

He joined the Nilgiri Volunteer Rifles (now designated as the Nilgiri Malabar Battalion) in 1912, received his first Commission in 1915, rose to the Second in Command of the Battalion and retired with the rank of Major in 1934. He was the recipient of the General Service Medal for services rendered during the Great War, the Indian General Service Medal (Malabar) and the Volunteer long service Medal. Mr. Butcher is also a prominent Freemason and was for many years a keen *Shikari*. We wish him in his retirement, all health and happiness. (R. C. B.)

Weather Review (FEBRUARY 1936).

RAINFALL DATA

Division	Station	Actual for month	Departure from normal	Total since January 1st	Division	Station	Actual for month	Departure from normal	Total since January 1st
Circars	Gopalpore	3.2	+2.5	4.8	South	Negapatam	4.2	+3.6	4.2
	Berhampore*	3.4	+2.5	5.1		Aduthurai*	2.0	+1.8	2.0
	Calingapatam	2.8	+2.4	2.9		Madura	2.5	+2.4	2.7
	Vizagapatam	3.7	+2.9	4.7		Pamban	1.3	+0.7	1.7
	Anakapalli*	4.6	+1.8	0.0		Koilpatti*	1.2	+0.5	1.3
	Samalkota*	7.2	+6.2	7.5		Palamkottah	1.4	+0.6	1.60
	Maruteru*	4.1	+3.9	4.1	West Coast	Trivandrum	0.0	-0.7	0.4
	Cocanada	3.4	+3.1	4.6		Cochin	1.5	+0.7	1.4
Ceded Dists.	Masulipatam	4.4	+3.9	4.4		Calicut	3.3	+3.1	3.3
	Kurnool	1.7	+1.6	1.7		Pattambi*	0.7	+0.1	0.7
	Nandyal*	1.1	+0.9	1.1		Taliparamba*	0.2	-0.1	0.18
	Hagari*	0.90	+0.5	0.9		Kasargode*	0.3	+0.1	0.3
	Bellary	0.0	-0.2	0.0		Nileshwar*	0.8	+0.8	0.8
	Anantapur	0.5	+0.4	0.5		Mangalore			
Carnatic	Cuddapah				Mysore and Coorg	Chitaldrug	0.1	+0.1	0.1
	Nellore	1.9	+1.8	1.9		Bangalore	0.0	-0.1	0.0
	Madras	2.5	+2.2	2.6		Mysore	0.2	0.0	0.2
	Palur*	2.4	+2.2	2.4		Mercara	0.3	0.0	0.3
	Palakuppam*	1.5	+0.67	1.53	Hills.	Kodaikanal	0.6	-0.8	0.8
Central	Cuddalore	2.0	+1.1	2.0		Coonoor	2.7	—	4.2
	Vellore	0.7	+0.3	0.7		Ootacamund*	0.8	+0.1	5.9
	Hosur cattle farm*					Nanjanad*	0.8	+0.3	1.0
	Salem	3.5	+3.3	3.5					
	Coimbatore	1.4	+1.0	1.4					
	Coimbatore Res. Inst.*	1.2	+0.8	1.2					
	Trichinopoly	0.6	+0.1	0.9					

* Meteorological Stations of the Madras Agricultural Department.

Summary of Weather Conditions. During the month a number of Western disturbances affected the North West Frontier. These disturbances caused thunderstorms and local rains in Kashmir, Baluchistan and North West Frontier. Thunderstorms gave nearly general rain in the West Central Provinces and local rain in the North Hyderabad, North Madras coast, Mysore and Malabar. Light

scattered rains were general in the South East Madras during the first week of February. Later there occasioned general rainfall in the South East of Madras.

Skies were moderately to heavily clouded during 2nd and 3rd week and lightly to moderately clouded in the 1st and last week of this month in the Peninsula.

Humidity was generally in excess in the Madras Presidency. The minimum temperatures in general, were above normal in the Peninsula.

Rainfall was in large excess in the Circars and in moderate excess in the Central and Southern districts and in Deccan and nearly normal elsewhere.

Weather Report for Research Institute Observatory:

Report 2/36.

Absolute Maximum in shade	93.5°F.
Absolute Minimum in shade	57.5°F.
Mean Maximum in shade	91.0°F.
Departure from normal	+ 0.4°F.
Mean Minimum in shade	67.9°F.
Departure from normal	+ 2.4
Total Rainfall	1.21"
Departure from normal	+ 0.81
Heaviest fall in 24 hours	1.14" recorded on 10th.
Total number of rainy days	1
Mean daily wind velocity	2.2 M. P. H.
Mean Humidity at 8 hours	75.4%
Departure from normal	+ 3.9

Summary. The maximum and minimum temperatures were above normal during this month. Humidity was in excess of the normal by 3.9%. A rainfall of 1.14" was recorded on 10th. The skies were moderately to heavily clouded during this month

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Departmental Notifications.

Gazette Notifications. 1. Mr. Butcher permitted to retire from 26-2-'36. 2. Mr. P. Abishekanathan Pillay appointed as curator, Govt. Botanic Gardens, Vice 1. 3. Mr. C. Ramaswami, A. D. A., Cuddalore, l. a. p. for eight months, outside India. Mr. S. Narayaniah to officiate as A. D. A., Vice 3, posted to Tinnevely. 4. Mr. R. N. K. Sundaram, A. D. A., Tinnevely to be A. D. A., Cuddalore.

Subordinate Service. Promotions. Mr. V. Ratnaji Rao, Agricultural section from III grade to II grade (Rs. 225), with effect from 26-2-'36. Mr. C. S. Gopalaswami Rao, Mycology section—IV grade to III grade (Rs 200) from 26-2-'36.

Transfer. Consequent on the winding up of soil survey work in the Tungabadra project, Messrs. G. K. Chidambaram and C. Raghavendrachar to revert to their posts as Assistants in Chemistry under the G.A.C. Mr. K. Raghunatha Reddy to Agricultural Section, IV circle. Mr. K. Tejappa Shetty to Agricultural Section, III circle. Mr. M. Subba Reddy to Agricultural Section, Fruit Station, Kodur. Mr. M. Rama Reddy to Agricultural Section, II circle. Mr. V. V. Jaganatha Rao, Agricultural Section, I circle. Mr. M. Sitharama Raju, Agricultural Section, A. R. S., Anakapalle. Mr. W. Tirumal Rao to be offg. Assistant in Chemistry. Mr. A. B. Adiseha Reddy to be officiating Assistant in Chemistry. Mr. Bennet P. Masilamony to Agricultural Section, III circle. Mr. K. Venkataswami to Agricultural Section, IV circle.

Mr. M. C. Menon, F. M., Live Stock, R. S. Hosur to be F.M.A.R.S., Taliparamba, Mr. K. Krishnan, F.M.A.R.S., Taliparamba to Live Stock Section, Hosur.