coast line of Mauritius is 152 miles long. The total shallow area where coastal fishing is exercised being about 125 square miles. The lagoon area where most of the fishing is done is estimated at 95 square miles. Of this area, fishing reserves cover about 25 square miles; so that normal daily fishing is carried over only 70 square miles inside the lagoon area. About 600 different species of fish have been found to exist around the Island classified+ as follows:

		Varieties
(i) Lagoon shallows species	...	100
(ii) Reef species	...	250 - 300
(iii) Bottom species, to a depth of 60 fathoms		100
(iv) Deep bottom species, from 60 to 120 fathoms		50
(v) Pelagic species	...	50

Shallow water fishing is carried out with basket traps, lines, nets and cast nets. Outside the reef, line fishing is extensively carried out. Day and night fishing go on but the quantity of fish brought in by day is more than twice that brought in by night fishing. At present special permits restrict the use of large nets to 40 in number, which give employment to 250 fishermen. The lagoon and neighbouring waters are now exploited to the fullest extent and therefore the yield from these sources cannot be sensibly increased. But the open waters of the shelf with an average depth of 30 to 40 fathoms can still admit of an intensification of fishing. A small number of professional fishermen go in for deep sea fishing; the two most important fishing banks are located off the North East Coast and off the South West Coast of the Island. The North Eastern bank has an estimated area of about 200 square miles. Deep sea fishing and large scale fishing on the banks of the South Indian Ocean was started in 1950 by a local company, using a modern 1,100 tons steam vessel with adequate refrigerating equipment. During the 1950 fishing campaign however, somewhat less than 250 tons of fish were captured. Of this total, 114 tons of frozen fish were landed and delivered for local consumption.

The annual catch of fish is estimated at 2,000 tons made up as follows:-

		Metric tons
Weight produced at controlled landing stations	...	1,483
Weight produced at uncontrolled landing stations	...	200
Weight of fish consumed by fishermen	...	180
Weight caught by non-professionals	...	120
Total...		1,983

+ Except for the pelagic species, there is no very definite demarcation in the classification owing to the migratory habits of the different varieties.

The data in the table were furnished by the Fisheries Officer.

The controlled catch in 1950 was made up as follows:

Metric Tons

Catch of common fish by			Catch of		Total
Nets	Lines	Basket traps	Lobsters	Octopus	
413.0	161.0	605.9	22.7	280.8	1,483.4
27.9%	10.8%	40.8%	1.6%	18.9%	100.0%

In addition, 1,415 sharks were captured during the year; in 1949, the catch was 1,195 .

The present annual production from the lagoon shallows and the surrounding waters has been estimated at roughly 15 tons per square mile; this is considered to be almost the maximum that can be expected from local waters. The above production is, however, estimated to be only one-third of what the optimum local consumption could absorb. Fishing as an industry is also carried out by a private company at the Cargados Carajos banks (St. Brandon Island). The average production for the ten-year period 1937-1947 was 240 tons of salted fish. In 1950, 190 tons of salted fish were received in Mauritius from St. Brandon.

Yield of animal produce

Milk ...	200,000 hectolitres
Butter ...	20 metric tons
Cream ...	4,000 litres
Beef ...	1,762 + metric tons
Pork ...	194 ,, ,,
Mutton ...	197 ++ ,, ,,
Goat flesh ...	144 ,, ,,
Cattle hides ...	13,000 units

+ Includes 727 metric tons or 41% of imported livestock and 330 tons or 19% of congealed beef;

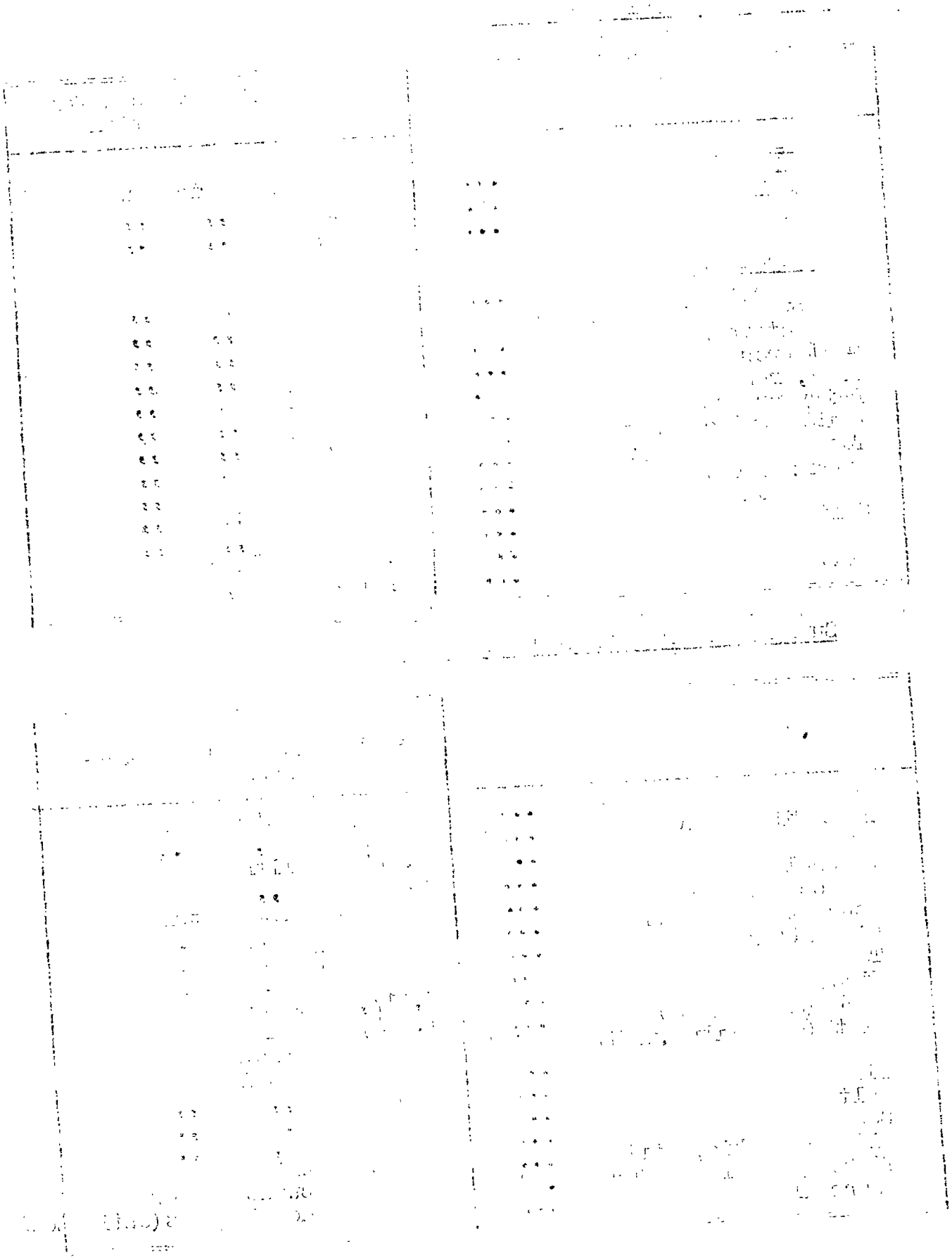
++ Includes 180 tons of congealed mutton.

Summary of local food production.

Commodity		Quantity produced for home consumption
Cereals		
Rice	...	500 metric tons
Maize	...	3,900 ,, ,,
Bread	...	13,000 ,, ,,
Rootcrops		
Manioc	...	3,700 ,, ,,
Sweet potatoes & eddoes		1,900 ,, ,,
Potatoes	...	4,100 ,, ,,
Meat fresh	...	1,060 ,, ,,
Fish, fresh	...	1,983 ,, ,,
Dairy produce	...	20,600 ,, ,,
Edible oil (coconut)	...	1,248 ,, ,,
Tea	...	342 ,, ,,
Sugar: White	...	10,590 ,, ,,
Raw	...	9,377 ,, ,,
Salt	...	2,600 ,, ,,
Rum	...	1,011,000 litres
Wine	...	5,417,000 ,,

Summary of Industrial Production

Commodity		Quantity produced or manufactured
Sugar	...	456,700 metric tons
Aloe Fibre (raw)	...	1,700 ,, ,,
Rum	...	1,011,000 litres
Alcohol for export	...	4,396,400 ,,
Tobacco (leaf)	...	333 metric tons
Pouch tobacco & snuff	...	3 ,, ,,
Cigarettes	...	507 ,, ,,
Tea	...	342 ,, ,,
Wines	...	5,417,000 litres
Sacks (aloe fibre)	...	1,184,500 units
Cloth (aloe fibre, width 20"-46")		49,600 yards
Yarn	...	35 metric tons
Lime	...	23,800 ,, ,,
Salt	...	2,600 ,, ,,
Soap	...	358 ,, ,,
Hides and skin, cattle	...	13,000 units
Timber (building & furniture)		7,700 cubic metres
Charcoal	...	830 metric tons (estimated)



Number of persons licensed to exercise in trades specific to FOOD PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

		ISIC+	
Manufacturer of Soda and Aerated Minerals	...	214	15
Manufacturer of Salt	...	190	11
Victualler (on and off premises)	...	612	1,124
Retailer of groceries	...	612	110
Manufacturer of Ice	...	399	5
Producer of Vinegar	...	209	5
Dealer in imported Vegetables and Fruits	...	612	16
General Retailer	...	612	2,130
Wholesale and Retail Dealer	...	611-612	113
Seller of Ale, Beer, Porter and Cider	...	612	17
Hotel and Boarding House Keeper	...	843	10
Producer of Meat	...	201	354
Rice Retailer	...	612	1,706
Producer of fresh fish	...	040	1,900
Producer of Bread	...	206	90

INDUSTRIES AND MANUFACTURES

Number of persons in possession of a licence to conduct or deal in certain specific industries.

	ISIC			ISIC	
Manufacturer of Oils	209, 312)	2	Manufacturer of Gold and Silver Wares	395	113
,, ,, ,, ,, Lime	311	23	Manufacturer of Matches	319	2
,, ,, ,, ,, Salt	190	11	,, ,, ,, ,, Tobacco	220	3
,, ,, ,, ,, Soap	319	6	Operator of a Foundry	341-342	63
Manufacturer or Seller of Bricks, Tiles & Cement	331	5	,, ,, ,, a Distillery	211	9
Manufacturer or producer of Vinegar ...	209	5	Dealer in Firewood	612	13
Manufacturer of Perfumed spirits	319	3	,, ,, Manure	612	20
,, ,, ,, ,, Manure	311	17	,, ,, Leather and Saddlery ...	612	16
,, ,, ,, ,, Ice	399	5	,, ,, Vacoas bags	612	1
			,, ,, Timber	612	40
			,, ,, Old Metals	612	6

Number of establishments engaged in various local industries.

	ISIC			ISIC	
Sugar Factory	207	27	Ice Factory	399	5
Aloe Fibre Factory	231	40	Vinegar Factory	209	5
Tea Factory	209	5	Perfumed Producing Plant	319	3
Distillery	211	9	Gold & Silver Wares Shop	395	113
Soap Factory	319	6	Tobacco Factory	220	3
Match Factory	319	2	Sawmill	250	27
Oil Producing Plant	209-312	2	Bakery	206	90
Salt pan	190	11	Tannery	291	7
Lime-kiln	311	23	Furniture and Cabinet Making	260	400
Bricks, Tiles & Cement Factory	331	5			

+ ISIC = International Standard Industrial Classification Group Number.

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

The Visible Trade of the Colony.

The exports of sugar predominate in the domestic exports of the Colony, being 95% -97% of the total in value. Hence the visible trade balance of the Colony is influenced in an overwhelming degree by the price obtained for the sugar exported. Distillery produce, a by-product of the sugar industry, contributed in the greater measure to the value of the remaining exports.

The value of the total annual trade and of the visible trade balance over the decennal period ending with 1950 is given in the following table:

Balance of Visible Trade (1941-1950)

Calendar year	VALUE of Imports	Per capita	VALUE of Exports*	Per capita	Excess in value of exports (+) of imports (-)	Total Value of Trade
	In Rs. 1,000	Rs.	In Rs. 1,000	Rs.	In Rs. 1,000	
Prewar average 1936-38	32,759	80	39,464	95	+ 6,705	72,223
1941	41,997	103	63,645	156	+ 21,648	105,642
1942	40,345	99	49,250	120	+ 8,905	89,595
1943	48,083	117	61,964	150	+ 13,881	110,047
1944	65,707	155	61,571	146	- 4,136	127,278
1945	57,732	137	48,199	114	- 9,533	105,931
1946	66,700	156	66,946	156	+ 246	133,646
1947	113,833	259	102,541	233	- 11,292	216,374
1948	136,189	308	144,891	327	+ 8,702	281,080
1949	153,140	345	168,451	378	+ 15,311	321,591
1950	175,802	378	151,996	329	- 23,806	327,798
Period 1941/50	899,528		919,454		+ 19,926	1,818,982

* Includes amount allowed on sugar preference certificates and various bonuses.

The visible trade at the end of 1950 showed an unfavourable balance of nearly Rs.24 million.

But the declared value of the exports of the Colony is, in a very large measure, dependent from year to year on the fraction of the total exportable crop which has been shipped as at the 31st of December.

As the production of sugar (the main domestic export) starts annually in about July and the crop is completely sold out by the following June, it seems more rational to examine the visible trade balance at the half-year, as follows:-

In 000 Rupees.

Period	Imports	Exports+	Difference (E-I) Half-yearly	Difference (E-I) as at 30th June
January 1948-June 1948	67,183	52,811	- 14,372	
July 1948-December 1948	69,006	92,080	+ 23,074	
January 1949-June 1949	75,221	50,861	- 24,360	- 1,286
July 1949-December 1949	77,919	117,589	+ 39,670	
January 1950- June 1950	81,169	39,173	- 41,996	- 2,326
July 1950-December 1950	94,633	112,823	+ 18,190	

+ Includes amount allowed on sugar preference certificates and various bonuses.

The result of the seasonal fluctuation in the volume of exports is invariably to disclose large unfavourable balances during the first half of the year and large favourable balances during the second half.

Hence, although the calendar years 1948 and 1949 have apparently large favourable balances, the visible trade for the 12 months' period ending at the 30th of June (the true financial year of the Colony) was appreciably in deficit in 1949 and 1950.

The following table gives indices of the exports both in quantity and value for the last five years:

Indices of Domestic Exports (1938 = 100)

Calendar year	SUGAR		COLONIAL SPIRITS	
	Tonnage exported	Value @ (F.O.B.)	Volume exported	Value (F.O.B.)
1946	80	234	2,558	224
1947	102	279	3,809	224
1948	132	298	3,610	224
1949	149	312	4,127	224
1950	123	344	3,033	192

@ Exclusive of the value of Preference Certificates.

The Post-war Terms of Trade

The quantum and price indexes (based on 1938) of external trade for the three years 1948, 1949 and 1950 are given in the following table:

External trade	YEAR							
	1938		1948		1949		1950	
	Quantum	Price	Quantum	Price	Quantum	Price	Quantum	Price
Exports	100	100	132	281	149	292	122	324
Imports	100	100	115	350	125	364	127	409
Ratio Exports Index /Imports Index	1.00	1.00	1.15	0.80	1.19	0.80	0.96	0.79

The volume of exports for the calendar year 1950 appears lower than that of either 1948 or 1949. Yet, the production of sugar and consequently the tonnage of sugar exported has been steadily increasing and would be much larger for the 1950 crop (produced from June to December) than for each of the previous years.

This is shown in the following table:

Quantum index for exported sugar

Harvest year	Tonnage exported from harvest	Export quantum index for harvest year	Export quantum index for calendar year
1938	308,483 m/tons	100	100
1948	373,297 ,,	121	132
1949	396,865 ,,	129	149
1950	434,901 ,,	141	123

The quantum index of exports for the calendar year is thus largely dependent on the fraction of the harvested crop which is exported between June and December each year. As the total exportable crop is sold beforehand to the Ministry of Food, the fluctuation in the quantum index of exports for the calendar year is spurious from a strictly economic point of view. Domestic exports other than sugar are insignificant in comparison.

The ratio of the price indexes exports/imports shows that the terms of trade of 1950 are still unfavourable to the extent of 24% when adjusted with due consideration of quantum values.

NOTE:- Quantum indexes are computed directly from total net tonnage of exports and imports. This has been found preferable to the quantum indexes computed from total freight tonnage, as it has proved to be more accurate. Price indexes are computed from price relatives (with 74% coverage in case of imports and nearly 100% in case of exports) using moving crossed weights. The two indexes independently computed in this way are found to conform with the index of total value.

Trade with the Sterling and Hard Currency Areas.

	STERLING AREA		HARD CURRENCY AREA		OTHER COUNTRIES		
	Rupees	% of total	Rupees	% of total	Rupees	% of total	TOTAL RUPEES
1947							
Import trade ...	79,744,407	70.1	7,290,225	6.4	26,798,780	23.5	113,833,412
Export trade ...	71,581,938	73.3	51,417	0.1	25,980,666	26.6	97,614,021
Total trade ...	151,326,345	71.5	7,341,642	3.5	52,779,446	25.0	211,447,433
1948							
Import trade ...	102,116,047	75.0	8,079,431	5.9	25,993,861	19.1	136,189,339
Export trade ...	132,442,546	94.8	92,208	0.1	7,168,739	5.1	139,703,493
Total trade ...	234,558,593	85.0	8,171,639	3.0	33,162,600	12.0	275,892,832
1949							
Import trade ...	118,265,592	77.2	7,124,378	4.7	27,749,988	18.1	153,139,958
Export trade ...	148,755,256	91.2	11,933,732	7.3	2,386,215	1.5	163,075,203
Total trade ...	267,020,848	84.5	19,058,110	6.0	30,136,203	9.5	316,215,161
1950							
Import trade ...	130,003,303	74.0	4,771,399	2.7	41,027,672	23.3	175,802,374
Export trade ...	119,498,167	81.0	27,602,919	18.7	507,432	0.3	147,608,518
Total trade ...	249,501,470	77.2	32,374,318	10.0	41,535,104	12.8	323,410,892

The Export trade

The total values of the Export Trade in domestic produce for 1948 - 1950 were:

			Rs.
1948	...	...	136,506,669
1949	...	...	160,681,871
1950	...	...	145,881,309

The total values for domestic exports quoted above are exclusive of the value of the Colonial Sugar Preference Certificates which add to the selling price of sugar. The figures for domestic exports when the value of the Sugar Preference is included are:

			Rs.
1948	...	...	141,299,669
1949	...	...	165,511,871
1950	...	...	151,141,309

The proportions in value of the various items of domestic exports were as given in the following table:

	% of total value		
	1948	1949	1950
Sugar	97.12	97.23	97.53
Colonial Spirits ...	2.60	2.53	1.75
Aloe fibre	0.07	0.11	0.37
Ginger (fresh)	0.02	0.02	0.05
Minor miscellaneous items...	0.19	0.11	0.30
Total ...	100.00	100.00	100.00

The destination of the main domestic exports in 1950 were, in relative quantities:

	% of total quantity		
	Sugar	Aloe fibre	Colonial spirits
United Kingdom ...	47.6	87.0	99.8
Other countries of the British Empire ...	52.4	-	0.2
Foreignccountries ...	-	13.0	-
Total ...	100.0	100.0	100.0

Re-exports

There were re-exports of merchandise in 1949 and 1950 to the value of Rs. 2,393,330 and Rs.1,727,209 respectively.

The Import Trade

The value of the Import Trade, in 1950, totalled 175.8 million rupees. The countries from which the principal 1950 imports were derived were:

COUNTRY	Proportion of total
	%
United Kingdom	36.5
India	10.2
France	7.7
Australia	7.2
Italy	5.8
Union of South Africa	3.8
Iran	3.0
United States of America	2.6
Chili	1.3
Holland	1.3
Straits Settlements	1.1
Madagascar	0.8
Germany	0.8
Other European countries	0.6
Belgium	0.5
Other sources	16.8
	100.0

Classification of 1950 Imports in Value.

	Articles of human consumption+	Raw materials	Manufactured articles	Livestock x
% of total value	33.8	2.8	63.3	0.1
Index of cost (C.I.F.)	474	353	377	261

+ Food, drink and tobacco;
x Animals not for food - mainly horses

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Cereals and Pulses

The percentage value of cereals and pulses in the total food purchases was 67% . Rice constituted 75% and wheat flour 17% of the total value of cereals and pulses.

In respect of quantity, the importation in 1950 of cereals and pulses and certain other main food commodities, expressed as a percentage of the prewar average+ imports, was:

Commodity	% of prewar average imports
Rice ...	75.3
Wheat flour ...	156.5
Dholl ...	8.7
Lentils ...	63.0
Peas ...	805.9
Potatoes ...	162.7
Fresh fruits ...	366.9
Live cattle for food[x] ...	91.0
Fish, salted or pickled ...	136.3

x Beef supply

Edible Oils and Fats

The relative quantities of edible oils and fats imported in 1950 are shown in the following table as a ratio of prewar average+ imports:

	% of total quantity imported	% of average prewar imported quantity
Groundnut (pistachio oil) ...	59.0	182.8
Lard ...	1.5	21.3
Ghee ...	0.4	23.2
Olive oil ...	0.6	143.3
Other edible oils	38.5	79.3
Total ...	100.0	111.0

+ The prewar average is computed from imports of 1936-1938

RAW MATERIALS

The quantities of raw materials imported in 1950 are expressed in the following table as a percentage of the prewar average imports:

	% of the prewar average imports
Coal	112.0
Timber	61.8

MANUFACTURED ARTICLES

Textiles

The value of 1950 imports in textiles was made up in relative proportions as follows:

	MANUFACTURES		
	Cotton	Woollen	Silk
	%	%	%
% of the total value of textile imports	69.6	13.0	17.4

As compared with prewar average, the relative quantities of textiles imported in 1950 were:

	% of the prewar average imports
Grey and white cotton piece goods ...	95.5
Dyed or printed cotton piece goods ...	113.7
Woollen piece goods ...	153.0

Oils

Compared with prewar average importation, the quantities of the various manufactured oils imported in 1950 were:

	% of the prewar average imports
Kerosene ...	136.8
Motor spirit (petrol)	230.3
Lubricating oils	200.6
Turpentine ...	154.7
Castor oil ...	71.3
Linseed oil ...	74.0
Crude fuel oil...	1,812.0

The relative porportions in the total imports of motor spirit in reference to different sources of importation were:

	% of total quantity imported
	%
Iran ...	87.4
Bahrein ...	11.8
U.S.America ...	0.8
	100.0

Soap

The quantity of common soap imported in 1950 was 112.8 % of prewar average.

Road Vehicles

The importation of road vehicles in 1950 as compared with the average prewar numbers was:

	Average prewar number	1950 number	Ratio to prewar average
Motor cars ...	270	478	177.0
Motor chassis and lorries ...	75	206	274.7
Motor cycles ...	16	28	175.0
Bicycles ...	1,900	7,620	401.1

Cement

The importation of cement in 1950 was 372 % of prewar average imported quantity.

EXTERNAL TRADE

Gross freight tonnage of exports and imports -1950

Metric Tons

Period ending	Imports	Exports	Total exports & imports
8 / 1	105	26,831	26,936
15 / 1	1,585	13,040	14,625
22 / 1	1,359	15,910	17,269
29 / 1	3,479	278	3,757
5 / 2	1,535	8,239	9,774
12 / 2	-	1,718	1,718
19 / 2	441	18	459
26 / 2	6,566	5,751	12,317
5 / 3	5,570	3,098	8,668
12 / 3	2,918	1,237	4,155
19 / 3	3,267	14,674	17,941
26 / 3	12,302	3,521	15,823
2 / 4	4,779	800	5,579
9 / 4	3,687	197	3,884
16 / 4	6,650	8	6,658
23 / 4	6,266	77	6,343
30 / 4	9,213	671	9,884
7 / 5	3,493	114	3,607
14 / 5	6,088	618	6,706
21 / 5	13,844	171	14,015
28 / 5	12,132	31	12,163
4 / 6	10,142	2,776	12,918
11 / 6	2,179	-	2,179
18 / 6	7,427	323	7,750
25 / 6	2,317	224	2,541
2 / 7	11,811	113	11,924
9 / 7	9,997	373	10,370
16 / 7	12,793	972	13,765
23 / 7	7,384	5,553	12,937
30 / 7	3,118	8,627	11,745
6 / 8	2,150	-	2,150
13 / 8	3,982	11,713	15,695
20 / 8	6,168	12,161	18,329
27 / 8	6,163	12,815	18,978
3 / 9	15,587	16,431	32,018
10 / 9	7,414	6,280	13,694
17 / 9	6,655	19,791	26,446
24 / 9	1,134	11,860	12,994
1 / 10	3,633	19,703	23,336
8 / 10	3,425	16,051	19,476
15 / 10	2,481	20,634	23,115
22 / 10	1,625	21,252	22,877
29 / 10	209	8,482	8,691
5 / 11	953	2,936	3,889
12 / 11	3,919	16,413	20,332
19 / 11	6,142	25,913	32,055
26 / 11	4,711	11,927	16,638
3 / 12	3,188	14,183	17,371
10 / 12	5,344	899	6,243
17 / 12	10,076	4,208	14,284
24 / 12	5,628	8,623	14,251
31 / 12	826	12,038	12,864
Total	273,860	390,276	664,136
Total imports and exports from Dependencies	5,717	4,153	9,870
Grand Total of exports & imports	279,577	394,429	674,006

The gross freight tonnage is computed according to actual weight in case of heavy goods and in case of light goods according to bulk at the conversion rate of 1,000 kgs per 40 cu.feet.

Number of persons in possession of a licence to exercise under the various trades.

ISIC+		Number
19	Non-metallic mining and quarrying not elsewhere classified ...	9
20	Food manufacturing industries, except beverage industries ...	9
21	Beverage industries	53
22	Tobacco manufactures	3
25	Manufactures of wood and cork, except manufactures of furniture... ...	40
26	Manufacture of furniture and fixtures ...	39
28	Printing, publishing and allied industries	29
29	Manufacture of leather and leather products, except footwear	7
31	Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	35
33	Manufacture of non-metallic mineral products, except products of petroleum & coal ...	5
34	Basic metal industries	66
38	Manufacture of transport equipment ...	2
39	Miscellaneous manufacturing industries ...	133
40	Construction	53
52	Water and sanitary services ...	10
61	Wholesale and retail trade ...	7,345
62	Banks and other financial institutions ...	318
63	Insurance	54
64	Real estate	43
71	Transport	19
72	Storage and warehousing	28
82	Community and business services ...	112
83	Recreation services	86
84	Personal services	1,283
	TOTAL ...	9,781

Number of Rice Licence holders as at 31.12.1950

	Number		Number
Port-Louis ...	404	Grand Port ...	164
Plaines Wilhems	473	Flacq ...	180
Moka ...	102	Black River ...	42
Savanne ...	103	Riviere du Rempart ...	120
Pamplemousses ...	118	Total ...	1,706

Number of bakeries as at 31.12.1950

	Number		Number
Port-Louis ...	16	Grand Port ...	11
Plaines Wilhems ...	27	Flacq ...	8
Moka ...	5	Black River ...	-
Savanne ...	7	Riviere du Rempart ...	6
Pamplemousses ...	10	Total ...	90

+ International Standard Industrial Classification

Sugar Sales 1940-1950

In Metric Tons

Crop Years	SUGAR EXPORTED		LOCAL SALES		Total Sales
	Raw Sugar	White Sugar	Raw Sugar	White Sugar	
1940	276,403	27,433	-	10,941	314,777
1941	276,308	34,093	-	12,640	323,041
1942	261,484	52,444	3,243	11,652	328,823
1943	259,298	28,848	12,543	7,196	307,885
1944	154,962	23,675	6,794	13,314	198,745
1945	117,073	3,590	7,670	10,160	138,493
1946	244,473	27,192	7,189	12,104	290,958
1947	310,310	18,379	7,999	10,899	347,587
1948	365,848	7,449	7,036	11,018	391,351
1949	396,865	-	7,484	11,601	415,950
1950	434,901	-	9,170	12,620	456,691

PRICES

SALES PROCEEDS OF SUGAR PER METRIC TON

Crop Year	C.I.F. Value	F.O.B. Value	Value of special colonial preference	Total export value	Index (1938=100)	Local sales value	Index (1938=100)	Total sales value	Index (1938 = 100)
	RUPEES	PER	METRIC TON			Rs.P/M/Ton		Rs.P/M/Ton	
1938	137.92	115.05	15.99	131.03	100	160.93	100	132.27	100
1939	147.68	127.46	22.77	150.23	115	160.95	100	151.33	114
1940	172.87	151.63	16.46	168.09	128	179.78	112	169.18	128
1941	173.70	152.45	15.98	168.43	129	179.88	112	169.32	128
1942	202.86	181.05	15.62	196.67	150	189.48	118	196.80	149
1943	202.89	180.95	17.28	198.26	151	168.28	105	196.72	149
1944	252.53	230.06	27.75	257.81	197	221.50	138	255.24	193
1945	360.10	337.80	40.49	378.29	289	245.28	152	362.20	274
1946	291.99	269.74	18.21	287.95	220	291.41	181	288.84	218
1947	343.05	320.53	14.82	335.35	256	341.62	212	336.18	254
1948	363.38	340.68	13.00	353.68	270	355.60	221	354.56	268
1949	387.81	365.52	12.18	377.70	288	370.51	230	377.86	286
1950+	426.91	406.33	11.12	417.45	319	366.61	228 @	411.44	311

+ Estimated.

@ The lower index as compared with previous year is due to a consumption of raw sugar which was greater in proportion than the consumption of white sugar.

The whole of the sugar production of the Colony is at present sold through the medium of the Mauritius Sugar Syndicate to the Ministry of Food in England; so that all producers are receiving the same average price per ton. The Syndicate makes no charge for its services, beyond the bare cost of salaries and office expenses. The Syndicate does not handle the sale of alcohol or any other by-products of the sugar industry.

Raw sugar in excess of 99° polarisation is, however, liable to a higher customs' duty in England than sugar exceeding 98° to a maximum of 99° . In prewar days, the Syndicate made a practice of contracting for freight for the whole saleable crop. Since the war, the Ministry of Food have agreed to accept responsibility for the whole of the freight in excess of the prewar rate. The Syndicate is, on the other hand, responsible for effecting the Marine Insurance on the exported sugar.

The sale of sugar on the overseas market is liable to a local Merchant's Commission at the rate of 1% of the c.i.f. value, and also to a Broker's Commission in London (including the local shipper's commission) which was 1/2% before the war, had increased during the war but since 1947 has been brought back to the same rate of 1/2%. The following table gives in relative proportions the cost of these services per ton of sugar sold on the foreign market:

CROP YEAR

	1947-48		1948-49		1949-50	
	Rs.	%	Rs.	%	Rs.	%
Freight ...	16.20	72.7	16.20	71.4	16.12	72.4
Insurance ...	1.28	5.7	1.28	5.6	1.09	4.9
London Brokerage	1.60	7.2	1.69	7.4	1.69	7.6
Shippers' Commission	3.21	14.4	3.53	15.6	3.37	15.1
TOTAL ...	22.29	100.0	22.70	100.0	22.27	100.0

Brokerage and commission are also payable by producers to Port-Louis brokers, through whom the Syndicate distributes the proceeds but this is not considered to be a marketing expense in the proper sense.

MARKETING CHARGES FOR OVERSEAS SALES.

(% of total value+ of crop exported)

CROP YEAR

1947-1948	1948-1949	1949-1950
6.24%	6.00%	5.58%

+ C.I.F. Value + Value of Preference Certificates.

Market price fluctuations of vegetables and fruits

Commodity	Unit of quantity	Maximum during year	Minimum during year	Fluctuation
PERISHABLE:		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Chouchou	Kg.	1.00	0.10	0.90
Brinjal	,,	0.40	0.06	0.34
Haricot vert	,,	1.00	0.20	0.80
Pipengaille	,,	0.50	0.10	0.40
Patolle	,,	0.40	0.10	0.30
Andive	,,	0.50	0.30	0.20
Green leaf vegetables	,,	0.31	0.15	0.16
Pomme d'amour	,,	2.00	0.10	1.90
Lalo	,,	0.80	0.16	0.64
Pumpkin	,,	0.50	0.10	0.40
Calabash	,,	0.30	0.06	0.24
Peas-green	,,	2.00	0.50	1.50
Margoze	,,	1.00	0.30	0.70
Manioc	,,	0.20	0.10	0.10
Voem	,,	0.60	0.20	0.40
Petsai	unit	0.40	0.10	0.30
Cabbage	,,	0.60	0.10	0.50
Cauliflower	,,	1.00	0.15	0.85
Lettuce	,,	0.15	0.03	0.12
Cucumber	,,	0.30	0.05	0.25
Beetroot	,,	0.20	0.05	0.15
Turnip	,,	0.12	0.03	0.09
Patisson	,,	0.18	0.05	0.13
Rave	,,	0.15	0.03	0.12
Banana	,,	0.04	0.02	0.02
SEMI-PERISHABLE:				
Potato (local)	Kg	1.60	0.40	1.20
Potato (imported)	,,	0.80	0.40	0.40
Arrouille-violet	,,	0.46	0.24	0.22
Arrouille-curry	,,	0.40	0.20	0.20
Carrot	,,	0.90	0.20	0.70
Onion (local)	,,	1.60	0.40	1.20
Onion (imported)	,,	1.60	0.50	1.10
Garlic	,,	2.80	1.40	1.40
Ginger	,,	0.70	0.24	0.46
Chilly green (big)	,,	1.80	0.16	1.64
Chilly green (small)	,,	3.80	0.90	2.90
Groundnut (dry)	,,	1.30	0.70	0.60
Groundnut (green)	,,	0.70	0.30	0.40
Sweet Potato	,,	0.30	0.16	0.14
Maize (whole)	,,	0.60	0.30	0.30
Radish	unit	0.04	0.02	0.02
Pineapple	,,	0.50	0.20	0.30
Orange	,,	0.50	0.10	0.40
Coconut (dry)	,,	0.50	0.35	0.15

COMPARATIVE RETAIL MARKET PRICES IN PREWAR YEARS AND IN 1950

1.FOOD (a) Grains and cereals comprising rice,maize,flour,lentils, dholl and beans.

Commodity	Unit of quantity	PREWAR Maximum Rs.	PREWAR Minimum Rs.	1950 Maximum Rs.	1950 Minimum Rs.
Flour	Kg.	0.11	0.10	0.50	0.50
Bread	200 grms.	0.06	0.05	0.13	0.13
Biscuits (local)	100	0.50	0.40	1.00	1.00
Biscuits (imported)	1/2 kg.	1.20	1.00	4.00	2.00
Rice (local)	Kg.	Not available		2.60	1.50
Rice (imported)	,,	0.125	0.11	0.68 (c)	0.66 (c)
Paddy	,,	0.18	0.10	1.10	0.80
Maize rice	,,	0.14	0.11	0.50	0.40
Macaroni (local)	,,	0.70	0.60	1.28	0.90
Macaroni (imported)	,,	1.20	1.00	2.00	1.38
Vermicelli (local)	,,	0.70	0.60	1.40	0.80
Lentils black	,,	0.17	0.16	0.86 (c)	0.64
Dholl (local)	,,	0.18	0.14	1.00	0.80
Dholl (imported):					
Toowar oily	,,	0.20	0.15	0.50	0.50
Gram	,,	0.20	0.15	0.90	0.80
Spilt peas	,,	0.20	0.15	1.04 (c)	0.84
Peas-dried	,,	0.40	0.35	0.70	0.64
Beans-broad	,,	0.44	0.44	1.40	1.10
,, -haricot	,,	0.32	0.30	2.00	0.90

1.FOOD (b) Meat,fish, eggs,poultry, etc.

Beef -fresh	Kg	1.00	0.80	2.70 (c)	1.60 (c)
Beef- salted	,,	0.60	0.50	3.00	2.40
Corned beef	12 ozs.	0.50	0.40	1.52 (c)	1.15 (c)
Corned mutton	,,	Not available		1.10	0.99
Sausages pork (fresh)	,,	2.50	2.00	5.60	5.00
,, ,, ,, (canned)	1 lb	1.25	0.80	2.00	1.40
,, ,, beef (canned)	,,	0.70	0.70	1.75	1.25
Goat & mutton-fresh	Kg.	1.20	1.20	3.40	2.50
Pork -fresh	,,	1.80	1.40	5.00	4.80
,, -salted	,,	0.70	0.60	4.50	3.00
Fish,fresh	,,	0.45	0.30	2.50	0.70
Fish,salted	,,	0.50	0.30	1.10	1.10
Sardines in oil	4 ozs.	0.30	0.30	0.87	0.55
Salmon	16 ozs.	0.75	0.35	1.77 (c)	1.40
Herrings	,,	0.40	0.30	1.27 (c)	0.85 (c)
Bomblas	Kg.	0.60	0.40	3.60	2.50
Snoek	,,	0.90	0.70	2.50	1.20
Prawns	,,	1.00	0.80	4.50	4.00
Eggs	unit	0.06	0.04	0.30	0.17
Poultry	Kg.	1.50	1.20	5.00	4.00
Ham,uncooked	,,	3.00	3.00	6.00	5.00

(c) = controlled

1. FOOD (b) Meat, fish, eggs, poultry, etc. (continued)

Commodity	Unit of quantity	PREWAR Maximum Rs.	PREWAR Minimum Rs.	1950 Maximum Rs.	1950 Minimum Rs.
Ham, boiled	Kg.	8.00	8.00	12.50	11.00
Cold sausages	,,	5.00	5.00	14.00	12.00
Bacon	,,	4.00	4.00	7.00	5.50
Lamb tongues (canned)	12 ozs	0.90	0.90	1.75	1.25
Sheep ,, (canned)	,,	0.90	0.90	1.80	1.25
1. FOOD (d) Cooking oils, curry stuff. and fats (ghee, lard, oil, vegetable fat), vinegar, salt etc.					
Coconut oil, refined	litre	0.30	0.25	1.25	1.00 (c)
Groundnut oil	,,	0.40	0.40	1.90 (c)	1.50 (c)
Salad oil	,,	0.80	0.80	3.00	1.90 (c)
Olive Oil (Plagniol)	,,	3.20	3.20	8.30	7.35
Lard	kg	0.90	0.75	4.92 (c)	2.50
Ghee, vegetable	,,	1.00	0.80	5.00	3.00
,, animal	,,	2.00	1.60	6.62	5.60
Vinegar (local)	litre	0.25	0.20	0.62	0.62
,, (imported)	,,	1.00	1.00	2.31	1.92
Salt fine	kg	0.08	0.08	0.12	0.12
Curry stuff	,,	0.50	0.50	3.00	2.00
Curry powder	,,	0.60	0.60	4.00	3.50
Jam	1½ lbs	0.75	0.75	1.60	1.40
Orange marmalade	2 lbs	0.75	0.75	1.90	1.50
Yorkshire sauce	jar	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.35
Tomato sauce	1 lb	0.40	0.40	1.00	0.90
Tomato ketchup	8 ozs	0.70	0.70	1.50	1.20
1. FOOD (e) Butter, cheese, sugar and beverages (tea, coffee, milk etc).					
Tea, local	Kg	2.00	1.50	5.90	4.50
Tea, imported	,,	3.50	2.75	10.95	6.20
Sugar, white	,,	0.16	0.16	0.44 (c)	0.43 (c)
Sugar, raw	,,	Not available		0.30 (c)	0.30 (c)
Coffee	,,	0.90	0.55	3.60	2.80
Cocoa	,,	2.40	1.80	4.74	3.40
Chocolates	,,	2.40	1.00	9.00	7.00
Butter (local)	,,	2.20	1.70	7.60	6.67
Butter (imported)	,,	2.00	1.60	6.44	5.89
Margarine	32 ozs.	1.00	0.90	2.80	2.70
Cheese, imported	kg	1.30	1.10	4.40	4.00
Milk, whole	litre	0.15	0.12	0.40	0.40
,, condensed	14 ozs.	0.35	0.35	0.99	0.78
1. FOOD (f) Wines and Spirits					
Soda water	1/2 bottle	0.10	0.08	0.15	0.15
Lemonade	,,	0.10	0.08	0.20	0.15
Wine, (local)	bottle	0.60	0.40	1.50	0.60
,, (imported)	,,	1.75	0.75	4.25	1.50

1. FOOD (f) Wines and Spirits (continued)

Commodity	Unit of quantity	PREWAR		1950	
		Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.	Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.
Beer	bottle	1.00	0.70	1.75	1.25
Ale	,,	1.00	0.70	1.60	1.40
Porter	,,	1.00	0.70	1.80	1.50
Brandy	,,	3.50	3.00	11.50	8.50
Rum	litre	3.00	2.75	6.00	5.00
2. CLOTHING AND GARMENTS					
Men's hats, felt	unit	12.00	2.50	25.00	5.00
Women's hats, felt	,,	8.00	4.00	18.00	9.00
,, ,, ,, straw	,,	10.00	2.50	32.00	9.00
Helmets ordinary quality	,,	2.50	2.50	7.50	5.50
Helmets, superior quality	,,	15.00	15.00	24.00	18.00
Bonnets (tweed caps)	,,	1.25	0.50	2.75	[illegible].00
,, ,, (topees)	,,	5.00	1.50	15.00	3.50
Sarees, superior quality	,,	3.25	3.25	14.00	7.00
Handkerchiefs	,,	0.30	0.10	1.50	0.50
Drill, white	metre	0.80	0.60	3.28	1.75
Drill khaki	,,	0.90	0.50	3.39	1.75
Mattress cloth	,,	1.50	0.50	4.50	1.50
Serge	,,	6.00	3.00	30.00	15.00
Mosquito netting	,,	1.50	0.90	6.75	2.50
Table Cloth	,,	3.25	1.50	5.50	2.50
Silk material	,,	1.00	0.30	4.00	1.25
Tweed	,,	6.00	3.00	25.00	12.00
Moleskine	,,	0.85	0.40	1.90	0.90
Lining material	,,	1.25	0.25	5.50	1.75
Flannel	,,	10.00	4.00	28.00	10.00
Rogatta	,,	0.70	0.30	1.25	0.60
Prints (Indienne)	,,	0.75	0.40	2.00	0.90
Shirting-grey	,,	0.26	0.26	1.17	0.75
,, ,, -white	,,	0.40	0.40	1.44	0.92
Shirts (local)	unit	3.00	0.75	12.00	3.00
,, ,, (imported)	,,	6.00	2.50	22.50	9.00
Towels (ordinary)	,,	0.68	0.68	2.00	0.75
,, (bath)	,,	2.00	1.00	6.00	3.00
Socks, cotton	pair	0.60	0.25	2.25	0.75
,, ,, woollen	,,	2.00	1.25	4.50	2.50
Stockings, cotton	,,	1.25	0.50	3.75	[illegible].50
,, ,, woollen	,,	2.00	1.25	5.00	[illegible].00
,, silk (ladies)	,,	1.75	0.40	6.00	1.50
Blankets, cotton	unit	5.00	2.00	9.00	4.50
,, ,, woollen	,,	15.00	5.00	52.00	20.00
Shoes, Men's	pair	12.00	4.50	35.00	13.00

2. CLOTHING AND GARMENTS (Continued)

Commodity	Unit of quantity	PREWAR		1950	
		Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.	Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.
Shoes, Women's	pair	10.00	13.00	32.00	9.00
,, children's	,,	7.00	1.25	18.00	3.50
,, canvas	,,	2.00	0.80	6.50	2.00
Sewing thread cotton	300 yds	0.25	0.18	0.65	0.35
,, ,, ,, D.M.C.	50 gms	0.40	0.35	1.84	1.80
Knitting wool	Kg.	5.00	5.00	24.00	20.00
Working suits	unit	4.00	3.50	13.00	11.00
Neckties, inferior quality	,,	0.50	0.25	3.50	1.50
Neckties, superior quality	,,	5.00	1.50	15.00	5.00
Men's underwear (singlets)	,,	1.00	0.40	3.50	1.50
Pullovers	,,	7.00	1.00	22.00	3.00
Dhotees	,,	3.50	3.00	9.97 (c)	6.22 (c)
Tussor, inferior quality	metre	1.50	1.50	3.25	2.25
,, ,, superior quality	,,	3.50	3.00	7.00	6.00
3. FUEL					
Kerosene	litre	0.23	0.23	0.49 (c)	0.48 (c)
Denatured spirits	,,	0.20	0.18	0.40	0.40
Power alcohol	,,	Not available		0.50	0.46
Motor spirit	imp. gal.	1.40	1.40	2.40 (c)	2.04 (c)
Charcoal	kg	0.10	0.08	0.20	0.16
Firewood:					
Higher grade	bundle	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.06
Higher grade	corde+	30.00	30.00	56.00	50.00
Lower grade	corde+	15.00	10.00	30.00	18.00
4. HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES					
Soap (local)	bar of 3 lbs	0.36	0.30	1.32 (c)	1.09 (c)
,, (imported)	,,	0.60	0.60	1.92 (c)	1.90 (c)
Cups and Saucers	unit	0.70	0.40	2.50	1.00
Plates	,,	0.50	0.25	2.00	0.75
Glasses	,,	0.40	0.15	0.75	0.25
Electric bulbs 16 c.p.	,,	0.70	0.50	0.80	0.70
Candles	,,	0.08	0.06	0.23	0.20
Writing Pads	,,	0.75	0.30	2.00	0.90
Envelopes	100	0.80	0.30	2.00	0.75
Frying pans	unit	2.00	0.75	4.00	1.50
Cookingpots	,,	1.25	0.75	8.00	3.50

+ "Corde" old french measure for stacked wood
Dimensions of corde in metres are 2.60 ms. in length, 0.81 ms in width and 1.30 ms in height = 2.74 cubic metres

HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES (Continued)

Commodity	Unit of quantity	PREWAR		1950	
		Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.	Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.
Kettles (enamelled)	unit	3.00	2.00	7.50	.50
,, ,, (aluminium)	,,	2.00	0.95	7.50	3.00
Safety razor blades	,,	0.05	0.03	0.15	0.05
Shopping bags (vacoa)	,,	0.60	0.10	0.75	0.15
Brooms-coco	,,	0.12	0.08	0.30	0.25
,, -fatac	,,	0.12	0.08	0.50	0.25
Washing blue	,,	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.05
Matches small box (local) +	,,	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03
,, ,, ,, ,, (imported)	,,	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.05
Toilet soap	cake	0.16	0.05	0.35	0.16
Tooth Paste	tube	0.65	0.30	0.75	0.50
Toilet paper-ordinary quality	roll	0.35	0.35	0.50	0.45
,, ,, superior quality	roll	0.60	0.60	1.00	0.75
Face powder (large box)	unit	1.75	1.00	3.25	1.25
Scrubs Ammonia	bottle	1.00	1.00	1.40	1.30
Turpentine	litre	1.25	1.25	2.50	2.50
Wax	Kg.	1.12	1.12	3.80	3.20
Cleansing Powder	packet	0.32	0.32	0.84	0.84
Washing Soda	Kg.	0.40	0.40	1.00	0.60
Creoline	litre	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.50
Boot polish (large size)	tin	0.25	0.25	0.45	0.40
Whiting (shoe)	cake	0.14	0.14	0.20	0.20
Sunlight soap	,,	0.10	0.10	0.32	0.32
Metal polish	tin	0.75	0.25	2.00	0.50
Brush Coco (for floors)	unit	0.15	0.15	0.40	.25
5. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES					
Pipe tobacco (local)	oz	Not available		0.70	0.63
Pipe tobacco (imported)	,,	1.00	0.70	1.63	1.25
Cigarettes (local)	,,	0.75	0.36	2.25 (c)	0.83 (c)
Cigarettes (imported)	50	1.50	1.00	3.50	2.50
Cigars	unit	0.25	0.10	1.25	0.30

+ 40 sticks

Retail Price Level Indices
(1939 = 100)

The figures in each column are quarterly extremes of indices.

1. FOOD . (a) Grains and Cereals comprising rice, maize, flour, lentils, dholl and beans.

COMMODITY	Jan-March	Apr-June	July-Sept.	Oct-Dec.
Flour	476	476	476	476
Bread	236	236	236	236
Biscuits (local)	222	222	222	222
Biscuits (imported)	255	295-277	295	295
Rice (imported)	564	564	581-564	581
Paddy	750	750-607	621-607	621-586
Maize rice	400-360	400-360	360-320	320
Macaroni (local)	158	158	168	168
Macaroni (imported)	134	168-147	168	168
Vermicelli (local)	162-154	154	169	169
Lentils, black	455-406	473-455	473-467	521
Dholl (local)	500	500	500	625
Dholl (imported):				
Toowar oily	291	291	291	291
Gram	494-465	465	465	523-465
Split peas	558	605-564	564-523	523-488
Peas, dried	187-179	187	187	187
Beans, broad	318-250	259-255	250	250
Beans, haricot	600-467	567-517	567-500	417-400
1. FOOD. (b) Meat, fish, eggs, poultry, etc.				
Beef, fresh	228	228	228	250
Beef, salted	509-455	509-482	482	527
Corned beef	276	329-316	336-329	336
Sausages, pork-fresh	249-227	249	249	249
Sausages, pork-canned	155-152	160-155	184-160	184
Sausages, beef-canned	204-190	204	240-204	240
Goat & mutton-fresh	275-267	250-208	267	267
Pork, fresh	312	312	312-300	300
Pork, salted	546-538	546-538	615	615-577
Fish, fresh	417-351	417-359	359-344	465-397
Fish, salted	275	275	275	275
Sardines in oil	260	210-200	210-200	210
Salmon	295	300-282	300	-
Herrings	326-303	323-309	309	309
Bomblas	720-700	600-500	500	660-520
Snoek	169-156	194	238-225	269
Prawns	467	489-444	489	500-444
Eggs	500-360	580-340	360-340	400-340
Poultry	333	333	333	333
Ham, uncooked	175	192-175	192	192
Ham, boiled	151-145	153-151	153	153
Cold sausages	240	240	280	280
Bacon	163	156	163	163
Lamb tongues-canned	148-144	154	176-154	176
Sheep tongues-canned	159	166	189-166	189

1. FOOD (c) Vegetables and Fruits.

COMMODITY	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
PERISHABLE:												
Chouchou	771	1667	792	363	200	212	279	392	350	404	520	608
Brinjal	457	383	243	147	240	318	500	393	318	354	310	407
Haricot,green	630	967	458	525	575	313	475	613	363	455	470	492
Pipengaille	453	492	192	159	256	296	-	-	-	-	556	556
Patolle	338	310	182	194	-	384	-	438	333	242	306	318
Andive	442	367	389	486	444	389	389	-	-	417	426	444
Green leaf vegetables	255	263	244	256	232	265	278	272	258	259	253	261
Pomme d'amour	479	1125	1134	500	342	300	342	345	220	102	157	323
Lalo	519	521	421	261	297	316	435	532	408	645	724	545
Pumpkin	580	507	360	210	277	400	567	590	477	373	280	406
Calabash	228	445	328	217	341	339	237	622	600	389	444	483
Peas,green	455	532	654	709	546	250	482	332	300	364	-	-
Margoze	274	356	206	180	435	239	397	234	196	288	241	306
Manioc	242	300	221	213	183	213	187	250	242	292	325	333
Voen	444	583	389	306	389	278	389	514	611	667	444	505
Petsai	-	-	220	273	215	225	228	218	183	168	195	250
Cabbage	250	-	-	371	315	196	200	188	142	129	131	125
Cauliflower	-	-	-	-	359	172	125	142	144	-	-	-
Lettuce	189	222	234	189	228	172	167	167	161	167	178	183
Cucumber	146	133	124	115	191	152	155	183	174	119	121	191
Beetroot	420	560	-	540	380	510	400	300	320	320	330	330
Turnip	-	-	-	550	483	367	533	500	333	300	-	-
Patisson	373	-	-	373	373	307	300	360	387	460	450	587
Rave	400	433	334	250	150	159	192	250	250	233	267	233
Banana	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200

1.FOOD (c) Vegetables and Fruits (continued)

COMMODITY	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
SEMI-PERISHABLE:												
Potato (local)	326	364	384	-	631	283	272	237	248	207	219	326
Potato (inported)	313	438	281	469	-	375	-	446	313	281	344	-
Arrouille, violet	431	528	438	332	531	469	438	435	375	357	337	381
Arrouille, curry	500	335	351	363	369	325	313	375	350	375	375	381
Carrot	300	283	500	434	300	200	225	197	188	167	156	165
Onion (local)	350	347	375	319	253	163	135	131	145	204	174	181
Onion (inported)	583	338	427	505	458	-	-	-	-	-	245	271
Garlic	489	592	595	497	550	456	422	411	444	395	400	400
Ginger	320	304	260	252	312	270	224	270	240	310	508	508
Chilly, green-big	142	117	68	48	81	106	438	204	169	313	73	92
Chilly, green-small	186	185	135	118	110	115	218	338	196	171	256	237
Groundnut, dry	600	625	525	500	425	388	438	450	500	488	431	425
Groundnut, green	286	279	254	148	279	429	322	329	465	500	350	330
Sweet Potato	267	333	433	317	375	438	383	333	333	308	333	367
Maize (whole)	364	455	545	354	316	273	273	273	364	400	418	455
Radish	-	-	-	100	100	100	100	100	100	125	150	-
Pineapple	875	900	706	563	975	794	1006	838	1119	1081	831	819
Orange	370	430	-	-	-	230	238	233	195	195	205	225
Coconut, dry	305	311	417	396	329	292	292	319	319	319	304	304

1.FOOD (d) Cooking oils, curry stuff and fats (ghee,lard,oil, vegetable fat), vinegar, salt etc.

COMMODITY	Jan. March	April-June	July-Sept.	Oct-Dec.
Coconut oil,refined	308	308	455-308	455
Groundnut oil	475	475	475-375	375
Salad oil	238	375-238	375	375
Olive oil,Plagniol	259	259-234	234	230
Lard	492-468	456-448	448	448
Ghee,vegetable	500±484+	500±375@	375@	375@
Ghee,animal	345-327	351-345	351	343
Vinegar (local)	276	276	276	276
Vinegar (imported)	231	231	231-215	192
Salt,fine	150	150	150	150
Curry stuff	480	500-400	600-500	600
Curry powder	625	625	625	625
Jam	200	207-200	207	207
Orange Marmalade	240	233-224	233	233-227
Yorkshire sauce	150-145	150-138	138	138
Tomato sauce	250-238	250	250	250
Tomato,ketchup	179-176	214	207	207

+ = superior quality ; @ = inferior quality

1.FOOD (e) Butter,cheese,sugar and beverages (tea,coffee,milk,etc.)

Tea (local)	286-271	311	311-309	309
Tea (imported)	276	276	247	247
Sugar,white	275	275	275	275
Coffee	441	441-414	428-414	428
Cocoa	199-188	192-171	171	174-164
Chocolates	333+	333 +	333+	333 +
Butter (local)	366	366	366	366
Butter (imported)	350	350	350-336	336
Margarine	289	289	289	289
Cheese (imported)	355-338	355	347	347
Milk,whole	296	296	296	296
Milk,condensed	243	243	254-243	254

1.FOOD (f) Wines and Spirits

Soda water	167	167	167	167
Lemonade	200	200	200	200
Wine (local)	210	210	220-210	220
Wine (imported)	215	215	228-215	228-222
Beer	174	176	176	176
Ale	176	176	176	176
Porter	212	212-194	194	194
Brandy	289-285	285-277	338-277	338
Rum	183	183	205-183	205

+ = superior quality

2. CLOTHING AND GARMENTS.

COMMODITY	Jan-March	Apr-June	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.
Men's hats-felt	204	204	224-204	204
Women's hats-felt	225	225	225	225
Women's hats-straw	340	340	340	340
Helmets, ordinary quality	260	260	260	260
Helmets, superior quality	140	140	140	140
Bonnets tweed caps	272	272	286-272	301-286
Bonnets, topees	267	267	267	267
Sarees	288+	346±292+	346±315+	346-331+
Handkerchiefs	500	500	500	500
Drill, white	360	377-360	377	377
Drill, khaki	367	393-367	386	386-376
Mattress Cloth	275	300-292	292	350
Serge	500	500	500	500
Mosquito netting	386	-	417	417
Table cloth	185	185	185	176-168
Silk material	409	409	409	409
Tweed	409	409	409	409
Moleskine	222	222	230	230
Lining material	290	280	280	280
Flannel	290	290	265	265
Regatta	186	186-160	160	160
Prints-indienne	261	252	252	252
Shirting, grey	400-396	350	369-350	342
Shirting, white	295	295	295	295
Shirts (local)	400	400	400	400
Shirts (imported)	368	388	428-388	438
Towels, ordinary quality	213-203	213	213	213-203
Towels, bath quality	300	325-300	325	325
Socks, cotton	338	338	338	338
Socks, woollen	213	213	233-213	253-233
Stockings, cotton	290-270	270	295-270	375
Stockings, woollen	245-233	245	245	265
Stockings, silk for ladies	359-331	331	331	331
Blankets, cotton	338	350	350-338	338
Blankets, woollen	374	374	374	374
Shoes, men's	291	291	291	291
Shoes, women's	310	310	310	310
Shoes, children's	269	269	269	269
Shoes, canvas	263-250	294-263	294	381-325
Sewing thread, cotton	260	233	233	233
Sewing thread, D.M.C.	484	484	484-474	474
Knitting wool	440	440	440	440
Working suits	320	320	320	320
Neckties, inferior quality	650	650	650	650
Neckties, superior quality	317	317	317	317
Men's underwear (singlets)	363	363	363	363
Pullovers	332	332-307	307	307
Dhotees	249	249	261-249	254
Tussor, inferior quality	183-175	192-183	192	180
Tussor, superior quality	200	200	200	200

+ = superior quality

3. FUEL

COMMODITY	Jan-March	Apr-June	July-Sept	Oct-Dec
Kerosene	213	213	213	213
Denatured spirits	211	211	211	211
Motor spirit	171	171-156	156	156-146
Charcoal	200	200	200	200
Firewood: Higher grade (bundle)	233- 200	200	200	233-200
Higher grade (corde)+	177-175	175-167	183-167	187-183
Lower grade (corde)+	190-184	184-177	194-177	210-194
4. HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES				
Soap (local)	364	364	364	-
Soap (imported)	318	318	318	318
Cups and Saucers	296	296-273	273	318-273
Plates	368	368	368	368
Glasses	178	178	178	178
Electric bulbs-16 c.p.	125	125	125	125
Candles	329-286	286	286	286
Writing pads	284	284	284	284
Envelopes	250	250	250	259-250
Frying pans	200	200	200	200
Cooking pots	620-587	554	554	554
Kettles, enamelled	238	238	238	238
Kettles, aluminium	398-345	398	398	398
Safety razor blades	223	223	223	223
Shopping bags-vacoa	138	138	138	138
Brooms-coco	280	280-250	250	300-250
Brooms-fatac	450	450-250	300-250	300
Washing blue	300	300	300	300
Matches, small box (local) @	300	300	300	300
,, ,, ,, (imported)	200	200	200	200
Toilet soap	270	270	270	270
Tooth paste	141	141	141	141
Toilet paper, ordinary	137	137	137	137
Toilet paper, superior quality	147	147	147	147
Face powder, large box	160-148	148	161-148	168-161
Scrubs Ammonia	140	140-130	130	130
Turpentine	200	200	200	200
Wax	313-286	313	313	313
Cleansing powder	263	263	263	263
Washing soda	250	200	150	150
Creoline	250	250	250	250
Boot polish-large size	160	160	160	160
Whiting (shoe)	143	143	143	143
Sunlight soap	320	320	320	320
Metal polish	234	234	234	234
Brush coco-for floors	233-220	220	233-220	233
5. TOBACCO & CIGARETTES.				
Pipe tobacco (imported)	168-162	173-168	173	173
Cigarettes (local)	277-255	277	277	277
Cigarettes (imported)	250-240	250	250	250
Cigars	290	400-300	500-400	500

@ 40 sticks

+ "Corde" = old french measure for stacked wood. Dimensions of "Corde" are: 2.60 metres in length, 0.81 metre in width, 1.30 metres in height = 2.74 cubic metres.

COMMODITY		Indices
IRONMONGERY		
Nails	...	227-400
Screws	...	145-333
Rivets	...	171
Locks	...	183-200
Hooks	...	187-240
Iron wire	...	188-200
Brass bars and sheets	...	222
Tacks	...	250-333
Bolts and nuts	...	214-286
Hinges	...	150
Padlocks	...	200-300
Iron bars and plates	...	243-435
Steel bars	...	200
Solder	...	300
TOOLS		
Agricultural tools	...	146-233
Metal and woodwork tools	...	178-312
BUILDING MATERIALS		
Glass plates	...	300-350
Paint, prepared	...	333-529
Paint (powder)	...	217-333
Linseed oil	...	433-455
Turpentine	...	200
Cement	...	467
Galvanised iron pipe	...	265-331
Lead pipe	...	281-375
Corrugated iron sheets	...	370
Plain iron sheets	...	277
Wood, local	...	400-450 +
Wood, imported	...	580 @ 569-618 ø 396 ⁄⁄ 400-480 ⊙

The highest and lowest values of the indices are quoted.

+ Eucalyptus ; @ Singapore; ø Gurjun; ⁄⁄-Mahogany; ⊙ Teak

CONSUMERS' PRICE INDICES + 1946-1950

Basic-period: early 1939 =100

DATE	I MANUAL WORKERS	II	III HIGHER INCOME GROUPS	IV	V	VI
	Labourer	Artisan	Rs.100-300	Rs.300-550	Rs.550-1000	Over Rs.1000
1946 May	261	241	235	225	218	211
1947 June	265	247	240	233	228	222
September	290	265	257	245	238	228
December	300	275	263	254	244	234
1948 January	303	277	264	256	247	235
March	312	284	271	258	249	237
June	313	288	275	260	250	238
December	315	289	277	261	248	236
1949 June	318	289	278	262	248	237
December	325	292	283	265	252	240
1950 January	334	299	290	279	267	247
March	341	304	295	285	273	252
June	329	295	285	273	263	243
September	331	296	285	273	263	243
December	338	303	291	278	268	248

+ Commonly called Cost of Living Indices- Revised figures to date.

Details of Imported Merchandise.

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit=Rs.1000
Section 0 FOODS						
Live Animals						
00	001	001-01	Bovine Cattle	Head	4,415	1,052
Meat and Meat Preparations						
01	011	011-09	Frozen meat +	m/tons	490	652
,,	012	012-01) 012-02) 012-03)	Bacon,ham and smoked,dried or salted meat	,,	77	229
,,	013	013-02	Meat & Meat preparation canned	,,	3	19
Dairy produce,Eggs and Honey						
02	022	022-01) 022-02)	Milk condensed and powdered	,,	422	821
,,	023	023-01	Butter	,,	130	645
,,	024	024-01	Cheese	,,	79	257
,,	025	025-01	Eggs in the shell	,,	5	7
Fish and Fish Preparatinns						
03	031	031-01	Fish frozen	,,	162	134
,,	031	031-02	Fish preserved	,,	734	922
,,	032	032-01	Fish canned	,,	656	1,496
Cereals and Cereal Preparations						
04	042	042-02	Rice	,,	45,169	28,950
,,	046	046-01	Wheat Flour	,,	14,086	6,717
,,	048	048-03	Vermicelli and Macaroni	,,	44	48

+ containing a small quantity of Salted Pork

Details of imported merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
04	048	048-04	Biscuits and Cakes	M/tons	49	178
,,	041	041-01)				
,,	043	043-01)				
,,	045	045-02)	Other Cereal Produce	,,	281	251
,,	047	047-09)				
,,	048	048-09)				
Fruits and Vegetables						
05	051	051-01)				
		051-02)	Fresh Fruits	,,	477	338
		051-04)				
		051-05)				
,,	051	051-07	Edible nuts	,,	24	26
,,	051	052-01)	Fruits-dried and preserved	,,	153	178
,,	053	053-01)				
,,	053	053-03	Jams,marmalade and jellies	,,	10	26
,,	053	053-04	Fruit juices	,,	39	87
,,	054	054-01	Potatoes	,,	2,311	824
,,	054	054-02	Dholl	,,	291	229
,,	054	054-02	Lentils	,,	1,261	748
,,	054	054-09	Onions and Garlic	,,	360	176
,,	054	054-02	Other Pulses	,,	2,523	1,746
,,	054	054-09)				
,,	055	055-01)	Other dried vegetables	,,	168	240
,,	055	055-04)				
Sugar and Sugar Preparations						
06	061	061-09)	Sugar and Sugar Preparations	,,	175	536
,,	062	062-01)				

Details of imported merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Coffee.Tea, Cocoa,Spices and Manufactures thereof						
07	071	071-02	Coffee not roasted	M/tons	42	106
,,	072	072-02	Cocoa Powder	,,	2	9
,,	074	074-01	Tea	,,	40	237
,,	075	075-01)	Spices	,,	254	507
,,	075	075-02)				
Feeding Stuff for animals+						
08	081	081-02	Feeding stuff for animals	,,	215	60
Miscellaneous Food Preparations						
09	091	091-01	Margarine	,,	415	898
,,	091	091-02	Ghee	,,	13	60
,,	091	091-02	Beef Fat	,,	3	6
,,	091	091-02	Lard	,,	49	119
,,	099	099-09	Food Preparations N.E.S.@	,,	363	932
				Total Section 0		50,466
Section 1 BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
Alcoholic Beverages						
11	112	112-01	Wine ordinary	Hect.	1,945	411
,,	112	112-02	Wine sparkling	,,	98	92
,,	112	112-03	Beer	,,	6,014	794
,,	112	112-04	Brandy	,,	179	86
,,	112	112-04	Gin	,,	27	17
,,	112	112-04	Whisky	,,	293	209
,,	112	112-04	Other alcoholic beverages	,,	13	16

+ Not including unmilled cereals

@ Not elsewhere specified

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Tobacco and Tobacco Manufactures.						
12	121	121-01	Tobacco unmanufactured	M/tons	132	1,052
,,	122	122-01) 122-02)	Cigars and Cigarettes	,,	15	287
,,	122	122-03	Tobacco manufactured	,,	0.4	7
				Total Section 1		2,971
Section 2- CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUELS.						
Hides, Skins and Fur Skins Undressed						
21	211	211-01	Hides of cattle undressed	M/tons	0.3	2
Oil Seeds, oil nuts and oil kernels						
22	221	221-02	Copra	,,	3	1
,,	221	221-05	Linseed	,,	2	2
Wood, Lumber and Cork						
24	243	243-01	Railway Sleepers	Thousand Units	4	143
,,	243	243-03	Lumber sawn, planed or dressed	C/metres	6,737	1,473
Pulp and Waste paper						
25	251	251-01	Paper waste and old paper	M/tons	309	108

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Textile Fibres, not manufactured into yarn, thread or fabrics and Waste.						
26	265	265-09	Other vegetable textile fibre	M/tons	105	71
,,	267	267-01	Cotton Waste	,,	6	7
Crude Fertilizers and Crude Minerals, excluding Coal, Petroleum and Precious Stones.						
27	271	271-03	Natural Fertilizers	,,	2,820	177
,,	272	272-01	Natural Asphalt	,,	1,739	377
,,	272	272-02	Sand	,,	12	3
,,	272	272-04	Clay	,,	139	25
Animal and Vegetable crude materials N.E.S.+						
29	292	292-01	Plants and Parts of plants for use in dyeing and tanning whether ground or not.	,,	23	6
,,	292	292-02	Arabic Gum	,,	1	4
,,	292	292-02	Rosin	,,	34	34
,,	292	292-02	Shellac	,,	2	11
,,	292	292-03	Rattan	,,	41	74
,,	292	292-05	Miscellaneous seeds	,,	2	6
,,	292	292-06	Plants and Trees	,,		1
				Total Section 2:		2,525
Section 3 MINERAL FUELS, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS						
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related Materials.						
31	311	311-01	Coal	M/tons	49,035	2,727
,,	311	311-02	Coke	,,	294	74
,,	312	312-01	Crude petroleum oil	Hect.	98,634	979

+ Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related Materials (continued)						
31	313	313-01	Motor Spirit	Hect.	154,828	3,958
,,	313	313-02	Petroleum lamp oil	,,	39,654	1,505
,,	313	313-04	Lubricating oil	,,	13,207	1,025
,,	313	313-04	Lubricating Grease	M/tons	118	102
,,	313	313-09	Pitch	,,	2	1
,,	314	314-02	Gas manufactured	Thousand Units	3	75
				Total Section 3 :		10,446
Section 4 ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS						
Animal and Vegetable oils, fats, greases and derivatives.						
41	411	411-01	Cod Liver Oil	M/Tons	8	15
,,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
,,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
,,	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs. 1000
Mineral Tar and Crude Chemicals from Coal, Petroleum and Natural Gas.						
52	521	521-01	Mineral Tar	M/tons	5	2
Dyeing, Tanning and colouring materials						
53	531	531-01	Dyestuff and Natural Indigo	M/tons	46	97
,,	532	532-02	Tanning Extract	,,	73	44
,,	533	533-03	Colouring Materials, prepared paint and varnishes.@	,,	765	1,012
Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products						
54	541	541-04	Medicinal alkaloids and derivatives	,,	0.4	10
,,	541	541-09	Other Medicinal Products N.E.S.+	,,	222	1,083
Essential Oils, perfume materials, Toilet, Polishing and Cleansing Preparations.						
55	551	551-01)	Toilet Preparation	,,	201	561
,,	552	551-02)				
		552-01)				
,,	551	551-02	Joss sticks and Incence	,,	9	38
,,	552	552-02	Soap Common	,,	1,803	1,914
,,	552	552-02	Toilet Soap	,,	54	274
,,	552	552-03	Waxes	,,	7	8
,,	552	552-03	Polishes and Blacking	,,	43	160
Fertilizers Manufactured.						
56	561	561-01)	Fertilizers.	,,	24,982	7,313
		561-02)				
		561-03)				
		561-09)				

@ Including ordinary paint; + Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Explosives and Miscellaneous chemical materials and Products.						
59	591	591-01	Cartridges loaded and empty	Thousand Units	162	22
,,	591	591-01)	Explosives	M/tons	31	102
,,	591	591-02)				
,,	591	591-03)				
,,	599	599-02	Disinfectant and Insecticide	,,	260	183
,,	599	599-04) 599-09)	Other chemical materials and products	,,	360	492
				Total Section 5 :		13,470
Section 6- MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIAL						
Leather, leather manufactures N.E.S.+ and dressed furs.						
61	611	611-01	Leather	M/Tons	28	284
,,	612	612-09	Manufactures of leather	,,	10	68
Rubber Manufactures, N.E.S.+						
62	629	629-01	Tyres and Tubes for Motor cars and lorries	Thousand Units	21	1,298
,,	629	629-01	Tyres and Tubes for cycles	,,	23	69
,,	629	629-09	Manufactures of Rubber N.E.S.+	M/Tons	140	295
Wood and Cork manufactures (excluding furniture)						
63	632 632 633	632-01) 632-03) 633-09)	Manufactures of wood and cork	,,	521	447

+ Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Paper, paper board and manufactures thereof						
64	641	641-01	Newsprint paper	M/Tons	122	83
,,	641	641-02)	Printing writing, packing and wrapping paper	,,	18	19
,,	641	641-03)				
,,	641	641-08	Wall paper	,,	2	3
,,	641	641-11	Cigarette paper	,,	15	61
,,	641	641-12)	Paper and paper board N.E.S.+	,,	413	915
,,	641	641-19)				
,,	642	642-01)				
,,	642	642-03)				
,,	642	642-09)				
Textile yarn fabrics and made-up articles and related products						
65	651	651-03)	Cotton yarn and threads	,,	24	666
		651-04)				
,,	652	652-01	Cotton fabrics (Grey)	Thousand Metres	1,811	1,105
,,	652	652-02	Cotton fabrics (white)	,,	1,241	1,336
,,	652	652-02	Cotton fabrics (coloured)	,,	6,555	8,029
,,	653	653-01	Silk fabrics	,,	1,526	2,905
,,	653	653-02	Woollen fabrics	,,	200	2,167
,,	653	653-03	Linen fabrics	,,	3	22
,,	653	653-04	Fabrics of Jute	M/Tons	22	103
,,	654	654-01	Lace fabrics and netting	Thousand metres	81	18
,,	655	655-06	Cordage, cables, ropes, twine etc.	M/Tons	141	343
,,	655	655-09	Special products of textile materials N.E.S.+	,,	2	12
,,	656	656-01	Jute bags	Thousand Units	5,780	8,443
,,	656	656-02	Tarpaulins and made-up canvas goods	M/Tons	18	98
,,	656	656-03	Blankets and Rugs	Thousand Units	5	41

+ Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1,000
Textile yarn fabrics and made-up articles and related products (continued)						
65	656	656-04) 656-05)	Cotton made-up articles	M/Tons	22	413
,,	656	656-05	Woollen made-up articles	,,	9	94
,,	656	656-09	Made-up articles of textile materials N.E.S.+	,,	19	123
,,	657	657-01) 657-02)	Carpets and Rugs	Unit	259	28
Non-metallic mineral manufactures N.E.S.+						
66	661	661-02	Cement	M/Tons	24,006	2,597
,,	661	661-09	Asbestos sheets	Thousand Units	6	66
,,	662	662-01	Fire bricks	,,	657	271
,,	662	662-02	Tiles of all kinds	,,	200	53
,,	663	663-01	Grinding and Polishing wheels	M/Tons	47	20
,,	663	663-02	Abrasive cloth and paper	,,	6	9
,,	663	663-03	Manufactures of Asbestos	,,	17	41
,,	663	663-07	Refractory products	,,	3	9
,,	664	664-02	Optical Glass	-	-	20
,,	664 664	664-03) 664-04)	Glass sheets and Plates	Thousand sq. metres	65	134
,,	664	664-08	Mirrors	Thousand units	30	91
,,	665	665-01	Glass bottles	,,	29	32
,,	665	665-02	Glass Tableware	,,	748	355
,,	666	666-02	Table and other household earthenware	,,	333	425
,,	666	666-03	Table and other household chinaware or Porcelain	,,	3	12

+ Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Silver, platinum, gems and Jewelry.						
67	673	673-01	Jewelry and goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares.	Thousand Units	46	125
Base Metals						
68	681	681-01	Pig Iron	M/Tons	25	9
,,	681	681-04	Bars, angles, rods etc.	,,	3,795	1,576
,,	681	681-05	Sheets and Plates uncoated	,,	772	391
,,	681	681-06	Hooks and Strips	,,	9	5
,,	681	681-07	Plates and sheets coated	,,	1,650	1,659
,,	681	681-08)	Railway rails and construction			
,,	681	681-11)	accessories to rails	,,	715	534
,,	681	681-12	Wire coated or not	,,	16	34
,,	681	681-13	Steel tubes and fittings +	,,	2,608	1,711
,,	681	681-15	Castings and Forgings N.E.S. Unworked	,,	5	8
,,	682	682-01	Brass and bronze unwrought	,,	10	37
,,	682	682-02	Copper and alloys of copper wrought	,,	97	456
,,	684	684-02	Aluminium and alloys wrought	,,	16	87
,,	685	685-01	Lead and lead alloys unwrought	,,	9	14
,,	685	685-02	Lead and lead alloys wrought	,,	83	81
,,	686	686-02	Zinc and zinc alloys wrought	,,	0.3	1
,,	687	687-01	Tin and tin alloys unwrought	,,	75	184
,,	687	687-02	Tin and tin alloys wrought	,,	12	13
Manufactures of Metals						
69	691	691-02	Firearms	Unit	187	27
,,	699	699-01	Structural parts of Iron and Steel	M/Tons	575	725

+ Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Manufactures of Metals (continued)						
69	699	699-03	Wire of Iron and Steel uninsulated	M/Tons	30	32
,,	699	699-04	Non-ferrous wire uninsulated	,,	28	79
,,	699	699-05	Wire netting of Iron and Steel	,,	98	130
,,	699	699-07	Nails, bolts, washers, etc.	,,	573	503
,,	699	699-12	Agricultural hand tools	,,	17	86
,,	699	699-12	Engineers' hand tools	,,	3	23
,,	699	699-12	Carpenters' hand tools	,,	3	12
,,	699	699-12	Other hand tools	,,	34	123
,,	699	699-11) 699-13)	Household utensils etc., of iron and steel	,,	1,146	2,177
,,	699	699-14	Household utensils of aluminium	,,	49	267
,,	699	699-17	Cutlery N.E.S.+	,,	77	38
,,	699	699-18	Hardware	,,	118	407
,,	699	699-21	Metal containers	,,	205	654
,,	699	699-22	Stoves, grates, ranges, etc.	,,	1	9
,,	699	699-29	Manufactures of metals, N.E.S.+	,,	34	216
				Total Section 6		46,106
Section 7 -MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT						
Machinery other than Electric						
71	711	711-01	Steam boilers	M/Tons	278	851
,,	711	711-05	Diesel Engines	,,	48	224
,,	711	711-03) 711-05)	Steam Engines	,,	15	96
,,	712	712-01	Agricultural tractors and parts	Unit	28	1,440
,,	712	712-01	Agricultural ploughs and parts	,,	4	36

+ Not elsewhere specified

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Machinery other than Electric (continued)						
71	714	714-01	Typewriters	Unit	117	40
,,	714	714-02	Calculating Machines	,,	55	44
,,	716	716-03	Hoisting Machinery and parts	M/Tons	14	88
,,	716	716-11	Sewing Machines	Unit	2,052	287
,,	716	716-13	Machinery and appliances N.E.S.+	M/Tons	5,949	15,331
Electric machinery, apparatus and appliances.						
72	721	721-02	Electric batteries	M/Tons	18	34
,,	721	721-03	Electric bulbs	Thousand Units	206	80
,,	721	721-04	Radio apparatus and parts	,,	3	484
,,	721	721-05	Telegraph and Telephone apparatus and Parts.	M/Tons	26	149
,,	721	721-06	Electric domestic appliances	,,,	44	213
,,	721	721-13) 721-19)	Electric machinery apparatus and appliances N.E.S.+	,,	214	1,260
Transport Equipment.						
73	731	731-03) 731-07)	Railway locomotive and parts	,,	155	1,110
,,	731	731-06	Railway cars and parts	,,	241	250
,,	732	732-01	Motor Cars	Unit	478	2,537
,,	732	732-02	Motor Cycle	,,	28	28
,,	732	732-03	Motor trucks, lorries and other motor vehicles	,,	49	515
,,	732	732-05	Motor Chassis	,,	154	1,229

+ Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Transport Equipment (continued)						
73	732	732-06	Road Motor Vehicles, parts and accessories	M/Tons	167	1,134
,,	733	733-01	Bicycles	Unit	7,620	804
,,	733	733-02	Bicycle parts and accessories	M/Tons	34	189
,,	733	733-09	Trailers	Unit	50	178
,,	734	734-03	Parts of Aircraft	M/Tons	0.5	9
,,	735	735-02	Ships	Unit	2	2,851
,,	735	735-09	Lighters and Tugs	,,	10	400
				Total Section 7		31,891
Section 8 - MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.						
Prefabricated buildings, Sanitary, Plumbing, Heating and Lighting, fixtures and fittings.						
81	812	812-04	Lamps and Lanterns	Thousand Units	2	4
Furniture and Fixtures						
82	821	821-01	Wood Furniture etc.	M/Tons	43	43
,,	821	821-09	Furniture N.E.S.+	,,	1	3
Clothing						
84	841	841-01	Stocking and Hose	Thousand pairs	175	121
,,	841	841-02) 841-04)	Underwear	M/Tons	20	62
,,	841	841-03) 841-05)	Outwear	,,	9	358

+ Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Clothing (continued)						
84	841	841-08	Hats, caps and other headgear of wool, felt and fur felt	Thousand Units	5	26
,,	841	841-11	Hats, caps and other headgear of other materials than wool, felt and fur felt	,,	7	20
,,	841	841-19	Clothing N.E.S.+ ,handkerchiefs etc.	M/Tons	7	125
Footwear						
85	851	851-01) 851-02)	Footwear	Thousand pairs	160	378
,,	851	851-03) 851-04)	Rubber Footwear etc.	,,	47	258
,,	851	851-09	Other footwear	,,	25	157
Professional, Scientific and controlling instruments; Photographic and Optical goods, Watches and Clocks.						
86	861	861-02	Photographic apparatus and appliances	M/Tons	7	85
,,	861	861-03	Surgical Instruments and appliances	,,	11	96
,,	863	863-01	Cinematographic film	Thousand metres	1,282	423
,,	864	864-01	Watches and parts	Thousand units	2	76
,,	864	864-02	Clocks and parts	,,	12	56

+ Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
			Miscellaneous manufactured articles N.E.S.+			
89	891	891-01	Gramophone complete and parts	Unit	108	15
,,	891	891-02	Gramophone records	Thousand Units	23	49
,,	891	891-09	Musical Instruments N.E.S.+	,,	14	51
,,	892	892-01	Books printed	M/Tons	17	104
,,	892	892-04	Pictures	-	-	3
,,	892	892-09	Commercial publicity materials	M/Tons	3	31
,,	892	892-09	Stamps	-	-	15
,,	892	892-09	Banknotes	-	-	35
,,	899	899-01	Candles	M/Tons	56	97
,,	899	899-02	Matches (small boxes)	Gross boxes	171,045	568
,,	899	899-03	Umbrellas	Thousand units	23	62
,,	899	899-06	Fancy goods	M/Tons	16	99
,,	899	899-08	Refrigerators	Unit	65	54
,,	899	899-11	Articles made of Plastic N.E.S.+	M/Tons	2	112
,,	899	899-13	Brooms and Brushes of all kinds	Thousand Units	43	51
,,	899	899-14) 899-15)	Toys and Games	M/Tons	28	329
,,	899	899-16) 899-17)	Office Supplies N.E.S.+	,,	40	181
,,	899	899-18	Smokers' requisites	,,	1	15
,,	899	899-99	Coins	,,	35	264
,,	899	899-99	Military articles	,,	25	1,290
,,	899	899-99	Manufactured articles N.E.S.+	,,	404	894
				Total Section 8:		6,610

+ Not elsewhere speci ied.

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000
Section 9 - MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES N.E.S.+						
91	911	911-01	Postal Packages	-	-	4,608
Live animals other than for food.						
92	921	921-01	Horses +	Head	25	114
,,	921	921-09	Live animals N.E.S.	,,	177	2
Returned Goods and Special Transactions						
93	931	931-01	Returned goods	-	-	32
,,	931	931-02	Personal effects	-	-	204
				Total Section 9:		4,960
G O L D						
	A	A 3	Gold Sheets	Kilos 114	Total Group A: 663	

SUMMARY OF IMPORTS IN VALUE

Section No.	Description	Value C.I.F. Unit Rs.1000 *
0	Food	50,466
1	Beverages and Tobacco	2,971
2	Crude materials, Inedible, except Fuels	2,525
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials	10,446
4	Animal and Vegetable oils and fats	6,358
5	Chemicals	13,470
6	Manufactured goods, classified chiefly by material	46,106
7	Machinery and Transport Equipment	31,891
8	Miscellaneous Manufactured articles	6,610
9	Miscellaneous Transactions and Commodities N.E.S.+	4,960
A	Gold	663
	Grand Total:	176,466* (including Imports by the Colonial Government)

+ Not elsewhere specified.

Details of Exported Merchandise (including Re-Exports) 1950

Exports of domestic produce are indicated by +

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit Rs.1000
Section 0 -FOOD						
Fruits and Vegetables						
05	054	054-09	Ginger Fresh +	M/Tons	239	77
Sugar and Sugar Preparations						
06	061	061-01) 061-02)	Sugar not refined and refined +	,,	359,107	142,152
06	061	061-03	Molasses +	,,	79	5
Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof.						
07	074	074-01	Tea +	,,	23	109
Other Food Preparation						
01- 03) 04- 05) 09)	-	-	-	-	-	27
				Total Section 0 :		142,370

Details of Exported Merchandise (including Re-Exports) 1950. (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit Rs. 1000
Section 1 - BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO						
11	112	112-04	Alcoholic beverages	-	-	1
Tobacco and Tobacco Manufactures						
12	121	121-01	Tobacco Unmanufactured +	M/Tons	76	244
				Total Section 1 :		245
Section 2 - CRUDE MATERIALS, INEDIBLE, EXCEPT FUEL						
Textile fibre not manufactured into yarn, thread or fabrics, and waste.						
26	265	265-04	Aloe Fibre +	M/Tons	380	567
Crude Fertilizers and crude minerals excluding Coal, Petroleum and Precious Stones.						
27	272	272-05	Salt +	,,	25	2
Other Crude Materials						
23 -24) 24 -25) 28 -29)				-	-	288
				Total Section 2:		857

Details of Exported Merchandise (including re-exports) 1950. (continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit Rs.1000
Section 3 - MINERAL FUEL, LUBRICANTS AND RELATED MATERIALS.						
31	313	313-04	Lubricating oil		Total Section 3:	1
Section 4 - ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE OILS AND FATS.						
41	412	412-01	Linseed oil		Total Section 4:	1
Section 5 - CHEMICALS.						
Chemical Elements and Compounds						
51	512	512-04	High degree alcohol +	Hect.	43,964	2,638
,,	512	512-04	Methylated spirit +	,,	12	1
Other Chemical Materials and Products.						
53-54) 55-59)				-	-	20
				Total Section 5:		2,659
Section 6- MANUFACTURED GOODS CLASSIFIED CHIEFLY BY MATERIALS.						
Textile yarn fabrics, and made-up articles and related products.						
65	656	656-01	Jute bags	Thousand Units	376	259
Other manufactured goods						
62-63) 65-66) 68-69)				-	-	439
				Total Section 6:		698

Details of Exported Merchandise (including Re-exports) 1950. (Continued)

Division No.	Group No.	Item No.	Divisional title description	Unit	Quantity	Value F.O.B. Unit Rs.1000
Section 7 - MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT.						
71-72) 73)				Total Section 7 :		143
Section 8- MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED ARTICLES.						
Professional, Scientific and controlling instruments; Photographic and optical goods, watches and clocks.						
86	863	863-01	Cinematographic Film	Thousand metres	790	220
Other manufactured articles						
85-86) 89)				-	-	187
				Total Section 8:		407
Section 9- MISCELLANEOUS TRANSACTIONS AND COMMODITIES N.E.S.@						
91	911	911-01	Postal Packages.	-	-	137
Returned goods and Special transactions.						
93	931	931-02	Personal effects.	-	-	91
				Total Section 9:		228
S I L V E R						
	B	B 2	Silver coins	M/Tons	Total:24	1,848

@ Not elsewhere specified.

SUMMARY OF EXPORTS IN VALUE (EXCLUDING THE VALUE OF SUGAR QUOTA CERTIFICATE)+

Section No.	Description	Value F.O.B. Unit Rs.1000
0	Food	142,370
1	Beverages and Tobacco	245
2	Crude materials,inedible,except fuels	857
3	Mineral fuels,lubricants and related metarials	1
4	Animal and vegetable oils and fats	1
5	Chemicals	2,659
6	Manufactured goods,classified chiefly by materials	698
7	Machinery and transport equipment	143
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	407
9	Miscellaneous transactions and commodities N.E.S.@	228
B	Silver	1,848
	Grand Total:	149,457

+ Value of Preference Certificate on sugar exported = Rs. 4,387,500.-

DOMESTIC TRADE

The following table gives a summary of imports from and exports to the Dependencies + of Mauritius during the year 1950:

In Rupees

Section No.	Sectional title description	Imports	Exports
0	Food.	955,589	693,318
1	Beverages and Tobacco.	122	310,927
2	Crude materials, inedible, except fuels.	1, 112,109	79,747
3	Mineral Fuels, Lubricants and related materials.	-	56,773
4	Animal and Vegetable oils and fats.	1,152	82,482
5	Chemicals.	-	103,002
6	Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material.	4,055	654,096
7	Machinery and Transport equipment.	-	46,789
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.	3,269	124,387
9	Miscellaneous transactions and commodities.	113,159	31,006
B	Current notes and silver coins .	38,330	35,000
		2, 227,785	2,217,527

+ Rodrigues, Chagos Archipelago, Agalega, St. Brandon.

F I N A N C E

Statement of the Revenue of the Colony for the period 1st July,1949, to 30th June,1950.

	HEAD OF REVENUE		Actual Revenue to 30th June, 1950
			Rs.
I	Customs	...	13,125,948
II	Port,Harbour and Light dues	...	1,181,446
III	Licences,Excise and Internal Revenue not otherwise classified	...	29,095,295
IV	Fees of Court or Office and payments for specific services	...	2,953,345
V	Reimbursements	...	2,359,792
VI	Rent	...	390,888
VII	Interest	...	789,428
VIII	Miscellaneous recdipts	...	2,330,035
IX	Posts and Telegraphs	...	928,678
XII	Railways	...	347,482
	TOTAL exclusive of Land Sales	...	53,502,337
X	Land Sales		290
	TOTAL	...	53,502,627
XI	Special Revenue	...	1,597,587
	Total	...	55,100,214

Statement of the Expenditure of the Colony for the period 1st July,1949 to 30th June,1950.

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE		Actual Expenditure to 30th June,1950
1.	Public Debt ...	Rs. 2,635,410
2.	Pensions and Gratuities ...	2,455,977
3.	Governor ...	121,350
4.	Accountant General ...	208,312
5.	Agriculture ...	813,895
6.	Audit ...	118,192
7.	Central Administration ...	439,095
8.	Central Statistical Office ...	43,846
9.	Civil Aviation ...	230,848
	Customs,Harbour,Port & Marine ...	-
10.	Customs and Excise ...	529,791
11.	Development and Welfare ...	950,000
12.	District Administration ...	62,934
13.	Ecclesiastical ...	213,967
14.	Education ...	4,494,851
15.	Electricity and Telephones ...	1,409,714
16.	Fire Services ...	178,315
17.	Forests ...	880,331
18.	Granary ...	108,239
19.	Harbour and Quays ...	794,386
20.	Health ...	3,948,429
21.	Judicial ...	536,910
22.	Labour ...	205,828
23.	Legal ...	87,568
24.	Legislature ...	248,081
25.	Mauritius Institute (Public Library and Museum) ...	39,912
26.	Mauritius Naval Volunteer Force...	68,321
27.	Military ...	1,054,351
28.	Miscellaneous ...	1,058,043
29.	Observatory ...	93,797
30.	Police ...	1,832,228
31.	Poll Tax ...	90,096
32.	Posts and Telegraphs ...	679,394
33.	Printing Office ...	240,100
34.	Prisons and Industrial School ...	577,255
35.	Public Assistance ...	1,281,726
36.	Public Works and Surveys ...	907,930
37.	Public Works Annually Recurrent...	2,301,209
38.	Public Works Extraordinary ...	527,826
39.	Railways ...	1,994,438
40.	Registrar General ...	156,240
42.	Subventions ...	1,228,343
43.	Emergency Services ...	9,599,232
		45,446,710
41.	Special Expenditure ...	2,252,477
44.	Development and Welfare ...	2,500,000
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE ...	50,199,187

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th June, 1950.

LIABILITIES	Rs.	ASSETS	Rs.
Deposits	2,259,997	Cash, General	10,426,964
Joint Colonial Fund ...	11,786,666	Remittances in Transit ...	68,405
Mauritius Development and Welfare Fund	5,002,141	Mauritius Agricultural Bank Bills	332,110
		Advances	28,952,971
Loan Funds unexpended - War Savings Certificates ...	37,516	Investments:-	
Special Funds-Deposits held on account of various Special Funds	36,366,260	Surplus Funds	14,936,816
		Various Special Funds ...	24,659,962
Reserve Fund	12,000,000		
General Revenue Balance ...	11,924,648		
	Rs. 79,377,228		Rs. 79,377,228

Financial position of the Colony as at 30th June, 1950.

REVENUE		Rs.	EXPENDITURE		Rs.
General Revenue Balance at 30th June, 1949		7,393,416	Ordinary Expenditure	Rs. 38,340,107	
Ordinary Revenue	Rs. 51,939,768		Extraordinary Expenditure	,, 9,698,815	
Extraordinary Revenue	,, 1,655,071		Special Expenditure	,, 2,160,265	50,199,187
Special Revenue	,, 1,505,375	55,100,214	Depreciation on Investments ...		369,795
			General Revenue Balance at 30.6.50		11,924,648
	Rs.	62,493,630		Rs.	62,493,630

Five years' Summary of Public Revenue and Expenditure.

Annual Revenue and Expenditure 1946-1950 (excluding transfers to and from the Reserve Account and the Supplementary Sinking Fund

Year ended 30th June:	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus	Deficit
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1946	42,398,113	43,087,752	-	689,639
1947	50,511,566	52,513,054	-	2,001,488
1948	39,856,646	49,147,495	-	9,290,849
1949	46,271,893	44,000,757	2,271,136	-
1950	55,100,214	50,106,975	4,993,239	-

Yield of Poll Tax

		FINANCIAL YEAR		
	Prewar average 1936-39	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Individuals	598,062	3,167,612	4,874,097	5,987,653
Companies		3,065,898	5,112,873	6,811,498
TOTAL:	598,062	6,233,510	9,986,970	12,799,151
Surtax & Excess Profit Tax	-	179,704	105,545	364,971
TOTAL COLLECTED	598,062	6,413,214	10,092,515	13,164,122
Ratio to prewar	100	1,072	1,688	2,201

Revenue collected on Tobacco

	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
EXCISE REVENUE	3,404,035	3,921,377	4,404,591
CUSTOMS REVENUE:			
Manufactured tobacco	8,125	10,022	12,290
Imported cigars and cigarettes	662,369	519,997	495,844
Imported leaf	1,404,997	1,532,625	1,689,531
Total Rs.	5,479,526	5,984,021	6,602,256

Revenue collected on Distillery Produce.

	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Exported alcohol	575,794	651,894	360,835
Run	3,052,591	3,406,075	3,684,238
Denatured spirits (including power alcohol)	275,748	193,788	37,372
Wines	506,568	647,412	905,123
Vinegar	1,385	1,199	1,454
Drugs & tinctures	1,451	2,328	1,100
Perfumes	3,412	2,915	5,056

Public Debt.

The total Public Debt of the Colony on 30th June, 1950, was Rs. 39,119,717 and the Sinking Fund held against the Public Debt aggregated Rs. 16,794,711 . The comparable figures on the 30th June, 1949, were Rs. 43,378,873 and Rs. 19,670,862 respectively.

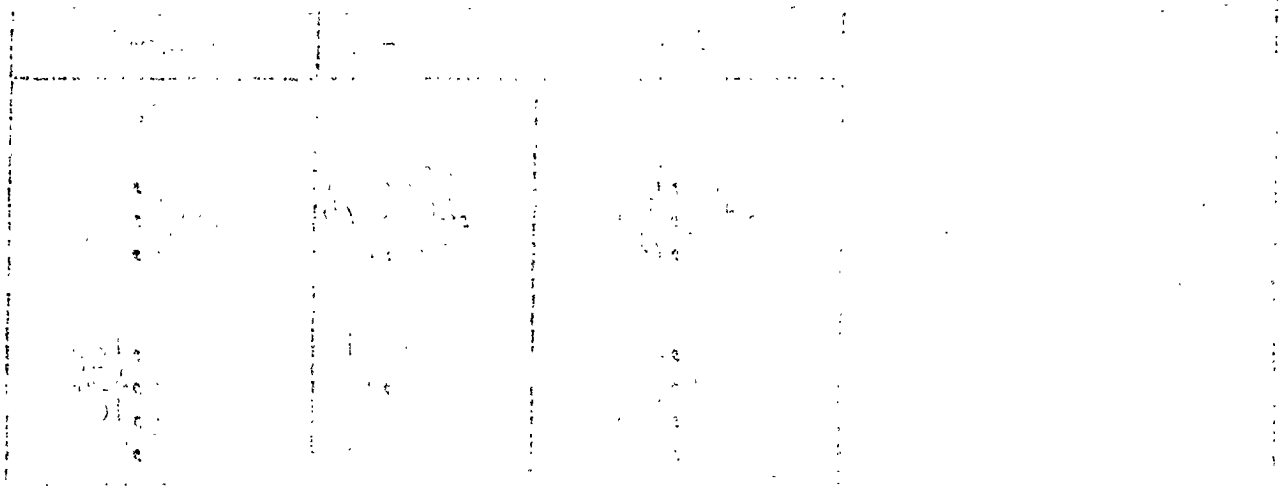
Statement in respect of compassionate allowances paid from funds of the Colony.

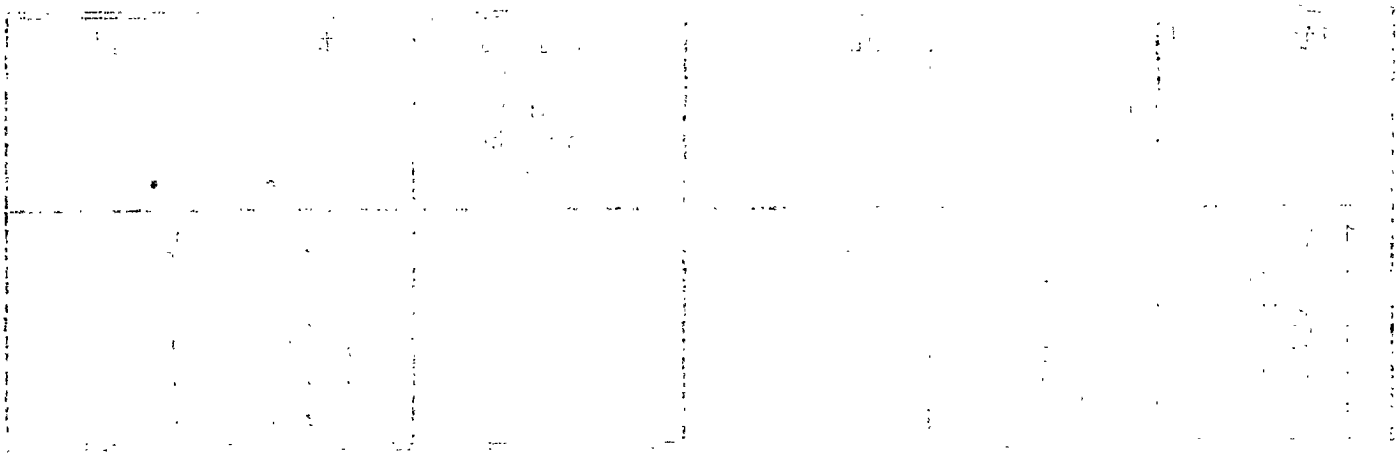
Financial year	Number of pensioners at beginning of year	Number of new pensioners	Number of pensions which ceased during the year	Actual expenditure Rs.	Cs.
1944-1945	421	28	10	71,366	04
1945-1946	439	36	23	71,669	36
1946-1947	452	34	17	73,078	86
1947-1948	469	27	69	72,126	21
1948-1949	427	33	39	73,283	91
1949-1950	421	39	34	74,279	37

The item expenditure comprises:

(i) Compassionate allowances;

(ii) Allowances paid to maimed and disabled artisans.





Statement in respect of Pensions and Gratuities paid from funds of the Colony.

Financial year	Number of pensioners at beginning of year	Number of new pensioners	Number of pensions which ceased during the year	Actual expenditure Rs.	Cs.
1944-1945	916	75	51	1,321,652	08
1945-1946	940	55	60	1,319,635	87
1946-1947	935	79	43	1,496,743	89
1947-1948	971	85	73	1,334,528	99
1948-1949	982	74	67	1,470,804	19
1949-1950	989	72	40	1,505,661	47

The item expenditure comprises:

(i) Pensions and Gratuities on retirement;

(ii) Death gratuities of Pensioners;

(iii) Death gratuities of recipients of compassionate allowances who were formerly holders of non-pensionable offices;

(iv) Death gratuities to heirs of deceased public officers;

(v) Pensions and Gratuities to members of the Labour Batalion who served in the World War I.

Statement in respect of Old Age Pensions paid from funds of the Colony.

Calendar Year	Number of pensioners	Actual Expenditure
1950	10,545 x	Rs. 845,390

x including 57 Blind Persons aged 40 and over.

Amounts expended in relieving various types of destitution . 1948-1950

Calendar year	Outdoor relief	Indoor relief	Relief work	Old Age Pensions +	Contributions to Welfare Organizations.			School for the Blind	Total
					Maternity & Child Welfare Society	Milk for poor mothers & babies	Expenditure on free meals		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1948	600,016	225,520	42,973	-	42,375	4,800	6,666	6,000	928,350
1949	703,841	220,968	55,464	-	47,900	7,320	6,315	6,800	1,048,608
1950	794,704	264,724	51,312	845,390	48,000	30,000	6,806	6,800	2,047,736

+ Scheme instituted on 1st July,1950.

Comparative approved public expenditure on different Social Services of the Colony for the financial year 1950-1951.

Social Services	Administration (salaries)	Other Expenditure (including travelling)	Total	% of the estimated Revenue of the Colony
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Public Assistance	223,488	4,170,000	4,393,488	8.0
Prisons, Industrial School & Probation Section of Judiciary	320,199	329,990	650,189	1.2
Health	1,521,531	3,401,995	4,923,526	9.0
Education	1,867,363	3,056,237	4,923,600	9.0
Maternity and Child Welfare (subventions)	-	52,750	52,750	0.1
TOTAL:	3,932,581	11,010,972	14,943,553	27.3

SUBSIDIZATION OF STAPLE FOODSTUFFS.

Financial Year	1948-1949	1949-1950
Amount of Expenditure	Rs. 1,607,512	Rs. 300,451

MAURITIUS DEVELOPMENT & WELFARE FUND

Statement of Revenue for the period 1946- 1950

In Rupees

HEADS OF REVENUE	TOTAL REVENUE From 1st July 1946 To 30th June 1950		
	C.D.F.	Other Sources	Total
Colonial Development Fund	2,546,647	-	2,546,647
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, (Research)	788,860	-	788,860
Loan Funds	-	-	-
Subventions and Reimbursements	-	17,866,174	17,866,174
TOTAL:	3,335,507	17,866,174	21,201,681

Statement of Expenditure for the period 1946-1950.

In Rupees

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE	TOTAL EXPENDITURE From 1st July, 1946 to 30th June, 1950		
	C.D.F.	Other sources	Total
Central Administration	11,750	1,449,606	1,461,356
Agriculture	-	1,229,203	1,229,203
Education	-	1,065,711	1,065,711
Health	2,391,269	568,649	2,959,918
Nutrition	30,263	230,346	260,609
Settlement	58,765	54,800	113,565
Irrigation & water supplies	-	5,448,615	5,448,615
Buildings	112,808	1,867,029	1,979,837
Roads	-	2,201,479	2,201,479
Research	925,699	2,165,405	3,091,104
Sugar Industry	-	5,728,908	5,728,908
Scholarships etc.	28,558	15,595	44,153
Sewerage	-	98,222	98,222
	3,559,112	22,123,568	25,682,680

The revenue of the Development and Welfare Fund over the ten-year period is to be derived from the following sources:

	Rs.
Colonial Development and Welfare Fund (the Colony's allocation under the Colonial Development and Welfare Act 1945)	23,330,000
Colonial Development & Welfare Fund (Research)	1,150,000
Loan (to be raised in the U.K.)	50,000,000
Subventions and Reimbursements (from local Funds and General Revenue)	28,436,000
Rs.	102,916,000

The details of the contributions from local sources are:

		Rs.
Surplus Funds	...	11,300,000
Mauritius 3% Loan 1961	...	3,140,000
War Risk Insurance Fund	...	770,000
Contributions from Revenue	...	12,500,000
Miscellaneous other receipts	...	726,000
Rs.		28,436,000

A summary of the expenditure incurred up to the 30th June, 1950, and the expenditure to be incurred during the ten-year period is given in the table below:-

In Rupees.

Head of Expenditure	Periods	
	1946-50	10 year period
Central Administration	1,461,356 +	694,000
Agriculture	1,229,203	3,508,000
Education (Training College)	1,065,711	2,200,000
Health	2,959,918	6,408,000
Nutrition	260,609	267,000
Settlement	113,565	864,000
Irrigation & water supplies	5,448,615	25,000,000
Buildings	1,979,837	11,119,000
Roads	2,201,479	3,600,000
Research	3,091,104	4,358,000
Sugar Industry	5,728,908	6,000,000
Interest charges	-	6,000,000
Scholarships & Training grants	44,153	405,000
Sewerage	98,222	9,013,000
Unallocated	-	23,680,000
	25,682,680	102,916,000

+ Includes Rs. 1,074,007 of Unallocated Stores not yet transferred to other heads.

The expenditure for the period 1946-50 was financed as follows:

From the Colonial Development & Welfare Fund	...	Rs. 3,559,112
From advances pending the raising of a loan	...	,, 9,483,140
From subventions and reimbursements	...	,, 12,640,428
		Rs. 25,682,680

Local Government

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT LOUIS
(Estimated 1950 township population = 66,000)

REVENUE	Calendar year 1949	Calendar year 1950	EXPENDITURE	Calendar year 1949	Calendar year 1950
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Rate on Dwellable properties (0.8 - 2.0%) ...	503,000	502,973	Public Debt ...	108,520	91,382
Tenant's Tax ...	72,114	61,097	Pensions and Gratuities ...	70,711	65,881
Government contribution...	200,000	245,000	The Mayor and Council ...	15,350	48,924
			Establishments ...	99,661	92,136
			Municipal Services ...	366,859	442,191
Rents ...	180,102	214,970	Public Recreation & Education	41,436	118,152
Electricity ...	382,564	435,250	Electricity ...	309,677	394,312
Water Supply ...	102,692	98,362	Fire Brigade ...	142,657	129,660
Miscellaneous ...	149,755	219,133	Miscellaneous ...	66,760	80,430
			Special Expenditure ...	416,548	471,504
Closing Balance ...	45,951	-	Closing Balance ...	-	22,173
	1,638,247	1,956,745		1,638,247	1,956,745

TOWN COUNCIL OF CUREPIPE
(Estimated 1950 Township population = 32,200)

REVENUE	Financial year ended 30.6.50	Estimates financial year 1950-51	EXPENDITURE	Financial year ended 30.6.50	Estimates financial year 1950-51
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Rate of 1% on immovable properties ...	171,919	198,000	Secretariat & Treasury	46,843	49,962
Tenant's tax ...	29,269	32,000	Public Works	223,072	293,992
Government contribution...	216,109	216,109	Sanitary Services	97,196	96,280
Miscellaneous ...	402,077	258,101	Markets & Lighting of streets	41,250	41,927
			Public debt-Interest & instalment on capital	64,798	82,250
			Miscellaneous	297,023	139,249
			Closing Balance	49,192	550
	819,374	704,210		819,374	704,210

TOWN COUNDIL OF QUATRE-BORNES
(Estimated 1950 township population = 13,000)

REVENUE	Financial year ended 30.6.50	Estimates financial year 1950-51	EXPENDITURE	Financial year ended 30.6.50+	Estimates financial year 1950-51
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Rate of 1% on immovable properties ...	71,450	75,088	Secretariat & Treasury	19,949	21,530
Tenant's tax ...	9,182	10,688	Public Works	87,507	101,823
Government contribution...	71,735	71,733	Sanitary Services	27,819	31,227
Miscellaneous ...	26,791	59,118	Markets & Lighting of streets	15,257	15,786
			Public debt-Interest & instalment on capital	4,240	4,120
			Miscellaneous	23,244	32,496
			Closing Balance	1,142	9,645
	179,158	216,627		179,158	216,627

+ Extraordinary Expenditures of Rs.137,977 in 1949-50 and of Rs.5,736 in 1950-51 were also incurred in anticipation of a loan of Rs.400,000 obtained in 1950-51 from Public Funds to finance the Town Council Housing Scheme.

TOWN COUNCIL OF BEAU-BASSIN - ROSE-HILL

(Estimated 1950 township population = 31,200)

REVENUE	Financial year ended 30.6.50	Estimates financial year 1950-51	EXPENDITURE	Financial year ended 30.6.50 +	Estimates financial year 1950-51
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Rate of 1% on immovable properties ...	170,601	165,999	Secretariat & Treasury	32,802	42,173
Tenant's Tax ...	26,627	25,712	Public Works	191,448	181,726
Government Contribution ...	185,678	185,678	Sanitary Services	59,030	70,170
Slaughter House & Markets...	67,445	65,671	Markets, Slaughter House	16,150	19,301
Miscellaneous ...	70,746	128,484	Lighting of streets	14,777	18,857
Closing Balance ...	11,224	32,851	Chairman and Council	-	15,046
			Public Debt	69,782	77,682
			Miscellaneous	148,332	179,440
	532,321	604,395		532,321	604,395

+ During the financial year ending 30.6.50, an extraordinary expenditure of Rs.227,000 was also incurred in anticipation of a loan of Rs.500,000 obtained in 1950-51 from Public funds to finance the Town Council Housing Scheme.

SUGAR PRODUCTION 1947-1948

Financial Results

Unit of value = Rs.1,000

	1947 @		1948 @	
	COSTS	PROFITS	COSTS	PROFITS
	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000
PRIMARY PRODUCTION (SUGAR CANE)				
Total value (ex-field)+ of canes produced for manufacture	38,072		46,709	
Cost of transport of canes (to factory)	10,738		12,416	
Profits to growers		18,365		21,140
SECONDARY PRODUCTION (CANE SUGAR)				
Total manufacturing costs of sugar (ex-factory)	19,219		23,629	
Total cost (ex-factory) of sugar manufactured	86,394		103,894	
Cost of transport of sugar (to docks)	2,555		2,970	
Profits to millers ø		12,338		13,314
Total cost of production of sugar (in docks)	70,584		85,724	
Total profits to producers		30,703		34,454
Value++ of the total production (in docks)	101,287		120,178	
Sales services (Syndicate, Brokers, Shippers)	1,986		2,433	
Storage and shipping services (docks and stevedoring)	2,399		2,968	
Taxes and duties (incl. Redemption of Government loans)	855		1,311	
Reserve Funds	11,623		13,203	
Loss on production (at export)	-		134	
Total value of production	118,150		140,227	

+ Includes cutting, loading, weighing and field supervision
ø Gross working profit
++ i.e. value to producers
@ Crop Year

This table has been drawn up from data furnished by the Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture.

SUGAR PRODUCTION 1949-1950
Financial Results

Unit of value = Rs.1,000

	1949 @		1950 @	
	COSTS	PROFITS	COSTS	PROFITS
	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs. 000
PRIMARY PRODUCTION (SUGAR CANE)				
Total value (ex-field)+ of canes produced for manufacture	53,689		64,312	
Cost of transport of canes (to factory)	14,350		17,186	
Profits to growers		25,774		30,358
SECONDARY PRODUCTION (CANE SUGAR)				
Total manufacturing costs of sugar (ex-factory)	26,990		28,815	
Total cost (ex-factory) of sugar manufactured	120,803		140,671	
Cost of transport of sugar (to docks)	3,144		3,471	
Profits to millers ø		13,845		23,032
Total cost of production of sugar (in docks)	98,173		113,784	
Total profits to producers		39,619		53,390
Value ++ of the total production (in docks)	137,792		167,174	
Sales services (Syndicate, Brokers, Shippers)	2,618		3,183	
Storage and shipping services (docks & stevedoring)	3,006		3,502	
Taxes and duties (including Redemption of Government loans)	1,117		1,131	
Reserve Funds	13,981		15,305	
Loss on production (at export)	722		997	
Total value of production	159,236		191,292	

+ Includes cutting, loading, weighing and field supervision.
ø Gross working profit
++ i.e. value to producers
@ Crop year.

This table has been drawn up from data furnished by the Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture.

Total sale-proceeds of sugar.

Crop Year	Export proceeds+ Rs.	Index	Local sale proceeds Rs.	TOTAL sale proceeds Rs.
1938	40,853,310	100	1,865,695	42,719,005
1939	32,971,853	81	1,996,428	34,968,281
1940	51,607,586	126	2,179,602	53,787,188
1941	52,825,931	129	2,420,044	55,245,975
1942	62,371,994	153	2,973,517	65,345,511
1943	57,709,112	141	3,450,197	61,159,309
1944	46,452,857	114	4,673,487	51,126,344
1945	45,951,025	113	4,516,256	50,467,281
1946	79,002,383	193	5,813,192	84,815,575
1947	111,658,797	273	6,490,700	118,149,497
1948	133,657,301	327	6,435,766	140,093,067
1949	151,433,186	371	7,080,562	158,513,748
1950	182,434,053	447	7,861,440	190,295,493

+ These values exclude only insurance, freight and London brokerage.
Values published previously excluded also local brokerage and shipper's commission.
They include the value of Preference Certificates.

AVERAGE RATE OF EXCHANGE WITH LONDON.

Average selling rate for demand drafts on London:

By Banks : Rs. 13.40 per £ sterling

By Public : Rs. 13.20 per £ sterling.

NOTES AND COINS IN CIRCULATION

	Notes	Coins
	Rs.	Rs.
During 1st quarter 1950	34,465,625	1,980,390
During last quarter 1950	36,941,513	2,417,090

TRENDS IN CIRCULATION OF COINS

30th June	Notes and Coins	Ratio to prewar
1937-1939 (average)	Rs. 11,142,490	100
1948	Rs. 30,426,835	273
1949	Rs. 31,226,835	280
1950	Rs. 34,726,835	312

BANKING STATISTICS.

Particulars of Trading Banks in Mauritius.

Statement as at 31st December, 1950 (Unit = Rs. 1,000)

LIABILITIES		A S S E T S	
1. Notes in circulation	-	1. Cash	2,498
2. Deposits (i) Demand	59,689	2. Balances due by other banks in the Colony	1,638
(ii) Time	-		
(iii) Saving	870	3. Balances due from banks abroad	25,886
3. Balance due to:		4. Loans and Advances to:	
(a) Other Banks in the Colony	1,594		
(b) Banks abroad	2,365	(a) Industry	4,023
		(b) Agriculture	10,988
4. Other liabilities etc.	13,087	(c) Other	24,720
		5. Investments	
		(a) Local	2,272
		(b) Other	2,525
		6. Other Assets	3,055
Total Liabilities	77,605	Total Assets	77,605

Mauritius Government Savings Bank.+

Year	Number of depositors on 30th June	Amount of deposit during the financial year ended 30th June	Amount of withdrawals during the financial year ended 30th June	Total amount to credit of depositors on 30th June
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1938	40,551	2,142,250	2,070,852	6,815,120
1939	42,896	2,233,886	2,189,713	7,053,802
1946	55,022	9,394,676	7,657,246	17,180,346
1947	58,582	8,384,791	9,128,123	16,835,091
1948	62,630	7,394,575	7,474,334	17,147,123
1949	66,830	8,497,113	6,932,581	19,139,629
1950	68,701	9,393,451	8,945,238	20,043,925

Bank Deposit Figures.

30th June	Savings Bank Rs.	Trading Bank Rs.	Total Rs.
1940	7,121,852	10,515,972	17,637,824
1941	6,778,385	15,246,332	22,024,717
1942	6,972,194	23,032,902	30,005,096
1943	8,917,074	31,889,362	40,806,436
1944	12,122,810	36,433,543	48,556,353
1945	15,064,637	36,064,424	51,129,061
1946	17,180,346	35,432,919	52,613,265
1947	16,835,094	40,975,158	57,810,252
1948	17,147,123	40,432,039	57,579,162
1949	19,139,629	46,765,173	65,904,802
1950	20,043,925	56,978,356	77,022,281

TREASURY

The deposits as at 30.6.50 amounted to Rs. 2,259,997

CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES.

The total deposits as at 30.6.50 amounted to ,, 247,724

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

The total deposits as at 31.12.50 amounted to ,, 989,416

+ Bank pays interest at the rate of 2½%.

MAURITIUS AGRICULTURAL BANK

Agricultural loans granted as at 31st December, 1950	Number of loans	Amount Rs.
Mauritius Agricultural Bank Loans	323	17,424,236
Special loans under the Hurricane Loan Ordinance 1945:		
(i) Repairs to Industrial Buildings	60	2,473,774
(ii) Replantation of sugarcane lands	207	12,137,421
(iii) Rebuilding and repairing houses	431	432,640
Sugar Industry (Rehabilitation of factories and Rolling Stock Ord. 24/ 1948)	27	5,156,017
		37,624,088

Mortgages subscribed by small planters at the Mauritius Agricultural Bank as at 31.12.50:

Number of loans ... 323
Amount outstanding ... Rs. 1,411,932+

+ Out of which Rs.465,512 due for loans under the Hurricane Loan Ordinance,1945.

Estimated Indebtedness of the Sugar Industry - June,1950

		In Rupees.
1. Amount due on loans free of interest made in terms of Ordinance 24 of 1930:		
Balance at 31st May,1950 ...	...	885,535
2. Amount due on HurricaneLoan 1931 (Ordinance 16 of 1931):		
Balance at 30th April,1950 ...	...	1,425,060
3. Amount due on Hurricane Loan 1945 (Ordinance 2 of 1945):		
(i) Art.6 (1) (a) Buildings ...	2,510,343	
(ii) Art.6 (1) (b) Plantations...	12,864,790	
Total at 15th June,1950	...	15,375,133+
4. Amount due to Agricultural Bank at 15.6.50		13,616,845+
5. Rehabilitation Loan(Ord. 24 of 1948)		
Balance at 15th June,1950 ...	...	5,156,017
6. Other debts(approximate figures)	...	35,000,000
	Total	71,458,590

+ Excludes loans made to the Tea Industry but includes small loans made to concerns engaged in mixed farming such as cane and tobacco, cane and aloe, cane and forestry.

FORMATION OF CAPITAL

Unit Rs.1000

Industry	Total	Purchase of capital goods and equipment	Domestic production of capital goods and equipment	New buildings and public works	Capital sunk in plantations and silviculture
YEAR 1948:					
Agriculture	5,555	1,223	-	1,232	3,100
Industry & manufactures	13,828	6,934	150	6,744	-
Transport (road and rail)	11,447	10,443	-	1,004	-
Commerce and distribution	2,225	1,682	-	543	-
Housing, sanitation public buildings & constructional works	9,851	100	-	9,751	-
Total	42,906	20,382	150	19,274	3,100
YEAR 1949:					
Agriculture	7,676	1,676	-	1,210	4,790
Industry and manufactures	19,628	16,095	500	3,033	-
Transport (road & rail)	12,754	11,453	-	1,301	-
Commerce and distribution	2,339	1,292	-	1,047	-
Housing, sanitation public buildings & constructional works	15,283	200	-	15,083	-
Total	57,680	30,716	500	21,674	4,790

FORMATION OF CAPITAL (continued)

CHANGES IN VOLUME OF KNOWN STOCKS

Unit = Rs.1,000

	1948	1949
Stocks for exports ...	- 4,297	- 9,260
Stocks for imports ...	- 3,293	+ 5,192

NOTE: + = increase ; - = decrease

INDEXES OF COST
(1948 =100)

	1949
Imports of capital goods ...	113
Domestic production of capital goods	103
Constructions and public works ...	103
Capital sunk in plantations ...	112

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

The number of societies on the Register at the close of the last co-operative year (30th April, 1950) was 229 comprising the following types of societies:

Central Bank ...	1	
Credit Unlimited ...	122	
Credit Limited ...	2	
Consumers' Stores ...	65	
Marketing ...	1	
Thrift and Savings ...	37	
Co-Operative wholesale ...	1	
		229

Of this total, 9 societies had not commenced operations on the 30th April, 1950, viz:

Co-Operative wholesale ...	1	
Credit Unlimited ...	1	
Consumers' Stores ...	4	
Thrift and Savings ...	3	
		9

Working Capital

In Rupees.

	1947-48		1948-49		1949-50	
	Mauritius	Rodrigues	Mauritius	Rodrigues	Mauritius	Rodrigues
Central Bank	-	-	791,538	-	1,320,993	-
Credit Limited	165	1,745	371	1,801	534	2,006
Credit Unlimited	1,104,850	36,823	1,595,828	38,430	2,156,593	41,362
Consumers' stores	63,952	-	193,702	-	227,074	-
Marketing	-	-	2,726	-	2,854	-
Thrift and Savings	-	-	7,937	-	64,692	-
	1,169,883	38,568	2,592,102	40,231	3,772,740	43,368

Credit Societies of Unlimited Liability.

At the end of April,1950, the number of societies in the oldest field of activity,i.e. Credit of the Unlimited Liability type, in active operation in Mauritius was 101 and in Rodrigues 20 (making a grand total of 121) comprising a membership of 6,054 and 366 with a working capital of Rs. 2,156,593 and Rs.41,632 respectively. Loans granted during the co-operative year,i.e. during the period 1st May 1949, to 30th April,1950, amounted to Rs.2,255,671 in Mauritius and Rs. 25,214 in Rodrigues. While loans are given exclusively for agricultural purposes,there is a certain proportion for purchasing cattle and repairing carts,repairing buildings, freeing land from debt etc. The great bulk of the loans are naturally made in connection with cane cultivation and have been applied for the purposes of cultivation, purchase of chemical fertilizers,manure and reaping the crop. Apart from this, in places where the raising of tobacco, tea,foodcrops and vegetables is practised, an appreciable proportion of the available capital has been applied for the purpose of raising these crops.

Classification of loans granted in Unlimited Liability Societies for the year 1949-50 (Mauritius only).

PRODUCTIVE	No.of loans	% of total	Amount Rs.	% of total
1. Cultivation	7,963	88.5	1,935,433	85.8
2. Buying cattle,carts & lorries	185	2.1	39,420	1.8
3. Repairing buildings	236	2.6	60,827	2.7
4. Purchasing land	155	1.7	88,242	3.9
5. Paying cost of material deeds	37	0.4	4,427	0.2
6. Medical aid and others	86	1.0	7,243	0.3
Total	8,662	96.3	2,135,592	94.7
UNPRODUCTIVE				
1. Payment of debts	185	2.1	102,509	4.5
2. Marriage and others	148	1.6	17,570	0.8
Total	333	3.7	120,079	5.3
Grand Total	8,995	100.0	2,255,671	100.0

Number of members drawing loans during the year 1949-50 3,560

Number of members indebted as at 30.4.50 3,327

Average size of loans held by members as at 30.4.50 ... ... Rs. 580

Rates of interest charged on loans to members

		%
16 societies charging	...	5
8 ,, ,,	...	6
52 ,, ,,	...	7
17 ,, ,,	...	8
4 ,, ,,	...	9
5 ,, ,,	...	10
Average rate of interest:		
in Mauritius	...	7.00
in Rodrigues	...	9.57

Thrift and Savings Societies

The number of Thrift and Savings Societies registered during the co-operative year 1949-1950 was 37 of which 34 had commenced operations. The total membership was 1,253 whilst the total savings at 30th April,1950, i.e. the close of the co-operative year,amounted to Rs.72,287 . All the societies are situated in the rural districts. The following table shows the distribution of societies according to districts:

District	No.of societies	No.of members	Total savings Rs.	Amount withdrawn Rs.	Working capital Rs.
Panplemousses	7	320	17,532	7,977	13,682
Riviere du Rempart	2	65	8,094	3,400	4,889
Flacq	6	191	9,734	32	10,294
Grand Port	10	384	15,931	1,027	18,242
Savanne	2	91	12,558	2,707	9,926
Plaines Wilhems	7	202	8,438	1,706	7,659
Total	34	1,253	72,287 +	16,849	64,692

+ of which 61,986 deposited in the Mauritius Co-Operative Central Bank.

Consumers' Societies . -

As at 30th April,1950, sixty-five co-operative stores were on the Register and sixty one were in operation.

The following is a statement of the business of the Consumers' Societies for 1949-50:

District	No. of Stores	Membership	Paid up Share Capital	Total Sales	Net Profit	Reserve Funds
	1949-50	1949-50	1949-50	1949-50	1949-50	1949-50
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Port-Louis	9	1,114	23,030	344,053	962	1,173
Pamplemousses	11	1,192	22,494	501,994	7,458	3,433
Riviere du Rempart	7	718	13,340	333,484	2,170	1,657
Flacq	6	649	9,821	252,751	4,551	902
Grand Port	4	542	8,909	214,382	822	958
Savanne	2	214	2,528	98,497	1,335	505
Plaines Wilhems	15	2,050	43,432	850,109	12,217	7,042
Moka	6	642	10,526	296,673	5,219	1,071
Black River	1	180	2,214	47,589	1,530	576
Total	61	7,301	136,294	2,939,532	36,264	17,317

Marketing Societies.

There was only one Co-operative Marketing Society in operation during the co-operative year 1949-50, viz: the Creve Coeur Co-Operative Marketing Society.

Ginger

The principal statistics pertaining to the Creve Coeur Marketing Society during the year 1949-50 are as follows:

Number of members	...	280
Quantity of ginger marketed		154,340 kilos
Value	...	Rs. 24,169
Gross Profit	...	Rs. 288
Net Profit	...	Rs. 78
Reserve Fund	...	Rs. 318

Sugarcane.

The number of members of co-operative credit societies electing to engage in the co-operative sale of their sugarcane through the agency of their societies in respect of the 1949 crop totalled 3,998. The tonnage of canes so sold amounted to 197,738 metric tons, while the quantity of sugar received in return for the canes supplied totalled 15,941+ metric tons, and represented 80.25+ kilos of sugar per ton of canes on an average. In addition, the members of some societies also received 10 kilos of molasses and 5 kilos of scums per ton of canes. In all other cases, the equivalent in sugar of these bye-products was added to the quantum of sugar per ton of canes accruing to the members.

+ Provisional.

The following table illustrates the position of societies relative to the fluctuations: (i) in the tonnage of canes produced; (ii) in the quantum of sugar received per ton of canes, and (iii) in the amount of money controlled at the end of each of the last seven years.

Crops	No. of members selling canes	Tonnage of canes sold	Tonnage of sugar received	Average quantum of sugar received per ton of canes	Average Price of sugar ex-sugar Syn. per 100 kilos	Amount controlled by societies
		M/Tons	M/Tons	Kilos	Rs.	Rs.
1943	2,101	95,082	6,680	70.25	17.50	1,167,000
1944	2,451	73,845	5,235.6	70.90	20.97	1,097,905
1945	2,931	63,363	4,648	73.19	25.03	1,165,394
1946	2,904	141,814.8	10,510.2	74.10	24.957	2,623,030
1947	2,885	170,257	12,824	75.327	28.766	3,688,951
1948	3,603	181,860	14,127.75	77.684	30.24	4,272,331
1949	3,998	197,738	15,941 +	80.25 +	32.87	5,077,716

+ Provisional.

Central Bank.

The Mauritius Co-Operative Central Bank Limited was registered according to plan on the 8th October,1948,with 97 member societies (89 co-operative credit societies and 8 co-operative stores) and a share capital of Rs.19,600. Shortly afterwards a managing committee of 9 was elected and this committee selected its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Co-Operative Stores as well as co-operative credit societies participate in the proportion of 1 to 2. The aim,of course, is to give all members adequate opportunity.

The principal statistics relating to the Co-operative Central Bank at the end of each of the Co-operative financial years 1948-49 and 1949-50 are as follows:

		1948-49	1949-50
Borrowing rate	...	4%	4%
Lending rate	...	5%	5%
Membership	...	97	98
Working Capital	...	Rs. 791,538	Rs. 1,320,993
Loans granted	...	780,094	1,544,733
Loans recovered	...	1,000	226,365
Loans outstanding	...	779,094	1,318,368
Total deposits held	...	13,399	119,348
Paid-up Share Capital	...	19,600	37,241
Barclays Bank Overdraft		758,246	1,152,075
Reserve Fund	...	192	11,073

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

Financial and statistical statement for the year ending 30th April, 1950.

	Type of society	NUMBER OF		ASSETS						
		Societies	Members	Cash in hand and at Bank	Loans due by members & societies	Stock in hand & buildings	Furniture & fittings	Other items	Total	
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	Credit (unlimited liability)	121	6,420	178,295	1,971,123	8,773	-	37,504	2,195,695	1
2	Credit (limited liability)	2	35	478	2,055	-	-	7	2,540	2
3	Stores (limited liability)	61	7,301	61,668	-	100,709	27,051	32,343	221,771	3
4	Marketing (,, ,, ,,)	1	280	186	2,668	-	-	-	2,854	4
5	Thrift & Savings (limited liability)	34	1,253	63,880	-	-	-	612	64,492	5
6	Central Bank (limited liability)	1	98	3	1,318,369	-	2,500	121	1,320,993	6
		220	15,387	304,510	3,294,215	109,482	29,551	70,587	3,808,345	

LIABILITIES

	Share Capital		Loans & deposits from			Loans from		Barclays Bank overdraft	Reserve Fund	Other items	Excess of assets over liabilities	Total	
	Shares A	Shares B	non-members	Members	Other societies	Co-operative Central Bank	Government						
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1	386,406	1,639	1,196	33,946	2,597	1,324,789	41,530	835	370,916	2,722	29,119	2,195,695	1
2	1,444	-	-	110	-	-	105	-	726	-	155	2,540	2
3	135,294	-	-	27,476	-	-	-	-	11,355	11,382	36,264	221,771	3
4	2,458	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	318	-	78	2,854	4
5	-	-	-	63,051	-	-	-	-	52	1,267	122	64,492	5
6	37,242	-	-	-	119,348	-	-	1,152,075	9,214	1,255	1,859	1,320,993	6
	562,844	1,639	1,196	124,583	121,945	1,324,789	41,635	1,152,910	392,581	16,626	67,597	3,808,345	

REGISTRATION

	1947	1948	1949	1950
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount of duties collected	1,149,304	1,395,745	813,604	1,238,491

The increase in the year 1950 was due to an increase in the number of sales of immovable properties.

Successions.

	YEAR								
	1948			1949			1950		
	Population			Population			Population		
	G	I	Total	G	I	Total	G	I	Total
Number of declarations	239	425	664	182	379	561	198	399	597
Total amount of duties in 000' Rupees	222.1	38.4	260.5	932.8	54.0	986.8	531.4	52.9	584.3

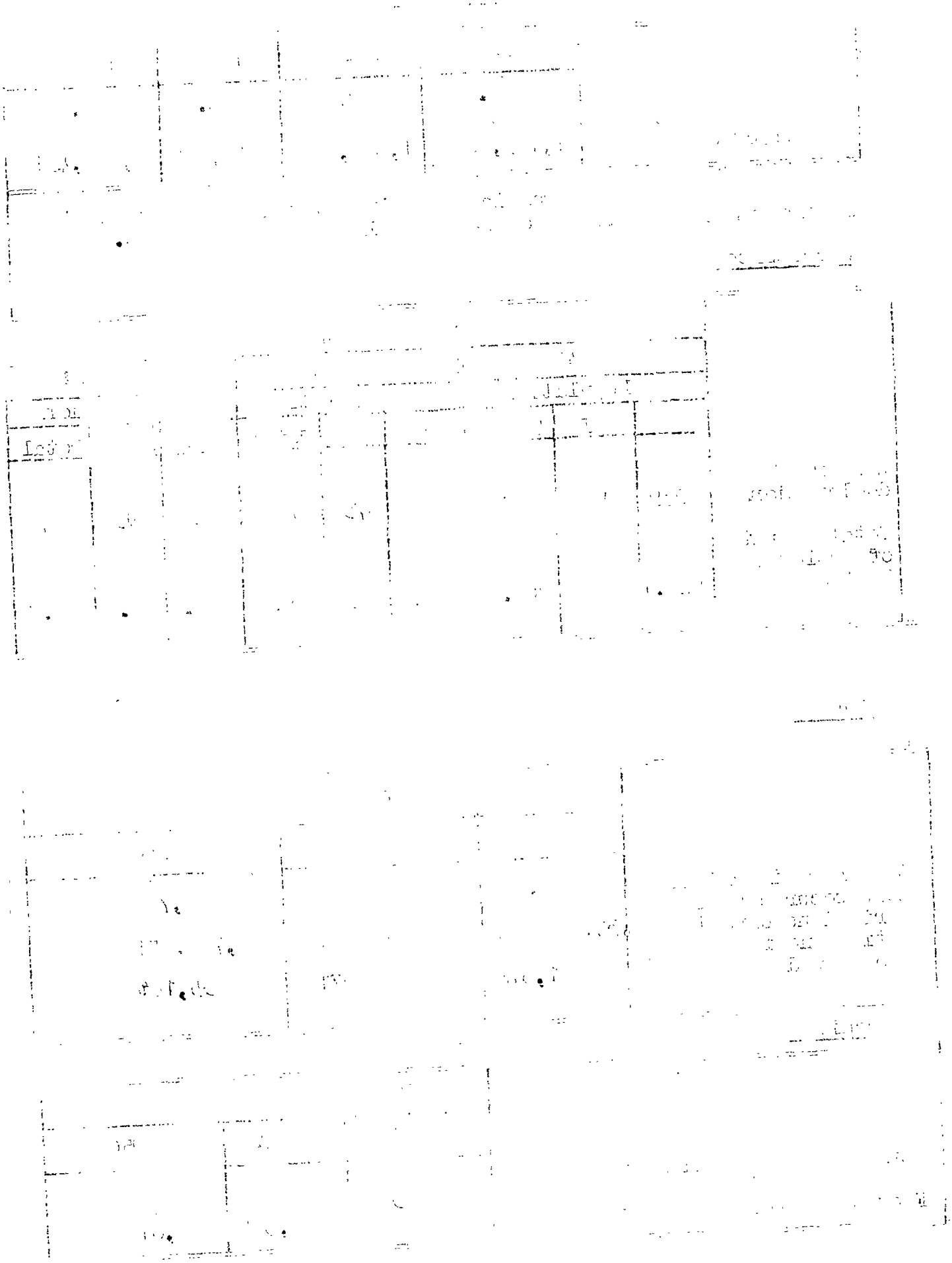
G = General ; I = Indian.

Mortgages

	YEAR		
	1948	1949	1950
Number of inscriptions	2,330	2,406	2,726
Sums secured by inscriptions enrolled Rs.	31,946,077	21,063,762	23,759,251
Duties and fees collected Rs.	101,814	182,071	95,166

Archives

	YEAR		
	1948	1949	1950
Number of books and periodicals deposited	192	256	188
Fees collected Rs.	398	2,305	2,010



REGISTERED COMPANIES.

On the 31st December,1950, the Register of Companies contained the names of 319 concerns, enumerated as follows:

Private companies ...	199	
Public companies ...	61	
Externally controlled companies	59	319

Sales of land (value):

Sales to ...	General population	Rs. 3,386,974
	Indian population	Rs. 2,794,380

Sales of Real Property

	1948		1949		1950	
	No. of sales	Value	No. of sales	Value	No. of sales	Value
		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
Acquired by:						
General population	857	26,337,242	906	9,356,587	1,059	10,924,071
Indian population	3,493	6,547,201	3,290	7,146,339	4,474	10,377,309

BANKRUPTCY

New cases entered before the Court ...	46
Cases disposed of	47

Number of trade licences issued from 1.1.50 to 31.12.50 distributed according to value of licence

Value of licence	Number of trade licences	% distribution on total of trade licences	Liquor licences
Rs.			
2.50	124	1.8	-
7.50	30	0.4	-
10.-	2,362	34.0	-
15.-	1,101	15.8	-
25.-	280	4.0	22
40.-	109	1.6	-
45.-	30	0.4	-
50.-	250	3.6	8
55.-	10	0.2	-
60.-	2,141	30.8	-
75.-	314	4.5	66
100.-	19	0.3	1,555
125.-	16	0.2	79
150.-	124	1.8	947
175.-	-	-	41
200.-	35	0.5	-
250.-	5	0.1	-
375.-	-	-	4
500.-	-	-	5
Total	6,950	100.0	2,727

The percentage of liquor licences to total number of licences issued was 28.2

Classification of Incomes

INCOMES		NUMBER OF	
exceeding	but not exceeding	Individuals	Companies
Rs.	Rs.	1949-1950	
1	1,000	-	12
1,000	2,000	-	20
2,000	3,000	-	10
3,000	4,000	-	7
4,000	5,000	508	8
5,000	6,000	457	3
6,000	7,000	297	2
7,000	8,000	236	3
8,000	9,000	177	2
9,000	10,000	163	2
10,000	11,000	123	2
11,000	12,000	106	5
12,000	13,000	91	2
13,000	14,000	70	1
14,000	15,000	80	1
15,000	16,000	61	3
16,000	17,000	58	1
17,000	18,000	53	1
18,000	19,000	36	1
19,000	20,000	41	2
20,000	22,500	66	2
22,500	25,000	45	2
25,000	27,500	38	1
27,500	30,000	31	4
30,000	32,500	30	-
32,500	35,000	31	-
35,000	37,500	14	1
37,500	40,000	19	2
40,000	42,500	15	1
42,500	45,000	15	-
45,000	47,500	18	-
47,500	50,000	16	1
50,000	100,000	68	7
100,000	250,000	29	10
250,000	500,000	-	8
500,000	750,000	-	3
750,000	1,000,000	-	2
1,000,000 & over		-	5
		2,992	137

These figures refer only to those individuals and companies who actually paid tax during the year. The total number of individuals and companies liable to tax in respect of the year of assessment 1949-50 might be about 4,500 and 150 respectively.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NUMBER OF POLL TAX PAYERS ON SPECIFIC INCOMES.

Income Range	Number of persons and companies paying tax		
	Average 1936- 39	1949-50+	Ratio to prewar
Rs.5,000 not exceeding Rs.7,000	375	759	2.02
,, 7,000 ,, ,, ,, 9,000	213	418	1.96
,, 9,000 ,, ,, ,,12,000	173	401	2.32
,,12,000 ,, ,, ,,15,000	92	245	2.66
,,15,000 ,, ,, ,,20,000	84	257	3.06
,,20,000 ,, ,, ,,25,000	44	115	2.61
,,25,000 ,, ,, ,,30,000	19	74	3.89
,,30,000 ,, ,, ,,35,000	17	61	3.59
,,35,000 ,, ,, ,,40,000	17	36	2.12
,,40,000 ,, ,, ,,45,000	12	31	2.58
,,45,000 ,, ,, ,,50,000	8	35	4.37
,,50,000 ,, ,, ,,60,000	9)		
,,60,000 ,, ,, ,,70,000	4) 40	132	3.30
,,70,000 and above	27)		
	1,094	2,564	2.34

+ In addition in 1949-50 there were 565 tax-payers on annual incomes of less than Rs.5,000.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

OVERSEAS SHIPPING

	Vessels entering the port during the year		Vessels leaving the port during the year	
	Number	Tonnage	Number	Tonnage
British and Foreign				
Steam vessels	224	788,219	224	800,306
Coasting				
Steam vessels	25	12,785	25	13,393

Passenger Traffic by Sea and Air

COUNTRY of origin or destination	ARRIVING TO MAURITIUS FROM			LEAVING MAURITIUS TO		
	AIR	SEA	TOTAL	AIR	SEA	TOTAL
British Isles	81	123	204	111	231	342
France	200	127	327	118	161	279
Other European countries	4	-	4	45	-	45
Algeria	3	-	3	1	-	1
British East Africa[X]	282	277	559	225	236	461
Rhodesia	2	-	2	-	-	-
Union of South Africa	9	340	349	1	324	325
Portuguese East Africa	-	18	18	-	23	23
Belgian Congo	16	-	16	-	-	-
India	9	126	135	1	14	15
Ceylon	-	52	52	-	13	13
Hong-Kong	-	639	639	-	47	47
Australia	-	6	6	-	-	-
Seychelles	1	31	32	-	47	47
Singapore	-	21	21	-	67	67
Madagascar	327	90	417	342	110	452
Reunion	1128	93	1221	1210	277	1487
Other countries	28	10	38	5	7	12
Dependencies of Mauritius	-	948	948	-	893	893
TOTAL	2090	2901	4991[+]	2059	2450	4509[@]

+ Excluding 262 discharged seamen
@ Excluding 391 engaged seamen
X The place of origin and destination of the majority of these passengers were probably the British Isles and India.

Immigration, Emigration and Travel

Of the total number of persons who entered and left the Colony during the year, 143 were immigrants and 199 emigrants.

948 passports were issued by the Police; 50 were renewed and 810 were visaed.

Gross tonnage of merchandise handled in Port-Louis harbour.

In Metric Tons.

Year	Exports	Imports	Total
1938	309,000	219,000	528,000
1947	334,000	247,000	581,000
1948	423,000	273,000	696,000
1949	475,000	300,000	775,000
1950	394,000	280,000	674,000

Number of vessels registered in the Harbour of Port-Louis at the beginning of 1950

	Number	Tonnage
Motor vessels ...	2	887
Sailing vessels ...	5	128
Steam vessels ...	6	6082

H A R B O U R

Transport in Port-Louis harbour

Number of transport crafts used by Docks and Lighterage companies:

Lighters	...	132
Tugs	...	8
Water boats	...	2
Launches	...	18
Coasters	...	8

Number of transport crafts used by the Harbour and Customs Department:

Tugs	...	5
Launches	...	[illegible]
Number of plying boats		17

Gross tonnage handled at the Granary:

			Metric Tons
Commodities	(Imported	...	63,216
	(Local	...	1,074

AIR SERVICES

Air Traffic: Plaisance Airport

Type of Aircraft Movement	NUMBER OF MOVEMENTS		
	Landings	Take-offs	Total
Scheduled Services	83	83	166
Charter	3	3	6
Other Commercial	-	-	-
Test Training	-	-	-
Private	-	-	-
Military (British & Foreign)	4	4	8
Other non-commercial	-	-	-
All movements	90	90	180
Diverted movements (included in the above figures)	-	-	-

Passenger Traffic by Air

Line	Number		Category by age			Nationality		
	Males	Females	Infant	Child	Adult	British	Foreign	Total
INWARDS	1,389	701	35	201	1,854	1,330	760	2,090
OUTWARDS	1,315	744	26	194	1,839	1,174	885	2,059
	2,704	1,445	61	395	3,693	2,504	1,645	4,149

Line	Passenger traffic+ (inwards and outwards)						Total for all countries
	British	France	British E/Africa	South Africa	Madagascar & Reunion	Other countries	
Air France	4.6 %	7.7 %	12.2 %	0.2 %	72.5 %	2.8 %	100.0 %

+ % of total passengers carried.

SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC HANDLED

Aerodrome: Plaisance Airport

TYPE OF TRAFFIC		TYPE OF AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENT							
		SCHEDULED		CHARTER		MILITARY TRANSPORT		ALL AIR TRANSPORTS	
		Set down	Picked up	Set down	Picked up	Set down	Picked up	Set down	Picked up
Loads Set down and Picked up	1 Passengers	2065	2042	25	17	-	-	2090	2059
	Commercial freight (kilos)	27000 kgs	7400 kgs	6650 kgs	-	-	-	33650 kgs	7400 kgs
	Post Office Mail (kilos)	11459 kgs	5355 kgs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loads in transit	3 Passengers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Commercial freight (kilos)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

NOTE: Commercial freight set down excludes baggage (44,600 kgs) and Diplomatic Mail (2,300 kgs)
Commercial freight picked up excludes baggage (44,700 kgs) and Diplomatic Mail (1,300 kgs)

1. Commercial freight excludes excess baggage, diplomatic freight, post office mail and diplomatic mail.
2. Including diverted movements.
3. The definition on "loans in transit" (in Note 2 on Enclosure 2) will imply that, generally, the figures under "Set down" and "Picked up" will be identical.

An exception might be when an aeroplane remains at the aerodrome over the night of 31st December.

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

RAILWAYS

Mileage table

	Main lines (miles)	Range of levels (feet)
MIDLAND: Port-Louis to Mahebourg	35¼ +	Sea level) to) 1,800
NORTH: Port-Louis to Grand River South East	31	280
MOKA : Rose-Hill to Montagne Blanche	14¾	-do- 950-1,460
SAVANNE: Souillac to Rose-Belle	11	-do- 870
BLACK RIVER: Richelieu to Medine	8¼	-do- 218- 284
Total miles of main lines	100¼	

+ 4 miles of the Midland line are double line sections:

(a) Port-Louis to Pailles; (b) Petite Riviere to Beau-Bassin.

A total of six miles lesser traffic lines have been suppressed in 1950: 2½ miles of the North Line traffic and 3½ miles of the Montagne Longue - Terre Rouge extension.

Rolling Stock

Year	Locomotives	Passenger stock@	Wagons
1932	55	187	765
1937	50	180	733
1947	49	171	720
1948	49	173	701
1949	49	173	701
1950	49	170	693

@ Including all passenger-carrying cars and railcars, baggage cars and railway-owned postal vans.

Passenger Traffic.

Year ended 30th June	Number of passengers carried	Number of parcels carried	Passengers gross ton miles	Passenger vehicle mile	Passenger train mileage
1945	4,682,475	193,629	11,323,817	1,945,289	219,545
1946	4,790,492	202,056	11,399,009	1,936,303	217,967
1947	4,106,931	201,406	11,569,554	1,923,143	221,758
1948	3,435,385	173,136	11,403,168	1,747,950	217,461
1949	2,999,672	154,243	11,095,756	1,500,750	213,976
1950	2,844,841	150,505	10,977,055	1,533,113	209,925

Goods Traffic

Year ended 30th June	RAIL					ROAD
	Sugar	Sugar canes	General merchandise	Total	Goods train mileage	Sugar and general merchandise
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Miles	Tons
1945	187,785	50,695	120,655	359,135	110,515	20,541
1946	130,002	53,003	121,869	304,874	103,216	24,592
1947	282,762	72,647	107,344	462,753	126,163	40,527
1948	329,998	69,501	100,731	500,230	129,872	37,725
1949	373,982	21,164	91,474	486,620	126,849	38,373
1950	392,734	14,169	81,335	488,238	126,265	43,206

Percentage distribution of the goods traffic by rail.

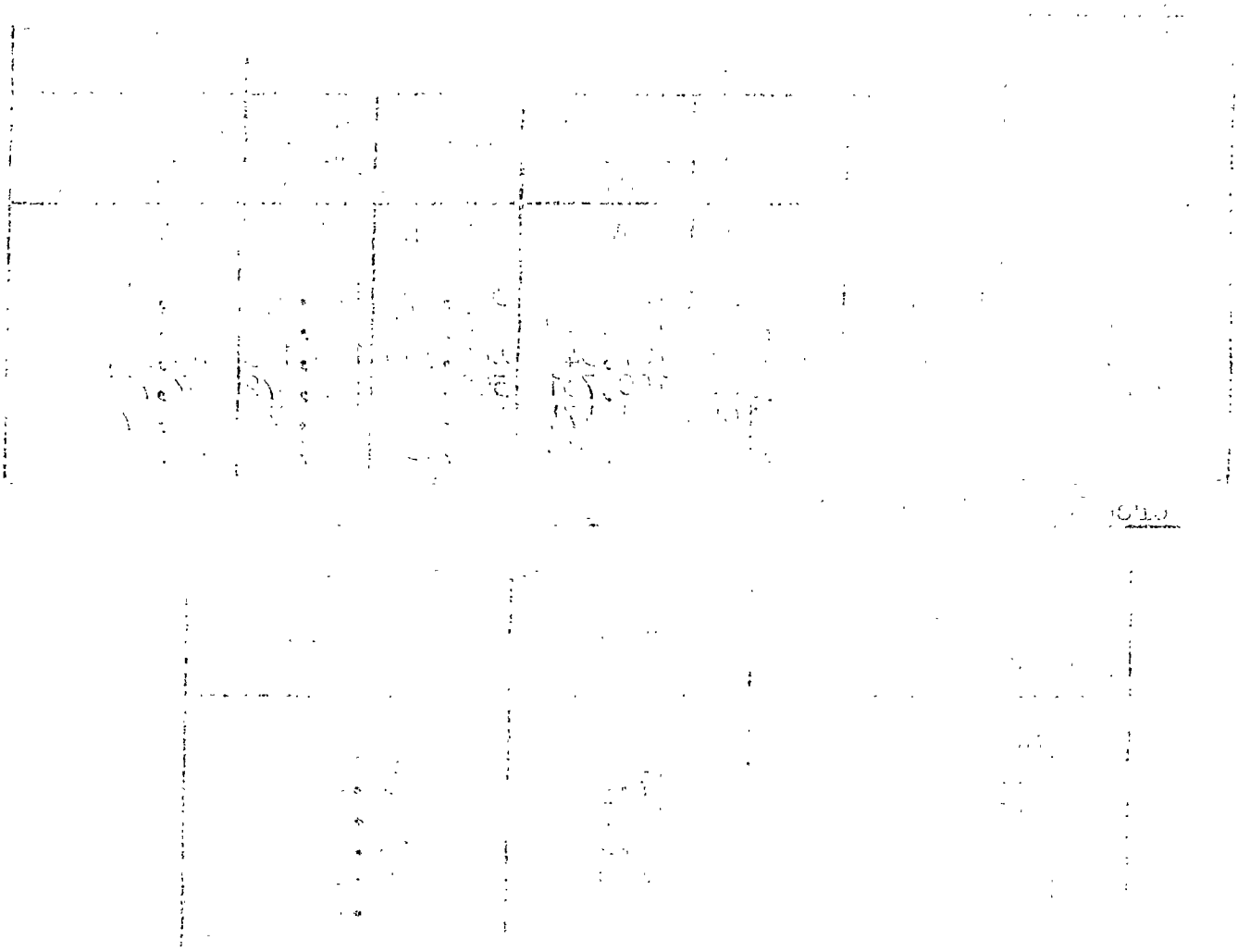
Year ended 30th June	Sugar	Sugar canes	General merchandise
	%	%	%
1945	52.3	14.1	33.6
1946	42.6	17.4	40.0
1947	61.1	15.7	23.2
1948	66.0	13.9	20.1
1949	76.9	4.3	18.8
1950	80.4	2.9	16.7

Coal and Lubricating oil consumption+

Consumption of coal by railways	19,789 metric tons
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, per train mile	59.8 Kgs
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, per engine mile	41.2 ,,
,, ,, ,, ,, lubricating oil (engines, carriages & waggons)	66,000 litres

Railway accidents +	No. of cases	
Injuries to:		
Maintenance of way and works Branch personnel	397	
Transport personnel	244	
Mechanical Branch personnel	296	
Other personnel	11	948
Cases necessitating reference to Injuries Committee	103	

+ Period 1st July 1949 to 30th June, 1950.



REVENUE

In the following tables, the Railway operating revenue during the year 1949/1950 and each of the preceding 5 years is classified according to the type of traffic from which it was derived.

Year ended 30th June	RAIL					ROAD		
	Passenger fares	Parcels receipts	Goods traffic receipts			Road traffic receipts	Miscellaneous receipts	Total receipts
			Sugar	Sugarcanes	General merchandise			
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1945	1,193,984	75,844	1,197,731	40,615	387,538	22,695	198,638	3,117,045
1946	1,100,135	78,454	835,770	36,422	379,612	23,546	352,295	2,806,234
1947	891,190	80,103	1,752,355	57,841	343,726	29,701	180,406	3,335,322
1948	691,988	74,615	2,131,533	52,801	305,311	26,905	238,598	3,521,751
1949	591,398	68,553	2,401,510	45,781	292,937	21,905	274,726	3,696,810
1950	503,711	66,070	2,555,009	23,333	257,378	23,051	402,129	3,830,681

	RAIL						ROAD
	Average receipt per head	Average receipt per parcel	Average receipt per ton			Receipts per trainmile (goods and passengers)	Average receipt per ton
			Sugar	Sugarcanes	General merchandise		
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1945	0.25	0.39	6.38	0.80	3.21	9.44	1.10
1946	0.23	0.39	6.43	0.69	3.11	8.74	0.96
1947	0.22	0.40	6.20	0.80	3.20	9.58	0.73
1948	0.20	0.43	6.46	0.76	3.03	10.07	0.71
1949	0.20	0.44	6.42	2.16	3.20	10.79	0.57
1950	0.18	0.44	6.51	1.65	3.16	11.33	0.53

EXPENDITURE

The operating expenditure under various heads is now given for 1949-1950 and each of the previous 5 years.

In Rupees.

Year ended 30th June	Maintenance of ways and works	Mechanical	Transportation	Head Office and General charges	Miscellaneous	Total expenditure	Expenditure per train mile
1945	410,520	289,824	1,411,217	434,981	578,403	3,124,945	9.47
1946	617,069	344,216	1,393,891	762,330	712,258	3,829,764	11.92
1947	526,943	363,277	1,761,384	910,067	602,111	4,163,782	11.96
1948	594,292	392,708	1,946,646	1,332,484	675,382	4,941,962	14.16
1949	641,005	429,324	2,098,506	1,387,652	607,780	5,164,267	15.08
1950	656,977	447,419	2,188,629	1,544,322	946,793	5,784,140	17.15

Sugar Industry- Transport Equipment.

METAL TRACK				LOCOMOTIVES				WAGONS		HAULAGE TRACTORS	LORRIES OR TRUCKS +		TRAILERS		ANIMAL DRAWN CARTS +	
Gauge			Total length	Total No.		Total H.P.										
Maximum	Minimum	Normally used		Steam	Internal combustion	Steam	Internal combustion	Total number	Total capacity	Total number	Total number	Total capacity	Total number	Total capacity	Total number	Total capacity
cms.	cms.	cms.	kms.						tons			tons		tons		tons
143.5	60	75 & 80	1,910	157	77	7,100	5,000	8,715	33,900	59	225	950	270	1,470	225	200

+ The small number of lorries and carts owned by larger estates and plantations is not representative of the actual number of these vehicles used in the Sugar Industry, a great number being in addition hired for the harvest or for specific purposes.

Road Transport

Mauritius is provided with an excellent road system, consisting of some 730 miles of public main and branch roads, most of which are suitable for motor traffic. All the roads are metalled and about 265 miles are bitumen coated. A new road about 7 miles long has recently been built; its use will shorten by 8 miles the road communication from the eastern district to the higher parts of the central table land.

Practically all the main roads are open to heavy motor vehicles but owing to rapid development in road traffic during the past 20 years, the road system is not altogether satisfactory as many of the roads are too narrow for moderately fast transport to operate in safety. There are also numerous blind corners, very populous villages to travel through, while the roads are further congested by the slow moving goods transport and the large public transport vehicles. At the end of 1950, the number of road vehicles in operation in the Colony were:

Number of cars:		
Taxi cars	...	608
Private cars	...	2,788
Number of commercial vehicles:		
Buses	...	186
Lorries	...	1,039
Number of cycles:		
Motor cycles	...	233
Bicycles	...	unascertainable
Number of haulage tractors	...	86
Number of Colonial Government vehicles		221

The increase in Passenger Road Transport in recent years is depicted in the following figures:

	1945	1947	1950
Number of buses in operation	135	179	186
Number of taxi cars	323	519	608
Number of private cars	1,447	1,929	2,788

Passenger traffic by bus.

Bus service between the capital, Port-Louis, and the principal towns of Plaines Wilhems is very satisfactory and there are many subsidiary lines of less importance. In all, there are 31 approved bus routes in the Colony, which radiate from the main central system to every part of the Island.

Road vehicles in Mauritius have a single class of accommodation which suits the majority of passengers. The number of bus routes have now increased to the point where it is possible for passengers to be picked up and dropped almost at their doorsteps.

On certain populous bus routes, non-stop runs between extreme points afford a very rapid service which is greatly appreciated by passengers.

Goods Traffic.

Lorries are used for the transport of imported foodstuffs from Port-Louis, the only commercial harbour, to other towns and villages. They are also used for the transport of sugarcanes to the factories and of all other goods produced in the colony with the exception of sugar, heavy machinery and imported fertilizers, which are compulsorily transported by the Railway.

The increase in the total number of lorries in operation is shown by the following figures:

	1945	1947	1950
Total number of lorries ...	446	621	1,039

Licences to drive motor vehicles.

Of the 1,515 applications for a licence received by the Traffic Branch of the Police during the year, 748 were for professional drivers and 767 for owner drivers (including 118 ladies).

Of the total number of applications, 1,488 new licences were issued: 259 to professional drivers, 427 to owner drivers+ and 802 to learners. In addition a total of 6,329 licences were renewed of which 3,691 to professional drivers and 2,638 to owner drivers (including 268 ladies).

+ Including 53 ladies.

85 International Driving permits were issued including 18 issued to ladies.

Road Accidents.

	1947	1948	1949	1950
Fatal	19	34	44	46
Serious	68	42	46	79
Not serious (but minor injuries to persons)	430	501	685	811
Trifling	697	840	1,172	1,263
Total	1,214	1,417	1,947	2,199

POSTAL SERVICES

Weight of mail traffic. In Kilograms

	SEA		AIR	
	In	Out	In	Out
1948	135,360	22,025	11,257	5,885
1949	163,525	8,040	9,819	5,255
1950	167,750	11,565	11,459	5,375

Estimated number of letters etc. dealt with.

Articles	Inland	FOREIGN SERVICE		Transit	Total
		Outwards	Inwards		
Paid letters	655,998	55,400	303,700	30,600	1,025,698
Unpaid letters	2,800	600	2,000	50	5,450
Postcards	27,700	4,800	3,700	200	36,400
Commercial papers	-	100	425	-	525
Printed papers	1,592,066	12,000	994,800	3,600	2,602,466
Samples	-	691	1,040	-	1,731
Service letters	321,184	4,900	4,600	100	330,784
Registered articles	276,431	77,500	77,100	1,900	432,931
Express letters	14,866	-	-	-	14,866
Insured letters	-	-	1	-	1
Small packets	-	-	3,664	-	3,664
Air mail correspondence	-	973,200	1,645,194	-	2,618,394
Total	2,871,045	1,129,191	3,036,224	36,450	7,072,910

Postal Agencies : 78 Telegraph Offices: 51 Money Order Offices: 75

TELEPHONES

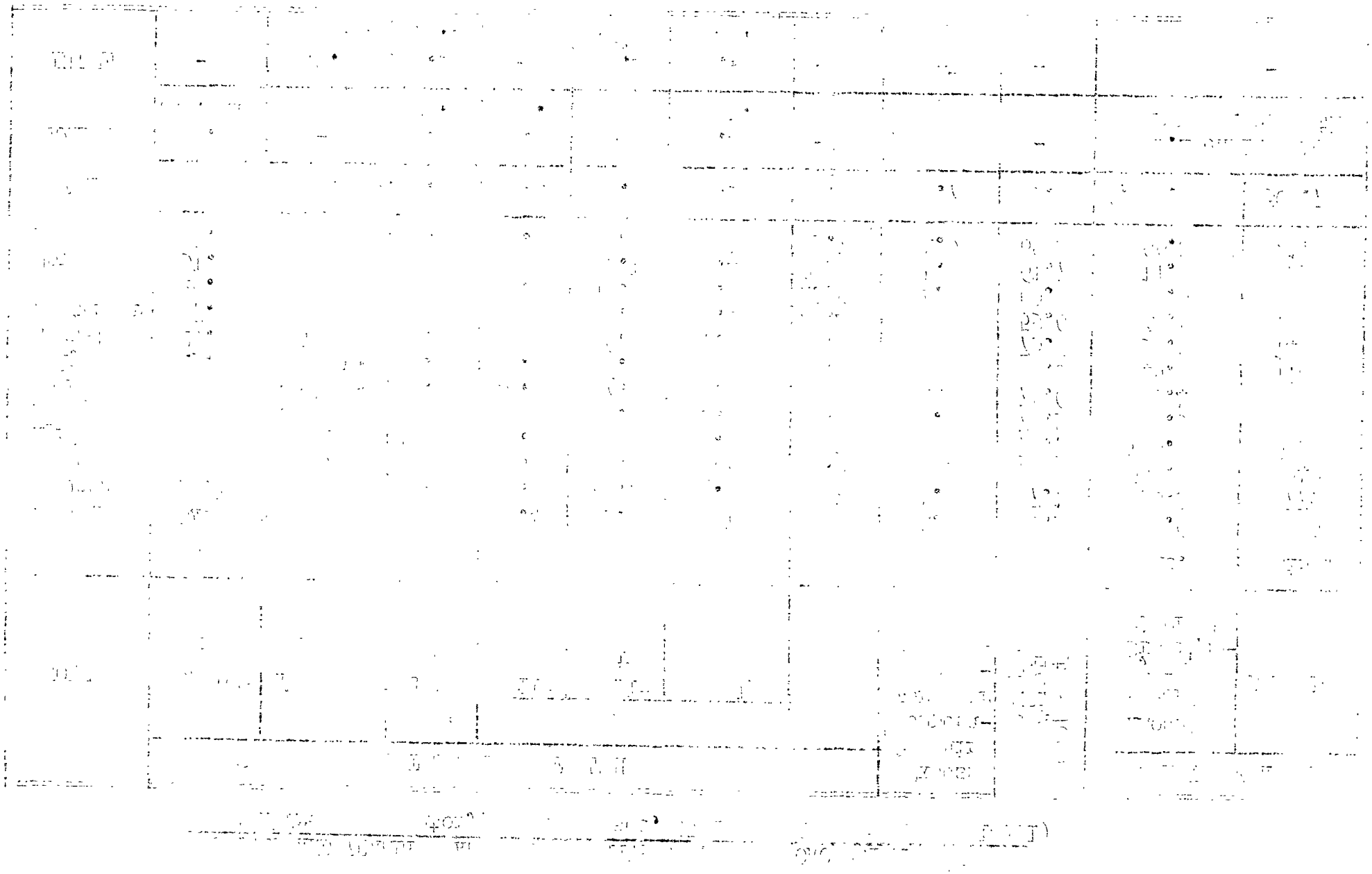
Number of main exchanges ... 11
Number of subscribers to main exchanges ...3,570
Individual installations ...4,758
Number of calls made 4,166,697

BROADCASTING

Number of broadcasting stations ... 1
Number of transmitters ... 2
Aerial output: Shortwave transmitter $\frac{1}{2}$ Kw.
Mediumwave transmitter 5 ,,
Daily transmission time ... $6\frac{3}{4}$ hrs
Number of wireless receiving licences 8,720

MONTHLY AND YEARLY MEANS AND EXTREMES OF THE METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS
(Royal Alfred Observatory, Pamplemousses, 55 metres above mean sea level)

MONTH	TEMPERATURE OF THE AIR							Excess of air temperature over evaporation temperature	Relative humidity (Sat = 100)	RAINFALL	
	Absolute maxima	Absolute minima	Absolute range	Mean			Mean			Amount recorded by the Dines' pluviograph	Duration
				Daily maxima	Daily minima	Daily Ranges					
	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	°C	%	mms.	mins.
January	34.0	19.1	14.9	31.4	23.3	8.1	27.0	4.1	68.9	126.6	1290
February	32.7	21.0	11.7	30.2	22.9	7.3	26.2	4.3	67.1	58.2	775
March	31.2	20.2	11.0	29.0	22.3	6.7	25.3	2.7	78.0	355.6	3540
April	29.8	18.9	10.9	27.4	21.2	6.2	24.1	3.0	75.7	153.9	3035
May	28.6	12.4	16.2	26.4	17.2	9.2	21.5	2.4	78.5	75.3	870
June	27.3	14.6	12.7	24.9	17.8	7.1	21.2	2.9	74.6	63.4	1375
July	25.3	12.5	12.8	23.4	16.4	7.0	19.6	3.5	68.0	45.5	1185
August	25.8	10.5	15.3	24.1	16.5	7.6	20.0	2.9	73.5	38.5	1495
September	27.2	11.5	15.7	24.8	16.6	8.2	20.4	4.6	59.6	34.4	1225
October	28.5	12.0	16.5	27.2	18.4	8.8	22.5	4.7	60.8	36.8	1205
November	31.7	15.4	16.3	29.5	19.1	10.4	24.0	4.8	61.7	11.0	295
December	33.1	19.5	13.6	30.3	21.9	8.4	25.7	4.9	62.4	66.8	2115
YEAR	29.6	15.6	14.0	27.4	19.5	7.9	23.1	3.7	69.1	1,066.0	306.7hrs
MAXIMUM	34.0 Jan. 2nd	-	16.5 Oct.	31.4 Jan.	-	10.4 Nov.	-	-	-	84.4 ending 0400 hrs on March 9th	
MINIMUM	-	10.5 Aug. 3rd	10.9 Apr.	-	16.4 July	6.2 Apr.	-	-	-	-	-



MONTHLY AND YEARLY MEANS AND EXTREMES OF THE METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS (continued)

Month	Daily Duration of bright sunshine	% of possible sunshine	Number of days of		
			Rain	Lightning	Thunderstorm
	hrs.	%			
January	8.36	63.6	15	-	-
February	9.74	76.5	16	-	1
March	5.81	47.7	25	3	6
April	7.64	65.7	21	-	-
M a y	7.94	71.3	11	-	1
June	7.10	65.0	20	-	-
July	7.96	72.4	22	-	-
August	6.58	57.8	15	-	-
September	8.00	67.0	19	-	-
Octpber	8.61	69.0	12	-	-
November	9.56	73.5	9	-	-
December	9.53	71.8	20	-	1
YEAR	8.07	66.8	205	3	9
MAXIMUM	12.6 Jan.27th & Dec.4th	97 Jan,27th Feb.21st Feb.28th	25 March	3 March	6 March
MINIMUM	0.0 often	0 often	9 November	-	-

TOTAL ANNUAL RAINFALL AT SELECTED STATIONS

Region	STATION		Inches	No. of days
West	Port-Louis	Abercrombie Nursery	45.88	244
	Black River	Pierre Fonds	46.78	107
		Palmyre	37.97	77
		Govt. School -Banbous	32.82	65
		La Ferme	29.30	88
		Médine	31.05	88
North & North West	Pamplemousses	Botanical Gardens	36.96	155
		La Nicoliere	85.25	215
		The Observatory	42.44	193
		California	99.76	125
North & North East	R/Rempart	Antoinette	76.90	133
		Labourdonnais	40.19	95
		Mon Loisir	55.28	130
		Ravensworth	78.70	114
		Beau Séjour	50.14	135
Centre	Moka	Alma	125.76	231
		Bonne Veine	127.18	210
		Minissy	66.93	167
		Hermitage	89.42	151
		Mon Désert	65.00	152
		Le Réduit	58.05	208
		Piton du Milieu (Reservoir)	143.60	285
	Plaines Wilhems	Aerological Station	84.15	268
		Mare-aux-Vacoas (Arnaud)	158.97	284
		Reunion	93.66	207
		Midlands Dam	157.31	209
		Bagatelle	77.96	171
		La Marie	115.28	227
		Curepipe Gardens	145.38	247
		Petrin	159.06	245
		Highlands	105.68	187
East	Flacq	Constance La Gaiété	68.07	132
		Sans Souci	122.66	239
		Beau Champ	64.70	188
		Belle Rive	111.59	182
		Trois Ilots	76.05	186
		Rich Fund	79.86	144
South East	Grand Port	Rose-Belle	160.31	291
		New Grove	211.67	186
		Deux Bras	115.23	209
		Union Vale	63.07	156
		Mon Trésor	86.76	148
		Mon Desert Carié	65.09	158
		Ferney	89.92	172
		Sauveterre	66.62	129
		St. Hubert (Cluny)	177.76	183

TOTAL ANNUAL RAINFALL AT SELECTED STATIONS (continued)

Region	STATION		Inches	No. of days
South	Savanne	Beau Climat	160.43	224
		La Flora	162.13	230
		Britannia	125.11	224
		Savannah	68.31	169
		Combo	110.43	181
		Fontenelle	91.86	167
		Colmar	122.86	219
		Tivoli	141.56	231
		Terracine	76.80	183
		Riche Bois	100.87	223
		Frederica	97.62	132