

Review.

The Bulletin of the Imperial Institute, London, has now been enlarged to give a more complete reflection of the various activities of the Institute. The Bulletin contains interesting results of laboratory investigations as well as useful articles and notes on plant and animal products, and on ores and minerals. The last two issues contain, among many others, notes on drying of hides and skins; improvement in the quality of ghee; cultivation of Tung oil tree; Cacao fermentation; weed-killers; cultivation of lemon-grass and distillation of its oil; colouration of glass by mineral compounds; mineral resources of Johore, British Somaliland and Abyssinia; Empire nickel developments; the Dead Sea potash industry; and magnesium compounds from sea water. The Institute is to be congratulated on the reduction of the price of the Bulletin, which it has been able to make in spite of the extended scope of its contents.

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Crop & Trade Reports.

Receipt of raw cotton at Press and Spinning Mills.

		Total cotton pressed and unpressed.		Figures for corresponding period in previous years.
		Bales of 400 lbs. against an estimate of 540,700 bales for 1935-36.		
1-2-36 to 16-10-36		557,708		411,591
" 23-10-36		563,572		415,926
" 30-10-36		570,480		420,325
" 6-11-36		574,397		423,826
" 13-11-36		582,532		428,217
		Cotton bales received at mills.	Export by sea.	Import by sea.
1-2-36 to 16-10-36		335,774	220,362	94,628
" 23-10-36		341,555	223,869	94,743
" 30-10-36		350,000	230,043	94,949
" 6-11-36		354,780	232,503	95,451
" 13-11-36		361,259	236,456	95,511

Cotton—Intermediate Report 1936-37. In parts of the Central districts and the South, the sowings of cotton are still in progress. The area under the crop is expected to be normal. The condition of the young crop is generally fair.

2. In the Deccan, the sowings of *hingari* or late cotton have concluded and are expected to be above normal in the districts of Bellary and Anantapur on account of the failure of rains in the mungari season and the consequent restricted sowings. The yield from mungari or early cotton is expected to be generally below normal. In parts of Guntur, the Cocanadas, cotton has been affected by the cyclone on the 28th October 1936.

3. The local cotton trade is not generally active at this time of the year. The wholesale price of cotton lint per imperial maund of 82-2/7 lb. as reported. from important markets towards the close of October 1936 was Rs. 19-9-0 for Cocanada, Rs. 25-11-9 for Red Northerns, Rs. 18-11-0 for Westerns. Rs. 24-14-0 for Cambodia, Rs. 24-5-0 for Coimbatore Karunganni, Rs. 23-2-0 for Tinnevely Karunganni, Rs. 22-4-0 for Tinnevellies and Rs. 21-4-0 for Nadam cotton. As compared with the prices in the previous month, the prices of Red Northerns reveal a rise of about 9 per cent. while those of the other varieties are practically stationary.

Paddy—Intermediate Report 1936—37. The harvest of first crop paddy has either concluded or is concluding in parts of the Central districts, the South and the West Coast. The yield is reported to be generally normal. The crop is reported to have been affected to some extent by drought in parts of Kistna, Anantapur, Chingleput and South Arcot and by the attack of insects in parts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Salem and Malabar. The severe cyclone of the 28th October has lodged the crop in parts of Kistna and Guntur. The condition of the crop is reported to be generally satisfactory in the other districts.

2. The wholesale price of paddy per imperial maund of 82-2/7 lbs. as reported from important markets towards the close of October was Rs. 2-14-0 in Vizianagaram and Cuddapah, Rs. 2-12-0 in Madura, Rs. 2-11-0 in Salem, Rs. 2-10-0 in Nellore, Rs. 2-6-0 in Vellore and Erode, Rs. 2-5-0 in Nandyal, Rs. 2-4-0 in Guntur, Rs. 1-15-0 in Cocanada and Tinnevely, Rs. 1-13-0 in Kumbakonam, Rs. 1-12-0 in Negapatam and ranged from Rs. 2-2-0 to Rs. 2-3-0 in the other markets. As compared with the prices reported for September 1936, the prices are stationary in Vizianagaram, Masulipatam, Guntur, Nandyal, Vellore, Salem, Trichinopoly and Kumbakonam while they reveal a rise of 3 per cent. in Madura and a fall of 2 to 5 per cent. in the other markets.

Sugarcane—Intermediate report. 1936-37. The cyclone of the 28th October 1936 lodged the sugarcane crop in parts of the districts of Kistna and Guntur. In the North Arcot District, the crop suffered to some extent from drought. The condition of the crop is satisfactory in the other districts and the yield is expected to be normal if the season continues to be favourable.

2. The wholesale price of jaggery per imperial maund of 82-2/7 lb. as reported from important markets towards the close of October 1936 was Rs. 6-1-0 in Adoni, Rs. 5-12-0 in Madura, Rs. 5-5-0 in Nandyal, Rs. 5 in Mangalore, Rs. 4-15-0 in Bezwada, Rs. 4-12-0 in Masulipatam, Guntur and Tuticorin, Rs. 4-10-0 in Kumbakonam, Rs. 4-7-0 in Calicut, Rs. 4-5-0 in Rajahmundry, Rs. 4-4-0 in Ellore, Rs. 4-1-0 in Coimbatore, Rs. 3-13-0 in Cocanada and Salem, Rs. 3-11-0 in Bellary and Cuddapah, Rs. 3-2-0 in Vellore Rs. 3 in Vizagapatam, Rs. 2-15-0 in Trichinopoly and Rs. 2-8-0 in Tinnevely. As compared with the prices of the previous month, the prices reveal a rise of 12 per cent in Trichinopoly, 5 per cent in Mangalore, 4 per cent in Vizagapatam, 3 per cent in Masulipatam and Salem and 2 per cent in Cocanada and a fall of 14 per cent in Vellore, 11 per cent in Bellary, 4 per cent in Madura, 3 per cent in Nandyal and 1 per cent in Ellore whilst they remained stationary in the other centres.

Groundnut—Intermediate Report. 1936. The condition of the winter crop of groundnut is satisfactory in the Circars. Coimbatore, Ramnad, Tinnevely and the West Coast. Elsewhere the crop has been affected by drought to some extent.

2. The wholesale price of groundnut (shelled) per imperial maund of 82-2/7 lbs. as reported from important markets towards the close of October 1936 was Rs. 6-4-0 in Coconada, Rs. 5-15-0 in Cuddalore, Rs. 5-9-0 in Guntur and Negapatam, Rs. 5-7-0 in Vizagapatam, Rs. 5-4-0 in Vizianagaram, Rs. 4-15-0 in Vellore, Rs. 4-14-0 in Cuddapah and Salem, Rs. 4-12-0 in Coimbatore, Rs. 4-9-0 in Nandyal, Rs. 4-8-0 in Adoni, Rs. 4-6-0 in Madura, Rs. 4-4-0 in Ellore and Rs. 4-3-0 in Tinnevely. As compared with the prices of the previous month, the prices are stationary in Negapatam and Tinnevely, while they reveal a fall of 21 per cent in Nandyal, 18 per cent in Vizianagaram and Madura, 13 per cent in Vellore, 10 per cent in Guntur, 9 per cent in Adoni, 7 per cent in Vizagapatam, 5 per cent in Cuddapah, 4 per cent in Ellore and Coimbatore and 1 per cent in Cuddalore and a rise of 4 per cent in Cocanada and 3 per cent in Salem.