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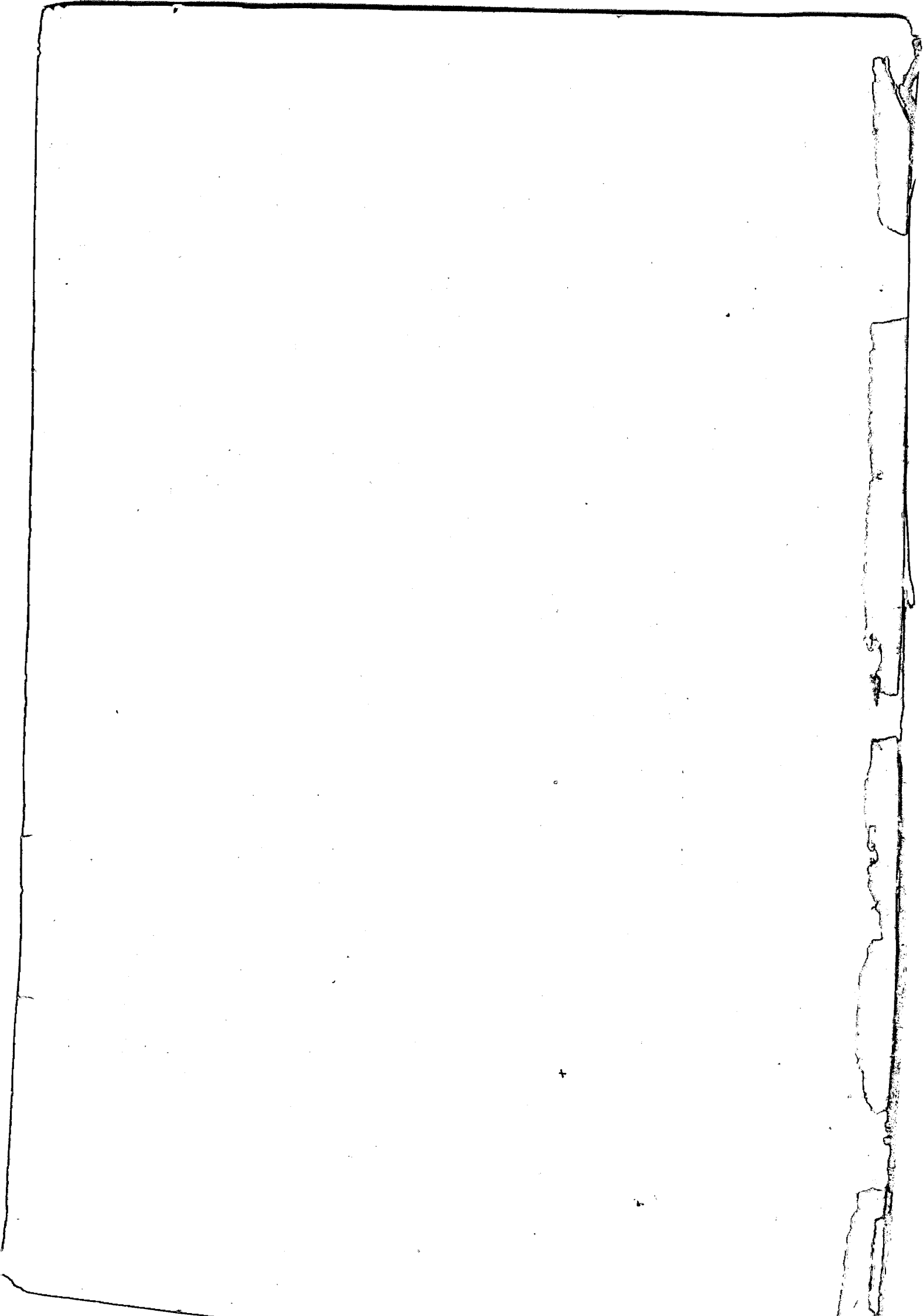
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CORRINGENDUM - Year Book 1949

Page 18 - "Movement of Population- Rodrigues" Read "Chinese" instead of "Total".

Page 53 - Estimated No. of children of primary school going age (5-12) Read "80,000" instead of "75,000"
Percentage enrolment to children of primary school going age Read "61%" instead of "65%".

Page 58 - "Land Utilisation". Substitute the following:-
Foodcrops 24,000 acres instead of 21,000 acres
Total agriculture 193,800 acres instead of 194,800 acres
Arable land 16,200 acres ,, ,, 15,200 ,,
Major foodcrops 19,000 ,, ,, ,, 23,000 ,,

Page 59 - 4th line Read 8,700 acres instead of 12,850 acres
5th line ,, 6,800 ,, ,, ,, 10,950 ,,
7th line ,, 19,100 ,, ,, ,, 23,250 ,,

After".....allocated to vegetable growing " ADD "and banana plantations (1000 acres) ".

Page 72 - Salt production - Read "4,325 metric tons" instead of "5,200"

Page 78 - Summary of industrial production: Read "Yarn 49 metric tons" instead of "35" . "Salt 4,325 metric tons" instead of "5,200".

Page 80 - Balance of Visible Trade. READ:

Year	Value of Exports In Rs. 1000	Excess in value of exports(+) or imports (-)	Total Value of Trade In Rs. 1000
1948	144,891	+ 8702	281,080
1949	168,451	+15311	321,591

INSTEAD OF:

1948	144,497	+ 8308	280,686
1949	167,905	+ 14765	321,045

Page 81 - Substitute the following:

The Post-war Terms of Trade.

The indexes of export and import prices for 1948 and 1949 based on 1938 current prices were:

	1938	1948	1949
Exports price index ...	100	281	292
Imports price index ...	100	350	364
Ratio exports index/imports index for price ...	1.00	0.80	0.80

NOTE:- The exports and imports tonnage indexes quoted being calculated on the gross freight tonnage differ somewhat from the indexes computed on the net tonnages.

Computed on net tonnages, the quantum indexes are:

	1948	1949
Exports quantum index ...	132	149
Imports quantum index ...	115	125
Ratio exports index/imports index for quantum.	1.15	1.19

Page 93 - In table on page 93

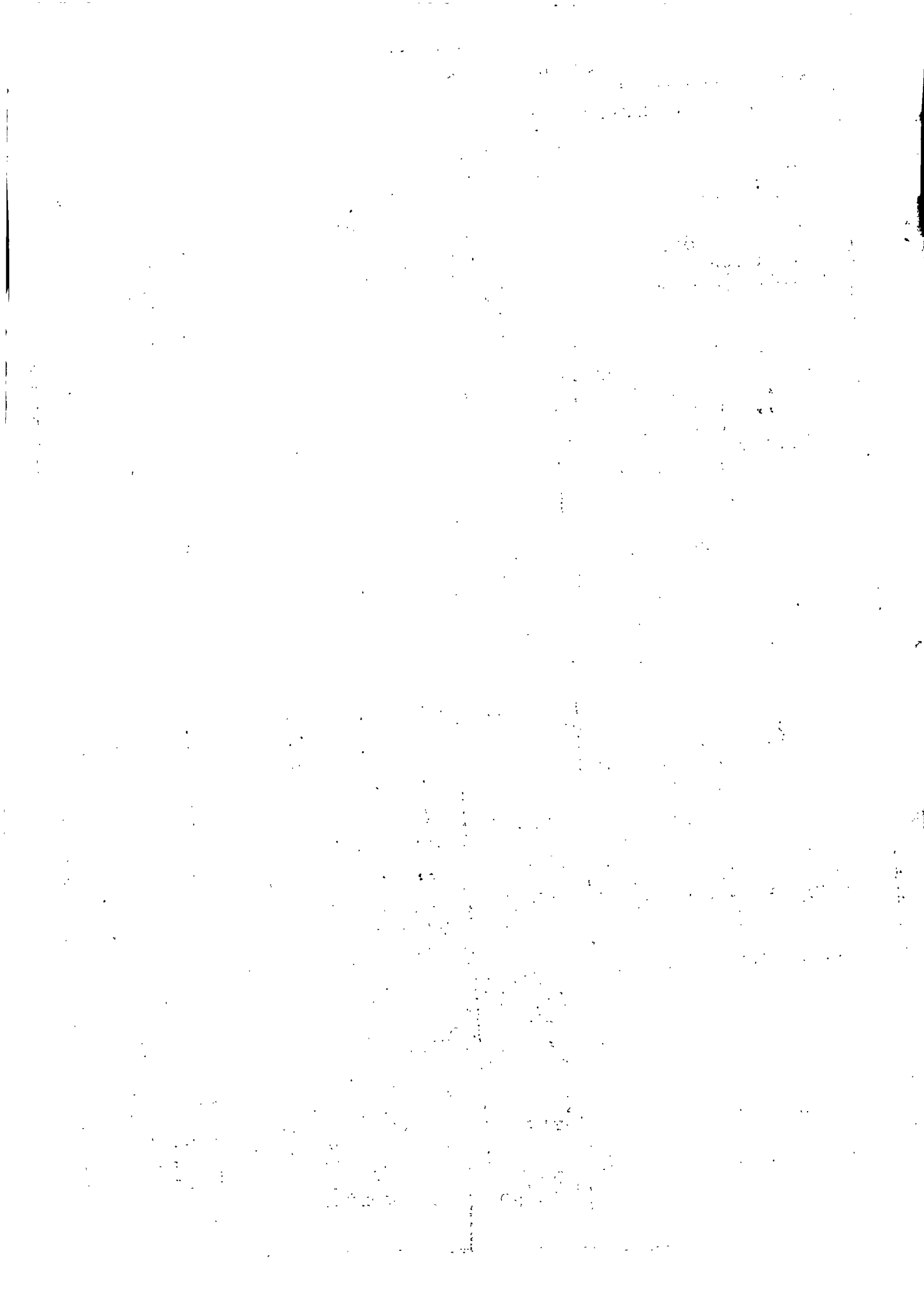
<u>READ:</u>		<u>INSTEAD OF</u>	
Freight	"72.7% "		"50.4% "
Insurance	"5.7% "		" 4.7% "
Local Commission	"12.4% "	" "	" 30.0% "
London Brokerage	" 7.2% "	" "	" 14.9% "

Page 141 - No. of books and periodicals deposited in the Archives
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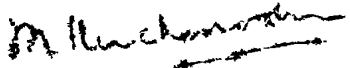
This volume constitutes the fourth issue of the annual digest of Statistics for the Colony of Mauritius produced by the Central Statistical Office.

It is regretted that through unavoidable circumstances, the issue is late by about five months.

Certain new features and additional tables have been incorporated. For longer statistical series, previous issues should be consulted.

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December, 1950.


Director of Statistics
(M. HERCHENRODER)

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 DE FACTO ^x POPULATION-Estimated as at 31st December, 1949⁺

		POPULATION			
		General	Indian	Chinese	Total
Males	...	70,832	147,409	8,289	226,530
Females	...	80,442	144,181	5,564	230,187
Total		151,274	291,590	13,853	456,717 [@]
Sex proportions in the resident population (males to 1,000 females)		881	1,022	1,490	984

^x By "de facto" population is meant that population which is actually present 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 in the island is estimated at 467,600

⁺ 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
1949	33.1%	63.9%	3.0%

MOVEMENT OF THE CIVIL POPULATION ^x DURING THE YEAR

	General			Indian			Chinese			TOTAL
	Males	Fem.	Total	Males	Fem.	Total	Males	Fem.	Total	
Arrivals	1,672	898	2,577	548	269	817	473	226	699	4,093
Departures	1,841	990	2,831	676	253	929	277	104	381	4,141

^x 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.

NOTE: Refer to pages 147 & 150 for Passenger Traffic by sea and air.

⁺⁺ By resident in this table and in the one on the next page, is meant "population present in the island or de facto".

Resident population trends 1925-1949

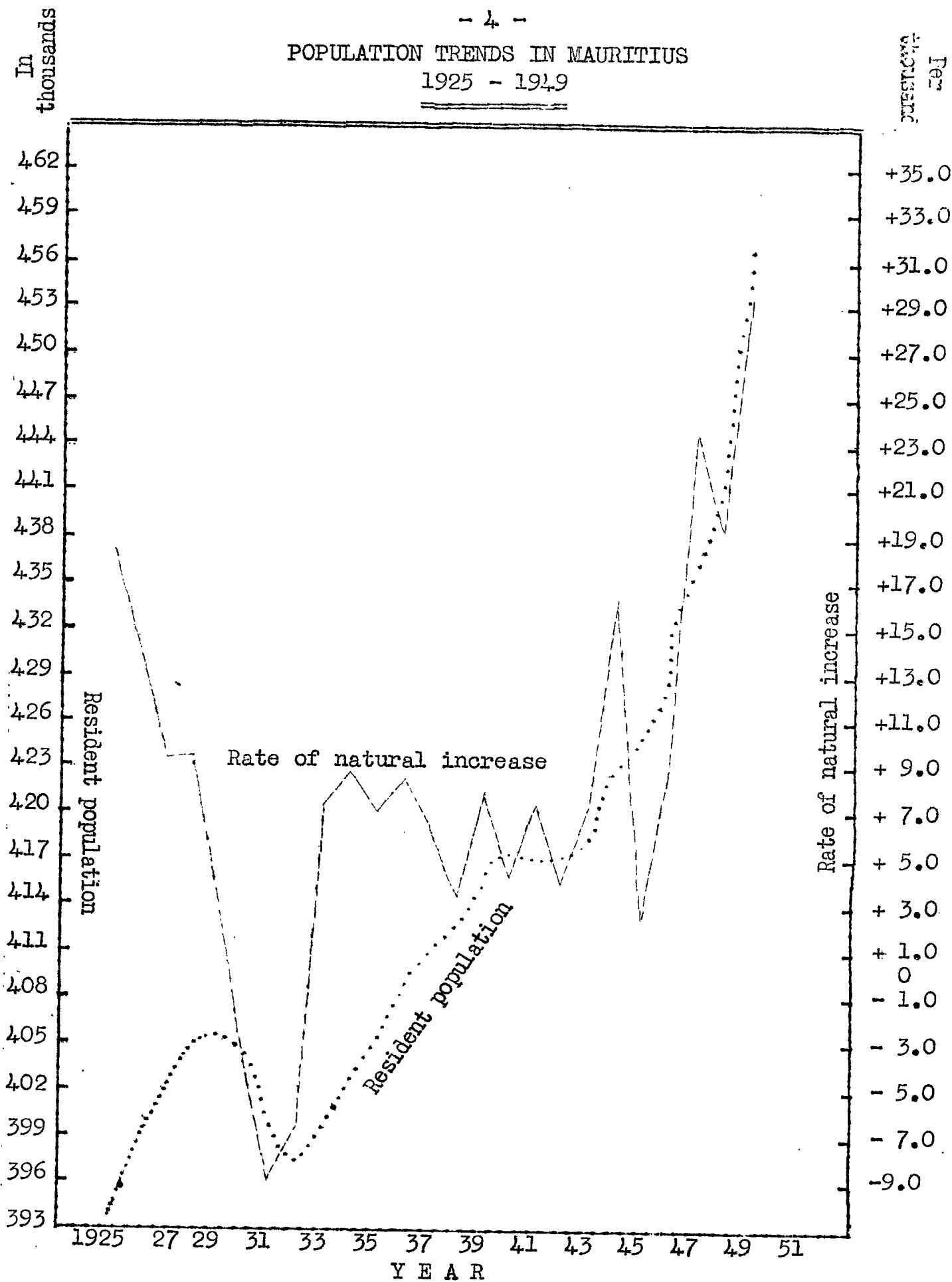
Year	Natural increase [⊗] as at 31st Dec.	Cumulative increase	Rate [ⓐ] of natural increase	Net increase as at 31st December	Ratio of birth rate to death rate	Resident population as at 31st December
1925	+ 7,218	+ 7,218	+ 18.4	+ 5,965	1.77	393,708
1926	+ 5,562	+12,780	+ 14.1	+ 4,528	1.56	398,236
1927	+ 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

In the course of the 25 -year period ending with 1949, the Natural Increase has amounted to 22.4% of the original population.

⊗ Excess of births over deaths;

ⓐ Rate per 1,000 of the mid-year population

POPULATION TRENDS IN MAURITIUS
1925 - 1949



Natural increase of Population

Year	Births	Deaths	Natural + increase
1945	16,290	15,277	1,013
1946	16,427	12,528	3,899
1947	18,926	8,680	10,246
1948	19,039	10,518	8,521
1949	20,472	7,384	13,088

The figure of 20,472 numbering the total births for 1949 was again in excess of the figure for 1948 which, at 19,039, was already a record. The crude birth-rate reached 57.6 per 1,000 in the Indian population of one district, while in the capital, Port Louis, rates of 40.5 and 53.8 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 382 % above the quinquennial prewar average (1934 - 1938). It is significant that from the beginning of 1945 to date, i.e., in five years, the growth of the population from its natural increase alone has been about 8½%.

+ Excess of births over deaths.

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	807	783	1,590	40.5	910	797	1,707	53.8	3,297	46.5
Pamplemousses	122	107	229	36.5	695	669	1,364	47.7	1,593	45.7
Riviere du Rempart	128	155	283	42.2	875	858	1,733	57.6	2,016	54.8
Flacq	204	220	424	38.7	960	1,012	1,972	47.8	2,396	45.9
Grand Port	266	261	527	38.4	846	908	1,754	52.0	2,281	48.0
Savanne	176	163	339	41.1	599	607	1,206	47.4	1,545	45.9
Plaines Wilhems	1,133	1,056	2,189	33.6	1,782	1,664	3,446	51.4	5,635	42.6
Moka	117	99	216	41.4	520	504	1,024	53.2	1,240	50.7
Black River	99	103	202	37.6	118	149	267	40.3	469	39.1
Whole Island	3,052	2,947	5,999	37.3	7,305	7,168	14,473	51.0	20,472	46.0

BIRTH RATES⁺ FOR THE WHOLE ISLAND - 1930 to 1949

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

^x In this and subsequent tabulations the term "General Population" includes also the "Chinese";
⁺ Crude rates per 1,000 of population.

SEXES OF CHILDREN BORN

General			Indian		
Males	Females	Male births per 1,000 female births	Males	Females	Male births per 1,000 female births
3,052	2,947	1,036	7,305	7,168	1,019

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 32,000 souls in the course of the last three years.

In 1949, the crude birth rate was 37 % higher in the Indian population than in the General population. In the General population it was only 4 % higher than the average of 5 prewar years (1934 - 1938) while in the Indian population it was 52 % 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

DEATHS AND DEATH RATES.

DISTRICT	GENERAL			INDIAN			TOTAL			
	Males	Females	Total	Crude rates+	Males	Females	Total	Crude rates+	Deaths	
Port Louis	287	285	572	14.6	303	291	594	18.7	1,166	16.4
Pamplemousses	84	54	138	22.0	253	226	479	16.7	617	17.7
Riviere du Rempart	62	54	116	17.3	242	232	474	15.7	590	16.0
Flacq	103	98	201	18.3	370	371	741	18.0	942	18.1
Grand Port	128	115	243	17.7	324	317	641	19.0	884	18.6
Savanne	76	84	160	19.4	249	238	487	19.2	647	19.2
Plaines Wilhems	417	405	822	12.6	533	458	991	14.8	1,813	13.7
Moka	58	41	99	19.0	182	195	377	19.6	476	19.5
Black River	55	45	100	18.6	73	76	149	22.5	249	20.7
Whole Island	1,270	1,181	2,451	15.2	2,529	2,404	4,933	17.4	7,384	16.6

Deaths and Death Rates

The total number of deaths in 1949 was remarkably low - 30% 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 38% and in the Indian population 40% below the prewar quinquennial average.

The death rate among the Indian population was in the ratio of 1.14 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 decennial 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 ...	1,007	856	1,863
1- 4 ...	428	481	909
5- 9 ...	81	93	174
10-14 ...	55	58	113
15-19 ...	72	127	199
20-24 ...	140	219	359
25-34 ...	245	349	594
35-44 ...	341	232	573
45-54 ...	444	223	667
55-64 ...	493	358	851
65-74 ...	360	327	687
75-84 ...	110	199	309
85 and over ...	23	63	86
All ages ...	3,799	3,585	7,384

MARRIAGES

District	P O P U L A T I O N		
	General	Indian	Total
Port-Louis	357	442	799
Pamplemousses	73	182	255
Riviere du Rempart	50	206	256
Flacq	78	207	285
Grand Port	140	256	396
Savanne	115	208	323
Plaines Wilhems	470	596	1,066
Moka	45	134	179
Black River	38	17	55
Whole Island	1,366	2,248	3,614
Crude Rate ⁺	17.0	15.8	16.3

+ 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 1949 was again higher than the corresponding average rates for the quinquennial period 1934-1938. In the General population it was 9% above and in the Indian population it was nearly 2½ times this prewar average rate.

DIVORCES

Grounds on which divorce was pronounced	P O P U L A T I O N			
	General	Indian	Chinese	Total
Adultery of husband	2	4	-	6
Adultery of wife	5	10	-	15
"Injures . Graves" +:				
Committed by husband	2	2	1	5
Committed by wife	3	3	-	6
Saevitiae & "Injures . Graves" :				
Committed by husband	3	2	-	5
Committed by wife	1	-	-	1
"Excess Saevitiae & "Injures . Graves" :				
Committed by husband	2	1	1	4
Adultery & "Injures . Graves" :				
Committed by husband	1	3	-	4
Committed by wife	2	9	-	11
Desertion and Adultery:				
Committed by husband	-	-	1	1
Committed by wife	-	1	-	1
Desertion by husband	-	1	-	1
Desertion by wife	-	2	-	2
Desertion, Saevitiae & "Injures Graves" by wife	-	1	-	1
	21	39	3	63

+ There were 61 cases in which a decree nisi " a vinculo matrimonii" was pronounced and two 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	39
1 child	12
2 children	6
3 children	1
4 children	2
5 children	-
6 children & more	3
	63

Total number of children 59

NUMBER OF DIVORCES BY DURATION OF MARRIAGE

Duration of marriage	Number of divorces
Under 1 year	Nil
1 year	2
2 years	5
3 years	12
4 years	-
5 years	3
6 years	7
7 years	5
8 years	6
9 years	4
10 - 14 years	12
15 - 19 years	4
20 years and over	3
Total	63

STILL BIRTHS

District	General		Indian		Total	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Port Louis	47	45	77	87	124	132
Pamplemousses	4	6	49	52	53	53
Riviere du Rempart	6	8	56	42	62	50
Flacq	9	10	88	68	97	78
Grand Port	16	15	75	47	91	62
Savanne	11	10	57	40	68	50
Plaines Wilhems	41	48	126	107	167	155
Moka	2	5	39	42	41	47
Black River	4	2	13	10	17	12
Total	140	149	580	495	720	644

Total of still-births ... 1,364
 % to live-births ... 6.7
 % to total births ... 6.2

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 1,300, corresponding to a ratio of 6 % to 7 % of the total births.

STILL-BIRTH RATE⁺

Year	General	Indian
1945	6.2	10.4
1946	5.5	9.7
1947	4.9	7.6
1948	5.4	7.6
1949	4.8	7.4
1949 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	192	506	698	153	413	566	1,264	61.7	532	1,086	1,418	302	908	1,210	2,628	120.3
3 months & under	53	89	142	42	87	129	271	75.0							271	132.8
6 months & under	50	117	167	41	120	161	328	91.0							328	147.8
1 year & under	86	113	199	91	139	230	429									
2 years & under	43	84	127	63	91	154	281									
3 years & under	18	40	58	23	38	61	119									
4 years & under	12	32	44	17	19	36	80									
5 years	454	981	1,435	430	907	1,337	2,772									

^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.

TABLES 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	62.9	51.9	69.3	57.6	1.10	1.11	104.0	97.5	137.7	118.5	1.32	1.22
3 months and under 6 months	17.4	14.3	12.2	12.1	0.70	0.85						
6 months and under 12 months	16.4	13.9	16.0	16.7	0.98	1.20						
Under 1 year	96.7	80.1	97.5	86.4	1.01	1.08						

+ Rates here are computed on total births.

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES⁺

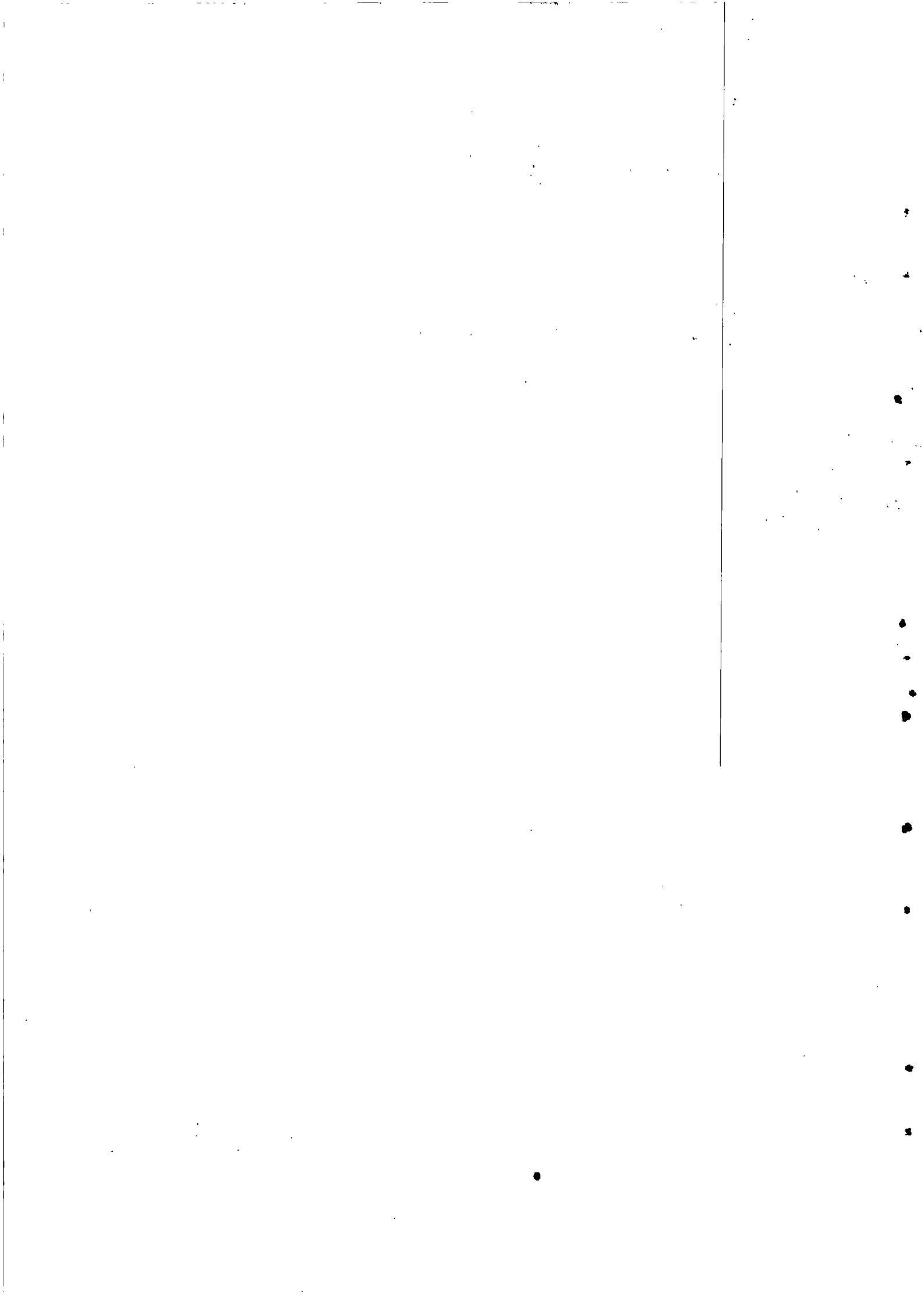
Year	POPULATION		
	General	Indian	Total
1945	169.1	196.3	188.0
1946	146.3	144.6	145.2
1947	112.2	114.7	113.9
1948	180.8	188.6	186.2
1949	88.5	92.0	91.0

+ 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

x GROUP	Disease	Under 1 year	1 to 5 years
1	Infective and Parasitic Diseases	285	299
2	Cancer and other Tumours	1	4
3	Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition	16	16
4	Diseases of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs	8	23
5	Chronic Poisoning and Intoxication	-	-
6	Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	63	37
7	Diseases of the Circulatory System	2	3
8	Diseases of the Respiratory System	220	133
9	Diseases of the Digestive System	331	255
10	Diseases of the Urinary and Genital System	5	9
11	Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperal State	-	-
12	Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue	8	1
13	Diseases of the Bones and Organs of movement	3	1
14	Congenital Malformation	5	-
15	Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	842	-
16	Senility, Old Age	-	-
17	Deaths from Violence	2	29
18	Ill-defined causes of deaths	72	99
	Total	1,863	909

x International Classification 1938



Infantile Mortality.

Infantile mortality in 1949 was remarkably low, the total number of deaths of infants under 1 year of age being only 1,863 as compared with 3,546 in 1948. The rates of infantile mortality in 1949 were lower in both populations than during any of the previous 12 years. In the General population it was 40 % lower and in the Indian population 42 % lower than the previous 12 year average 1937 - 1948.

In the case of infants under 3 months of age, the rate of mortality was 10 % higher in the Indian population than in the General population. When still-births are included, the rate is correspondingly about 27 % 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
+ 84 %	+ 117 %	+ 108 %

RATE OF MATERNAL MORTALITY⁺

POPULATION		
General	Indian	Total
2.7	4.2	3.8

+ 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 4.1 per thousand births in 1948 fell to 3.8 per thousand in 1949, a reduction of 64 % as compared with the decennial average (1937 - 1946) of 10.5 per thousand. In the General population alone, the rate was only 26% of this average.

RODRIGUES (Area 40 square miles)

DEMOGRAPHY

POPULATION- Estimated as at 31st December, 1949

YEAR	Number of persons		
	Total	Actual increase	Number per square mile
1948	13,326	-	333
1949	13,591	265	340

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 0.3% of the total population. The ratio of males to females in the population is 1 : 1.06.

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

AGES AT DEATH

Age	Males	Females	Total
Under one year	16	28	44
1 year and under 5 years	18	12	30
5 years and under 10 years	4	4	8
10 years and under 20 years	5	2	7
20 years and under 45 years	8	15	23
45 years and under 65 years	6	5	11
65 years and over	10	6	16
Total	67	72	139

Infantile Mortality

The infantile mortality in 1949 in the island was 95.9 per 1,000 live births showing a decrease of 24% on the figure for 1948.

RODRIGUES

MOVEMENT OF POPULATION

	General			Indian			Total			TOTAL
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	
Arrivals from Mauritius	186	75	261	99	8	107	63	9	72	440
Departures to Mauritius	199	100	299	94	18	112	72	12	84	495

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 1949, 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 269,895 cases (128,852 males and 141,043 females) were examined at the public dispensaries and the out-patients' department of the public hospitals; the number of out-patients in attendance was 374,207.

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:-

85	medical practitioners;
11	dental surgeons;
144 ⁺	certificated nurses;
43 ⁺	registered midwives; ^x
135 ⁺	qualified dressers;
6	veterinary practitioners.

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

+ 80 nurses, 6 midwives and 127 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	Number of Beds	Number of patients on any date during period under review		Cases		Number of operations performed on	
	31.12.48	31.12.49				Maximum	Minimum	Medical	Surgical	In-patients	Out-patients
Civil (Port Louis)	208	244	7,978	473	376	366	242	6047	1,931	1,736	2,533
Long Mountain	41	24	1,522	30	65	67	24	1222	300	97	216
Poudre d'Or	23	23	1,592	27	70	79	13	1040	552	247	192
Flacq	26	19	2,479	80	86	93	19	1602	877	379	155
Mahebourg	32	29	2,015	111	106	91	29	1429	586	202	747
Souillac	53	30	2,272	66	103	118	30	1677	595	150	138
Loka	28	31	1,733	77	83	295	155	1174	559	559	720
Victoria	178	196	6,535	269	272	275	169	3944	2,591	1,718	3,237
Mental ^x (Infirmery only)	9	16	441	34	64	38	2	421	20	20	-
Industrial School	5	7	248	-	16	16	3	129	119	11	-
Beau Bassin Prisons	31	25	555	1	57	41	20	480	75	38	3
Floreal +	221	159	396	8	270	268	159	204	192	358	468
Leper	49	52	6	1	54	49	46	6	-	10	-
Totals	904	855	27,772	1,177	1,622	1,796	911	19375	8,397	5,525	8,409

^x Figures shown are for physical cases only. The Mental Hospital has a total bed strength of 653;
+ Hospital for poliomyelitis and orthopaedic cases.

HEALTH SERVICES

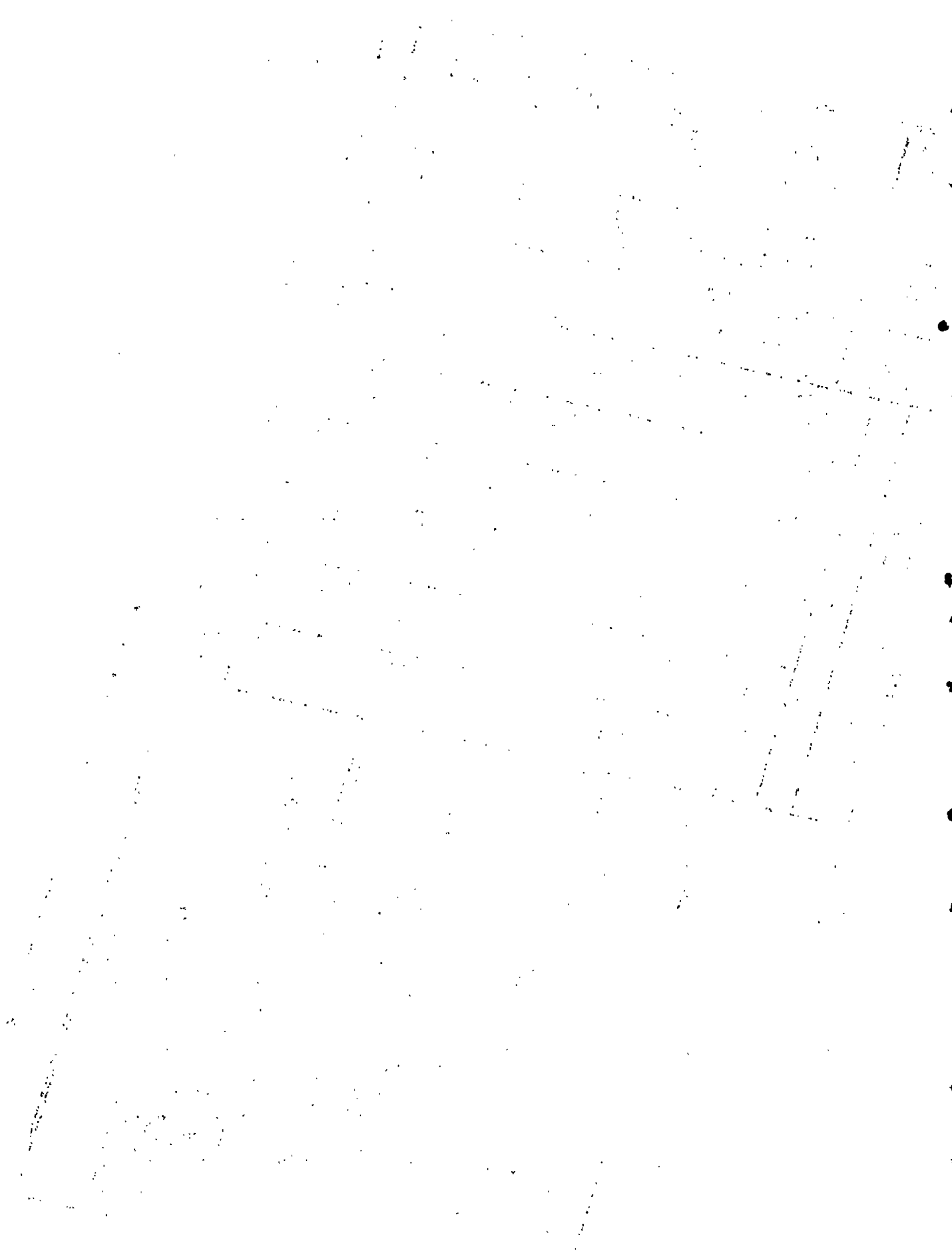
DISTRICT	Medical practitioners		Dentists	Oculists	Maternity centres	Pharmacies	Public Cemeteries	Hospitals	Mental hospital	Dispensaries ++	Benevolent & orphan asylums	Private clinics	Estate hospitals	Beds in estate hospitals
	Private	Government												
Port Louis	11	8	6+	-	-	15	-	1	-	2	6	-	-	-
Pamplemousses	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	2	1	4	52
Riviere du 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
Plaines Wilhems	34	11	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	29	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

GROUP +	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			
1	Infective and Parasitic Diseases	271	215	486	576	541	1,117	1,603	21.7	360.6
2	Cancer and Other Tumours	23	41	64	23	34	57	121	1.6	27.2
3	Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition, Etc.	27	24	51	39	37	76	127	1.7	28.6
4	Diseases of the Blood & Blood Forming Organs	41	69	110	116	244	360	470	6.4	105.7
5	Chronic Poisoning and Intoxication	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Diseases of the Nervous System & Sense Organs	88	77	165	109	91	200	365	4.9	82.1
7	Diseases of the Circulatory System	73	64	137	133	111	244	381	5.2	85.7
8	Diseases of the Respiratory System	139	144	283	329	219	548	831	11.2	186.9
9	Diseases of the Digestive System	189	184	373	382	330	712	1,085	14.7	244.1
10	Diseases of the Urinary & Genital System	71	57	128	79	79	158	286	3.9	64.3
11	Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth and Puerperal State	-	17	17	-	66	66	83	1.1	18.6
12	Diseases of the Skin & Cellular Tissue	4	4	8	9	6	15	23	0.3	5.2
13	Diseases of the Bones & Organs of movement	1	-	1	3	2	5	6	0.1	1.3
14	Congenital Malformations	2	1	3	2	-	2	5	0.1	1.1
15	Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	115	97	212	353	277	630	842	11.4	189.4
16	Senility, Old Age	26	56	82	48	96	144	226	3.1	50.8
17	Deaths from Violence	59	8	67	91	31	122	189	2.6	42.5
18	Ill-defined Causes of Death	141	123	264	237	240	477	741	10.0	166.7
	Total	1,270	1,181	2,451	2,529	2,404	4,933	7,384	100.0	1661.1

+ International Classification, 1938.



Causes of Death in the Island.

Death from all causes showed a marked decrease (-30%) in 1949 as compared with 1948. The more important variations occurred in the various disease groups as indicated below:

Group	% increase or decrease in deaths
1	- 60
2	+ 37
7	+ 30
8	- 37
12	- 48
14	- 44
15	- 17

The principal causes of death were (i) Infective and Parasitic Diseases; (ii) Diseases of the Digestive System; (iii) Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life; (iv) Diseases of the Respiratory System.

The decrease of 30% 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 60.4% on last year. Antimalarial works were carried in the island since 1942 and between the years 1943 and 1948 the deaths from malaric 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. The results are partly evidenced here. Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue and diseases of the Respiratory System were also largely on the decrease, showing a fall of 48% and 37% respectively as compared with 1948.

A sensible decrease (17%) over last year on the incidence of mortality was also apparent in diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life. The drop of 51% over last year in the rate of mortality among infants appears to be mainly ascribable this year to the very small number of deaths due to Infective and Parasitic diseases and to diseases of the Respiratory System. These causes of death among infants (under 1 year) showed a decrease on last year of 81.6 and 51% respectively. There was, in 1948, a severe epidemic of whooping cough which disappeared in 1949.

The proportion of still-births (6.7% of live-births) was about the same as last year.

Diseases causing high mortality in Mauritius

GROUP	DISEASE	Actual number of deaths	Death rate per 100,000 of population	± variation of 1948 rate
1	(Malaria	936	211	-147
	(Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	290	65	+ 5
	) Influenza	93	21	- 5
4	Anaemia	470	106	+ 4
7	Diseases of the Circulatory System	381	86	+ 20
8	(Pneumonia	355	80	- 70
	(Bronchitis	306	69	- 46
	) Asthma	119	27	+ 4
9	Enteritis & Diarrhoea	885	199	+ 2
10	Nephritis	265	60	+ 3
15	(Congenital Debility	675	152	- 46
	)Premature birth	121	27	+ 6
17	Deaths from Violence	189	43	+ 5

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	4.03	677

The case mortality among hospital patients suffering from tuberculosis was 14 %.

Maternal Mortality Rate⁺

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

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

The rate of maternal mortality this year was 4.24 per 1,000 in the Indian Population and 2.70 in the General Population. On the whole it was very sensibly in regression over last year, specially in the General Population and has fallen by 63 % as compared with the 1946 rate.

MAIN CAUSES OF MORBIDITY

DISEASE	In-patients at hospitals	Out-patients at hospitals & dispensaries
Syphilis and its sequelae	391	1,537
Dysentery, all forms	329	3,279
Malaria	804	34,697
Ankylostomiasis	398	10,011
Other diseases due to helminths	102	13,795
Avitaminosis and other deficiency states	467	3,827
Anaemias	1,520	19,432
Allergic disorders; all other endocrine, metabolic and blood diseases	445	3,890
Inflammatory diseases of eye	168	3,539
Diseases of the Circulatory system	1,167	2,776
Influenza	589	26,806
Pneumonia	558	115
Bronchitis	723	4,156
Diseases of teeth and supporting structures	159	24,914
Gastro-enteritis and colitis, except diarrhoea of the newborn	364	5,110
Other diseases of digestive system	1,045	23,802
Diseases of the genito-urinary system	1,579	6,378
Complications of pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium ⁺	1,465	2,253
Infections of skin and subcutaneous tissue	1,792	11,887
Muscular rheumatism and rheumatism, unspecified	244	9,770
All other diseases of skin and musculo-skeletal system	491	7,831
Accidents, poisoning and violence	3,715	17,856

Number of persons treated for malaria in public hospitals

YEAR	No. of malaria cases	Case _o mortality
1945	3,244	4.57
1946	2,522	4.20
1947	1,989	3.82
1948	1,576	4.19
1949	804	5.35

Causes of Morbidity

Malaria again ranks first in importance but shows on the total cases treated in hospitals and dispensaries a decrease of 40 % as compared with last year.

+ Excluding 1,469 cases of "Delivery without complications".

The number of cases of Tuberculosis reported in hospitals and dispensaries showed a decrease of 5 % over last year but the number of deaths ascribed to this disease was 12 % greater.

Cases of Anaemia reported were over 36 % 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 18%.

HOSPITAL STATISTICS
(corresponding to the 1928 International Classification)

Sec- tion	Disease	No. of cases	No. of deaths
I	Infective and Parasitic Diseases	3,877	261
II	Neoplasms	354	38
III	Allergic, Endocrine System, Metabolic and Nutritional Diseases	1,026	37
IV	Diseases of the Blood and Blood Forming Organs	1,555	71
V	Mental, Psychoneurotic and Personality Disorders	289	1
VI	Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	1,167	40
VII	Diseases of the Circulatory System	870	130
VIII	Diseases of the Respiratory System	2,347	101
IX	Diseases of the Digestive System	2,558	108
X	Diseases of the Genito-urinary System	1,579	51
XI ⁺	Deliveries and Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth and the puerperium	2,934	70
XII	Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue	2,172	13
XIII	Diseases of the Bones and Organs of Movement	699	5
XIV	Congenital Malformations	29	3
XV	Certain Diseases of early Infancy	162	118
XVI	Symptoms, Senility and Ill-defined conditions	503	42
XVII	Accidents, Poisoning and Violence	3,715	88
	Total	24,367	1,177

+ Including 1,469 cases of "Delivery without complication".

NOTIFIABLE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

District	Enteric fever (typhoid)	Diphtheria	Erysipelas	Polio-myelitis	Puerperal Fever	Tubercu-losis
Port Louis	28	30	-	36	1	144
Pamplemousses	54	10	1	44	5	63
Riviere du Rempart	39	9	2	40	-	21
Flacq	42	10	2	92	1	46
Grand Port	36	16	2	43	-	37
Savanne	14	3	-	26	1	32
Plaines Wilhems	78	55	7	117	-	119
Black River	9	3	-	10	-	9
Moka	16	18	5	18	1	16
Total	316	154	19	426	9	487

The incidence of typhoid fever in 1949 showed a decrease of 15 % over last year.

A fresh outbreak of Poliomyelitis occurred during the year, the number of cases reported amounted to nearly three times the number for 1948.

JUDICIAL STATISTICS

P o l i c e

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
- 11 Assistant Superintendents
- 12 Inspectors (1 at Rodrigues)
- 52 Sergeants (1 attached to the Railways)
- 66 Corporals (1 attached to Railways and 1 at Rodrigues)
- 558 Constables (6 attached to Railways and 17 at Rodrigues)
- 20 Police Women

The Police Band comprised:

- 1 Bandmaster
- 2 Sergeants
- 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

(+) 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 1949:

Revenue

	Cases
Illegal slaughtering of cattle	5
Other offences connected with the prevention of illegal slaughtering of cattle	12
Offences under the Defence (Food Control) Regulations	100
Revenue contraventions	534
Offences under the Distillery and Liquor Laws	134
Offences against the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance	35
Offences against the Weights and Measures Ordinance	158
Total	978

Traffic.

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

	Cases
Public vehicles carrying an excessive number of passengers	217
Dangerous, negligent and inconsiderate driving	37
Overloading lorry	331
Exceeding speed limits	327
Other offences	2,702
Total	3,617

Crime.

A total of 58,205 cases of every description were reported to the Police of which 14,666 had no criminal character.

Investigations, Prosecutions and Convictions.

OFFENCES	Cases reported to the Police	Cases prosecuted	Persons prosecuted	Persons convicted	Persons awaiting trial at the end of 1949+
Crimes	649	337	458	382	59
Misdemeanours	14,573	2,998	3,802	2,897	392
Contraventions	28,317	20,172	22,040	20,259	1,091
Total	43,539	23,507	26,300	23,538	1,542

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

Serious Cases.

Homicide	...	11
Larceny	...	1,742
Receiving stolen property	...	16
Embezzlement	...	413
Burglary	...	63
Robbery	...	57
Gambling	...	76
Forgery	...	24
Praedial larceny	...	191
Profiteering	...	128
Offences under the Distillery & Liquor Laws		256
Other serious offences	...	173

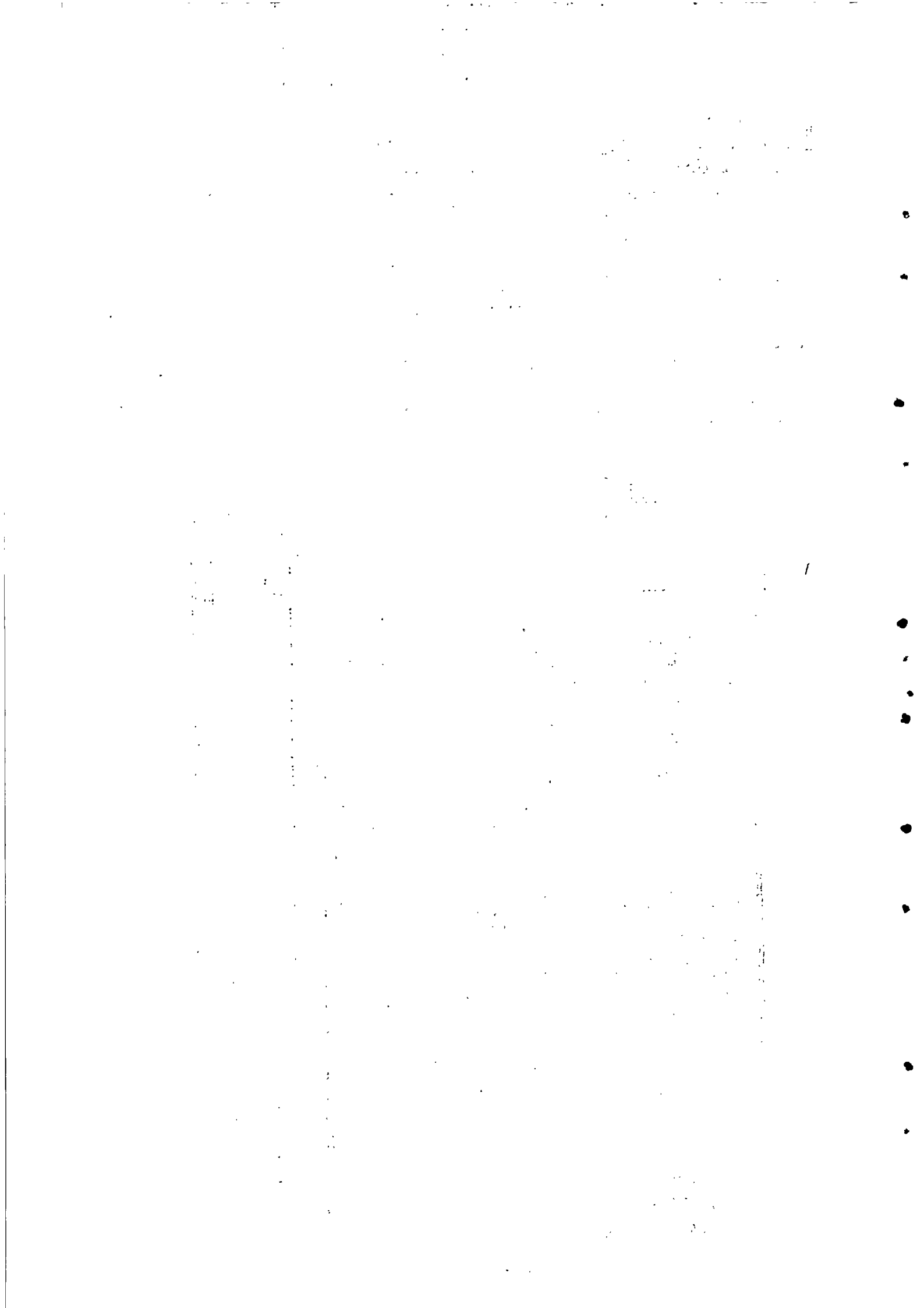
102 cases were prosecuted under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance.

Fires.

339 cases of fire were reported to the Police in 1949 of which 326 were accidental, 4 were cases of arson and 9 cases of imprudence or negligence.

Juvenile Criminality.

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



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	Misde- meanours
Number of truecases declared	46	160
Number of cases in which) prosecution was entered)	43	121
Convictions	39 (91%)	111 (91%)
Number of cases pending	12	12

In addition 26 cases of contravention were successfully prosecuted.

Bicycle Thefts.

YEAR	NUMBER OF BICYCLES	
	Lost or stolen	Recovered
1949	122	45

Habitual Criminals.

There were 2,117 reconvicted criminals (including 170 first offenders reconvicted during the year) in Mauritius in 1949. At the end of the year

- 212 were in Prison;
- 293 were under Police supervision;
- 23 were out on licence;
- 437 were in the Mauritius Pioneer Corps (411 of these were serving overseas).

Violence and Assaults.

Assaults with violence are common. 1,830 miscellaneous cases of assaults and wounds were reported upon by the Police Medical Officer during the year. In addition to these 188 serious cases were investigated for medico-legal report.

31 cases of rape and sexual assaults and 2 of abortion were dealt with.

Suicide.

20 cases were reported and investigated during the year and the following causes of death were found: 5 by hanging, 3 by drowning, 8 by poisoning, 3 by firearms and 1 by being run over by train.

Forgery and Theft.

by/ 30 cases of forgery, swindling and other alterations of documents were investigated into/the Forensic Laboratory.

Firearms

Licences were issued during the year involving the use of 5,083 firearms. The comparative figures for 1947 and 1948 were 4,961 and 4,976 respectively.

Summary of offences prosecuted by the Police.

Offence	Number of persons prosecuted		
	Males	Females	Total
Homicide ...	10	-	10
Other offences against the person ...	2,426	258	2,684
Praedial larceny	97	13	110
Other offences against property ...	1,410	390	1,800
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	20,713	864	21,577
Total	24,656	1,525	26,181

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In the Supreme Court, in 1949, the following cases were dealt with:

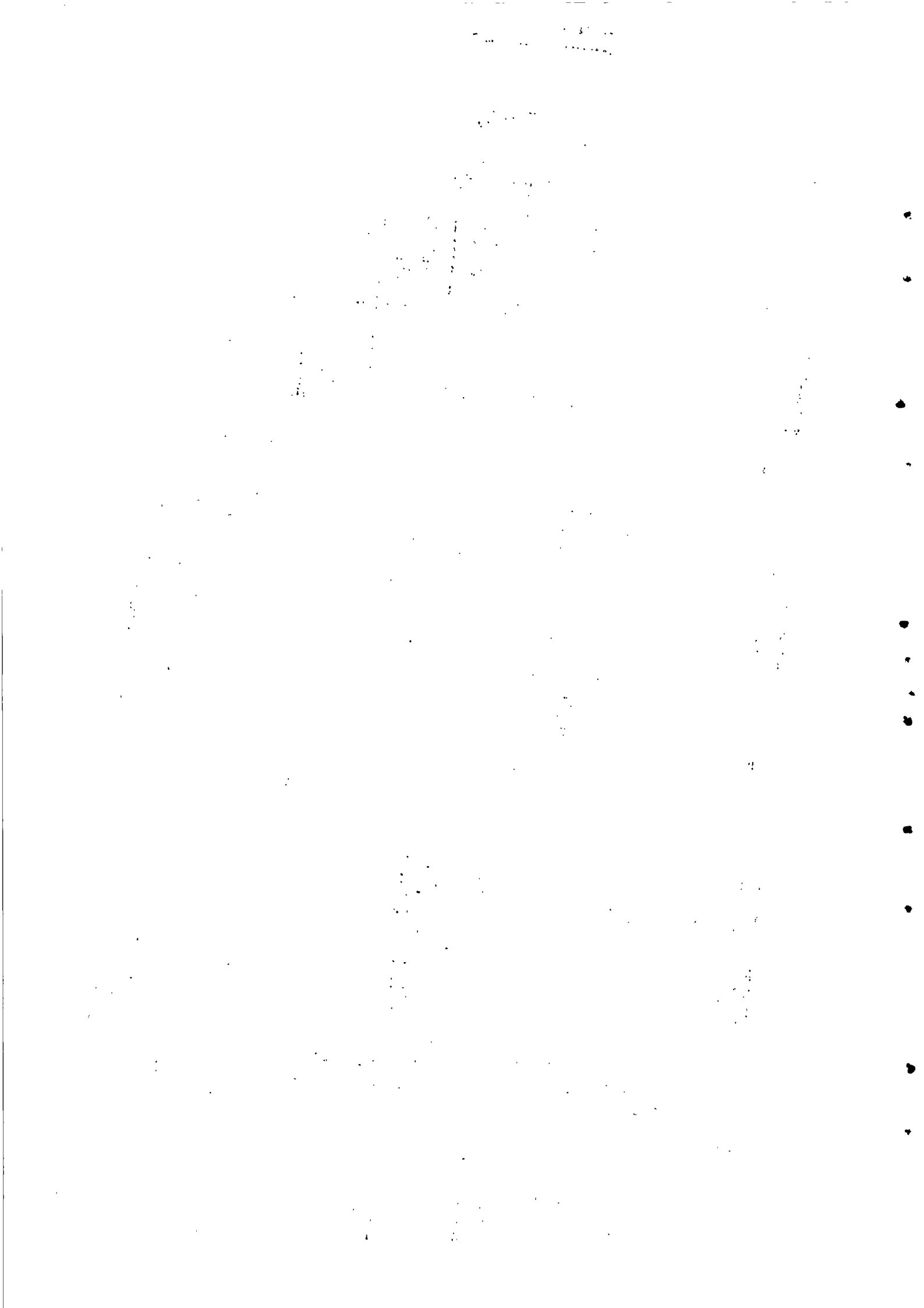
	Civil cases	Divorce cases	Criminal Appeals	Civil Appeals	Motions and other applications	Bankruptcy cases
New cases entered during the year	49	89	22	14	139	66
Cases disposed of	30 ⁺	76	27	18	131	71

+ Of which 18 were for actions exceeding Rs. 3,000.

There were 34 cases brought for trial before the Court of Assizes in which there were 48 accused parties tried on 34 charges as hereunder:

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

33 of those accused parties were convicted, 11 discharged on the merits of the case and 4 discharged for want of prosecution. One death sentence was passed during the year but was commuted to 12 years penal servitude.



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 ...	19.5	80.5
Praedial larceny ...	22.3	77.7
Other offences against property	14.3	85.7
Offences against Revenue, Municipal, Road and other laws relating to the social economy of the Colony	2.6	97.8
Offences against the Labour Law	6.3	93.7
Other Offences ...	5.8	94.2

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	2,882
Praedial larceny	142
Other offences against property	2,242
Other offences (including offences against the Labour Law, Revenue Law, etc.)	25,984
Total	31,250

Convictions

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

Offences against the person	2,417
Praedial larceny	115
Other offences against property	1,972
Other offences (including offences against the Labour Law, Revenue Law, etc.)	25,396
Total	29,900

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

	NUMBER OF PERSONS												GRAND TOTAL				
	discharged for want of prosecution			discharged on 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	1	-	1	3	-	3	-	2063	-	-	-	20	2	22	24	2	26
Homicide	110	10	120	395	49	444	2063	257	2300	-	2	12	2580	296	2876	38	132
Other offences against persons	6	-	6	19	7	26	69	31	100	-	-	-	94	38	132	430	2029
Praedial larceny	56	5	61	203	29	232	1338	396	1734	-	2	-	1599	430	2029	1	205
Offences against property	4	-	4	9	-	9	191	1	192	-	-	-	204	1	205	4	116
Offences against Labour Ordinance	3	-	3	29	-	29	80	4	84	-	-	-	112	4	116	538	22007
Offences against the Customs and other Ordinances* & laws relating to the Economy of the Colony	153	4	157	395	11	406	20921	522	21443	1	1	1	21469	538	22007	248	3574
Other offences	44	-	44	124	12	136	3157	236	3393	-	-	35	3326	248	3574	1557	30955
JUVENILES	377	19	396	1177	108	1285	27819	1427	29246	38	3	38	29408	1557	30955	6	102
Other offences against persons	1	-	1	16	2	18	79	4	83	-	-	-	96	6	102	2	16
Praedial larceny	-	-	-	1	-	1	15	2	15	-	-	-	14	2	16	41	275
Other offences against property	1	-	1	36	2	38	197	39	236	-	-	-	234	41	275	1	1
Offences against the Narcotic Substances Ordinance	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	7	247
Offences against the Customs and other Ordinances* & laws relating to the Economy of the Colony	1	-	1	3	-	3	236	7	243	-	-	-	240	7	247	2	44
Other Offences	1	-	1	5	-	5	36	2	38	-	-	-	42	2	44	627	685
Total	4	-	4	61	4	65	562	54	616	-	-	-	627	58	685		

M = Males; F = Females; T = Total; + Including the Stamps, the Municipal, the Road, and the Bankruptcy Ordinances.

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
1945	439	360	343	Rs. 5,359	12	78
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

SUMMARY OF OFFENCES AGAINST THE FOREST LAWS DURING THE YEAR.

CATEGORY OF OFFENCE	Cases taken to Court				Cases dealt with Departmentally	Offenders Unknown	Total all offences	
	Imprisonment without option of fine	Fine	Caution	Acquitted			Cases	Number of persons involved
1. <u>Unauthorized felling or removal:</u>								
(a) In Crown Forests	1	167	-	3	35	86	292	328
(b) In Mountain Reserves	-	12	-	-	4	2	18	17
(c) In River Reserves	-	153	-	3	29	109	294	272
(d) In Pas Geometriques	-	10	-	-	5	-	15	15
2. <u>Illegal possession of Indigenous Forest Produce</u>	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
3. <u>Possession of tools:</u>								
(a) In Crown Forests	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
(b) In River Reserves	-	12	-	-	-	-	12	15
4. <u>Conflagration in Crown Forests.</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. <u>Encroachment in River Reserves</u>	-	14	-	-	9	-	23	23
6. <u>Plundering in Crown Forests</u>	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	4
Total	1	377	-	6	82	197	663	682

PRISONS STATISTICS.

OFFENCE	NATURE OF SENTENCE							DISTRIBUTION OF OFFENCES ACCORDING TO				
	Total number of persons sentenced	BORSTAL	IMPRISONMENT			RENTAL SERVITUDE	DEATH	Age of offender		Illiterate offender	Offender able to read & write	
			For non payment of fine	Less than 1 month	More than 1 month			Under 25	Over 50			
MALE												
Homicide	25	1	-	5	19	-	-	8	16	-	12	12
Unnatural crimes	27	4	5	14	4	-	6	6	16	1	16	7
Offences against the person	227	-	62	63	1	-	56	164	339	7	163	64
Offences against property	543	25	121	371	8	-	145	339	23	34	341	177
Praedial larceny	31	-	10	19	-	-	8	23	275	-	22	9
Drunkness & disorder	412	3	96	59	-	-	108	275	26	26	291	118
Other crimes & contraventions	304	-	74	105	-	-	97	168	39	39	208	96
Total	1,536	33	368	636	32	-	428	1,001	107	1,053	483	
WOMEN												
Homicide	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Unnatural crimes	9	-	4	4	-	-	2	6	1	1	9	-
Offences against the person	13	-	-	2	-	-	5	8	3	7	6	5
Offences against property	30	-	12	16	-	-	17	10	5	25	5	-
Praedial larceny	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drunkness & disorder	26	-	3	11	-	-	11	10	5	22	4	1
Other crimes & contraventions	8	-	1	4	-	-	4	4	-	7	1	-
Total	87	-	20	37	1	-	39	39	9	71	16	
Grand Total	1,623	33	388	673	33	-	467	1,040	116	1,124	499	

JUVENILE OFFENDERS DETAINED AT THE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

OFFENCE	SENTENCE					AGE OF OFFENDER				TOTAL
	Less than 3 years	3 years	Over 3 years	Retained till the age of 18	Under 10 years	10 to 14 years	Over 14 years			
Unnatural crimes	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Offences against the person	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	
Offences against property	-	28	-	34	2	21	39	62	62	
Vagrancy	-	10	-	5	1	9	5	15	15	
Other offences	2	4	-	3	-	5	6	9	9	
Total	2	45	-	42	3	36	50	89	89	

Probation

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Legislation on this subject/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		T O T A L
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
1947	35	1	8	1	45
1948	58	5	32	2	97
1949	69	2	37	12	120

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

YEAR	Juveniles		Adults		T O T A L
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
1947	4	-	-	-	4
1948	15	-	-	-	15
1949	10	1	3	1	15

In 1949, 23 probationers successfully completed their period of probation, as compared with 6 in 1948.

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LABOUR AND SOCIAL

LABOUR

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 ⁺
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
CATEGORY "A"							
	Grade						
Fitter	I	75.-	140.-	86.06	2.32	5.20	3.54
	II	63.50	79.-	65.78	2.-	2.95	2.35
	III	46.20	63.50	50.18	1.34	2.-	1.73
Turner	I	68.25	115.50	76.98	-	-	5.-
	II	52.50	70.35	58.30	1.90	2.43	2.11
	III	-	-	39.50	-	-	-
Tinsmith		40.42	63.52	49.18	1.84	2.30	1.98
Blacksmith	I	63.50	110.25	74.64	2.36	2.70	2.45
	II	57.75	68.-	59.75	1.84	2.36	2.01
	III	40.42	59.39	47.79	1.17	2.-	1.48
Coppersmith	I	63.52	110.25	76.14	2.85	2.90	2.88
	II	46.20	63.52	55.70	2.-	2.30	2.19
	III	-	-	39.50	-	-	-
Boiler maker	I	63.52	104.-	73.36	-	-	-
	II	46.20	63.-	46.35	-	-	2.28
	III	-	-	-	1.95	2.-	1.99
Welder	I	66.64	94.50	75.53	-	-	-
	II	46.20	64.50	59.65	1.90	2.10	2.-
Pattern maker	I	62.37	135.-	74.41	-	-	4.-
	II	46.20	60.-	51.65	2.-	2.47	2.27

+ Weighted

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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.
Moulder	I	62.37	115.-	84.59	1.95	2.55	2.17
	II	52.-	56.70	54.35	-	-	-
Pan Boiler	I	86.10	132.-	95.35	2.40	5.40	3.93
	II	62.85	84.-	67.81	2.25	2.50	2.34
	III	36.50	63.52	47.76	1.50	2.30	1.84
Mason, chief		57.75	72.50	61.16	-	-	-
Mason		30.-	57.75	45.14	1.25	4.16	2.04
Carpenter, chief		63.50	131.25	72.49	-	-	-
Carpenter		38.76	64.50	46.09	1.25	4.21	2.20
Motor mechanic, chief		98.-	175.-	117.71	-	-	-
Motor mechanic	I	63.-	141.75	83.39	2.29	2.86	2.48
	II	46.20	68.50	54.21	0.90	2.15	1.65
Motor vehicle driver	I	45.-	80.-	47.47	1.66	1.96	1.62
	II	39.90	45.15	40.48	1.50	1.85	1.58
	III	34.65	38.-	36.07	-	-	1.57
Tractor driver	I	36.75	157.50	56.21	2.17	2.38	2.27
	II	30.-	38.50	36.54	1.50	1.77	1.67
Loco fitter	I	75.-	141.75	88.07	-	-	3.80
	II	63.50	73.50	64.67	1.90	2.-	1.93
	III	46.20	63.50	51.47	1.25	2.-	1.62
Electrician	I	77.70	100.-	83.-	-	-	3.45
CATEGORY "B"							
Mill driver	I	34.-	75.07	35.35	1.30	2.-	1.57
	II	29.50	33.75	29.84	1.12	1.43	1.27
Derrick driver	I	43.-	73.50	46.42	-	-	3.-
	II	34.-	42.-	38.60	1.65	1.84	1.69
Chief boiler attendant		41.-	115.-	50.10	-	-	-
Loco driver		30.-	75.-	37.78	-	-	-
Distillery attendant	I	37.50	41.-	38.07	-	-	-
	II	27.50	36.50	30.56	-	-	-
	III	-	-	26.80	1.05	1.30	1.08
Chief messenger:							
Laboratory		35.-	70.-	43.25	-	-	1.40
Office		26.80	43.-	32.94	0.65	1.15	0.82
Stores		26.80	41.50	32.40	1.06	1.60	1.33
Electrician	II	31.50	63.50	42.21	1.50	2.31	1.75
BONUS ADDITIONAL TO WAGES							
CATEGORY	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	} 1/2 basic wages for one month	Time + 1/2 } Sundays		
B					20 %	Time + 1/3 } Double time	

+ Weighted.

Wages of Skilled Workers- Other Industries

	MONTHLY			DAILY		
	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<u>ALOE FIBRE INDUSTRY</u>						
Factory:						
Engine Drivers	162.-	41.50	80.-	5.-	2.75	3.87
Decortication Operators	-	-	-	5.50	2.25	3.87
<u>DISTILLING INDUSTRY</u>						
Artisans	165.-	78.-	110.-	3.50	2.25	2.87
Lorry Drivers	-	-	62.-	3.-	2.-	2.75
<u>TEA INDUSTRY</u>						
Factory:						
Artisans	110.-	75.-	91.-	-	-	-
Lorry Drivers	80.-	57.-	70.-	-	-	-
<u>LIME INDUSTRY</u>						
Foremen	80.-	60.-	70.-	3.75	2.50	3.18
Artisans	62.-	30.-	45.-	5.-	2.50	3.25
<u>SALT MANUFACTURE</u>						
Artisans	-	-	-	-	-	3.50
Lorry Drivers	80.-	55.-	67.-	2.40	2.25	2.50
<u>SAW MILLS</u>						
Sawyers	-	-	80.-	7.-	3.-	4.75
Artisans	100.-	72.-	75.-	4.-	2.50	3.-
<u>MATCH INDUSTRY</u>						
Artisans	-	-	-	4.72	3.50	4.-
<u>CIGARETTES MANUFACTURE</u>						
Artisans	-	-	240.-	-	-	4.-
Lorry Drivers	-	-	-	-	-	4.-
<u>OIL INDUSTRY</u>						
Artisans	-	-	-	4.75	4.-	4.20
<u>TANNING INDUSTRY</u>						
Artisans	144.50	65.-	95.-	4.25	2.-	3.-

WAGE INDICES⁺

Sugar Industry Artisans - Monthly employed.

	1949 Index (1939 = 100)
Fitter ...	246
Pan boiler ...	258
Motor mechanic ...	241
Blacksmith ...	229
Carpenter ...	238
Boiler maker ...	233
Motor driver ...	293
Loco driver ...	287
Mill driver ...	321

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

MONTHLY EMPLOYED [ⓐ]	CLASS		
	I	II	III
<u>Field or Factory Labourer:</u>			
<u>Men:</u>	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Basic wage	30.-	26.80	22.65
Cost of living allowance 85 %	25.50	22.78	19.25
Regularity bonus 10 %	3.-	2.68	2.26
End of year bonus 15 %	4.50	4.02	3.39
End of year gratuity	1.25	1.12	0.94
	Rs. 64.25	57.40	48.49
<u>Women and Juveniles:</u>			
	Rs.	Rs.	Children Rs.
Basic wage	19.90	17.75	13.85
Cost of living allowance 85 %	16.91	15.09	11.75
Regularity bonus 10 %	1.99	1.77	1.38
End of year bonus 15 %	2.98	2.66	2.07
End of year gratuity	0.83	0.74	0.58
	Rs. 42.61	38.01	29.63

+ Exclusive of overtime earnings;
 ⓐ The monthly worker is also entitled to house allowance, free medical treatment and annual leave.

DAILY EMPLOYED	Class	Basic wage + Cost of living allowance (85 %)			Monthly earnings at 25 working days ⁺
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
<u>Field Labourer:</u>					
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
<u>Factory Worker:</u>					
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.

OVERTIME^x

Week days

For the first 4 hours: Time + $\frac{1}{3}$
 Over 4 hours : Time + $\frac{1}{2}$

Sundays

Paid at double rate

x calculated on the basic salary + cost of living allowance.

WAGE INDICES* (1938 = 100)

Field of Factory Labourer - Category I - Monthly employed:

MEN:	Period	1949					
		1938 ^x		January to June		July to December	
		Wage	Index	Wage	Index	Wage	Index
	Class I	Rs. 20.-	300	Rs. 64.25	321	Rs. 64.25	321
	Class II	Rs. 18.-	298	Rs. 57.40	319	Rs. 57.40	319

Field Labourer - Category II - Daily employed

MEN:	Period	1949					
		1938 ^x		January to June		July to December	
		Wage	Index	Wage	Index	Wage	Index
	Class I	Rs. 0.95 ^a	295	Rs. 2.80	295	Rs. 2.96	312
	Class II	Rs. 0.50	420	Rs. 2.10	420	Rs. 2.31	462

+ Based on minimum possible earnings according to Minimum Wage Board Ordinance;
 x From Report of Minimum Wage Board 1938;
 a 66 cents per day during the inter-harvest season and Rs. 1.25 per day during harvest.

Wages of Unskilled Workers - Other Industries

	M O N T H L Y			D A I L Y		
	Highest Rs.	Lowest Rs.	Average Rs.	Highest Rs.	Lowest Rs.	Average Rs.
<u>ALOE FIBRE INDUSTRY</u>						
Factory:						
Men	-	-	-	4.30	1.50	2.50
Women	-	-	-	1.75	0.75	1.10
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.75	0.80	1.50
Field:						
Supervisors	70.-	52.50	65.-	2.50	1.90	2.10
Men	-	-	-	-	-	2.60
Women	-	-	-	1.50	1.-	1.25
<u>DISTILLING INDUSTRY</u>						
Supervisors	65.-	50.-	57.-	-	-	2.50
Men	48.-	40.-	43.25	3.50	1.25	2.00
Juveniles	-	-	-	0.90	0.75	0.70
<u>TEA INDUSTRY</u>						
Factory:						
Men	-	-	46.50	4.-	2.15	2.50
Field:						
Supervisors	90.-	70.-	75.-	4.25	2.50	2.75
Men	-	-	-	3.50	1.80	2.50
Women	-	-	-	1.75	1.-	1.25
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.65	0.90	1.20
<u>LIME INDUSTRY</u>						
Men	-	-	-	3.-	1.75	2.37
Women	-	-	-	1.25	1.-	1.12
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.-	0.80	0.90
<u>SALT MANUFACTURE</u>						
Supervisors	100.-	50.-	70.-	-	-	3.50
Men	60.-	40.-	60.-	3.50	2.-	2.50
Women	-	-	-	2.-	0.90	1.50
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.25	0.75	1.-
<u>SAW MILLS'</u>						
Men	53.-	40.-	47.-	3.-	1.25	2.-
<u>MATCH INDUSTRY</u>						
Men	-	-	-	3.50	2.36	2.25
Women	-	-	-	2.07	1.35	1.-
Juveniles	-	-	-	1.48	0.90	1.-
<u>GIGARETTES MANUFACTURE</u>						
Supervisors	-	-	-	-	-	4.98
Men	-	-	-	-	-	2.75
Women	-	-	-	-	-	1.70
<u>OIL INDUSTRY</u>						
Men	-	-	-	2.75	1.50	2.25
<u>TANNING INDUSTRY</u>						
Women	-	-	-	2.-	1.65	1.50
Juveniles	-	-	-	2.50	2.-	1.50

EMPLOYMENT +

Employment of Skilled and Unskilled Workers in the Sugar Industry.

Summary of employment of Skilled Workers: Skilled workers ... Semi-skilled workers: Supervisors ...		MONTHLY EMPLOYED																
		Men					Women					Monthly employed		Daily employed				
Class	I II III	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Minimum	Average		
				3,591	3,062	3,339	175	136	161	167	95	130	167	95	130	167	95	130
		1,752	1,434	1,569	140	75	104	49	24	37	49	24	37	49	24	37		
		541	431	494	29	24	27	131	91	116	131	91	116	131	91	116		
			5,402				292						283					
Summary of employment of Unskilled workers:		DAILY EMPLOYED																
		17,518	12,510	14,973	12,695	9,115	11,193	3,840	3,069	3,448	3,840	3,069	3,448	3,840	3,069	3,448		
		12,195	9,315	10,752	7,550	5,131	6,214	1,402	1,146	1,287	1,402	1,146	1,287	1,402	1,146	1,287		
				25,725			17,407						4,735					
By Estate																		
By Job Contractors																		
Proportion of monthly employed and daily employed workers in each category		% distribution/daily paid unskilled workers employed by the Estates and by Job Contractors																
Skilled workers ...		Monthly	Daily														Paid by	
Supervisors ...		76 %	24 %														Estate	Job Contractors
Unskilled workers: Men		67 %	33 %														58 %	42 %
Women		17 %	83 %														64 %	36 %
Juveniles		2 %	98 %														73 %	27 %
		6 %	94 %															

+ Figures compiled by the Labour Department

Manpower employed in the Sugar Manufacturing Process only.

Number of skilled and unskilled workers employed per factory:

Maximum	...	390
Minimum	...	140
Average	...	220

Number of shifts per day per factory: 1½ to 2

Number of men per shift per factory:

Maximum	...	194
Minimum	...	65

Total number of men workers employed per day in the 29 Sugar factories: 6,366

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 is at its highest between September and November, and at its lowest in January or June. The total employment in the Industry in 1949 reached a maximum of 67,600 workers and a minimum of 51,300 workers - a $\pm 13\%$ fluctuation on the average of 60,100.

The difference in conditions of employment between skilled and unskilled workers is noteworthy. About 76 % of the skilled workers are employed on a monthly agreement, while more than 80 % 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 29 factories in 1949 employing the greater number of skilled workers and artisans. In fact the proportion of skilled to unskilled labour in the Industry is only 6.8 %. On the average one factory needs about 140 skilled men.

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Employment in/Sugar Industry 1947 - 1949.

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
1947	4,049	59,681	63,730	3,580	44,593	48,173	3,911	51,392	55,303
1948	4,113	59,409	63,522	3,692	45,157	48,849	3,925	52,336	56,261
1949	4,450	63,128	67,578	3,661	47,616	51,277	4,071	56,066	60,137

Skilled workers are employed in the Secondary Industries to a total of about 4,100, while public services (Railways, Public Works, Electricity) employ about 2,300.

The total labour employment in all industries and public services go on the average to add upto 10,500 skilled workers and nearly 47,000 unskilled men and some 27,000 women and juveniles, forming a grand total of 84,500 .

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LABOUR DISPUTES

Number settled:

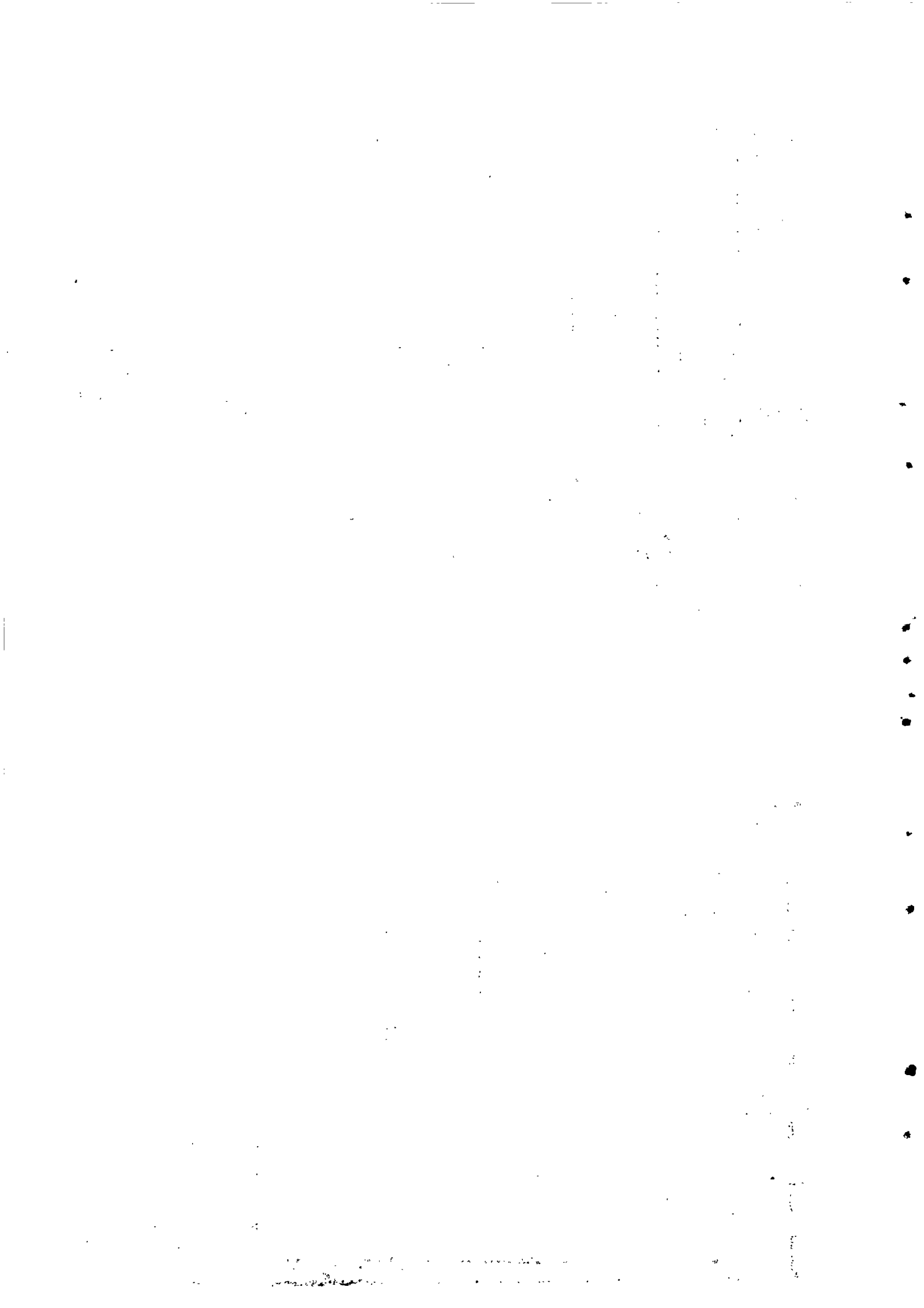
(a) By conciliation	1,112
(b) After arbitration (official trade dispute)	NIL
(c) Industrial Magistrate's Court (legal dispute)	173

Strikes.

Industries and Public Utility Services	No. of strikes	No. of workers involved	No. of man-days lost
Government Railways	1	509	1,174
Sugar Industries	3	376	1,068
Road Transport (motor buses)	1	364	724
Tanning	1	11	33
Wine	1	11	11
Total	7	1,271	3,010

Casualties sustained during work on Sugar Estates.

	Deaths	Injuries
Factory cases	3	229
Rail Transport cases	1	67
Other cases	3	1,592
	7	1,888



Employment of Skilled and Unskilled Workers- Other Industries

	ISIC Group No.	SKILLED WORKERS	UNSKILLED WORKERS			Total
			M	F	Juveniles	
Aloe Fibre Industry	231	32	302	601	65	1000
Aerated Water Works	214	33	35	23	31	122
Bakeries+ (including Biscuit)	206	413	264	-	47	724
Building Trade	400	568	318	-	33	919
Bus coach building	383	40	8	+	15	63
Cigarettes manufac- ture	220	9	58	154	-	221
Distilling Industry	211	28	205	-	24	257
Docks	720	202	449	1.1	12	674
Electrical Companies	511	112	101	-	-	213
Jewellers Trade	395	283	-	-	126	409
Line Industry	311	152	142	173	12	479
Match industry	319	4	35	93	35	167
Oil industry	209) 312)	51	-	-	-	51
Printing establish- ments	280	234	38	-	70	342
Public Services:						
Government	810	2238	8512	344	156	11247
Municipal	810	94	506	142	95	837
Salt manufacture	190	10	57	54	22	143
Saw Mills	250	36	75	-	-	111
Shoemaking Trade	241) 242)	983	36	-	117	1136
Stevedoring	716	13	387	-	-	400
Tanning Industry	291	41	-	4	2	47
Tea Industry	209	13	403	412	315	1143
Tobacco planta- tions	010	-	1442	590	-	2032
Wine manufacture	212	21	149	12	114	296
Workshops-Engineering and motor	381) 382) 383) 384)	833	175	-	339	1347
		6443	13697	2610	1630	24380

Trade Unions and Industrial Associations.

	No. of members on roll	No. of persons who have ceased to be members	No. of members as at 31.12.49
<u>Technical Workers</u>			
Engineering & Technical Workers' Union	6,036	3,500	2,536
Government Railway Workers' Union	1,073	76	997
Printing Workers' Union	69	18	51
Electricity & Telephones Government Employees' Union	230	75	155
<u>Commercial</u>			
Retail Milk Distributors' Association	44	-	44
Gold, Silver & Allied Trades' Union	17	-	17
Milk Producers' Union	70	-	70
Bus Owners' Association	133	-	133
Jewellers' Association	57	-	57
<u>Industrial</u>			
Federation of Port & Harbour Employers	12	-	12
Tobacco Producers' Syndicate	51	-	51
Sugar Producers' Association	67	-	67
Planters' Association	973	114	859
Sugar Industry Staff Employees Assn.	535	-	535
<u>Labour</u>			
General Port & Harbour Workers' Union	1,260	300	960
Amalgamated Labourers' Association	8,276	7,022	1,254
Government Manual Workers' Union	1,800	375	1,425
<u>Clerical</u>			
Government Servants & Employees' Assn.	5,916	2,966	2,950
The Municipal Employees' Union	57	6	51
Docks & Wharves Staff Employees' Assn.	187	-	187
Clerks' Association	88	-	88
<u>Intellectual</u>			
Oriental Languages Teachers' Union	45	3	42
Secondary School Teachers' Union	81	27	54
Government Teachers' Union	455	-	455
Union of Primary Aided School Teachers	447	-	447
Association of Principals of Roman Catholic Secondary Schools	10	-	10
Total	27,989	14,482	13,507

EDUCATION

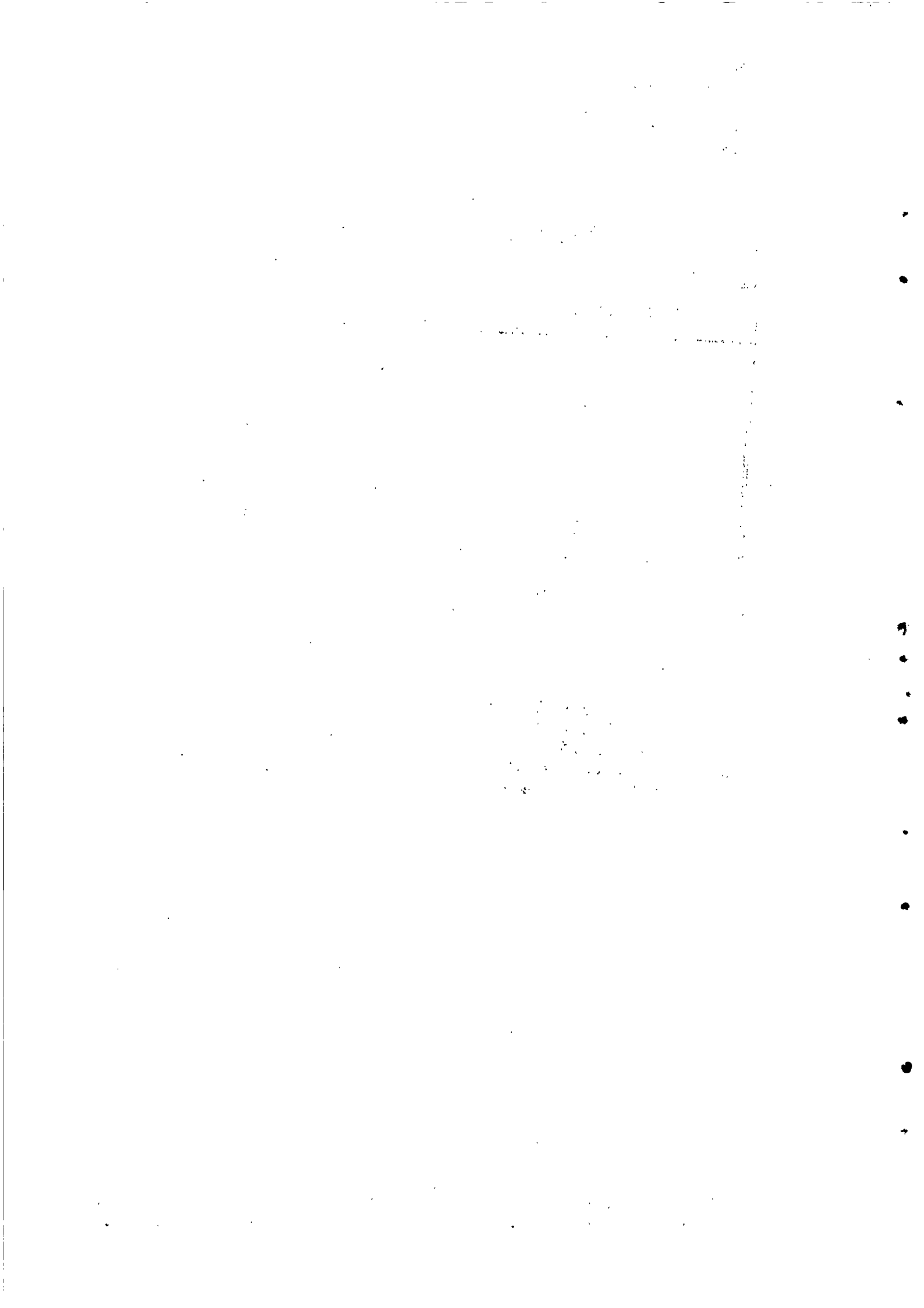
Estimated number of children of primary school going age (5 - 12) ...	75,000
Percentage enrolment to children of primary school going age ...	65

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

+ 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 1949

District	Number of schools	Number of scholars on roll and in average attendance				Total number of scholars on roll	Number of schools	Number of scholars on roll and in average attendance				Total number of scholars on roll	
		In Government Schools		In Aided Schools				In Aided Schools		Girls			
		Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls		
		Number on roll	Average attendance	Number on roll	Average attendance	Number on roll	Average attendance	Number on roll	Average attendance	Number on roll	Average attendance	Number on roll	Average attendance
Port Louis	9	2,533	1,878	1,522	1,225	4,055	11	3,288	2,704	3,378	2,693	6,666	
Pamplemousses	10	1,632	1,358	873	669	2,505	2	583	478	337	275	920	
Grand Port	9	1,677	1,366	633	378	2,310	7	1,063	816	1,004	698	2,067	
Plaines Wilhems	10	2,657	2,246	2,181	1,723	4,838	20	5,952	4,732	4,844	3,804	10,796	
Moka	2	476	347	163	107	639	6	951	744	596	450	1,547	
Riviere du Rempart	6	1,720	1,364	519	490	2,239	4	745	520	468	303	1,213	
Savanne	5	1,351	854	527	363	1,878	4	556	420	423	327	979	
Black River	2	210	150	183	97	393	4	291	216	178	131	469	
Flacq	8	1,165	895	618	481	1,783	15	2,168	1,647	1,093	784	3,261	
Total	61	13,421	10,458	7,219	5,533	20,640	73	15,597	12,277	12,321	9,465	27,918	

Government and Aided Secondary Schools - End of 1949.

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		
<u>Government</u>						
Royal College ...	354	336	-	-	354	
Royal College School ...	177	163	-	-	177	
Total	531	499	-	-	531	
<u>Aided</u>						
Loreto Convent (Curepipe)	112	104	427	367	539	
Loreto Convent (St. Pierre)	109	102	99	88	208	
Loreto Convent (Quatre Bornes)	63	56	249	209	312	
Loreto Convent (Port Louis)	8	7	366	296	374	
St. Joseph College	374	288	-	-	374	
Sacre Coeur College	36	30	69	54	105	
Loreto Convent (Vacoas)	52	48	116	100	168	
St. Esprit College	216	201	-	-	216	
St. Andrews' School	124	83	48	40	172	
Total	1,094	919	1,374	1,154	2,468	

Summary

Roll of pupils and students in Schools and Colleges - End of 1949.

	Enrolment			Average attendance		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
<u>Primary Schools</u>						
Government	13,421	7,219	20,640	10,459	5,533	15,992
Aided	15,597	12,321	27,918	12,277	9,465	21,743
<u>Secondary Schools</u>						
Government	531	-	531	499	-	499
Aided	1,094	1,374	2,468	919	1,154	2,073
Total	30,643	20,914	51,557	24,154	16,152	40,307

Students

Agricultural College	30	(Including 5 part-time students)
Training College) for teachers)	145	

Number Number of teachers

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Primary Schools:

Government and Aided 134 1,442

Secondary Schools:

Government (Royal College)
and Royal College School) 2 54
Aided 9 160

Number

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Museum 1
Educational laboratories 5
Agricultural College 1
Training College for teachers 1
Public libraries 4

SOCIAL WELFARE

Outdoor Relief.

The following table shows the classification of the paupers receiving relief in 1949 according to disabilities.

	Males	Females	Total
Old Age ...	913	3,001	3,914
Children of tender age	159	652	811
Tuberculosis ...	64	64	128
Other diseases ...	578	1,700	2,278
Temporary disabilities	293	598	891
Unemployed ...	23	8	31
Total	2,030	6,023	8,053

Indoor Relief.

Charitable Institutions:

	Males	Females	Total
<u>Orphanages:</u>			
Rose Belle ...	22	16	16
Plaisance ...	12	-	12
Ramakrishna ...	-	-	-
Belle Rose ...	32	4	36
Muslim ...	27	11	38
Bon Secours ...	25	12	37
Shradhanand ...	8	8	16
Total	104	51	155
<u>Infirmaries:</u>			
Rose Belle ...	55	19	74
Calebasses ...	141	-	141
Chemin Grenier ...	-	13	13
Belle Rose ...	-	71	71
The Home ...	24	16	40
Currinjee ...	47	10	57
Bon Secours ...	-	37	37
Pamplémousses ...	63	-	63
Hospice Perc Laval ...	-	85	85
Ramakrishna ...	14	23	37
Shradhanand ...	1	25	26
Total	345	299	644
The Austin Wilson's Home for Aged Persons	1	16	17

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AGRICULTURE AND PRODUCTION

<u>LAND UTILISATION</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>% of total island area</u>
Agriculture:			
Sugar	163,300)		35.4)
Aloe (effective area)	3,000)		0.6)
Tea	2,100)	194,800	0.5) 42.3
Tobacco	400)		0.1)
Foodcrops	21,000)		4.6)
Vegetables	5,000)		1.1)
Arable land, potentially productive		15,200	3.3
Private Forest lands		5,800	1.2
Meadow, grassland, scrub & grazing grounds		108,700	23.6
Crown forests		66,800	14.5
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		<u>460,800</u>	<u>100.0</u>

The main agricultural pursuit of the Island is sugar-cane cultivation which occupies the best of the agricultural lands available. In 1949, about 163,000 acres (35 % 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 somewhat over 23,000 acres.

Cultivation and Production

		<u>Acres under cultivation</u>	<u>Metric tons</u>
<u>Industrial crops</u>			
Cane sugar	...	163,246	416,000
Aloe (raw fibre)	...	-	1,300
Tea	...	2,077	300
Tobacco	...	336	270 ⁺
<u>Foodcrops</u>			
		<u>acres harvested</u>	
Maize	...	10,000	6,500
Rice	...	850	600
Manioc	...	2,111	4,200
Sweet potatoes	...	292	600
Eddoes	...	537	1,100
Potatoes	...	950	3,600
Groundnuts	...	1,800	800
Vegetables	...	4,500	15,000

⁺ Weight of leaf tobacco.

Food Production

At the date of 30th June, 1949, taking into account about 1,000 acres of unharvested new plantations, there were under cultivation 10,400 acres of subsidized foodcrops with, in addition, 12,850 acres of unsubsidized foodcrops. These latter were made up of 10,950 acres of maize, 1,000 acres of potatoes and 900 acres of rice. The total acreage under foodcrops at the above-mentioned date was thus 23,250 acres, exclusive of the area allocated to vegetable growing.

The average yield obtained in kilos per acre during the year 1948 - 1949 for each of the main foodcrops is given in the following table:

	Kilos		Kilos
Rice	671	Sweet potatoes	1,764
Maize	719	Groundnuts	431
Manioc	1,793	Potatoes	3,643
Eddoes	2,464		

CANE CULTIVATION AND SUGAR PRODUCTION

Cultivation and yield.

The total area under cane cultivation in 1949 was 163,246 acres of which 150,235 acres, or 92 % of the total cultivated area, were harvested. Very near 3,355,400 metric tons of cane were reaped. The larger estates to which a factory is attached produced 53.3 % and the other plantations 46.7 %/. The largest average yield of cane per acre for the crop was 32 metric tons obtained independently by 3 estates with factory, located East and Centre of the Island; the lowest average yield obtained by planters was slightly over 9 metric tons per acre. The average yield for the whole crop was 22.3 metric tons per acre. It may be significant to note that the large estates possessing a factory, reaped on the average 51 % 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, 1948 and 1949.

	30th June, 1948		30th June 1949	
	Acres	% of total area	Acres	% of total area
M/ 134/32	58,110	83	66,901	89
M 171/30	4,205	6	3,161	4
B.H. 10/12	2,288	3	640	1
M 112/34	1,745	2	1,850	2
Other varieties	3,775	6	2,311	4
Total	70,123	100	74,863	100

Further details of the sugarcane cultivation in 1949 are hereunder given.

	Area under cultivation		Area harvested		Tonnage of cane harvested		Yield Tons/Acre
	Acres	% of total	Acres	% of total	M/tons	% of total	
Estates with factory	19,898		10,434		343,067		32.9
(Ratoons	54,963		53,304		1,446,812		27.1
Total	74,861	45.9	63,738	42.4	1,789,879	53.3	28.1
Metayers' lands	9,119	5.6	8,825	5.9	123,467	3.7	14.0
Planters' lands	79,266	48.5	77,672	51.7	1,442,052	43.0	18.6
Island total	163,246	100.0	150,235	100.0	3,355,398	100.0	22.3

In respect of area, individual plantations were 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.

The cane crop was milled in 29 factories, the majority of which operated between the middle of July to the first week of December. The earliest and latest dates of the milling period were the 4th of July and 17th December, respectively. The total weight of cane milled amounted to 3,355,400 metric tons in round numbers.

The greatest tonnage of cane handled by one single factory was 194,194 metric tons while the smallest tonnage was 84,544 metric tons: a ratio of somewhat over 3 to 1. Twenty of the twenty nine factories crushed more than 100,000 tons and of these only five crushed more than 150,000 tons.

Sugar factories' Production.

In metric tons

Products of manufacture		Residues of manufacture	
White sugar	Raw sugar	Molasses	Sugar
11,614	404,415	96,670	51,769

Reckoning on the whole of the 1949 production, the overall commercial sugar extraction was 12.40 % by weight of millable cane, which corresponds to an equivalent of 8.06 tons cane for 1 ton of sugar produced. The best average extraction of commercial sugar for a single factory was 13.59 % of millable cane and the least extraction was 11.23 %.

The total factory production was 11,614 metric tons of white (unrefined) sugar and 404,415 metric tons of raw sugar (including the very small amount of 101 tons of low grade sugar). The total tonnage of sugar manufactured was thus 416,029 tons showing an overall yield of sugar per harvested acre of 2.77 metric tons. The total of 1949 sugar production was nearly 6 % greater than that of 1948 - the whole increase being attributable to an increase of 6 % in the area harvested in 1949, the average yield remaining practically the same as in 1948.

The largest quantity manufactured by a single factory was 24,280 metric tons and the smallest 7,839 metric tons. Four factories produced more than 20,000 metric tons, 11 produced more than 15,000 metric tons and 23 factories out of 29 produced more than 10,000 metric tons.

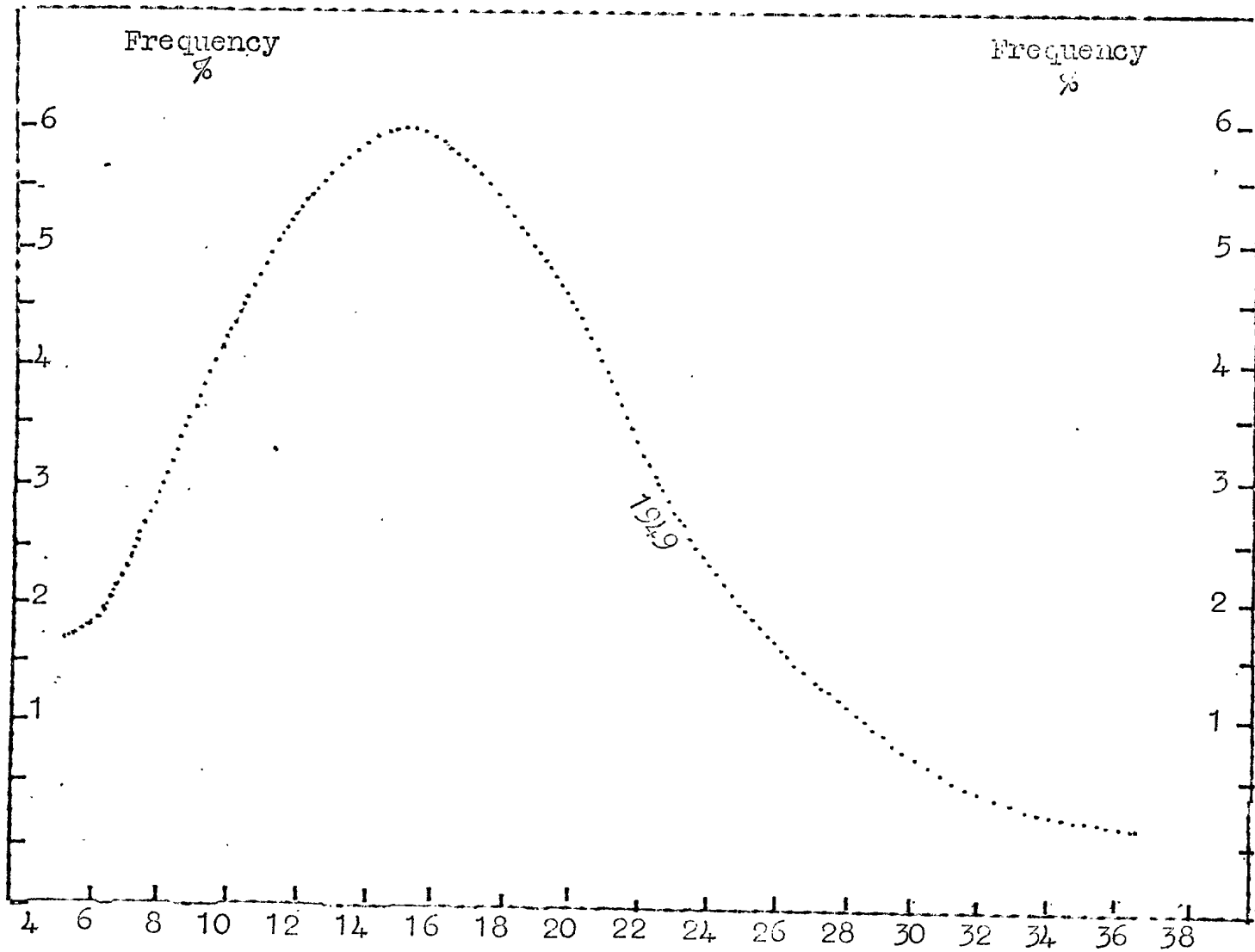
YIELD OF SMALL CANE PLANTATIONS

(Frequency distribution of sample)

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

+ 1 arpent = 1.043 acres

YIELD OF SMALL CANE PLANTATIONS IN FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION
YEAR 1949



Yield in tons per arpent.†

† 1 arpent = 1.043 acres

AREA OF SMALL PLANTATIONS

(Frequency distribution of sample)

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

The frequency distribution of the yields for the crop of 1949 shows very notable asymmetry with positive skewness.

The sample examined comprised 2943 small plantations returned by the Co-Operative Credit Societies.

The modal value indicated by the frequency distribution for 1949 would be 15.5 tons/arpent. This value shows an improvement over the corresponding figure for 1948 of 1 ton/arpent in yield which is not confirmed, however, in the weighted average values for both years, which are about the same.

Examination of the size of these small plantations (Table above) shows that the overwhelmingly large majority (nearly 85%) have an area of 5 arpents or less.

The computed individual yields over such small areas may, however, be subject to some systematic errors responsible for the asymmetry noted above.

Mechanical cultivation on sugar plantations.

About 190 cultivation tractors were owned in 1949 by the larger estates and plantations, and some 15 more were operated by contractors. The majority of these tractors were below 30 H.P. and about 40 % were of the Cletrac make.

Some 210 ploughs were used on the sugar plantations.

Sugar Production 1940 - 1949

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	289

+ Includes special bonus given in compensation of cyclone damage.

Distillery Produce

There were in 1949, 10 distilleries which produced 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 83,457 hectolitres, about 4 % more 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°)	10,260	Vinegar	96
Power alcohol (94°)	11,350	Drugs	61
Denatured stove spirits (87°)	2,900	Perfumes (94°)	84
		Exported alcohol (94°)	59,824

The remaining stock (in terms of pure alcohol) held by distilleries at the end of the year was 11,074 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

	<u>Hectolitres</u>	<u>Value in Rupees</u>
1945	737	44,200
1946	37097	2,596,790
1947	55224	3,865,684
1948	52330	3,663,050
1949	59824	4,187,677

Aloe Fibre Industry

Fibre, extracted from the leaves of the aloe plant (*Curcraea 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 effective acreage from which the production is actually derived. A recent survey revealed that 375 acres were under regular plantations in 1949 but the present production is actually derived from an estimated equivalent effective area of 2,500 - 3,000 acres.

The requirements of the sugar industry for packing a production of 400,000 metric tons of sugar, are 5 million bags of 80 kgs net capacity or 7½ million bags of 55 kgs net capacity. It has been calculated that slightly over 5,000 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 slightly more than 1,000 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 1/4 of the 'sugar industry's requirements.

In 1949, 30 factories were in operation; they produced nearly 1,300 tons of raw fibre of which 1,130 tons were supplied to the local Sack Factory.

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

	Quantity M/ Tons	F.O.B. Value Rupees
1947	80	50,717
1948	108	105,800
1949	206	188,779

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

Commodity	Unit	Y E A R		
		1947	1948	1949
Raw fibre used	M/tons	654	1,073	1,146
Sacks (capacity 80 kgs of sugar)	Units	13,027	854,067	980,927
" " 55 "	"	735,240	NIL	NIL
Sacking cloth	Sq.Yards	3,600	4,800	485
Filter press cloth	Yards	66,000	94,500	63,563
Yarn for twine making	M/tons	38	56	29

Tea Industry.

Tea is grown by 74 planters in the well-watered uplands of the Island; 2,077 acres were under cultivation in 1949. There were 5 factories producing tea for local consumption. Details of production of the tea factories are given below:

Factory	Production (commercial tea)
	Kilos
Bois Cheri ...	111,628
Corson ...	101,568
Nouvelle France ...	13,254
Pont Colville ...	28,272
Avenir St. Andre ...	44,041
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	Kilos
	298,763

In addition, 1,533 kgs. of green tea were manufactured during the year.

Out of the production of 300 metric tons of tea, 16 tons were exported to the United Kingdom, South Africa and Reunion; so that nearly 95% of the production went into local consumption.

Importation of foreign tea from Ceylon, Kenya and Hong-Kong amounted to only 16 tons.

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

Area, Production and Imports 1940 - 1949.

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

+ Severe cyclones.

Tobacco Industry.

Tobacco cultivation was limited in 1949 to an area of somewhat under 350 acres, the production being restricted to 251 tons of cured leaf tobacco. There were 444 growers, of which 373 produced air - cured and 71 flue-cured tobacco. Further details of this industry are given in the following tables:

	1948 - 1949	1949 - 1950		
<u>Acreeage under cultivation</u>				
Flue cured leaf	44.9 acres	229 acres		
Air cured leaf	128 "	107 "		
Total	<u>577 acres</u>	<u>336 acres</u>		
<u>Crop production</u>				
Flue cured leaf	278,473 kgs	195,938 kgs		
Air cured leaf	81,122 "	74,449 "		
Total	<u>359,595⁺kgs</u>	<u>270,387 kgs</u>		
<u>Average yield per acre (Mauritius plantations)</u>				
Flue cured	619 kgs	856 kgs		
Air cured	635 "	693 "		
Overall average	623 "	804 "		
<u>Average return obtained by producers in Mauritius</u>				
Variety	Per Acre		Per Kilog	
	1948 - 1949	1949 - 1950	1948 - 1949	1949 - 1950
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Flue cured	1,608	2,169	2.63	2.53
Air cured	918	1,024	1.45	1.48

Highest and lowest values obtained during year 1949 - 1950

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	1,758	19	4,182	33	4.21	1.56
Air cured Amarello	2,029	22	3,057	20	1.80	.60

+ Includes a small quantity from Rodrigues.

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		
	1946 - 1947	1947 - 1948	1948 - 1949
Local leaf	325,668	337,373	356,489
Imported leaf	96,760	92,725	81,740
Total	422,428	430,098	438,229
<u>Quantity of tobacco leaf used at factories</u>			
Local leaf	324,472	333,943	362,855
Imported leaf	97,457	91,928	83,395
Total	421,929	425,871	446,250

Imported leaf represents on the average only 21.1 % of the total leaf consumed.

Quantity of manufactured products obtained from leaf . Kilos

	Financial year		
	1946 - 1947	1947 - 1948	1948 - 1949
<u>Quantity of manufactured tobacco obtained from leaf⁺.</u>	433,219	436,216	457,285
<u>Marketable tobacco products</u>			
Cigarettes	429,632	430,159	455,958
Tobacco in packets	91	78	67
Snuff	3,813	3,840	3,237
Total	433,536	434,077	459,262

In the course of the three-year period ending mid 1949, an average of 439 metric tons of locally manufactured cigarettes went into consumption, with in addition an average of about 26 metric tons of the imported commodity. In the total of 465 metric tons of cigarettes consumed, the local production represents therefore the very considerable proportion of 94 %.

+ The increase of 1 % - 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 187,500 acres which are distributed as follows:

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>
1. CROWN FORESTS: ...		66,800
(i) Indigenous forests ...	5,200	
(ii) Productive forestry ("pole forests") ...	20,900	
(iii) Forest plantations ...	5,900	
(iv) Scrub and grass lands ...	<u>34,800</u>	
2. LEASED CROWN LANDS ON THE COASTAL BELT OF 250 FEET:		5,500
(i) Tree plantations ...	4,400	
(ii) Grazing lands ...	<u>1,100</u>	
3. NATIONAL RESERVES:		15,500
(i) Mountain reserves ...	9,000	
(ii) River reserves ...	<u>6,500</u>	
4. PRIVATE HOLDINGS:		99,700
(i) Forest land ...	5,800	
(ii) Scrub land ...	<u>93,900</u>	
TOTAL FOREST AND SCRUB LANDS		<u><u>187,500</u></u>

Building and furniture timber from local forest produce in 1949 amounted to 6,196 cubic metres (in log volumes) which in conversion timber are about 15 % of the total requirements in structural timber and furniture wood for the Island; present day requirements in timber are somewhat more than 20,500 cubic metres and a local production of 30 % of these requirements is aimed at.

Details of the output of local forest produce for 1949 are given hereunder.

Output of home grown wood (log volumes in hundreds of cu.metres)

Timber	...	62.0
Round wood	...	8.0
Firewood	...	24.9.0
Charcoal wood	...	32.1

This represents a total equivalent in log volume of round timber of 35,117 cubic metres.

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 1949 was as follows:

No. of kilns in operation	Quick lime produced	Slaked lime produced	Total production
	Metric tons	Metric tons	Metric tons
26	11,200	12,600	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 1949, 10 salt-works having a total area of 130 acres which produced a total of 5,200 tons of salt which went into local consumption. The smallest works have a surface of about 2 acres while the largest is of 45 acres.

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.

Copra from which coconut oil is extracted, is produced by the dependencies of Mauritius-Agalega and the Chagos Archipelago. The present production of copra is around 2,000 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 in 1948 and 1949:

Year	Copra used	Edible oil produced	In Metric Tons	
			Soap manufactured	Poonac + produced
1948	2,103	1,126	314	711
1949	1,958	995	435	683

+ 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 1947-1949 are given hereunder:

Year	PRODUCTION		Value	Consumption
	Million sticks	Packed in gross boxes		
1947	150	26,264	Rs. 82,700	gross boxes 4,700
1948	70	13,706	44,500	13,500
1949	230	45,936	145,300	67,276

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, alce 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.)	14.24+
2. The Cascade River Power Station, Reduit falls, (Mauritius Hydro-Electric Co.)	3.33
3. The Savanne River Power Station, Cecil falls, Souillac (The Electric Generating Power Co., Ltd.,)	0.03
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+ Susceptible of being economically increased to 25.0 million kwtt-hours.

In addition about 600 H.P. of minor isolated water power installations exist in sugar and alce fibre factories. The total water power thus developed to date is estimated to represent about 72 % of the total water power capable of development in the Island.

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

	Kwtt-hrs.
Port Louis and district ...	5,155,000
Beau Bassin, Rose Hill, Quatre Bornes, Reduit, Moka and St. Pierre ...	3,377,000
Phoenix, Vacoas, Floreal, Curepipe and Forest Side ...	7,308,000
Rose Belle, Souillac and Mahebourg district ...	1,760,000
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Total	Kwtt- hrs. 17,600,000
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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 much lesser 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 (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.

Country of origin	Head					
	Cows & oxen	Equines	Goats	Sheep	Pigs	Turtles
United Kingdom	-	30	-	-	-	-
Union of South Africa	-	-	-	20	-	-
Australia	1	12	-	1,116	-	-
America	6	-	-	-	-	-
France	-	3	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	-	-	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	2,566	-	-	-	-	-
Rodrigues	353	-	2,240	760	1,543	-
Other dependencies	-	19	-	-	-	131
Total	2,926	64	2,240	1,896	1,543	131

Depletion of livestock⁺

	Head
Cattle	11,437 ^x
Goats	16,370
Sheep	1,843
Pigs	5,380
Deer	2,000 ^a

+ slaughtered for food; x of which 8,751 were from local herds; a estimated.

<u>Beef cattle supply</u>	<u>From imports</u>	<u>From local herds</u>
Percentage of animals slaughtered	23.5	76.5

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. At present special permits restrict the use of large nets to 40 in number, which give employment to 250 fishermen. A small number of professional fishermen - about 35% - 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. 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.

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

	Metric tons
Weight produced at controlled landing stations	1399
Weight produced at uncontrolled landing stations	200
,, of fish consumed by fishermen	180
,, caught by non-professionals	120
TOTAL	1899

+ 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 1949 was made up as follows:

Metric Tons

Catch of common fish by			Catch of		Total
Nets	Lines	Basket traps	Lobsters	Octopus	
399.2	162.9	510.9	23.4	302.4	1,398.8
28.5%	11.7%	36.6%	1.6%	21.6%	100.0%

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 Carajoes banks (St. Brandon Island). The average production for the ten-year period 1937-1947 was 240 tons of salted fish. In 1949, 155 tons of salted fish were received in Mauritius from St. Brandon.

Yield of animal produce

Milk	...	150,000 hectolitres
Butter	...	20 metric tons
Cream	...	3,500 litres
Cheese	...	3 metric tons
Beef	...	1,454 ⁺ ,, ,,
Pork	...	195 ,, ,,
Mutton	...	56 ⁺⁺ ,, ,,
Goat flesh	...	155 ,, ,,
Cattle hides	...	11,437 units

+ Includes 365 metric tons or 25.1 % of imported livestock and 255 tons or 17.5% of congealed beef;

++ Includes 27 tons of congealed mutton.

Produce of Fisheries

Metric tons

<u>Fresh fish:</u>		
	Different varieties	1,899+
	Lobster	23
	Octopus	302

+ This figure includes weight of shark captured and 500 tons of uncontrolled catch.

Summary of local food production

Commodity	Quantity produced for home consumption
<u>Cereals</u>	
Rice	600 metric tons
Maize	6,500 "
Bread	13,000 "
<u>Rootcrops</u>	
Manioc	4,200 "
Sweet potatoes & eddoes	1,700 "
Potatoes	3,600 "
Meat, fresh	1,300 "
Fish, fresh	1,829 "
Dairy produce	15,525 "
Edible oil (coconut)	995 "
Edible oil (groundnut)	- "
Tea	300 "
Sugar: White	11,480 "
Raw	6,813 "
Salt	5,000 "
Rum	1,026,000 litres
Wine	4,201,054 "

Summary of Industrial Production

Commodity	Quantity produced or manufactured
Sugar	416,000 metric tons
Aloe fibre (raw)	1,300 "
Rum	1,026,000 litres
Alcohol for export	5,982,400 "
Tobacco (leaf)	270 metric tons
Cigarettes	463 "
Tea	300 "
Wines	4,201,054 litres
Sacks (aloe fibre)	981,000 units
Cloth (aloe fibre, width 20"-46")	64,000 yards
Yarn	35 metric tons
Line	23,800 "
Salt	5,200 "
Soap	350 "
Hides & skin, cattle	12,000 units
Timber (building & furniture)	8,500 cu.metres

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

Manufacturer of Soda and Aerated Minerals	15
Manufacturer of Salt	11
Victualler (on and off premises)	1,144
Retailer of groceries	116
Manufacturer of Ice	5
Producer of Vinegar	6
Dealer in imported Vegetables and Fruits	16
General Retailer	1,955
Wholesale and Retail Dealer	113
Seller of Ale, Beer, Porter and Cider	8
Hotel and Boarding House Keeper	10
Milk Seller and Hawker	4,000
Producer of Meat	270
Rice Retailer	1,536
Producer of fresh fish	1,853
Producer of Bread	90

INDUSTRIES AND MANUFACTURES

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

Manufacturer of Oils	2	Manufacturer of Gold & Silver wares	109
" " Lime	26	" " Matches	2
" " Salt	11	" " Tobacco	3
" " Soap	4	Operator of a Foundry	62
Manufacturer or Seller of Bricks, Tiles & Cement	5	" " Distillery	10
Manufacturer or producer of Vinegar	6	Dealer in Firewood	13
Manufacturer of Perfumed spirits	3	" Manure	18
" " Manure	2	" Leather & Saddlery	15
" " Ice	5	" Vacuas bags	1
		" Timber	36
		" Old Metals	7

Number of establishments engaged in various local industries

Sugar Factory	29	Ice Factory	5
Aloe Fibre factory	30	Vinegar Factory	6
Tea Factory	5	Perfumed Producing Plant	3
Distillery	10	Gold & Silver Wares Shop	109
Soap Factory	4	Tobacco Factory	3
Match Factory	2	Sawmill	29
Oil Producing Plant	2	Bakery	90
Salt pan	11	Tannery	7
Lime-kiln	26	Furniture and Cabinet Making	350
Bricks, Tiles & Cement Fact.	5		

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 decennial period ending with 1949 is given in the following table:

Balance of Visible Trade (1940 - 1949)

Calendar year	V A L U E				Excess in value of exports (+) or imports (-)	Total Value of trade
	of Imports	Per capita	of Exports +	Per capita		
	In Rs. 1,000	Rs.	In Rs. 1,000	Rs.	In Rs.	1,000
1940	39,281	96	34,656	85	- 4,625	73,937
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	144,497	327	+ 8,308	280,686
1949	153,140	345	167,905	378	+14,765	321,045
Period 1940/49	763,007		801,174		+38,167	1,564,181

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

The visible trade of 1949 showed a favourable balance of more total than Rs. 14.5 million in spite of an increase of about 12 % in value of imports. This was due to the appreciable increase of 13 % in the tonnage of sugar exported and also to a sensible increase in price obtained.

The value of other domestic exports and re-exports in 1949 showed a decrease of 4 % on the figure for 1948.

* on 1948

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

Indices of Domestic Exports (1938 = 100)

YEAR	SUGAR		COLONIAL SPIRITS	
	Tonnage exported	Value [@] (F.O.B)	Volume exported	Value (F.O.B)
1945	46	294+	51	192
1946	80	234	2,558	224
1947	102	279	3,809	224
1948	132	298	3,610	224
1949	149	312	4,127	224

@ Exclusive of the value of Preference Certificates;
+ Includes £ 1,000,000 cyclone damage compensation.

The Post-war Terms of Trade

The indices of export and import prices for 1948 and 1949 based on 1938 current prices were:

	YEAR		
	1938	1948	1949
Exports price index	100	281	292
Imports price index	100	416	374
Ratio Exports index / Imports index	1.00	0.68	0.78

The following table gives the gross tonnage indices of domestic exports and of imports relative to 1938 (= 100)

	Y E A R	
	1948	1949
Exports tonnage index	133.3	150.2
Imports tonnage index	124.7	134.6
Ratio exports index / imports index	1.07	1.12

The 1949 import tonnage was 34.6 % higher than the 1938 level, while the export tonnage of domestic produce was 50.2 % above as against an increase of 33.3 % in 1948.

The comparative terms of trade for 1949 are accordingly still unfavourable to the extent of 13 %.

Trade with the Sterling and Hard Currency Areas.

	STERLING AREA		HARD CURRENCY AREA		OTHER COUNTRIES		Total Rupees
	Rupees	% of total	Rupees	% of total	Rupees	% of total	
<u>1947</u>							
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	51,417,010	51.1	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
<u>1948</u>							
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	92,208,010	94.8	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
<u>1949</u>							
Import trade ...	118,265,592	77.2	7,124,378	4.7	27,749,988	16.1	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

The Export Trade

The total values of the Export Trade in domestic produce for 1948 and 1949 were:

		Rs.
1948	...	136,506,669
1949	...	160,681,871

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

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

		% of total value	
		1948	1949
Sugar	...	97.12	97.23
Colonial spirits	...	2.60	2.53
Aloe fibre	...	0.07	0.11
Ginger (fresh)	...	0.02	0.02
Minor miscellaneous items		0.19	0.11
Total		100.00	100.00

The destination of the main domestic exports in 1949 were, in relative quantities:

	% of total quantity		
	Sugar	Aloe fibre	Colonial spirits
United Kingdom	68.3	55.8	99.8
Other countries of the British Empire	31.7	-	0.2
Foreign countries	-	44.2	-
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

Re-exports

There were re-exports of merchandise in 1948 and 1949 to the value of Rs. 3,196,824 and Rs. 2,393,330 respectively.

The Import Trade

The value of the Import Trade, in 1949, totalled 153.1 million rupees. The countries from which the principal 1949 imports were derived were:

Country	Proportion of total
	%
United Kingdom	37.9
Australia	14.5
India	11.1
France	4.5
Union of South Africa	3.4
Iran	3.4
United States of America	3.1
Straits Settlements	1.2
Belgium	1.0
Chili	0.9
Other European countries	0.6
Madagascar	0.5
Dutch East Indies	0.4
Canada	0.3
Other Sources	17.2
	100.0

Classification of 1949 Imports in Value

	Articles of human consumption ⁺	Raw materials	Manufactured articles	Live-stock ^x
% of total value	36.2	3.7	59.9	0.2
Index of cost (C.I.F)	409	431	349	378

+ Food, drink and tobacco;

x Animals not for food - mainly horses.

FOOD

Cereals and Pulses

The percentage value of cereals and pulses in the total food purchases was 73 % of which rice constituted 46 % and wheat flour 47 %.

In respect of quantity, the importation in 1949 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	54.3
Wheat flour	416.1
Dholl	8.8
Lentils	110.6
Peas	627.7
Potatoes	181.8
Fresh fruits	313.5
Live cattle for food ^x	76.0
Fish, salted or pickled	144.1

x Beef supply

Edible oils and fats

The relative quantities of edible oils and fats imported in 1949 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)	71.4	186.8
Lard	0.9	10.1
Ghee	1.5	72.4
Olive oil	0.6	111.6
Other edible oils	25.6	44.7
Total	100.0	93.7

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

RAW MATERIALS

The quantities of raw materials imported in 1949 are expressed in the following table as a percentage of the prewar average imports:

		% of the prewar average imports
Coal	...	94.0
Timber	...	48.7

MANUFACTURED ARTICLES

Textiles

The value of 1949 imports in textiles was made up in relative proportions as follows:

	MANUFACTURES		
	Cotton	Woollen	Silk
	%	%	%
% of the total value of textile imports	75.8	12.3	11.9

As compared with prewar average, the relative quantities of textiles imported in 1949 were:

	% of the prewar average imports
Grey and white cotton piece goods	98.5
Dyed or printed cotton piece goods	123.2
Woollen piece goods	114.1

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Oils

Compared with prewar average importation, the quantities of the various manufactured oils imported in 1949 were:

	% of the prewar average imports
Kerosene ...	154.0
Motor spirit (petrol)	198.4
Lubricating oils	169.2
Turpentine ...	38.7
Castor oil ...	41.4
Linseed oil ...	195.0
Crude fuel oil ...	1095.3

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

	%
Iran ...	86.8
Arabia ...	5.7
Bahrein ...	3.9
Dutch East Indies...	2.3
U.S. America ...	0.8
Total	100.0

Soap

The quantity of common soap imported in 1949 was 87.7 % of prewar average.

Road vehicles

The importation of road vehicles in 1949 as compared with the average prewar numbers was:

	Average pre-war number	1949 number	Ratio to pre-war average
Motor cars	270	510	188.9 %
Motor chasis & lorries	75	309	412.0 %
Motor cycles	16	28	175.0 %
Bicycles	1,900	4,835	254.5 %

Cement

The importation of cement in 1949 was 254 % of prewar average imported quantity.

EXTERNAL TRADE

Gross freight tonnage of exports and imports - 1949

Metric Tons

Period ending	Imports	Exports	Total exports & imports
9 /1	5,300	10,791	16,091
16 /1	2,998	15,238	15,266
23 /1	2,998	13,610	16,608
30 /1	2,659	8,006	10,665
6 /2	4,531	14,682	19,213
13 /2	4,453	7,289	11,742
20 /2	1,957	26	1,965
27 /2	5,871	1	5,872
6 /3	-	-	-
13 /3	2,551	224	2,775
20 /3	12,000	3,596	15,596
27 /3	12,404	9,967	22,371
3 /4	7,055	11,169	18,224
10 /4	4,521	6,654	11,175
17 /4	3,870	5,334	9,204
24 /4	9,598	4,820	14,418
1 /5	6,910	5,776	12,686
8 /5	7,923	7,493	15,416
15 /5	10,132	4,367	14,499
22 /5	8,175	355	8,530
29 /5	4,808	890	5,698
5 /6	2,973	2,122	5,095
12 /6	7,793	1,015	8,808
19 /6	10,715	434	11,149
26 /6	7,953	9,286	17,239
3 /7	3,941	1,052	4,993
10 /7	5,766	18	5,784
17 /7	1,135	4,287	5,422
24 /7	9,366	4,183	13,549
31 /7	3,187	8,456	11,643
7 /8	2,183	13,557	15,740
14 /8	152	10,437	10,639
21 /8	-	-	-
28 /8	287	9,386	9,673
4 /9	6,872	21,763	28,635
11 /9	5,533	13,214	18,747
18 /9	7,650	10,710	18,360
25 /9	13,621	11,515	25,136
2 /10	4,657	22,241	26,898
9 /10	2,085	35,317	37,402
16 /10	2,363	10,537	12,900
23 /10	6,804	19,495	26,299
30 /10	4,164	17,131	21,295
6 /11	2,667	15,680	18,347
13 /11	3,295	23,846	27,141
20 /11	9,139	12,789	21,928
27 /11	5,396	19,178	24,574
4 /12	4,013	9,015	13,028
11 /12	10,387	19,438	29,825
18 /12	11,618	8,745	20,363
25 /12	12,315	4,456	16,771
31 /12	9,026	1,241	10,267
Total	294,765	470,902	765,667

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.

DOMESTIC TRADE

Gross tonnage of Imports from and exports to the dependencies

In Metric tons

Period ending	Imports	Exports	Total exports & imports
9/1	120	-	120
16/1	30	132	162
23/1	36	-	36
30/1	109	-	109
6/2	54	-	54
13/2	-	41	41
20/2	-	-	-
27/2	76	492	568
6/3	75	-	75
13/3	271	22	293
20/3	-	-	-
27/3	41	-	41
3/4	167	-	167
10/4	-	74	74
17/4	-	-	-
24/4	-	-	-
1/5	-	277	277
8/5	18	38	56
15/5	245	312	557
22/5	-	149	149
29/5	-	149	149
5/6	154	-	154
12/6	-	25	25
19/6	-	-	-
26/6	750	-	750
3/7	321	28	349
10/7	-	90	90
17/7	159	504	663
24/7	53	60	113
31/7	291	-	291
7/8	-	-	-
14/8	166	-	166
21/8	-	30	30
28/8	-	-	-
4/9	227	-	227
11/9	-	50	50
18/9	-	-	-
25/9	80	-	80
2/10	81	-	81
9/10	-	-	-
16/10	-	22	22
23/10	-	-	-
30/10	-	607	607
6/11	205	-	205
13/11	208	1	209
20/11	572	-	572
27/11	-	432	432
4/12	-	752	752
11/12	94	-	94
18/12	-	-	-
25/12	-	-	-
31/12	929	-	929
Total	5,532	4,287	9,819

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

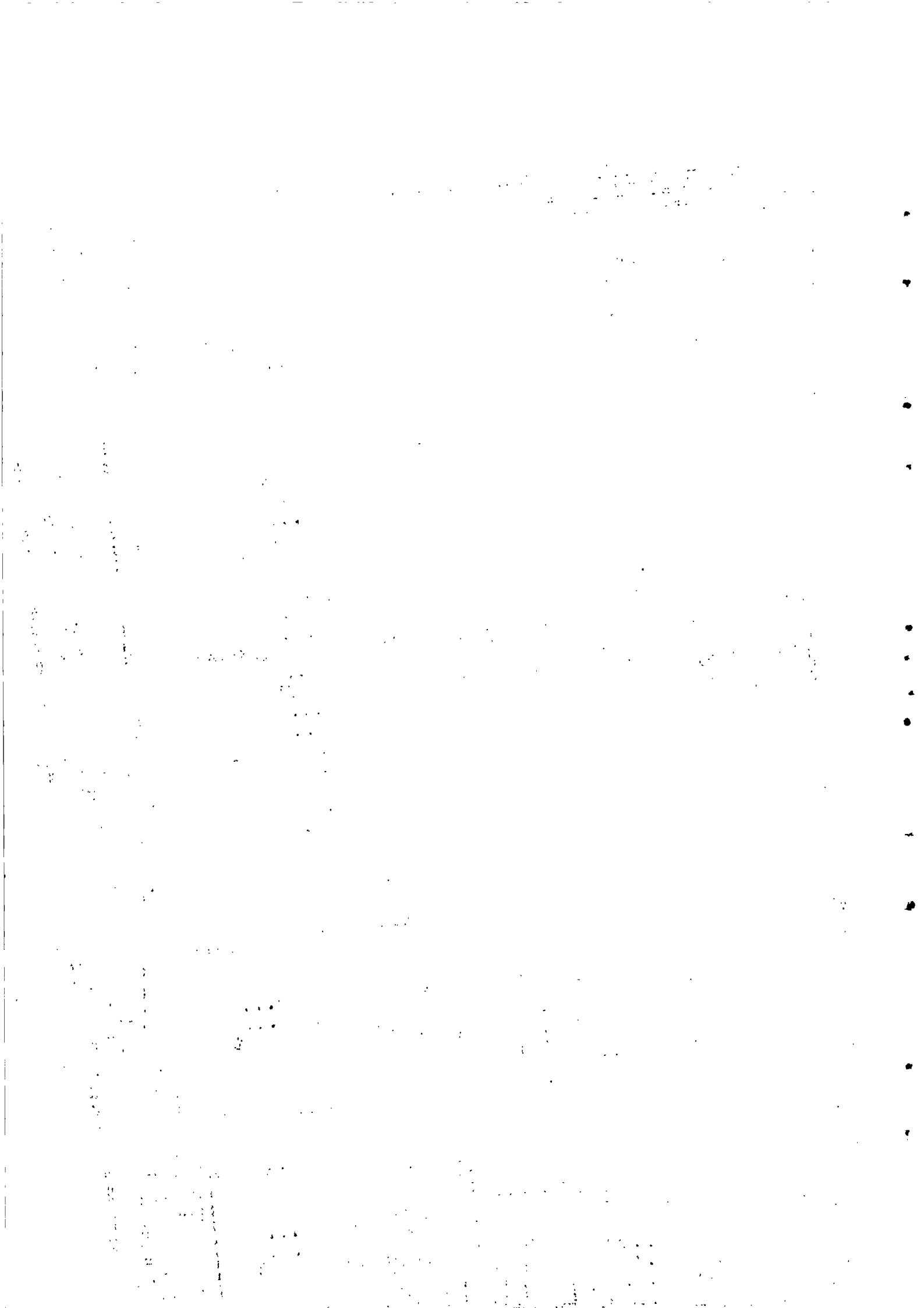
	Number
1 Agricultural and pastoral ...	22
2 Process relating to stone, clay, lime, etc., including bricks, pottery, etc. ...	36
3 Metal working (other than gold and silver), engineering and dealer in metal ...	99
4 Machine, tools, implements, electrical apparatus	119
5 Precious metals (including jewellery)	138
6 Manufacturer of textile, textile fabrics & weaving	-
7 Manufacturer and dealer in chemical drugs, perfumery, oils and soap ...	96
8 Preparation of skins & leather and makers of harness, saddlery and leatherware ...	23
9 Manufacturer of clothing and apparel ...	89
10 Production of food, drink and tobacco...	3251
11 Wood working, dealers in wood and makers of cane and basketware and house furniture	70
12 Printing, binding, dealers in books, publication and stationery ...	45
13 Photography ...	44
14 Building and construction (including decoration and ornaments) ...	18
15 Heat, light and power production (including water, fuel and electricity) ...	26
16 Transport and communication ...	-
17 Commerce and finance ...	3314
18 Professions ...	218
19 Hotels, restaurants and other personal service	1339
20 Shipping and cargo working ...	45
21 Other trades ...	354
Total	9346

Number of Rice Licence holders as at 31.12.49

	Number		Number
Port Louis ...	359	Flacq ...	157
Plaines Wilhems ...	426	Black River ...	40
Moka ...	100	Riviere du Rempart	103
Savanne ...	94		
Pamplemousses ...	112	Total	1,536
Grand Port ...	145		

Number of bakeries as at 31.12.49

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



SUGAR SALES 1940-1949

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	396,938	-	7,500	11,585	416,023

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	RUPEES	PER	METRIC TON	RUPEES	PER	METRIC 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+	389.06	365.99	12.18	378.17	289	363.78	226	377.51	285

+ Estimated.

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 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/of 1/2%. The following table gives in relative proportions the cost of these services per ton of sugar sold on the foreign market:

/rate

Freight	Insurance	Local Commission	London Brokerage	TOTAL
%	%	%	%	%
50.4	4.7	30.0	14.9	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.

Market price fluctuations of vegetables and fruits.

Commodity	Unit of quantity	Maximum	Minimum	Fluctuation
		during year	during year	
<u>PERISHABLE</u>				
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Chouchou ...	Kgs.	.80	.08	.72
Brinjal ...	"	.50	.06	.44
Haricot, green ...	"	1.10	.30	.80
Pipengaille ...	"	.70	.12	.58
Patolle ...	"	.40	.12	.28
Andive ...	"	.50	.20	.30
Bokla ...	"	.50	.30	.20
Green leaf vegetable ...	"	.36	.20	.16
Cabbage ...	unit	.40	.08	.32
Cauliflower ...	"	.70	.25	.45
Lettuce ...	"	.15	.04	.11
Cucumber ...	"	.50	.08	.42
Beetroot ...	"	.16	.05	.11
Turnip ...	"	.12	.04	.08
Patisson ...	"	.15	.05	.10
Rave ...	"	.15	.03	.12
Pomme d'amour ...	Kgs	2.00	.10	1.90
Lalo ...	"	.70	.10	.60
Pumpkin ...	"	.60	.12	.48
Calabash ...	"	.32	.06	.26
Pea, green ...	"	1.80	.80	1.00
Margoze ...	"	1.00	.30	.70
Petsai ...	unit	.30	.10	.20
Manioc ...	Kgs	.20	.10	.10
Voem ...	"	.70	.24	.46
Banana ...	unit	.05	.02	.03
<u>SEMI-PERISHABLE</u>				
Potato, local ...	Kgs	1.00	.50	.50
Potato, imported ...	"	.80	.30	.50
Arrouille - violet ...	"	.44	.20	.24
Arrouille - curry ...	"	.50	.16	.34
Carrot ...	"	.20	.60	.40
Onion, local ...	"	2.00	.70	1.30
Onion, imported ...	"	1.20	.50	.70
Garlic ...	"	2.50	1.60	.90
Ginger ...	"	.40	.24	.16
Chilly, green - big ...	"	2.00	.16	1.84
Chilly, green - small ...	"	6.00	.60	5.40
Groundnut, dried ...	"	1.20	.70	.50
Groundnut, green ...	"	.80	.30	.50
Sweet potato ...	"	.26	.10	.16
Maize, whole ...	"	.50	.34	.16
Radish ...	unit	.10	.02	.08
Pineapple ...	"	.50	.15	.35
Orange ...	"	.35	.08	.27
Coconut, dried ...	"	.50	.30	.20

COMPARATIVE RETAIL MARKET PRICES IN PREWAR YEARS AND IN 1949

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

Article	Unit of quantity	PREWAR		1949	
		Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.	Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.
Flour	Kg.	0.11	0.10	0.56(c)	0.50
Bread	200 gms.	0.06	0.05	0.13	0.12
Biscuits (local)	100	0.50	0.40	1.00	0.90
" (imp.)	1/2 Kg.	1.20	1.00	3.64	2.00
Rice (local)	Kg.	not available		2.70	1.40
" (imp.)	"	0.125	0.11	0.70(c)	0.66(c)
Paddy	"	0.18	0.10	1.10	0.60
Maize Rice	"	0.14	0.11	0.40(c)	0.40(c)
Macaroni (local)	"	0.70	0.60	0.98(c)	0.90
" (imp.)	"	1.20	1.00	1.76(c)	1.38
Vermicelli (local)	"	0.70	0.60	0.98(c)	0.80
Lentils- Black	"	0.17	0.16	0.70	0.60
Dhol (local)	"	0.18	0.14	1.00	0.80
Dhol imported:					
Toowar oily	"	0.20	0.15	0.50	0.50
Gram	"	0.20	0.15	1.10	0.90
Split peas	"	0.20	0.15	0.96(c)	0.92(c)
Peas - dried	"	0.40	0.35	0.70	0.68(c)
Beans-broad	"	0.44	0.44	1.10	1.00

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

Beef-fresh	Kg.	1.00	0.80	2.50(c)	1.60(c)
" -salted	"	0.60	0.50	2.60	2.40
Corned beef	12 ozs.	0.50	0.40	1.32(c)	1.12(c)
Corned mutton	"	not available		0.99	0.99
Sausages, pork (fresh)	Kg.	2.50	2.00	6.00	5.60
" (canned)	1 lb.	1.25	0.80	2.48(c)	1.35
" beef (canned)	"	0.70	0.70	2.00(c)	1.25
Goat & Mutton-fresh	Kg.	1.20	1.20	3.40	3.20
Pork, fresh	"	1.80	1.40	5.60	4.40
" , salted	"	0.70	0.60	4.00	3.40
Fish, fresh	"	0.45	0.30	1.60(c)	0.60(c)
" salted	"	0.50	0.30	1.10(c)	1.10(c)
Sardines in oil					
Portuguese	4 ozs.	0.30	0.30	0.65	0.56(c)
Salmon	16 ozs.	0.75	0.35	1.77(c)	1.47(c)
Herrings	"	0.40	0.30	1.27(c)	0.85(c)
Bombas	Kg.	0.60	0.40	3.20	2.40
Snoek	"	0.90	0.70	1.80	1.20
Prawns	"	1.00	0.80	5.50	5.00
Eggs	each	0.06	0.05	0.28	0.18
Poultry	Kg.	1.50	1.20	5.00	3.50
Ham, uncooked	"	3.00	3.00	6.00	4.50
Ham, boiled	"	8.00	8.00	12.20	10.00
Cold Sausages	"	5.00	5.00	7.00	6.00
Bacon	"	4.00	4.00	7.00	6.00
Lamb Tongues	12 ozs.	0.90	0.90	1.39	1.00
Sheep Tongues	"	0.90	0.90	1.60	1.00

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

Article	Unit of quantity	PREWAR		1949	
		Maximum Rs.	Minimum Ps.	Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.
Edible oil	litre	0.40	0.40	1.90 (c)	1.50 (c)
Olive oil (Plagniol)	"	1.38	1.88	12.00 (c)	11.90 (c)
Lard	Kg.	0.90	0.75	4.32 (c)	3.08 (c)
Ghee (vegetable)	"	1.00	0.80	4.84 (c)	3.18 (c)
" (animal)	"	2.00	1.60	6.35	5.46 (c)
Vinegar (local)	litre	0.25	0.20	0.62	0.50
" (imported)	"	1.00	1.00	2.33	2.31
Salt (fine)	Kg.	0.08	0.08	0.12 (c)	0.12 (c)
Curry stuff	"	0.50	0.50	2.40	1.80
Curry powder	"	0.60	0.50	4.00	2.40
Jam	1½ lbs	0.75	0.75	1.75	1.50
Orange Marmalade	2 lbs	0.75	0.75	1.60	1.50
Lea & Perrin's sauce	jar	1.00	1.00	1.35	1.25
Tomato Puree	1 lb.	0.40	0.40	1.00	0.90
Tomato Ketchup	8 ozs.	0.70	0.70	1.25	1.25

1. FOOD. (c) Butter, cheese, sugar & beverages (tea, coffee, milk, etc).

Tea (local)	Kg.	2.00	1.50	5.00	4.50
Tea (imported)	"	3.50	2.75	8.80 (c)	5.66 (c)
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	1.80	1.30 (c)
Cocoa	"	2.40	1.80	4.74	3.60
Chocolates	"	2.40	1.00	9.60	7.00
Butter (local)	"	2.20	1.70	7.60	6.67
Butter (imp.)	"	2.00	1.60	6.44 (c)	5.42 (c)
Margarine	32 ozs.	1.00	0.90	2.72 (c)	2.62 (c)
Cheese (imported)	Kg.	1.30	1.10	4.12	3.29
Milk (whole)	litre	0.15	0.12	0.40	0.40
Milk (condensed)	14 ozs.	0.35	0.35	0.90 (c)	0.85 (c)

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
" (imp.)	"	1.75	0.75	4.00	1.50
Rum	litre	3.00	2.75	5.75	5.00
Brandy	bottle	3.50	3.00	10.00	7.00
Beer	"	1.00	0.70	1.84	1.35
Ale	"	1.00	0.70	1.80	1.40
Porter	"	1.00	0.70	2.10	1.80

2. CLOTHING AND GARMENTS

Hats (felt)	each	12.00	2.50	27.00	4.00
Helmets (ordinary)	"	2.50	2.50	9.00	5.00
" (superior)	"	15.00	15.00	27.00	18.00
Bonnets, tweed caps	"	1.25	0.50	2.75	1.50
" topees	"	5.00	1.50	15.00	3.50
Sarees, superior	"	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	1.66
Drill (khaki)	"	0.90	0.50	3.39	2.20
Mattress cloth	"	1.50	0.50	5.50	1.50
Serge	"	6.00	3.00	32.50	15.00
Mosquito netting	"	1.50	0.90	6.75	2.00
Table cloth	"	3.25	1.50	5.50	3.00
Silk material	"	1.00	0.30	4.00	1.25
Tweed	"	6.00	3.00	25.00	11.00
Moleskine	"	0.85	0.40	1.90	1.00
Lining material	"	1.25	0.25	5.50	1.49
Flannel	"	10.00	4.00	28.00	10.00
Regatta	"	0.70	0.30	1.25	0.75
Prints-Indienne	"	0.75	0.40	2.00	1.00

2. CLOTHING & GARMENTS (continued)

Article	Unit of quantity	PREWAR		1949	
		Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.	Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.
Shirting - grey	Metre	0.26	0.26	1.90	0.94
" - white	"	0.40	0.40	1.79(c)	1.00
Shirts (local)	each	3.00	0.75	12.00	3.00
Shirts (imported)	"	6.00	2.50	22.50	7.00
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	2.00	0.75
" woollen	"	2.00	1.25	4.50	2.50
Stockings, cotton	"	1.25	0.50	3.50	1.50
" woollen	"	2.00	1.25	5.40	3.00
" silk (for ladies)	"	1.75	0.40	7.50	1.50
Blankets, cotton	each	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	14.00
" Women's	"	10.00	3.00	32.00	9.00
" Children's	"	7.00	1.25	18.00	3.50
" canvas	"	2.00	0.80	5.00	2.00
Sewing thread, cotton	reel of 300 yards				
" " " D.M.C.	ball of 50 grms	0.25	0.18	0.65(c)	0.46(c)
Knitting wool	Kg.	0.45	0.35	1.84(c)	1.84(c)
Working suits	each	5.00	5.00	24.00	16.00
Neckties, inferior	"	4.00	3.50	15.00	10.00
" " " superior	"	0.50	0.25	3.50	1.50
Men's underwear, singlets	"	5.00	1.50	16.50	5.00
Pullovers	"	1.00	0.40	3.50	1.25
Dhotees	"	7.00	1.00	22.00	3.00
Tussor, inferior	"	3.50	3.00	10.00	6.22(c)
Tussor, superior	metre	1.50	1.50	3.00	2.25
	"	3.50	3.00	8.00	6.00
3. FUEL					
Kerosene	litre	0.23	0.23	0.49(c)	0.44(c)
Denatured alcohol	"	0.20	0.18	0.40	0.40
Power Alcohol	"	not available		0.46(c)	0.46(c)
Motor Spirit	Imperial gallon	1.40	1.40	2.67(c)	2.47(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	16.00
Lower grade	bundle	0.01	0.01	Not available	
4. HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES					
Soap, local - bar of 3 lbs	each	0.36	0.30	1.32(c)	1.09(c)
Soap, imported, bar of 3 lbs	"	0.60	0.60	2.15(c)	2.00(c)
Cups & Saucers	"	0.70	0.40	2.00	1.25
Plates	"	0.50	0.25	2.50	0.75
Glasses	"	0.40	0.15	0.75	0.20
Electric Bulbs 16 c.p.	"	0.70	0.50	0.80	0.70
Candles	"	0.08	0.06	0.28	0.25

4. HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES (continued)

Article	Unit of quantity	PREWAR		1949	
		Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.	Maximum Rs.	Minimum Rs.
Writing Pads	Unit	0.75	0.30	1.75	0.90
Envelopes	per 100	0.80	0.30	2.00	0.75
Cooking Pans	Unit	3.00	1.00	4.00	1.25
Cooking Pots	„	1.25	0.75	9.00	4.50
Kettles, enamelled	„	3.00	2.00	7.50	4.50
„ aluminium	„	2.00	0.95	7.50	3.00
Safety razor blades	„	0.08	0.03	0.12	0.04
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	0.35
Washing blue	„	0.02	0.02	0.06(c)	0.05(c)
Matches, local, small box	„	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03
Matches, imported, small box	„	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.05
Toilet soap	per cake	0.16	0.05	0.37(c)	0.16(c)
Tooth paste	per tube	0.65	0.30	0.75	0.50
Hygienic paper ordinary	per roll	0.35	0.35	0.50	0.45
Hygienic paper, superior	„	0.60	0.60	1.00	0.75
Face powder	large box	1.75	1.00	3.00	1.50
Scrubs ammonia	bottle	1.00	1.00	1.40	1.40
Turpentine	litre	1.25	1.25	3.00	2.50
Wax	Kg.	1.12	1.12	3.20	3.20
Nab powder	packet	0.32	0.32	0.84	0.84
Washing soda	Kg.	0.40	0.40	1.00	0.80
Creoline	litre	1.00	1.00	2.50	2.50
Boot polish-large size	per tin	0.25	0.25	0.45	0.40
Blanco	per cake	0.14	0.14	0.20	0.20
Sunlight soap	„	0.10	0.10	0.32	0.32
Metal Polish B/bell	tin	0.75	0.25	2.00	0.50
Brush coco(for floors)	unit	0.15	0.15	0.40	0.30
5. TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES					
Pipe Tobacco-local	per oz.	not available		0.70	0.68
„ „ „ imp.	„	1.00	0.70	1.55	1.25
Cigarettes, local	tin of 50	0.75	0.40	2.00(c)	0.70(c)
Cigarettes, imported	„	1.50	1.00	3.50	2.50
Cigars	Unit	0.25	0.10	1.25	0.40

Retail Price Level Indices

(1939 = 100)

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

Commodity	March	June	September	December
Flour	533	533	476	476
Bread	236	236	236	236
Biscuits, local	211	211	222	222
Biscuits, imported	302	279	279	255
Rice imported	598	598	564	564
Paddy	729	464	507	710
Maize, rice	-	320	320	320
Macaroni, local	151	151	138	138
Macaroni, imported	160	160	146	134
Vermicelli, local	151	151	123	123
Vermicelli, imported	-	185	182	-
Lentils, black	--	376	364	406
Dholi, local	594	563	563	500
Dholi, imported:				
Toowar (oily)	291	291	291	291
Gram	535	-	-	640
Yellow split peas	535	535	535	558
Peas, dried	-	181	187	187
Beans, broad	227	-	-	250

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

Beef, fresh	228	228	228	228
Beef, salted	455	436	436	455
Corned beef	267	271	276	276
Sausages, pork - fresh	258	258	258	258
Sausages, pork - canned	198	145	145	145
Sausages, beef - canned	237	187	183	183
Goat & mutton, fresh	267	267	283	267
Pork, fresh	319	300	275	275
Pork, salted	585	554	554	538
Fish, fresh	290	290	290	322
Fish, salted	275	275	275	275
Sardines in oil (Portuguese)	200	187	203	210
Salmon	295	295	295	295
Herrings	317	300	303	303
Bomblas	480	560	600	640
Snock	219	175	-	200
Prawns	-	567	-	611
Eggs	560	360	360	500
Poultry	315	315	315	333
Ham, uncooked	167	158	173	193
Ham, boiled	150	138	139	139
Cold sausages	120	120	124	130
Bacon	150	160	155	163
Lamb tongues	126	154	154	144
Sheep tongues	126	153	167	144

1. FOOD. (c) Vegetables and fruits.

Commodity	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<u>PERISHABLE</u>												
Chouchou	667	1292	617	242	159	159	175	213	292	554	604	750
Brinjal	279	607	122	136	125	304	211	211	272	472	482	468
Haricot, green	725	938	663	610	448	388	535	530	508	500	625	505
Pipengaille	433	486	184	167	222	-	547	250	-	573	706	506
Patolle	390	456	219	238	294	400	-	-	388	463	404	416
Andive	433	444	297	-	272	-	370	472	378	445	444	428
Green leaf vegetable	280	309	222	221	181	208	215	282	282	277	261	251
Petsai	-	-	208	195	168	163	185	195	143	178	250	230
Cabbage	219	317	-	269	185	136	161	167	198	284	300	282
Cauliflower	-	-	-	-	245	188	162	148	155	244	-	-
Lettuce	189	244	222	173	139	161	122	184	200	228	239	189
Cucumber	183	159	115	168	178	176	303	363	311	197	254	202
Beetroot	370	-	-	-	310	490	430	310	380	420	430	420
Turnip	-	-	-	-	500	-	550	400	400	667	-	500
Patisson	-	453	500	520	270	340	320	370	340	430	387	333
Rave	217	266	266	275	258	300	284	184	267	467	333	433
Pomme d'amour	470	1217	1108	322	317	178	445	229	122	294	507	418
Lalo	474	590	403	203	221	329	429	413	434	645	564	519
Pumpkin	434	703	260	227	280	300	270	247	374	424	454	473
Calabash	444	617	350	222	262	-	528	400	600	572	572	356
Pea, green	555	-	623	582	487	318	323	518	364	570	564	455
Margoze	343	343	196	247	348	-	308	218	253	348	326	221

1. FOOD. (c) Vegetables & fruits (continued).

Commodity	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<u>PERISHABLE</u>												
Manioc	342	300	308	317	317	229	200	179	187	192	192	284
Voem	531	772	400	383	364	455	556	639	-	706	667	445
Banana	234	234	234	234	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
<u>SEMI-PERISHABLE</u>												
Potato, local	310	359	-	326	252	348	365	334	332	283	283	235
Potato, imported	406	500	438	305	270	469	-	-	-	344	344	250
Arrouille - violet	500	500	500	357	344	325	319	322	325	385	388	347
Arrouille - curry	333	537	357	250	303	153	322	344	456	-	-	-
Carrot	527	292	272	342	172	150	140	133	133	245	165	210
Onion, local	347	375	494	194	194	228	225	213	219	288	319	363
Onion, imported	391	401	432	292	261	396	417	-	-	391	396	458
Garlic	411	400	422	411	447	492	500	406	411	489	444	467
Ginger	290	312	312	228	278	264	320	308	320	296	304	320
Chilly, green - big	65	175	50	63	56	195	107	90	110	463	400	188
Chilly, green - small	118	215	134	80	80	151	229	101	96	575	470	325
Groundnut, dried	569	500	544	400	500	450	438	419	450	469	500	475
Groundnut, green	366	290	286	227	243	-	-	464	-	500	429	429
Sweet potato	375	367	333	354	317	225	221	184	184	183	200	204
Maize, whole	455	455	449	359	355	364	364	346	355	318	323	327
Pineapple	756	663	869	1069	1113	825	1081	1125	-	983	900	744
Orange	305	-	-	-	198	198	198	178	188	250	200	228
Coconut, dried	342	321	370	350	394	354	348	307	327	307	282	282

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

Commodity	March	June	September	December
Edible oil	375	375	475	475
Salad oil (Sunflower)	625	625	-	-
Salad oil (Olivine)	-	-	300	300
Olive oil (Plagniol)	375	372	375	372
Lard	485	485	492	492
Ghee, vegetable	480	446	484	484
Ghee, animal	308	308	332	332
Vinegar, local	244	244	276	276
Vinegar, imported	233	233	231	231
Salt, fine	150	150	150	150
Curry stuff	400	380	440	480
Curry powder	467	550	550	625
Lea & Perrins Sauce	135	135	135	125
Tomato sauce	225	233	238	238
Pure animal fat	605	523	523	523
Tomato Ketchup	179	179	179	179

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

Tea, local	271	271	271	271
Tea, imported	232	232	232	232
Sugar, white	275	275	275	275
Coffee	179	179	179	248
Cocoa	192	199	199	193
Chocolates	383 ⁺	383 ⁺	383 ⁺	383 ⁺
Butter, local	366	-	366	366
Butter, imported	317	317	323	352
Jam	217	217	217	217
Orange marmalade	200	213	213	213
Margarine	276	280	280	282
Cheese, imported	291	291	308	322
Milk, whole	296	296	296	295
Milk, condensed	257	257	251	243

1. FOOD. (f) Wines & spirits.

Soda water	167	167	167	167
Lemonade	200	200	200	200
Wine, local	210	210	210	210
Wine, imported	215	215	215	215
Rum	183	183	183	191
Beer	200	188	186	174
Ale	176	206	188	174
Porter	241	224	224	212

2. CLOTHING & GARMENTS.

Hats, felt	193	180	190	225
Helmets, ordinary	280	280	240	260

+ Highest

2. CLOTHING & GARMENTS (continued)

Commodity	March	June	September	December
Helmets, superior	150	140	140	140
Bonnets, tweed caps	272	260	260	272
Bonnets, topees	267	267	267	267
Sarees	354 ⁺	304 ⁺	296 ⁺	288 ⁺
Handkerchiefs	500	500	500	500
Drill, white	333	371	371	360
Drill, khaki	406	409	409	400
Mattress cloth	424	409	375	275
Serge	528	538	538	500
Mosquito netting	365	407	386	386
Table cloth	181	185	181	185
Silk material	409	409	409	409
Tweed	350	396	396	409
Moleskine	-	-	-	230
Lining material	226	255	235	290
Flannel	269	260	266	290
Regatta	224	200	200	200
Prints - Indienne	270	283	283	261
Shirting, grey	577	435	435	404
Shirting, white	360	290	290	283
Shirts, local	350	350	350	400
Shirts, imported	300	290	290	368
Towels, ordinary	203	203	203	203
Towels, bath	325	300	300	325
Socks, cotton	317	309	309	317
Socks, woollen	188	188	188	213
Stockings, cotton	400	290	280	290
Stockings, woollen	243	255	255	255
Stockings, silk (for ladies)	388	402	402	402
Blankets, cotton	300	288	300	350
Blankets, woollen	334	374	374	374
Shoes, men's	301	301	301	301
Shoes, women's	310	310	310	310
Shoes, children's	247	247	247	269
Shoes, canvas	213	213	225	250
Sewing thread, cotton	223	270	260	260
Sewing thread, D.M.C	484	484	484	484
Knitting wool	420	400	400	440
Neckties, inferior	500	650	650	650
Neckties, superior	350	365	317	317
Working suits, local	293	359	359	320
Men's underwear (singlets)	338	363	332	363
Pullovers	343	300	325	332
Dhotees	292	281	281	249
Tussor, inferior	167	159	159	175
Tussor, superior	223	207	189	200
3. FUEL.				
Kerosene	196	196	196	213
Denatured alcohol	211	211	211	211
Motor spirit	176	176	179	191

+ Highest

3. FUEL. (continued).

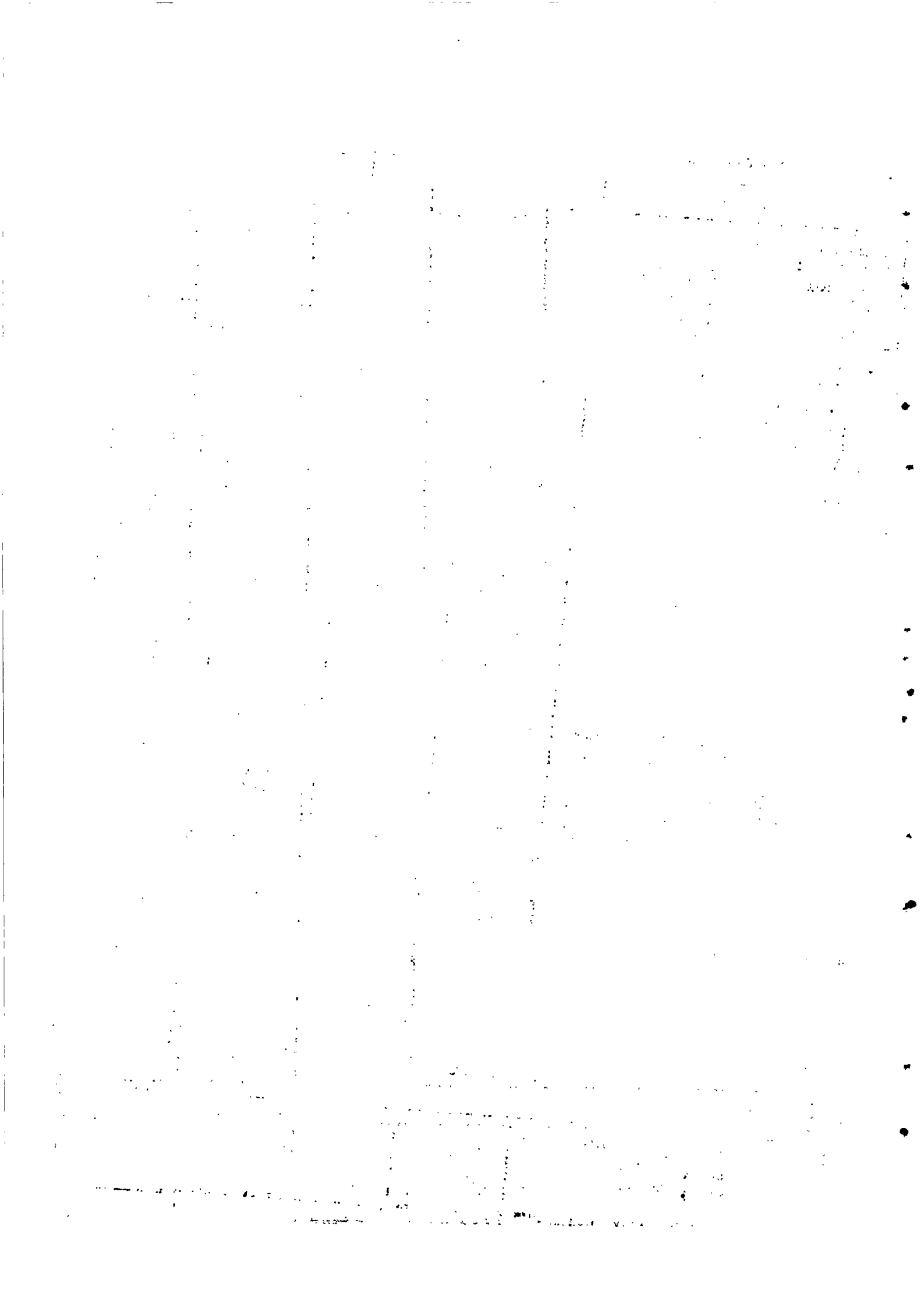
Commodity	March	June	September	December
Charcoal	200	200	200	200
Firewood:				
Higher grade (bundle)	200	200	200	233
Higher grade (corde)	167	167	175	177
Lower grade (corde)	187	164	180	190

4. HOUSEHOLD REQUISITES.

Soap, local	333	364	364	364
Soap, imported	357	335	335	335
Cups & saucers	296	373	296	296
Plates	464	373	368	368
Glasses	161	161	178	178
Electric bulbs	125	125	125	125
Candles	400	357	357	386
Writing pads	267	267	267	267
Envelopes	250	250	250	250
Cooking pans	129	141	141	141
Cooking pots	694	620	620	620
Kettles, enamelled	238	238	238	238
Kettles, aluminium	345	345	345	345
Safety razor blades	164	164	145	145
Shopping bags, vacoa	138	138	138	138
Brooms, coco	250	250	250	280
Brooms, fatac	380	430	430	450
Washing blue	300	300	300	300
Matches: Local (small box)	300	300	300	300
Imported (small box)	200	200	200	200
Toilet soap	276	276	270	270
Tooth paste	141	141	141	141
Hygienic paper, ordinary	137	137	137	137
Hygienic paper, superior	158	147	147	147
Face powder	160	160	160	160
Scrubs ammonia	140	140	140	140
Turpentine	240	200	200	200
Wax	286	286	286	286
Nab powder	263	263	263	263
Washing soda	200	250	250	250
Creoline	250	250	250	250
Boot polish	160	180	160	160
Blanco	143	143	143	143
Sunlight soap	320	320	320	320
Metal polish "Blue Bell"	254	234	234	234
Brush, coco	253	233	233	233

5. TOBACCO.

Pipe tobacco, imported	165	165	165	165
Cigarettes, local	235	247	247	247
Cigarettes, imported	240	240	240	240
Cigars	503	503	400	400



Commodity	Indices
<u>IRONMONGERY</u>	
Nails ...	121 - 417
Screws ...	145 - 240
Rivets ...	171
Locks ...	183 - 200
Hooks ...	187 - 240
Iron wire ...	170 - 175
Brass bars and sheets ...	222
Tacks ...	250 - 333
Bolts and nuts ...	214 - 250
Hinges ...	125 - 375
Padlocks ...	150 - 300
Iron bars and plates ...	227 - 260
Steel bars ...	200
Solder ...	300
<u>TOOLS</u>	
Agricultural tools ...	146 - 200
Metal and woodwork tools...	178 - 400
<u>BUILDING MATERIALS</u>	
Glass plates ...	350 - 400
Paint, prepared ...	233 - 382
Paint (powder) ...	222 - 333
Linseed oil ...	483
Turpentine ...	200
Cement ...	233
Galvanised iron pipe ...	208 - 331
Lead pipe ...	281
Corrugated iron sheets ...	327
Plain iron sheets ...	175
Wood, local ...	300 - 400+
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Wood, imported ...	(367 - 400y
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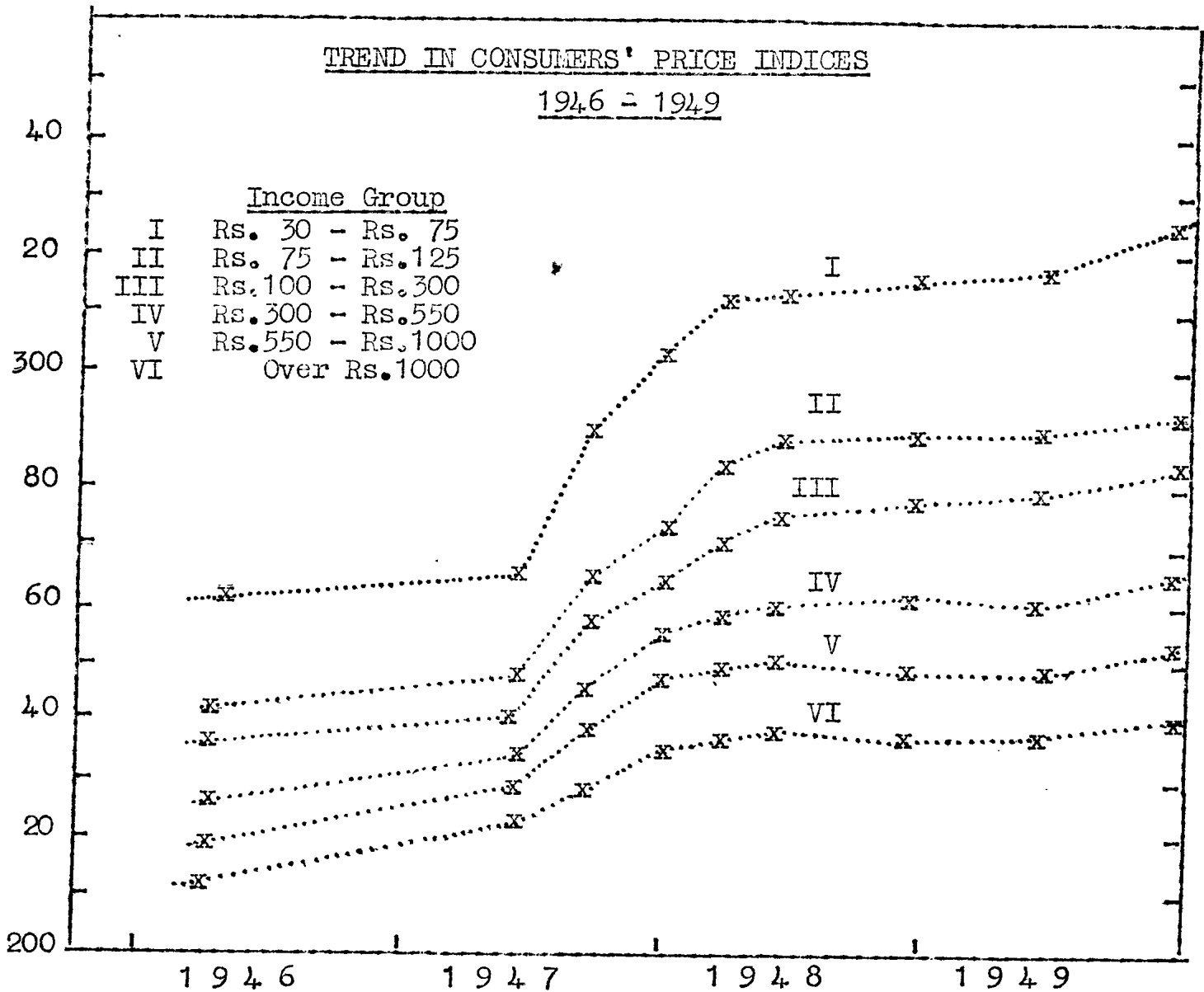
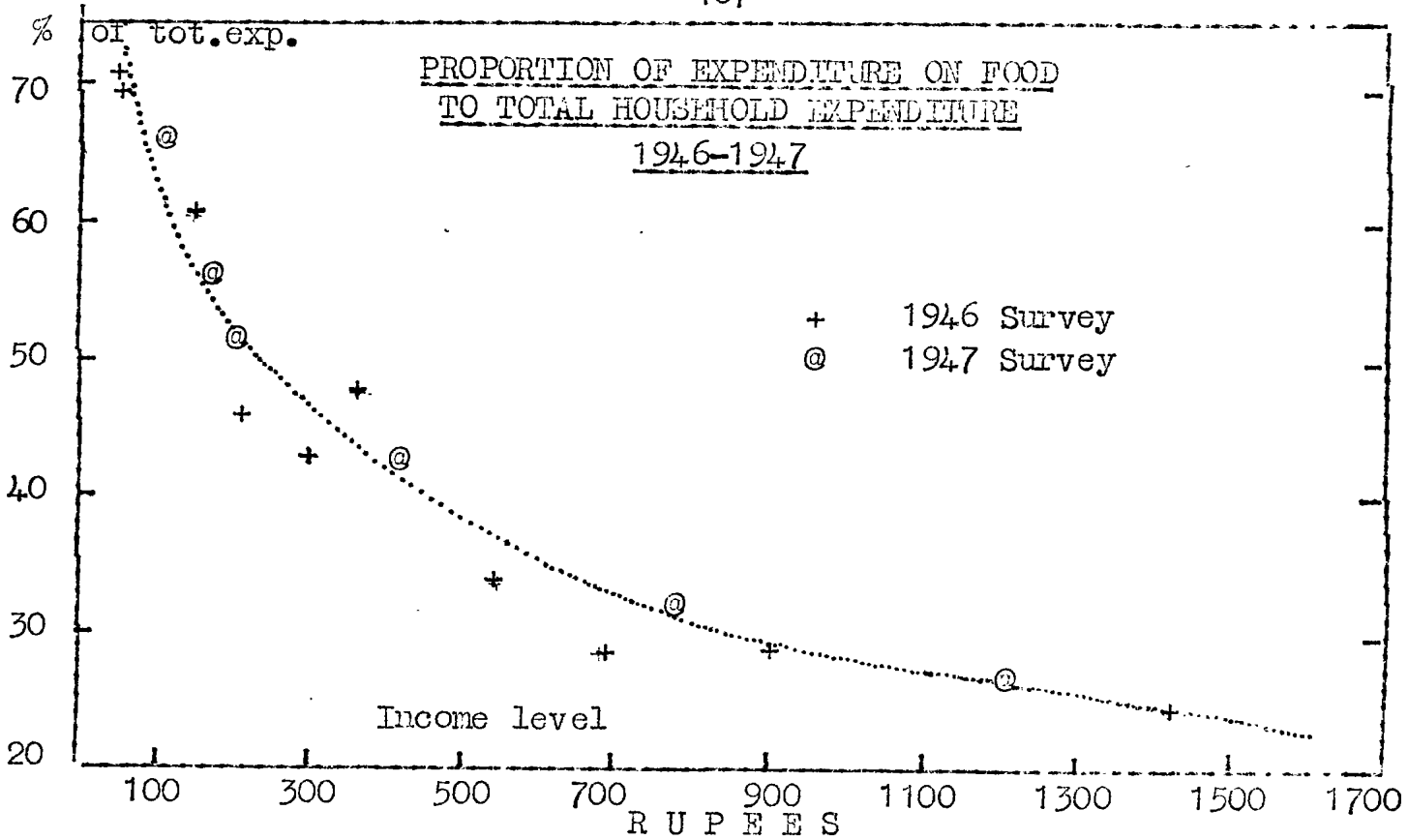
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CONSUMERS' PRICE INDICES + 1946-1949

Basic period : early 1939 = 100

Date	HIGHER INCOME GROUPS			MANUAL WORKERS		
	Rs. 100-300	Rs. 300-550	Rs. 550-1000	Over Rs. 1000	Artisan	Labourer
1946 May	235	225	218	211	241	261
1947 June	240	233	228	222	247	265
September	257	245	238	228	265	290
1948 January	264	256	247	235	273	303
March	271	258	249	237	284	312
June	275	260	250	238	288	313
December	277	261	248	236	289	315
1949 June	278	262	248	237	289	318
December	283	265	252	240	292	325

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



Details of Imported Merchandise.

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (C.I.F.)
I. <u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO:</u>			
			Unit Rs. 1000
A. <u>Grain and Flour:</u>			
Peas and Beans	m/tons	1,762	1,002
Dholl	"	293	167
Lentils	"	2,212	1,524
Rice	"	32,604	17,277
Wheaten flour	"	37,451	17,714
Farinaceous food	"	30	171
Vermicelli & Macaroni	"	36	42
Other grains & flour	"	228	132
B. <u>Feeding stuff for animals:</u>			
Grain and other food	"	462	168
C. <u>Animals, living for food:</u>			
Bullocks	head	2,582	618
Sheep	"	1,116	70
D. <u>Meat:</u>			
Preserved meat	m/tons	461	717
E. <u>Dairy produce:</u>			
Butter	"	205	834
Cheese	"	57	148
Condensed & powdered milk	"	200	451
Ghee	"	42	141
F. <u>Fresh fruits, nuts & vegetables:</u>			
Fresh fruits	"	414	307
Edible nuts	"	23	24
Garlic & Onions	"	249	131
Potatoes	"	2,581	1,017
Other fresh vegetables	"	2	1
G. <u>Beverages:</u>			
Beer	Hectol.	4,362	614
Brandy	"	441	188
Gin	"	31	15
Whisky	"	381	386
Other Spirits	"	37	35
Wine	"	1,397	383
Non-alcoholic	"	-	128
H. <u>Other food:</u>			
Biscuits and Cakes	m/tons	52	197
Coffee, raw	"	39	55
Confectionery & chocolate	"	107	387
Preserved fish, including shell fish	"	1,255	1,822
Canned fruits	"	25	39
Dried fruits	"	88	111
Honey and jam	"	16	25
Cocoa	"	36	120

Details of imported merchandise (continued)

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (C.I.F.) Unit Rs: 1000
Animal fat ...	m/tons	4	9
Hog's Lard ...	"	23	66
Margarine ...	"	124	268
Other refined animal oil ...	"	3	9
Coconut oil ...	"	703	1,071
Groundnut oil ...	"	1,957	3,281
Olive oil ...	"	15	66
Preserved provisions ...	"	330	717
Spices and spice seeds ...	"	381	547
Sugar & sugar substitutes ...	"	1	1
Tea ...	"	16	80
Vinegar ...	Hectol.	7	1
Other articles for food ...	"	-	40
I. Tobacco:			
Cigars & cigarettes ...	m/tons	21	312
Manufactured tobacco ...	"	1	7
Unmanufactured tobacco ...	"	71	477
		Total	54,113
II. RAW MATERIALS & ARTICLES MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED:			
A. Coal ...	"	41,170	2,223
B. Non-metalliferous mining & quarry products and the like:			
Asphaltum, Bitumen, pitch, coaltar ...	"	1,653	286
Other quarry products ...	"	78	18
E. Wood & Timber ...	C/metres	5,357	1,132
I. Other Textile Materials:			
Fibre of all sorts ...	m/tons	24	26
J. Seeds, beans, nuts for oil, oils, fats, gums & resins ...	"	70	77
N. Miscellaneous Raw Materials:			
Guano ...	"	2,888	231
Other raw materials ...	"	54	64
		Total:	4,057

Details of Imported Merchandise(continued)

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (C.I.F.)
III. ARTICLES WHOLLY OR MAINLY MANUFACTURED:			Unit Rs. 1000
A. <u>Coke and manufactured fuel</u> ...			
Coke ...	m/tons	529	114
B. <u>Pottery, Glass, Abrasives etc.</u>			
Abrasives, chalk, plumbago and asbestos ...	..		124
Cement ...	..	16,380	1,636
Earthenware ...	1000 units	192	369
Firebricks & tiles:	..	779	383
Glass sheets & plates ...	1000 sq. metres	82	265
Other general glassware ...	1000 units	1,304	499
C. <u>Iron and steel manufactures thereof:</u>			
Iron bars, rods, sheets, plates etc., ...	m/tons	6,080	4,289
Sheets and plates tinned tramway materials ...	..	117	112
Other manufactures of iron and steel ...	..	2,741	1,324
... ..	..	-	2,058
D. <u>Non-ferrous metals and manufactures thereof:</u> ...	-	-	1,277
E. <u>Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments:</u>			
Instruments and appliances (including photographic apparatus) ...	-	-	353
Cinema films ...	thousand metres	1,221	421
Hardware and holloware ...	-	-	619
Tools & implements ...	1000 units	49	122
F. <u>Electrical goods and apparatus:</u> -	-	-	2,823
G. <u>Machinery:</u>			
Sugar Machinery ...	m/tons	4,933	11,692
Other machines & machinery ...	-	-	828
H. <u>Manufactures of Wood and timber:</u> ...	-	-	648
I. <u>Cotton yarns & manufactures:</u>			
Cotton Piece goods ...	thousand metres	10,251	11,034
Other manufactures of cotton ...	-	-	1,159

Details of Imported Merchandise (continued)

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (C.I.F)
			Unit Rs. 1,000
<u>J. Woollen and worsted yarns & manufactures:</u>			
Woollen piece goods ...	thousand metres	150	1,846
Other manufactures of wool	-	-	165
<u>K. Silk and artificial silk, yarns & manufactures:</u>			
Rayon piece goods ...	thousand metres	917	1,859
Other manufactures of rayon	-	-	27
<u>L. Manufactures of Textile materials not elsewhere specified:</u>			
Gunny bags ...	thousand units	6,285	6,888
Linen and other vegetable fibre piece goods ...	thousand metres	9	11
Other manufactures of textile materials ...	-	-	499
M. Apparel ...	-	-	542
N. Footwear: ...	thousand pairs	219	663
<u>O. Chemicals, drugs, dyes and colours:</u>			
Chemical fertilizers ...	m/tons	29,473	8,218
Paint, all kinds including ochre	,,	537	874
Sulphur rolls ...	,,	5	2
Varnish ...	Hectol.	56	20
Other chemicals, drugs & dyes	,,	-	1,695
<u>P. Oils, fats and resins manufactured:</u>			
Candles ...	m/tons	56	124
Castor Oil ...	,,	40	74
Crude Fuel oil ...	hectol.	59,623	692
Illuminating and heating oil	,,	44,627	1,321
Linseed oil ...	m/tons	351	848
Lubricating oil ...	hectol.	11,141	828
Lubricating greases ...	m/tons	96	79
Motor Spirit ...	hectol.	133,377	4,377
Soap common ...	m/tons	1,402	1,709
Toilet and other soap ...	,,	57	257
Other manufactures of oils, fats & resins -	-	-	-
Q. <u>Leather and manufactures thereof:</u>	-	-	223
<u>R. Paper, cardboard and manufactures thereof:</u>			
Cigarette and Tissue paper	m/tons	40	100
Newsprint ...	,,	65	50
Old newspaper ...	,,	347	138
Packing & wrapping paper ...	,,	13	15

Details of imported merchandise (continued)

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (C.I.F.)
<u>R. Paper, cardboard and manufactures thereof (continued)</u>			
Printing and writing paper	m/tons	136	142
Other manufactures of paper and cardboard	-	-	773
<u>S. Vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircrafts:</u>			
Bicycles	Units	4,835	491
Motor cycles	"	28	26
Motor Cars	"	510	2,709
Motor Chassis	"	252	1,821
Motor Vans	"	17	97
Motor Lorries, tractors & ambulances	"	39	321
Tractors for Agricultural purposes	"	68	1,349
Locomotives	"	10	663
Perambulators	"	98	7
Other Vehicles	"	2	73
Fishing Vessel	"	1	16
Component parts for aircrafts	-	-	2
Component parts for above	m/tons	1,228	2,035
<u>T. Rubber Manufactures:</u>			
Tyres & tubes for bicycles	1000 units	44	117
Tyres & tubes for cars, lorries, tractors & other vehicles	"	13	800
Other manufactures of rubber	-	-	204
<u>U. Miscellaneous articles wholly or mainly manufactured:</u>			
Belting not for industrial purposes	-	-	5
Matches	gross boxes	6,495	26
Other miscellaneous articles	-	-	3,090
			91,037
IV. ANIMALS NOT FOR FOOD:	head	41	232
<u>Summary of Imports in Value +</u>			
Class I	Food, drink and tobacco		54,113
" II	Raw materials and articles mainly unmanufactured		4,057
" III	Articles wholly or mainly manufactured		91,039
TOTAL:			149,209
" IV	Animals, not for food		232
" V	Parcel post and baggage		3,698
" VI	Bullion and specie		82
Grand Total			153,221

+ Including imports for the Government.

Details of Exported Merchandise (including Re-Exports)

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (F.O.B.)
			Unit Rs. 1000
I. FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO:			
A. Grain and Flour:			
Wheaten Flour ...	m/tons	302	179
E. Dairy Produce			
Condensed Milk ...	,,	-	-8
F. Fresh Fruits, nuts & vegetable			
Ginger +	,,	111	28
Other fresh vegetable +	,,	12	3
G. Beverages:			
Rum + ...	hectol.	59,824	4,188
Other Spirit ...	,,	88	17
Wine+ ...	,,	10	1
H. Other Foods:			
Confectionery ...	m/tons	1	2
Preserved provisions+ ...	-	-	1
Sugar (raw and white)+...	,,	434,756	156,089
Tea + ...	,,	15	67
Other articles for food	-	-	1
I. Tobacco:			
Unmanufactured tobacco...	m/tons	1	3
Total			160,587
II. RAW MATERIALS			
I. Other Textile Materials			
A. Aloe Fibre (raw) + ...	,,	206	189
J. Seeds, beans, nuts for oil, oils, fats, Gum and Resins ...	-	-	0.5
K. Hides and skins undressed	,,	1	1
N. Miscellaneous raw materials	-	-	0.5
Total			191
III. ARTICLES WHOLLY OR MAINLY MANUFACTURED:			
B. Pottery, glass, abrasives etc			
Abrasives	-	-	1
Glassware	-	-	1
C. Iron and Steel manufactures thereof:			
Iron bars, rods, sheets, plates etc.,	m/tons	22	45
Iron Scrap and old metals	,,	7,149	239
Other manufactures of Iron and Steel	-	-	285
D. Non-Ferrous Metals and manufactures thereof:			
		-	67

Details of Exported Merchandise (including Re-Exports)

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (f.o.b.)
E. <u>Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments:</u>			Unit Rs. 1000
Cinema film ...	thousand metres	720	404
Instruments and appliances (including Photographic apparatus) ...	-	-	19
F. <u>Electrical Goods and apparatus</u>	-	-	17
G. <u>Machinery</u>	-	-	41
H. <u>Manufactures of Wood & Timber</u>	-	-	1
I. <u>Cotton yarns and manufactures</u>			
Cotton piece goods	thousand metres	20	37
Other manufactures of cotton	-	-	33
K. <u>Silk and artificial silk yarns and manufactures:</u>	thousand metres		
Rayon Piece goods ...	metres	21	58
Other manufactures of Rayon	-	-	1
L. <u>Manufactures of textile materials not elsewhere specified</u>			
Gunny bags ...	1000	362	178
M. <u>Apparel</u> ...	-	-	4
O. <u>Chemicals, drugs, dyes & colours</u>			
Chemical fertilizers ...	m/tons	2	1
Paints, all kinds including ochre ...	-	-	1
Other chemicals, drugs & dyes	-	-	235
P. <u>Oils, fats and resins manufactured:</u>			
Lubricating Oil ...	hectol.	51	3
Q. <u>Leather and Manufactures thereof:</u> ...	-	-	1
R. <u>Paper, cardboard and manufactures thereof:</u>			
Old newspaper ...	-	-	1
Other manufactures of paper and cardboard. ...	-	-	16
S. <u>Vehicles including Locomotives, Ships and Aircrafts:</u>			
Motor Cycles ...	unit	1	2
Motor Cars ...	"	7	30
Tractors for agricultural purposes ...	"	2	20
Perambulators ...	"	12	1
Other Vehicles ...	"	3	17
Component parts for above	-	-	17
T. <u>Rubber Manufactures:</u>			
Tyres and tubes for motor cars	unit	224	10

Details of Exported Merchandise (including Re-Exports)

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (f.o.b.)
			Unit Rs. 1000
U. <u>Miscellaneous articles wholly or mainly manufactured:</u>	-	-	357
		Total	2,143
IV. ANIMALS, NOT FOR FOOD	2	-	250
<u>Summary of Exports in Value (excluding the value of Sugar Quota certificates)</u>			
CLASS I	Food, drink and tobacco	...	160,587
,, II	Raw materials and articles mainly manufactured	...	191
,, III	Articles wholly or mainly manufactured	...	2,143
		Total ...	162,921
,, IV	Animals not for food	...	-
,, V	Parcel post	...	154
,, VI	Bullion and Specie	...	-
		Grand Total	163,075

Domestic Exports are indicated by the sign +

Details of imported merchandise from Dependencies.

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (c.i.f) Unit Rs.1000
I. <u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO</u>			
A. <u>Grain and Flour</u>	M/tons	3	4
B. <u>Feeding stuff for animals</u>	"	284	59
C. <u>Animals living for food</u>			
Bullocks ...	head	353	47
Sheep and goats ...	"	3,000	91
Other animals ...	"	1,674	102
F. <u>Fresh fruits, nuts & vegetables</u>			
Fresh fruits ...	M/tons	1	1
Edible nuts ...	"	21	14
Garlic and onions ...	"	3	3
H. <u>Other food</u>			
Preserved fish, including shell fish ...	"	431	303
Preserved provision and other articles of food	"	4	4
		TOTAL	628
II. <u>RAW MATERIALS AND ARTICLES</u> <u>MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED</u>			
E. <u>Wood and timber</u> ...	cu. metres	31	2
J. <u>Seeds, beans, nuts for oil, oils, fats, gums & resins</u>		-	460
K. <u>Hides and skin, undressed</u>	M/tons	2	1
N. <u>Miscellaneous raw materials</u>			
Guano ...	"	1,243	119
Other raw materials ...	"	0.1	13
		TOTAL	595
III. <u>ARTICLES WHOLLY OR MAINLY</u> <u>MANUFACTURED</u>			
U. <u>Miscellaneous articles wholly or mainly manufactured</u>		-	78
IV. <u>ANIMALS NOT FOR FOOD</u>			
	head	19	2
<u>Summary of imports in value from dependencies</u>			
I. Food, drink & tobacco			628
II. Raw materials & articles mainly unmanufactured			595
III. Articles wholly or mainly manufactured			78
IV. Animals not for food			2
V & VI			NIL
		TOTAL	1,303

Details of exported merchandise (including re-exports) to dependencies

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (f.o.b)
			Unit Rs. 1,000
<u>I. FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO</u>			<u>1,362</u>
<u>A. Grain and flour</u>			
Peas, beans, emberics and dhol	M/tons	1.9	4
Lentils	"	31	23
Rice	"	416	268
Wheaten flour	"	316	171
Other grains & flour	"	321.6	115
<u>C. Animals, living for food +</u>	head	7	1
<u>D. Meat</u>			
Preserved meat	M/tons	0.3	1
<u>E. Dairy produce</u>			
Butter, cheese including margarine	"	8	26
Condensed milk	"	-	14
<u>F. Fresh fruits, nuts & vegetables</u>			
Fresh fruits	"	0.2	1
Potatoes +	"	4	2
Other vegetables +	"	2	2
<u>G. Beverages</u>			
Beer	Hectols.	11	15
Rum +	"	30	122
Other spirits +	"	4	15
Wine +	"	119	84
Non-alcoholic +	"	10	7
<u>H. Other food</u>			
Biscuits & cakes +	M/tons	2	4
Confectionery & chocolates +	"	3	5
Coffee, raw	"	1	1
Preserved fish, including shell fish	"	1	4
Dried fruits	"	0.2	1
Groundnut oil	"	35	58
Other edible oil	"	3	5
Preserved provision	"	-	37
Spices & spice seeds	"	3	6
Sugar, raw and white +	"	161	168
Salt, common +	"	357	31
Tea +	"	5	21
Other articles for food +	"	-	1
<u>I. Tobacco</u>			
Cigars & cigarettes +	"	15	149

CLASS & GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (f. o. b)
			Unit Rs. 1,000
II. <u>RAW MATERIALS AND ARTICLES MAINLY UNMANUFACTURED</u>			80
A. <u>Coal</u>	M/tons	205	16
B. <u>Non metalliferous mining and quarry products and the like</u>		2	1
E. <u>Wood and timber</u>	c.metres	446	25
I. <u>Other textile materials +</u>	M/tons	1	1
J. <u>Seeds, beans, nuts for oil, oils, fats, gum and resins +</u>	"	121	16
N. <u>Miscellaneous raw materials</u>		-	21
III. <u>ARTICLES WHOLLY OR MAINLY MANUFACTURED</u>			1,256
B. <u>Pottery, glass, abrasives, etc</u>			
Cement	M/tons	51	7
Earthenware, firebricks and tiles	1000units	3	4
Other general glassware		-	5
C. <u>Iron and steel, manufactures thereof</u>			
Iron bars, rods, sheets, plates, etc.	M/tons	49	52
Sheets & plates, tinned	"	1	1
Tramway materials	"	8	7
Other manufactures of iron & steel		-	18
D. <u>Non ferrous metals & manufactures thereof</u>		-	8
E. <u>Cutlery, hardware, implements and instruments</u>			
Instruments and appliances, including photographic apparatus		-	8
Hardware and holloware		-	26
F. <u>Electrical goods and apparatus</u>		-	33
G. <u>Machinery</u>		-	11
H. <u>Manufactures of wood and timber</u>		-	12

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (£.o.b)
			Unit Rs. 1,000
<u>I. Cotton yarns & Manufactures</u>			
Cotton piece goods	1000 met.	243	329
Other manufactures of cotton		-	20
<u>J. Woolen & worsted yarns & manufactures</u>			
Woollen piece goods	"	0.4	8
Other manufactures of woollen		-	3
<u>K. Silk & artificial silk yarns & manufactures</u>			
Rayon piece goods	"	4	21
Other manufactures of rayon		-	4
<u>L. Manufactures of textile materials not elsewhere specified</u>			
Gunny bags	1000units	32	18
Other manufactures of textile materials		-	15
<u>M. Apparel</u>			
		-	15
<u>N. Footwear</u>	1000pairs	9	20
<u>O. Chemicals, drugs, dyes & colours</u>			
Paints, all kinds including ochre	M/tons	8	13
Other chemicals, drugs & dyes		-	30
<u>P. Oils, fats and resins manufactured</u>			
Candles	"	1	4
Castor oil	"	1	3
Illuminating & heating oil	hectols.	39	19
Linseed oil	M/tons	2	5
Motor spirit	Hectols	14	8
x Soap, common +	M/tons	64	58
Toilet and other soap		-	10
Other manufactures of oils, fats and resins		-	1
x Lubricating oil	Hectols	4	1

CLASS AND GROUP	Unit	Quantity	Value (f.o.b.)
			Unit Rs. 1,000
Q. <u>Leather and manufactures thereof +</u>	M/tons	0.6	6
R. <u>Paper, cardboard and manufactures thereof</u>		-	334
S. <u>Vehicles including locomotives, ships and aircrafts</u>			
Bicycles & parts		-	1
Motor car parts		-	1
T. <u>Rubber manufactures</u>			
Tyres and tubes	1000units	0.2	1
U. <u>Miscellaneous articles wholly or mainly manufactured</u>			
Matches +	gross boxes	6,986	9
Other miscellaneous articles		-	107
<u>Summary of exports in value to dependencies</u>			<u>2,698</u>
I. Food, drink and tobacco			1,362
II. Raw materials & articles mainly manufactured			80
III. Articles wholly or mainly manufactured			1,256
IV. Animals not for food			nil
V. Parcel post & baggage			nil
VI. Bullion & specie			nil

Domestic exports are indicated by the sign +

FINANCE

Statement of the Revenue of the Colony for the period
1st July, 1948, to 30th June, 1949.

HEAD OF REVENUE		Actual Revenue to 30th June, 1949	
		Rs.	Cs
I	Customs ...	10,967,937	08
II	Port, Harbour and Light dues	941,606	24
III	Licences, Excise and Internal Revenue not otherwise classified	24,874,967	87
IV	Fees of Court or Office and payments for specific services	2,360,656	77
V	Reimbursements ...	2,175,338	32
VI	Rent ...	358,979	85
VII	Interest ...	757,587	12
VIII	Miscellaneous receipts ...	1,040,473	37
IX	Posts and Telegraphs ...	1,136,435	22
XII	Railways ...	18,484	88
	TOTAL exclusive of Land Sales	Rs. 44,632,466	72
X	Land Sales ...	-	
	TOTAL	Rs. 44,632,466	72
XI	Special Revenue ...	1,639,426	57
	TOTAL	Rs. 46,271,893	29

Statement of the Expenditure of the Colony for the period
1st July, 1948 to 30th June, 1949

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE		Actual expenditure to 30th June, 1949	
		Rs.	Cs.
1	Public Debt	2,430,805	47
2	Pensions and Gratuities	2,379,500	64
3	Governor	89,629	81
4	Accountant General	183,122	42
5	Agriculture	478,974	17
6	Audit	104,035	41
7	Central Administration	379,310	63
8	Central Statistical Office...	39,789	98
9	Civil Aviation	225,330	02
10	Customs and Excise	529,891	78
11	District Administration	67,214	54
12	Ecclesiastical	198,490	32
13	Education	2,441,857	79
14	Electricity and Telephones...	1,155,056	16
15	Fire Services	160,200	68
16	Forests	722,944	66
17	Granary	135,813	80
18	Harbour and Quays	961,071	41
19	Health	3,962,227	53
20	Judicial	490,904	32
21	Labour	230,922	09
22	Legal	97,159	71
23	Legislature	265,111	14
24	Mauritius Institute and Public Museum	45,841	89
25	Mauritius Naval Volunteer Force	28,590	54
26	Military	1,084,631	95
27	Miscellaneous	1,076,303	87
28	Observatory	114,960	93
29	Police	1,518,484	44
30	Poll Tax	60,793	81
31	Posts and Telegraphs	545,388	64
32	Printing Office	448,925	38
33	Prisons and Industrial School	477,510	01
34	Public Assistance	982,762	29
35	Public Works and Surveys	784,311	36
36	Public Works Annually Recurrent	2,232,770	83
37	Public Works Extraordinary...	296,631	25
38	Railways	1,505,252	16
39	Registrar General	154,414	16
41	Subventions	1,048,193	40
42	Emergency Services	10,475,397	66
	Total	40,610,534	05
40	Special Expenditure	890,223	26
43	Development and Welfare	2,500,000	00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	44,000,757	31

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	Rs.		Rs.
Deposits	11,033,775	Cash, General	9,055,490
Joint Colonial Fund	7,053,333	Remittances in Transit	62,075
Mauritius Development and Welfare Fund	3,512,244	Mauritius Agricultural Bank Bills	300,560
Loan Funds unexpended - War Savings Certificates	9,154	Advances	20,589,798
Special Funds - Deposits held on account of various Special Funds	27,114,659	Investments: -	
Reserve Fund	12,000,000	Surplus Funds	15,192,364
General Revenue Balance	7,393,416	Various Special Funds	22,916,294
	68,116,581		68,116,581

Financial position of the Colony as at 30th June, 1949.

REVENUE		EXPENDITURE	
	Rs.		Rs.
General Revenue Balance at 30th June, 1948	5,408,427	Ordinary Expenditure	32,540,244
Ordinary Revenue	44,552,693	Extraordinary Expenditure	10,570,290
Extraordinary Revenue	79,773	Special Expenditure	890,223
Special Revenue	1,639,427	Depreciation on Investments	
	46,271,893	General Revenue Balance at 30.6.49	7,393,416
	51,680,320		51,680,320

Five years' summary of Public Revenue and Expenditure.

Annual Revenue and Expenditure 1945 - 1949

Year ended 30th June:	Revenue	Expenditure	Surplus	Deficit
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1945	34,713,517	31,832,797	2,880,720	-
1946	42,898,113	43,587,752	-	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	-

Yield of Poll Tax.

	FINANCIAL YEAR		
	1946 - 1947	1947 - 1948	1948 - 1949
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Individuals	2,036,512	3,167,612	4,874,097
Companies	1,839,235	3,065,898	5,112,873
Total Rs.	3,875,747	6,233,510	9,986,970

Revenue collected on Tobacco.

	1946 - 1947	1947 - 1948	1948 - 1949
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
EXCISE REVENUE	3,256,683	3,404,035	3,921,377
CUSTOMS REVENUE:			
Manufactured tobacco	7,304	8,125	10,022
Imported cigars and cigarettes	628,019	662,369	519,997
Imported leaf	1,451,265	1,404,997	1,532,625
Total Rs.	5,343,271	5,479,526	5,904,021

Revenue collected on Distillery Produce

	1946 - 1947	1947 - 1948	1948 - 1949
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Exported alcohol	434,155	575,794	651,894
Rum	4,711,603	3,052,591	3,406,075
Denatured spirits (including power alcohol)	131,204	275,748	193,788
Wines	216,704	506,568	647,412
Vinegar	1,431	1,385	1,199
Drugs & tinctures	1,636	1,451	2,328
Perfumes	4,600	3,412	2,915



Public Debt.

The total Public Debt of the Colony on 30th June, 1949, was Rs. 43,378,873, and the Sinking Fund held against the Public Debt aggregated Rs. 19,670,862. The comparable figures on the 30th June, 1948, were Rs. 43,954,463 and Rs. 19,065,379 respectively.

Statement in respect of/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

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

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.

MAURITIUS DEVELOPMENT & WELFARE FUND

Statement of Revenue for the period 1946-49

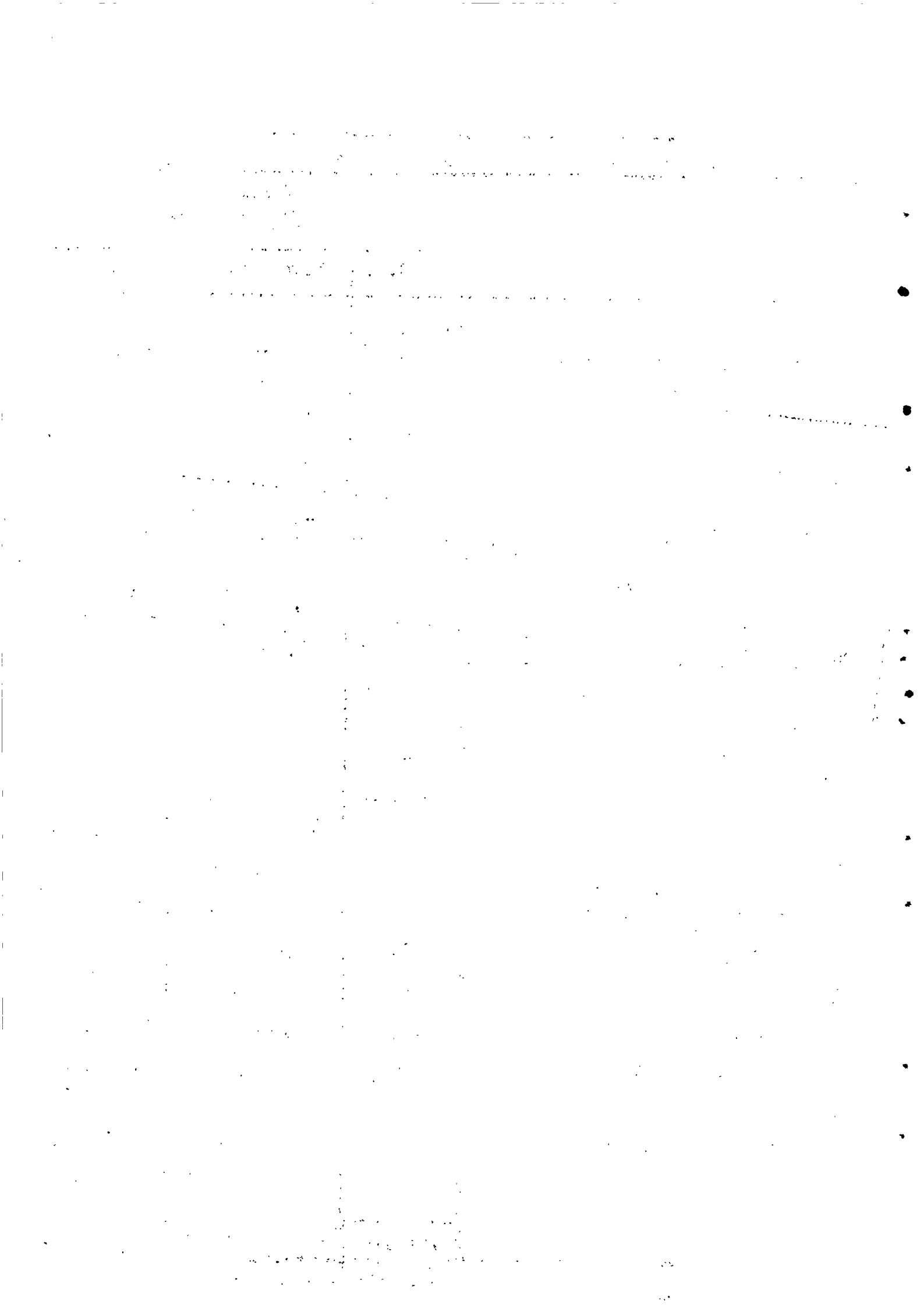
In Rupees

HEADS OF REVENUE	TOTAL REVENUE From 1st July 1946 to 30th June, 1949		
	C.D.F.	Other Sources	Total
Colonial Development Fund	1,768,727	-	1,768,727
„ „ „ „ (Research)	537,782	-	537,782
Loan Funds	-	-	-
Subventions & Reimbursements	-	14,341,164	14,341,164
TOTAL	2,306,509	14,341,164	16,647,673

Statement of Expenditure for the period 1946-49

In Rupees

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE	TOTAL EXPENDITURE From 1st July, 1946 to 30th June, 1949		
	C.D.F.	Other Sources	Total
Central Administration	11,750	960,166	971,916
Agriculture	-	1,075,182	1,075,182
Education	-	785,322	785,322
Health	1,606,104	444,859	2,050,963
Nutrition	22,833	213,552	236,385
Settlement	46,438	35,509	81,947
Irrigation & water supplies	-	3,556,610	3,556,610
Buildings	82,838	1,458,590	1,541,428
Roads	-	1,782,400	1,782,400
Research	630,804	1,324,566	1,955,370
Sugar Industry	-	5,728,908	5,728,908
Interest charges	-	-	-
Scholarships, etc	17,941	14,417	32,358
Sewerage	-	86,191	86,191
	2,418,708	17,466,272	19,884,980



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

Colonial Development and Welfare Fund (the Colony's allocation under the Colonial Development & Welfare Act 1945)	Rs. 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)	<u>28,436,000</u>
	<u>Rs. 102,916,000</u>

The details of the contributions from local sources are:

Surplus Funds	Rs. 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...	<u>726,000</u>
	<u>Rs. 28,436,000</u>

A summary of the expenditure incurred up to the 30th June, 1949, and the expenditure to be incurred during the ten-year period is given in the table below:

In Rupees

Head of Expenditure	Periods	
	1946-49	10-year period
Central Administration	971,920 ⁺	694,000
Agriculture	1,075,270	3,508,000
Education (training College)	792,560	2,200,000
Health	2,050,120	6,408,000
Nutrition	236,920	267,000
Settlement	81,950	864,000
Irrigation & water supplies	3,564,320	25,000,000
Buildings	1,557,330	11,119,000
Roads	1,781,080	3,600,000
Research	1,908,730	4,358,000
Sugar Industry	5,728,910	6,000,000
Interest charges	-	6,000,000
Scholarships & Training		
Grants	32,330	4,405,000
Sewerage	86,190	9,013,000
Unallocated	-	23,680,000
	<u>19,867,630</u>	<u>102,916,000</u>

+ Includes Rs. 776,430 of Unallocated Stores not yet transferred to other heads.

The expenditure for the period 1946-49 was financed as follows:

From the Colonial Development & Welfare Fund	Rs. 2,376,310
From advances pending the raising of a loan	6,763,140
From subventions and reimbursements	<u>10,728,180</u>
	<u>Rs. 19,867,630</u>

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF BEAU BASSIN- ROSE HILL
(Estimated 1949 township population= 29,300)

		In Rupees.	
REVENUE	Financial year ended 30.6.49	Estimates financial year 1949/50	EXPENDITURE
Cash in hand and at Bank	14,965	-	Secretariat and Treasury
Rate of 1% on immovable properties	179,182	170,000	Public Works +
Tenant's tax	24,494	19,000	Sanitary services
Government Contribution	185,679	185,679	Markets & lighting of streets
Miscellaneous	126,464	144,500	Public Debt-Interest &
			- Inst. on capital
			Miscellaneous
			Closing Balance
	530,784	519,179	
			Financial year ended 30.6.49
			Estimates financial year 1949/50
			31,168
			168,373
			55,610
			19,583
			72,958
			114,542
			68,500
			530,784
			33,547
			183,605
			62,367
			22,327
			71,110
			130,467
			15,756
			519,179
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF QUATRE-BORNES (Estimated 1949 township population = 12,200)			
Cash in hand and at Bank	29,873	-	Secretariat and Treasury
Rate of 1% on immovable properties	61,367	66,108	Public Works +
Tenant's tax	8,112	6,000	Sanitary services
Government Contribution	71,733	71,333	Markets & lighting of streets
Miscellaneous	25,574	25,300	Public Debt-Interest and
			- Inst. on Capital
			Miscellaneous
			Closing Balance
	196,659	168,741	
			Financial year ended 30.6.49
			Estimates financial year 1949/50
			18,046
			85,606
			25,950
			15,204
			4,360
			34,289
			13,204
			195,659
			19,970
			76,720
			28,472
			15,943
			4,240
			23,136
			260
			168,741

+ Salaries of staff and maintenance and construction of buildings, gutters, roads etc.

Total sale-proceeds of Sugar.

Crop year	Export proceeds ^x	Local sale ⁺ proceeds	Total sale-proceeds
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1938	40,419,278	1,865,695	42,284,973
1939	32,642,345	1,996,428	34,638,773
1940	51,073,069	2,179,602	53,252,671
1941	52,278,599	2,420,044	54,698,643
1942	61,738,601	2,973,517	64,711,118
1943	57,117,704	3,450,197	60,567,901
1944	46,053,512	4,673,487	50,726,999
1945	45,646,074	4,516,256	50,162,330
1946	78,228,325	5,813,192	84,041,517
1947	110,225,856	6,478,624	116,704,480
1948	132,029,040	6,745,540	138,774,580
1949 (Est.)	150,111,000	6,943,000	157,054,000

x Excluding insurance, freight and brokerage;
 + Including interest and sundry adjustments.

AVERAGE RATE OF EXCHANGE WITH LONDON

Average selling rate for demand drafts on London	Average selling rate for Bank Bills at 90 days' sight in London for the year 1949
By Banks: Rs. 13.40 per £ sterling By Public: Rs. 13.20 per £ sterling	Rs. 13.3665 per £ sterling

NOTES AND COINS IN CIRCULATION

	Notes	Coins
	Rs.	Rs.
During 1st quarter 1949	30,093,625	2,051,500
During last quarter 1949	34,765,625	1,987,940

BANKING STATISTICS

Particulars of Trading Banks in Mauritius.

Name of Bank	Amount on deposit in the Colony on 31st December	
	1948	1949
	Rs.	Rs.
The Mauritius Commercial Bank	28,639,255	36,040,435
The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	8,383,436	10,432,478
Barclays Bank (Dominion, Colonial and Overseas)	13,973,066	18,689,169

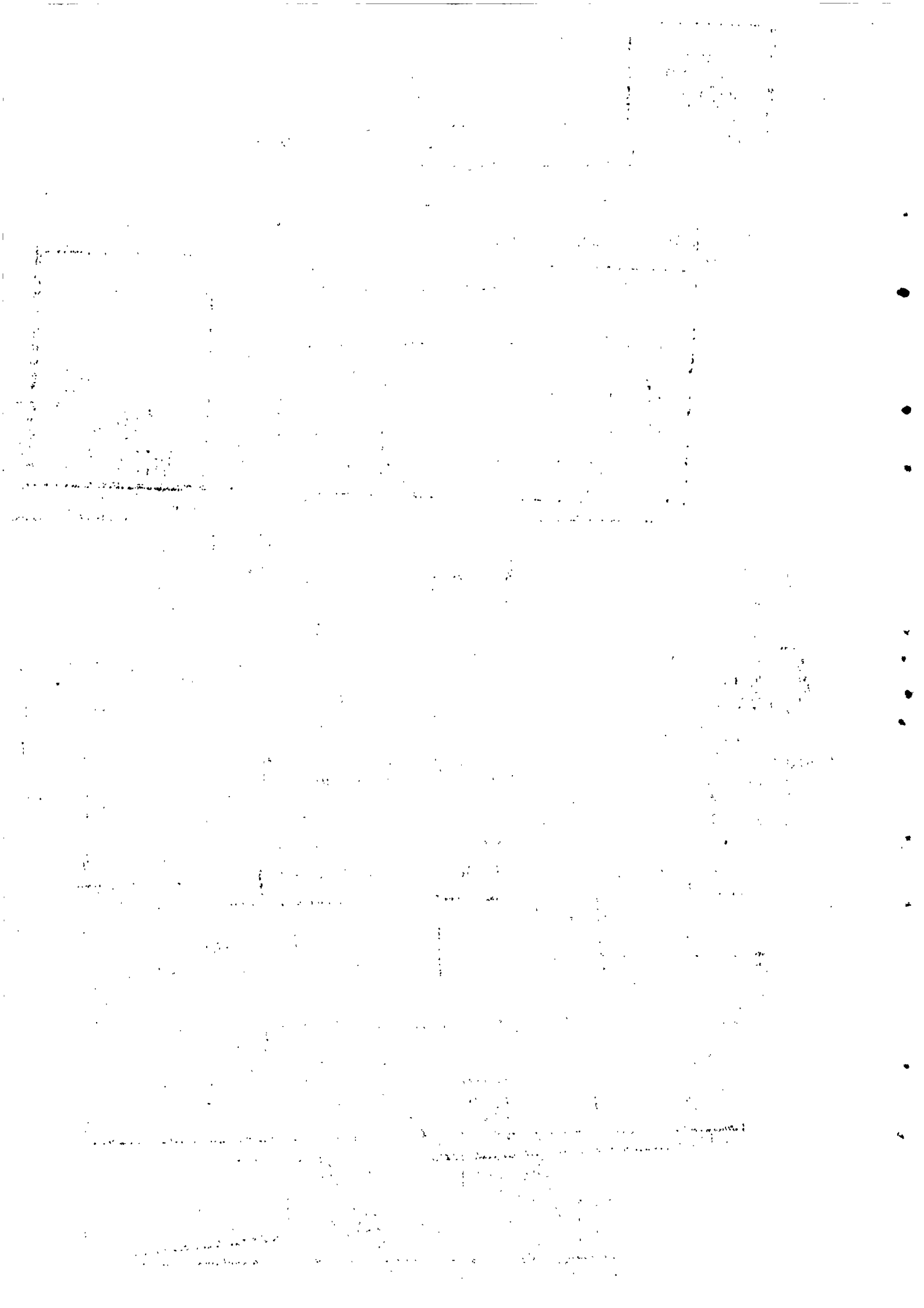
Mauritius Government Savings Bank⁺

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.
1945	51,239	6,257,945	3,641,492	15,064,637
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

Bank Deposit Figures.

30th June	Savings Bank	Trading Bank	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	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

+ Bank pays interest at the rate of 2½ % .



TREASURY

The deposits as at 30.6.49 amounted to Rs.
11,033,775

CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES

The total deposits as at 30.6.49 amounted to 67,800

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES

The total deposits as at 31.12.49 amounted to 939,714

MAURITIUS AGRICULTURAL BANK

Agricultural loans granted as at 31st December, 1949	Number of loans	Amount Rs.
Mauritius Agricultural Bank Loans	309	13,711,618
Loans under the Hurricane Loan Ordinance, 1945:		
Repairs to Industrial Buildings)	203	2,571,469
Replantation of sugarcane lands)		12,873,293
Sugar Industry (Rehabilitation of factories and Rolling Stock Ord. 24/1948)	27	5,442,463
Total		Rs. 34,598,843

Mortgages subscribed by small planters at the Mauritius Agricultural Bank as at 31.12.49:

Number of loans ... 293
Amount outstanding ... Rs. 2,479,075 +

+ Out of which Rs. 771,511 due for loans under the Hurricane Loan Ordinance.

Estimated Indebtedness of the Sugar Industry - June, 1949

In Rupees

1. Amount due on loans free of interest made in terms of Ordinance 24 of 1930: Balance at 31st May, 1949	...	1,289,782
2. Amount due on Hurricane Loan 1931 (Ordinance 16 of 1931): Balance at 30th April, 1949	...	1,844,973
3. Amount due on Hurricane Loan 1945 (Ordinance 2 of 1945):		
(i) Art 6 (1) (a) Buildings ... 2,607,045		
(ii) Art 6 (1) (b) Plantations ... 14,104,228		
Total at 30th June, 1949	...	16,711,273
4. Amount due to Agricultural Bank at 30.6.49		10,385,266 ⁺
5. Rehabilitation Loan (Ord. 24 of 1948) Balance at 30th June, 1949	...	5,442,463
6. Other debts (approximate figures)	...	35,000,000
Total		70,673,757

+ 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.

Co-Operative Societies

The number of societies on the Register at the close of the last co-operative year (30th April 1949) was 237 comprising the following types of societies:

Central Bank	...	1	
Credit Unlimited	...	112	
Credit Limited	...	2	
Consumers' Stores	...	85	
Marketing	...	2	
Thrift & Savings	...	35	237

Of this total 35 societies had not commenced operations on the 30th April, 1949, viz:

Consumers' Stores	...	25	
Marketing	...	1	
Thrift & Savings	...	9	35

Working Capital

In Rupees

	1946 - 1947		1947-1948		1948- 1949	
	Mauritius	Rodri-gues	Mauritius	Rodri-gues	Mauritius	Rodri-gues
Central Bank	-	-	-	-	791,538	-
Credit Limited	-	1,845	165	1,745	371	1,801
Credit Unlimited	1,012,068	34,572	1,104,850	36,823	1,595,828	38,430
Consumers' Stores	-	-	63,952	-	193,702	-
Marketing	-	-	-	-	2,726	-
Thrift & Savings	-	-	-	-	7,937	-
	1,012,068	36,417	1,169,883	38,568	2,592,102	40,231

Credit Societies of Unlimited Liability.

At the end of April, 1949, the number of societies in the oldest field of activity, i.e. Credit of the Unlimited Liability type, in active operation in Mauritius was 92 and in Rodrigues 20 (making a grand total of 112) comprising a membership of 5,750 and 378 with a working capital of Rs.1,595,828 and Rs.38,430 respectively. Loans granted during the co-operative year, i.e. during the period 1st May, 1948, to 30th April, 1949, amounted to Rs.1,579,795 in Mauritius and Rs.19,494 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 1948 - 1949 (Mauritius only).

	No. of loans	% of total	Amount Rs.	% of total
<u>PRODUCTIVE</u>				
1 Cultivation	6,786	89.7	1,372,053	86.9
2 Buying cattle and carts	198	2.6	37,425	2.4
3 Repairing building	148	2.0	27,166	1.7
4 Purchase of land	139	1.8	76,533	4.8
5 Paying cost of notarial deeds	30	0.4	3,105	0.2
6 Medical aid and others	46	0.6	11,597	0.7
Total	7,347	97.1	1,527,879	96.7
<u>UNPRODUCTIVE</u>				
1 Payment of debts	131	1.7	40,656	2.6
2 Marriage and others	87	1.2	11,260	0.7
Total	218	2.9	51,916	3.3
GRAND TOTAL	7,565	100.0	1,579,795	100.0

Number of members drawing loans during the year 1948 - 1949	...	3,302
Number of members indebted as on 30.4.49		3,137
Average amount of loan	Rs.	209

Rates of interest charged on loans to members

17 societies charging	...	5
6 " "	...	6
42 " "	...	7
22 " "	...	8
4 " "	...	9
2 " "	...	10
Average rate of interest:		
in Mauritius	...	6.96

Thrift and Savings Societies

The number of Thrift and Savings Societies registered during the co-operative year 1948 - 1949 was 35 of which 26 had commenced operations. The total membership was 864 whilst the total savings at 30th April, 1949, i.e. the close of the co-operative year, amounted to Rs.7,633. 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	Amount withdrawn	Working capital
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Pamplemousses	7	260	3,927	7,000	4,032
Riviere du Rempart	2	43	109	-	169
Flacq	5	139	321	-	473
Grand Port	7	236	2,426	-	2,797
Savanne	1	43	98	-	198
Plaines Wilhems	4	143	752	-	839
TOTAL	26	864	7,633	7,000	8,508

Consumers' Societies

As at 30th April, 1949, eighty-eight co-operative stores had been registered and sixty were in operation.

The following is a statement of the business of the Consumers' Societies for 1948-49:

District	No. of Stores 1948-49	Membership 1948-49	No. of Rations 1948-49	Paid up Share Capital 1948-49	Total Sales 1948-49	Net Profit 1948-49
Port-Louis	12	1,666	3,474 $\frac{3}{4}$	Rs. 28,779	Rs. 400,782	Rs. 11
Pamplemousses	9	959	2,982 $\frac{1}{2}$	16,410	346,970	5,460
Riviere du Rempart	6	585	2,325 $\frac{3}{4}$	10,035	210,190	2,284
Flacq	6	640	1,756 $\frac{1}{2}$	8,370	122,366	859
Grand Port	2	328	987 $\frac{1}{4}$	5,475	151,653	447
Savanne	2	192	669	1,843	57,004	1,029
Plaines Wilhems	16	1,944	4,720 $\frac{3}{4}$	42,635	754,332	10,016
Moka	6	611	2,013 $\frac{3}{4}$	8,781	193,301	2,729
Black River	1	175	239	1,569	40,403	1,165
TOTAL	60	7,100	19,169 $\frac{1}{4}$	123,897	2,277,001	24,000

Marketing Societies

Co-operative Marketing Societies as at 30th April, 1949, were two in number, viz. the Creve Coeur Marketing and the Port-Louis Co-operative Marketing Societies. This latter society, which was registered during the year, had not yet commenced operations on the 30th April, 1949.

Ginger

The principal statistics pertaining to the Creve Coeur Marketing Society during the year 1948-49 are as follows:

Number of members	...	280
Quantity of ginger marketed...		76,610 Kgs.
Value	... Rs.	14,343
Gross Profit	... Rs.	427
Net Profit	... Rs.	266
Reserve Fund	... Rs.	52

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 1948 crop totalled 3,603. The tonnage of canes so sold amounted to 181,860 metric tons, while the quantity of sugar received in return for the canes supplied totalled 14,127.75 metric tons, and represented 77.684 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.

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 six 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
1943	2,101	M/Tons 95,082	M/Tons 6,680	Kilos 70.25	Rs. 17.50	Rs. 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

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 as at 30th April, 1949, are as follows:

Borrowing rate	...	4%
Lending rate		5%
Membership		97
Working Capital		Rs. 791,538
Loans granted		780,094
Loans recovered		1,000
Loans outstanding		779,094
Total deposits held		13,399
Paid-up Share Capital		19,600

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

Financial and statistical statement for the year ending 30th April, 1949.

1 2 3 4 5 6	Type of society	NUMBER OF		A S S E T S						Total	
		Societies	Members	Cash in hand and at Bank	Loans due by members & societies	Stock in hand	Furniture & fittings	Other items	Total		
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Credit (unlimited liability)	112	6,128	157,236	1,449,687	-	-	1,635,657	28,734	1,635,657	1
2	Credit (limited)	2	29	646	1,520	-	-	2,172	6	2,172	2
3	Stores (")	60	7,100	48,479	-	90,750	27,692	193,702	26,781	193,702	3
4	Marketing (")	1	280	2,346	380	-	-	2,726	-	2,726	4
5	Thrift & Savings (")	26	864	7,932	5	-	-	7,937	-	7,937	5
6	Central Bank (")	1	97	49	779,094	-	2,384	791,538	10,011	791,538	6
		202	14,498	216,688	2,230,686	90,750	30,076	2,633,732	65,532	2,633,732	

1 2 3 4 5 6	Share Capital		Loans and deposits from		Loans from		Barclays' Bank overdraft	Reserve fund	Other items	Excess of assets over liabilities	Total
	A	B	non-members	members	Co-operative Central Bank	Government					
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	391,877	1,993	5,841	30,937	788,967	28,300	358,142	19,320	9,080	1,635,657	1
2	1,207	-	-	100	-	140	640	85	-	2,172	2
3	123,797	-	-	8,689	-	-	3,130	31,584	26,307	193,702	3
4	2,408	-	-	-	-	-	52	266	-	2,726	4
5	-	-	-	7,633	-	-	-	571	875	7,937	5
6	19,600	-	-	13,400	-	-	-	192	100	791,538	6
	538,889	1,993	5,841	60,759	788,967	28,440	361,964	50,876	36,362	2,633,732	

L I A B I L I T I E S

REGISTRATION

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

The important decrease in the year 1949 was due to a decrease in the aggregate value of the sales of immovable properties.

Successions

	Y E A R								
	1947			1948			1949		
	Population			Population			Population		
	G	I	Total	G	I	Total	G	I	Total
Number of declarations	234	449	683	239	425	664	182	379	561
Total amount of duties in 000' Rupees	300.8	49.5	350.3	222.1	38.4	260.5	932.8	54.0	986.8

G = General; I = Indian.

Mortgages.

	Y E A R		
	1947	1948	1949
Number of inscriptions	2,528	2,330	2,406
Sums secured by inscriptions enrolled	Rs. 27,339,178	31,946,077	21,063,762
Duties and fees collected	Rs. 94,193	101,814	82,071

Archives

	Y E A R		
	1947	1948	1949
Number of books and periodicals deposited	188	192	347
Fees collected	Rs. 290	398	2,305

REGISTERED COMPANIES

At mid-1949, the Register of Companies contained the names of 296 concerns, enumerated as follows:

Private companies	178
Public companies	62
Externally controlled companies	<u>296</u>

The table below gives their distribution by main categories:

Category	Number of companies			Capital involved			
	Private		Public	Issued	Paid-up	Issued	Total
	No.	No.	No.				
Agriculture - (mainly sugar - also tea, tobacco and aloe) and sugar manufacture	57	25	82	26,510,968	24,662,668	84,783,127	81,258,057
Trading companies	87	11	98	13,185,100	11,771,100	14,377,400	12,883,400
Investment and Finance	7	1	8	6,435,100	5,009,000	7,433,300	6,007,200
Engineering and Foundry works...	4	2	6	261,400	261,400	781,400	701,400
Building societies: Investment companies	2	2	4	450,000	180,000	700,000	384,000
Contracting companies	4	-	4	250,000	204,000	188,200	148,520
Distilling Industry	4	-	4	188,200	148,520	276,500	276,500

continued

Category	Number of companies			Capital involved			
	Private	Public	Total	Issued	Paid-up	Issued	Total
Insurance and Assurance ...	-	3	3	3,000,000	2,252,400	3,000,000	2,252,400
Fishing ...	1	-	1	195,000	195,000	1,500,000	562,000
Electric Power ...	2	-	2	900,000	870,000	1,695,000	562,000
Shipping ...	-	1	1	1,200,000	1,200,000	2,100,000	2,070,000
Road Transport Industry ...	1	-	1	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
Printing (including newspapers) ...	-	4	4	250,000	150,000	250,000	150,000
Docks, Warehousing and Stevedoring	-	3	3	452,000	355,850	452,000	355,850
Coal Mining (In South Africa)	-	2	2	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000	4,100,000
Cinema (moving picture companies)	3	-	3	3,493,333	3,493,333	3,493,333	3,493,333
Other Industrial Undertakings	5	2	7	66,500	66,500	1,256,500	1,206,500
Promotion and Protection of Home and Foreign Trade in Textiles, and Promotion of Games and Sports.	-	2	2	327,000	327,000	2,728,400	2,728,400
Total	178	62	240	Limited by Guarantee	118,877,560	127,915,460	118,877,560

Foreign Companies registered in Mauritius

Category	Number of companies
Insurance and Assurance	42
Trading	6
Banking	2
Public entertainment (including moving pictures)	2
Agriculture and sugar manufacture	1
Tobacco manufacture	1
Shipping	1
Communications (Cable and Wireless)	1
Total	56

+ Externally controlled.

Sales of land (value):

Sales to ; ; ;	(General population	...	Rs. 2,567,109
	(Indian population	...	Rs. 1,710,570

Sales of Real Property

Acquired by:	1947		1948		1949	
	No. of sales	Value Rs.	No. of sales	Value Rs.	No. of sales	Value Rs.
General population	937	13,390,585	857	26,337,242	906	9,356,587
Indian population	3,699	6,685,925	3,493	6,547,201	3,290	7,146,339

BANKRUPTCY

New cases entered before the Court 66
 Cases disposed of ... 71

Number of trade licences issued from 1.1.49 to 31.12.49
 distributed according to value of licence

Value of licence	Number of trade licences	% distribution of trade licences	Liquor licences
Rs.			
2.50	103	1.5	-
7.50	-	-	-
10.-	2,187	32.9	-
15.-	1,221	18.4	-
25.-	295	4.4	11
40.-	108	1.6	-
45.-	32	0.5	-
50.-	237	3.6	8
55.-	8	0.1	-
60.-	1,968	29.6	-
75.-	296	4.5	37
100.-	22	0.3	1,489
125.-	18	0.3	117
150.-	113	1.7	950
175.-	-	-	37
200.-	33	0.5	-
250.-	5	0.1	-
375.-	-	-	5
500.-	-	-	5
Total	6,646	100.0	2,709

The percentage of liquor licences to total number of licences issued was 29.0

Classification of Incomes

I N C O M E S		N U M B E R O F	
exceeding	But not exceeding	Individuals	Companies
Rs.	Rs.		
1	1,000	-	9
1,000	2,000	-	15
2,000	3,000	-	10
3,000	4,000	-	4
4,000	5,000	480	4
5,000	6,000	343	8
6,000	7,000	253	4
7,000	8,000	211	1
8,000	9,000	153	4
9,000	10,000	145	3
10,000	11,000	101	3
11,000	12,000	79	1
12,000	13,000	85	-
13,000	14,000	76	1
14,000	15,000	75	-
15,000	16,000	48	3
16,000	17,000	43	-
17,000	18,000	44	-
18,000	19,000	33	-
19,000	20,000	30	1
20,000	22,500	54	1
22,500	25,000	47	2
25,000	27,500	29	-
27,500	30,000	36	1
30,000	32,500	33	1
32,500	35,000	18	1
35,000	37,500	18	2
37,500	40,000	15	-
40,000	42,500	11	3
42,500	45,000	16	-
45,000	47,500	16	2
47,500	50,000	9	1
50,000	100,000	51	6
100,000	-	25	22
		2,577	113

These figures refer only to those individuals and companies who actually paid tax during the year. The total number of those who were liable to tax in respect of the year of assessment might be up to 50 % greater than the quoted number.

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

OVERSEAS SHIPPING

	Vessels entering the port during the year		Vessels leaving the port during the year	
	Number	Tonnage	Number	Tonnage
<u>British and Foreign</u>				
Steam vessels	180	706,725	180	700,329
<u>Coasting</u>				
Steam vessels	22	13,319	20	13,121

Passenger Traffic by Sea

	Males	Females	Total
Arrivals	1,778	906	2,684
Departures	1,789	752	2,541

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

Number of vessels registered in the Harbour
of Port Louis at the beginning of 1949

	Number	Tonnage
Motor vessels ...	1	176
Sailing vessels ...	5	128
Steam vessels ...	5	4987

HARBOUR

Transport in Port Louis Harbour

Number of transport crafts used by Docks and
Lighterage companies:

Lighters ...	123
Tugs ...	10
Launches ...	18
Coasters ...	8

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

Tugs ...	6
Launches ...	3

Number of plying boats ... 21

Gross tonnage handled at the Granary:

		Metric tons
Commodities	(Imported ...	77,165
	(Local ...	2,556

AIR SERVICES

Air Traffic

Operator	Nationality	Number of planes obtained	Passenger traffic (inwards & outwards)	Cargo and mail traffic (inwards & outwards)
Air France	French	36	% of total passengers carried 73.4	Cargo 58.3 Mail 58.1
Skyways	British	44	24.6	37.3
Suidair	South African	1	-	4.4 NIL
Miscellaneous others	Various	139 ⁺	2.0	NIL

+ Including 136 K.L.M. (Dutch)

Passenger Traffic

Line	Number		Category by age			Nationality		Total
	Males	Females	Infant	Child	Adult	British	Foreign	
<u>INWARDS</u>								
Air France	652	404	12	147	897	598	458	1,056
Skyways	237	81	-	24	294	280	38	318
K.L.M.	33	2	-	-	35	11	24	35
Total	922	487	12	171	1,226	889	520	1,409
<u>OUTWARDS</u>								
Air France	705	446	9	156	986	667	484	1,151
Skyways	282	141	3	20	400	352	71	423
K.L.M.	18	8	-	1	25	16	10	26
Total	1,005	595	12	177	1,411	1,035	565	1,600

Line	Passenger traffic (inwards and outwards)					Total for all countries
	British Isles	France	British E Africa	South Africa	Madagascar & Reunion		Other countries
<u>% of total passengers carried</u>						
Air France	3.6	3.4	5.0	0.5	60.5	0.4
Skyways	2.1	0.6	9.3	7.6	4.3	0.7
K.L.M.	0.4	-	-	-	-	1.6
Total	6.1	4.0	14.3	8.1	64.8	2.7

Destination of Passengers

Country	ARRIVING TO MAURITIUS FROM			LEAVING MAURITIUS TO			Total
	Line		Total	Line		Total	
	Air France	Skyways		K.L.M.	Air France			Skyways	K.L.M.
British Isles	38	24	68	70	38	7	115
France	55	3	58	49	16	-	65
Algeria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
British East Africa ⁺	76	145	221	74	137	-	208 ^x
Northern Rhodesia	2	1	3	-	2	-	2
Union of South Africa [@]	14	84	98	-	144	-	144
Portuguese East Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belgian Congo	-	1	1	-	8	-	8
India	3	7	10	-	-	-	-
Australia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seychelles	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Madagascar	167	-	167	265	-	-	265
Reunion	699	52	751	689	79	-	768
Other countries	1	-	30	4	2	19	25
Total	1,056	318	1,409	1,151	423	26	1,600

+ Mainly Nairobi and Mombasa; x The place of origin and destination of the majority of these passengers were probably the British Isles and India;

@ Mainly Durban and Johannesburg.

Cargo and Mail Traffic

Line	Total weight of cargo in kilos		Nature of cargo	Total weight of mail in kilos		Route	Total weight of luggage carried in kgs.	
	Inwards	Outwards		Inwards	Outwards		Inwards	Outwards
Air France	12,342	4,337	(Foodstuffs & consumable spirits, (tobacco goods, printed matter (newspapers & stationery. Light (motor and machinery parts.	5,842	2,923	France - East Africa - Madagascar - Reunion - Mauritius	23,449	27,707
Skyways	8,902	1,790	(Cinema films & gramophone records (Linen, wearing apparel & footwear. Drugs & perfumery. Live (birds, insects	3,977	2,332	East Africa - Mauritius (with linkage to East Africa - London services)	8,579	12,868
Suidair	1,249	-	(Scientific & delicate instruments. Industrial samples, (jewellery, light rubber and (sport goods. Porcelain and (light electrical goods.	-	-	South Africa - Madagascar - Mauritius	-	-
Other aircrafts	6	-		254,618 ^x	254,618 ^x	-	700 ⁺	520 ⁺

+ Estimated; x mail in transit.

Immigration, Emigration and Travel

Of the total number of persons who entered and left the Colony during the year, 170 were immigrants and 205 emigrants.

870 passports were issued by the Police; 26 were renewed and 885 were visaed.

INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

RAILWAYS

Mileage table.

	Main lines (miles)	Range of levels (feet)
MIDLAND: Port Louis to Mahebourg	35 $\frac{1}{4}$ ⁺	Sea) 1,800
NORTH: Port Louis to Grand River South East and Bel Air	33 $\frac{1}{4}$	level) 280
MOKA: Rose Hill to Montagne Blanche	14 $\frac{3}{4}$	-do-) 950-1,460
SAVANNE: Souillac to Rose Belle	11	-do-) 870
BLACK RIVER: Richelieu to Medine	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	-do-) 218- 284
MONTAGNE Montagne Longue to LONGUE: Terre Rouge	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	-do-) 140- 450
Total miles of main lines	106 $\frac{1}{4}$	

+ 4 miles of the Midland line are double line sections:
(a) Port Louis to Pailles; (b) Petite Riviere to Beau Bassin.

Passenger Traffic

Year ended 30th June	Number of passengers carried	Number of parcels carried	Passengers gross ton miles	Passenger vehicle mile	Passenger train mileage
					miles
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

Goods Traffic.

Year ended 30th June	RAIL				ROAD	
	Sugar	Sugar canes	General mer- chandise	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

Percentage distribution of the goods traffic by rail.

Year ended 30 th 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

Coal and Lubricating oil consumption⁺

Consumption of coal by railways	19,725 metric tons
" " " per tain mile	58.9 Kgs
" " " per engine mile	40.8 "
" " lubricating oil (engines, carriages & waggons)	62,000 litres

Railway accidents⁺

	<u>No. of cases</u>
Injuries to:	
Maintenance of way and works	
" " " Branch personnel	193
Transport personnel	177
Mechanical Branch personnel	1,660
Other personnel "	5

	2,035
Cases necessitating reference to Injuries Committee	60

+ Period 1st July, 1948 to 30th June, 1949.

REVENUE

In the following tables, the Railway operating revenue during the year 1948/1949 and each of the preceding 4 years is classified according to the type of traffic from which it was derived.

Year ended 30th June	RAIL						ROAD								
	Passenger fares Rs.	Parcels receipts Rs.	Goods traffic receipts			Road traffic receipts Rs.	Miscellaneous receipts Rs.	Total receipts Rs.	Average receipt per head Rs.	Average receipt per parcel Rs.	Average receipt per ton				
			Sugar Rs.	Sugarcane Rs.	General merchandise Rs.						Sugar Rs.	Sugarcane Rs.	General merchandise Rs.	Receipts per train mile (goods and passengers) Rs.	Average receipt per ton Rs.
1945	1,193,984	75,844	1,197,731	40,615	587,558	22,695	198,638	3,117,045	0.25	0.39	6.36	0.80	3.21	9.44	1.10
1946	1,100,135	78,454	835,770	36,112	379,612	23,546	352,295	2,806,234	0.23	0.39	6.43	0.69	3.11	8.74	0.96
1947	891,190	80,103	1,752,555	57,841	343,726	29,701	180,406	3,335,322	0.22	0.40	6.20	0.80	3.20	9.58	0.73
1948	691,988	74,615	2,131,533	52,801	305,511	26,905	238,598	3,521,751	0.20	0.43	6.46	0.76	3.03	10.07	0.71
1949	591,398	68,553	2,401,510	45,781	292,937	21,905	274,726	3,696,810	0.20	0.44	6.42	2.16	3.20	10.79	0.57

EXPENDITURE

The operating expenditure under various heads is now given for 1948 - 1949 and each of the previous 4 years.

In Rupees

Year ended 30th June	Maintenance of ways and works	Mechanical	Transport- ation	Head Office and General charges	Miscella- neous	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	1,761,354	910,067	602,111	4,163,782	11.96
1948	594,292	392,708	1,946,646	1,352,484	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

Sugar Industry - Transport Equipment.

METAL TRACK		LOCOMOTIVES			WAGGONS		HAULAGE LOCRIES OR TRUCKS		TRAILERS		ANIMAL + DRAWN CARTS						
Gauge	Maximum	Minimum	Normally used	Total length	Total No.		Total H.P.		Total number	Total capacity	Total number	Total capacity					
	cms.	cms.	cms.	kms.	Steam	Internal combustion	Steam	Internal combustion	tons	tons	tons	tons					
	143.5	60	75	1,920	176	64	7,800	3,900	8,788	33,500	48	225	950	260	1,330	275	240

+ 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 1949, the number of road vehicles in operation in the colony were:

Number of cars:		
Taxi cars	...	519
Private cars	...	2,521
Number of commercial vehicles:		
Buses	...	182
Lorries	...	870
Number of cycles:	...	
Motor cycles	...	212
Bicycles	...	unascertainable
Number of haulage tractors	...	76
Number of Colonial Government vehicles		204

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

	<u>1945</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1949</u>
Number of buses in operation	135	179	182
Number of taxi cars	323	519	519
Number of private cars	1,447	1,929	2,521

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:

	<u>1945</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1949</u>
Total number of lorries	446	621	870

Licences to drive motor vehicles.

Of the 1,401 applications for a licence received by the Traffic Branch of the Police during the year, 711 were for professional drivers and 690 for owner drivers (including 92 ladies).

Of the total number of applications, 1,097 new licences were issued: 212 to professional drivers, 376 to owner drivers+ and 509 to learners. In addition a total of 5,775 licences were renewed of which 3,455 to professional drivers and 2,320 to owner drivers (including 239 ladies).

+ Including 48 ladies.

Road Accidents

	1 9 4 7	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9
Fatal ...	19	34	44
Serious ...	68	42	46
Not serious (but minor injuries to persons)	430	501	685
Trifling ...	697	840	1,172
Total	1,214	1,417	1,947

MONTHLY AND YEARLY MEANS AND EXTREMES OF THE METEOROLOGICAL ELEMENTS

(Royal Alfred Observatory, Pamplencous, 55 metres above mean sea level)

MONTH	TEMPERATURE OF THE AIR					Excess of air temperature over evaporation temperature	WIND FALL				
	Absolute maxima	Absolute minima	Absolute Range.	Mean	Mean						
January	32.9	21.1	11.8	30.6	24.2	6.4	26.6	3.2	75.2	35.5	700
February	32.0	18.2	13.8	29.1	22.7	6.4	25.5	2.4	80.8	341.6	3595
March	30.4	16.2	12.2	28.6	22.5	6.1	25.3	2.2	82.7	144.3	2225
April	28.5	19.5	8.8	27.3	22.2	5.1	24.4	1.9	84.0	132.7	1615
May	27.9	14.4	13.5	26.5	20.0	6.5	22.7	2.2	80.9	45.4	910
June	27.7	14.0	13.7	24.9	18.4	6.5	21.4	2.4	78.7	90.7	1715
July	26.0	12.3	13.7	23.8	16.9	6.9	20.1	2.8	74.1	36.1	1050
August	26.8	12.2	14.6	24.9	16.1	8.8	20.1	2.8	74.0	25.4	650
September	27.0	14.3	12.7	25.7	17.7	8.0	21.2	4.0	65.1	16.0	455
October	27.9	14.2	13.7	26.4	17.7	8.7	21.8	3.7	68.1	15.4	495
November	32.3	15.3	17.0	28.6	18.9	9.7	23.3	3.2	73.2	58.5	785
December	31.7	17.9	13.8	30.3	21.1	9.2	25.2	3.7	70.9	32.6	480
YEAR	29.3	16.0	13.3	27.2	19.9	7.3	23.1	2.9	75.6	974.2	244.6 hrs
MAXIMUM	32.9	-	17.0	30.6	-	9.7	-	-	-	77.9	700 hrs. ending
MINIMUM	-	12.2	8.8	-	16.1	5.1	-	-	-	0.700	hrs. on Feb. 25th
		Aug. 11th	Nov.	Jan.	August	April					

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

Month	Daily duration of bright sunshine hours	% of possible sunshine	Number of days of		
			Rain	Lightning	Thunderstorm
January	8.09	61.5	18	1	2
February	5.52	43.4	21	2	2
March	7.22	59.3	22	-	1
April	8.48	73.1	23	-	-
May	7.74	69.5	16	-	-
June	7.05	64.7	20	-	-
July	8.51	77.4	20	-	-
August	8.03	70.5	14	-	-
September	8.20	68.7	12	-	-
October	7.31	58.5	12	-	-
November	8.84	67.9	12	-	1
December	9.54	71.8	16	-	-
YEAR	7.88	65.5	206	3	6
MAXIMUM	12.7 December 13th	-	25 April	2 February	2 Jan & Feb.
MINIMUM	0.0 often	0 often	12 Sep., Oct., & November	-	-

TOTAL ANNUAL RAINFALL AT SELECTED STATIONS

		Station	Inches	No. of days		
West	Port Louis	Line Barracks	46.50	123		
		Black River				
	Black River	Pierre Fonds	43.30	89		
		Beaux Songes	27.73	72		
		La Ferme	24.43	92		
	Medine	23.03	77			
North & North West	Pamplemousses	Botanical Gardens	35.34	183		
		La Nicoliere	66.88	223		
		The Observatory	38.36	206		
North & North East	Riviere du Rempart	Antoinette	58.19	166		
		Labourdonnais	33.04	86		
		Mon Songe	56.23	133		
		Ravensworth	59.12	105		
Centre	Moka	Alma	117.12	237		
		Minissy	58.03	145		
		Mon Desert	71.24	152		
		Le Reduit	53.09	209		
	Plaines Wilhems	Aerological Station	Mare-aux-Vacoas (Arnaud)	140.73	275	
			Reunion	91.93	186	
			Midlands (La Pipe)	154.53	230	
			Bagatelle	79.69	174	
			La Marie	107.24	212	
			Curepipe Gardens	141.23	240	
East	Flacq	Constance La Gaiete	46.72	121		
		Sans Souci	120.23	202		
		Beau Champ	52.99	193		
		Belle Rive	76.05	194		
		Trois Ilots	59.00	183		
		Rich Fund	64.80	170		
South East	Grand Port	Rose Belle	111.84	262		
		New Grove	83.48	110		
		Doux Bras	107.06	176		
		Union Vale	43.57	143		
		Mon Tresor	56.57	132		
		Mon Desert Carie	43.57	140		
		Ferney	58.80	152		
		Sauvetorre	48.74	117		
South	Savanne	Beau Climat	131.20	203		
		La Flora	108.28	203		
		Britannia	82.19	202		
		Savannah	24.40	165		
		Combo	73.02	204		
		Fontenelle	60.78	175		
		Beau Bois	78.85	213		
		Tivoli	109.47	202		
		Terracine	51.03	195		

