

some more particulars before I make up my mind. A new threshing machine was the next thing I had to consider, as the one now in use at the Farm will not last much longer. I decided to enquire at or stall where several machines were shown at work and have recently received a specification and plan of a machine which I fancy will be what is wanted. I found subsequently that this firm had also been chosen to instal a machine in the Cambridge School of Agriculture new farm, for thrashing experimental plots, so that I had evidently chosen a reliable one.

These were the more important things I had to look after but I found time to examine and choose several up-to-date Dairy utensils and apparatus, of which there was a very big display. I also enquired about some railings which might be wanted for the College compound, some fencing and about windmills, in view of the fact that it is possible that we shall have one erected at the Farm. I was rather struck by a small centrifugal pump shown, of 2 inches and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches diameter which it is possible we shall see at Coimbatore before long. I looked at some patent cow sheds, which were distinguished by rotating iron frames into which the animals' heads were clamped in such a way that no chains were needed for tying the animals, while they were themselves able to stand or lie down in comfort.

Altogether it was a wonderful show, and although it was a long and busy day for me, I was enabled to save a good deal of time by getting all done in a day, which might otherwise have meant a good deal of correspondence.

Yours faithfully,  
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### Departmental.

Dr. C. A. Barber, Government Sugarcane Expert, and Rai Bahadur K. Rangachari, Government Lecturing Botanist have been chosen to give evidence before the Royal Public Services Commission, with regard to the Madras Agricultural Department.

Mr. D. Ananda Rao, B. Sc., (Edin.), Assistant Director of Agriculture, Northern Division, has been placed in immediate charge of agricultural operations in the 4 districts of Kurnool, Cuddappah, Guntur and Kistna. The Nandyal Farm and the Farm at Sirvel, newly opened in the Sirvel Taluq of Kurnool District in connection

with the Velgode irrigation canal, will be under his charge and he will also be responsible for the Pati—mannu experiments in the Guntur District.

*Return to duty.*

1. Mr. R. C. Wood, Principal, returned from leave on 25th October and took charge from Mr. H. C. Sampson who rejoined as Deputy Director of Agriculture, Southern Division, on 3rd November, and Messrs. K. Ramasastrulu Naidu, J. Chelvaranga Raju, R. Ramasami Aiyar and S. Subbiah who were officiating in the above arrangement reverted to their permanent appointments.

2. Mr. W. MacRae, Government Mycologist, returned from leave in the first week of November, and Mr. F. J. F. Shaw who was acting for him returned to Pusa.

*Appointments :—*

Mr. Rogers Thomas, B. Sc., (Edin.) has been appointed Assistant Principal and third Deputy Director of Agriculture, Madras. He will be attached to the Agricultural College, Coimbatore and will be given the necessary preliminary training by the Principal. He joined duty at Coimbatore on 11th November 1913.

Mr. G. D. Mehta, B.A., (Cantab.), L. Ag. (Bombay), N. D. A., N. D. D., has been appointed Extra Deputy Director of Agriculture, in the Indian Agricultural Service, of the newly created Central Division, consisting of the districts of Chingleput, Chittoor and North and South Arcot. The Palur Farm will be under his charge, and he will have his head-quarters at Cuddalore.

Mr. T. Bainbrige Fletcher, Government Entomologist, Madras, has been appointed Imperial Entomologist, Pusa, and handed over charge to Mr. T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar on 1st December. Mr. Ramakrishna Aiyar will be in charge until the arrival of Mr. Edward Ballard, B.A., F.E.S., Government Entomologist, Nyasaland, Africa, who has been appointed Government Entomologist, Madras.

Mr. S. Subbiah, Acting Farm Manager, Samalkota, to continue to act as Farm Manager *vice* Mr. L. S. Natesa Aiyar, granted extension of furlough.

*Posting and Transfer.*

Mr. L. S. Natesa Aiyar, Farm Manager, on return from leave, is posted to the Anakapalle Agricultural station.

*Leave.*

1. Mr. T. R. Ranganath, 2nd Assistant to the Government Mycologist—privilege leave for 1 month and 16 days from 8th November 1913.

2. Mr. L. S. Natesa Aiyar, Farm Manager—extension of furlough on medical certificate from 12th November 1913 to 3rd January 1914.

3. Mr. V. S. Ramaswami Aiyar, Assistant Farm Manager, Nandyal—privilege leave for 1 month.

4. Mr. B. V. Nath, Assistant to the Government Agricultural Chemist—privilege leave for 19 days from 5th December 1913.