

The wholesale price of pepper per imperial maund of 82½ lb. as reported from important markets on 6th September 1937 was Rs. 13-5-0 in Calicut, Rs. 13-11-0 in Tellicherry and Rs. 13-12-0 in Mangalore. When compared with the prices in the beginning of January 1937, these prices show a fall of about 20 per cent. in Calicut, of about 22 per cent. in Tellicherry and of about 24 per cent. in Mangalore.

Cotton—1937-38—Second Report. The average of the areas under cotton in the Madras Presidency during the five years ending 1935-36 has represented 9.5 per cent. of the total area under cotton in India.

The area under cotton up to the 25th September 1937 is estimated at 656,700 acres. When compared with the area of 756,700 acres estimated for the corresponding period of last year, it reveals a decrease of 13.2 per cent. The decrease in area is marked in Kurnool and Bellary where the area fell from 392,000 acres to 295,000 acres, i.e. by 24.7 per cent. owing mainly to want of timely and sufficient rains.

The area in the central districts and the south relates partly to the last year's crop and partly to the current year's sowings which have commenced in parts.

The condition of the standing crop is generally satisfactory, except in Bellary where the early cotton crop suffered from drought and from an attack by the red hairy caterpillar.

The wholesale price of cotton lint per imperial maund of 82½ lb. as reported from important markets on 4th October 1937 was about Rs. 18-15-0 for Cocanadas, Rs. 18-11-0 for white Northernns, Rs. 18-8-0 for red Northernns, Rs. 16-12-0 for Westerns (*mungari* crop), Rs. 18-14-0 for Westerns (*Jawari* crop), Rs. 25-4-0 for Cambodia, Rs. 26-15-0 for Coimbatore-Karunganni, Rs. 21-8-0 for Tinnevely-Karunganni, Rs. 19-7-0 for Tinnevellies and Rs. 21-8-0 for *Nadam* cotton. When compared with the prices published in the last report, i.e. those which prevailed on 6th September 1937, the prices reveal a fall of six per cent. in the case of Westerns (*mungari* crop) and Tinnevellies, five per cent. in the case of Westerns (*Jawari* crop), four per cent. in the case of Cambodia, Tinnevely-Karunganni and *Nadam* and two per cent. in the case of Coimbatore-Karunganni, the price of Cocanadas remaining stationary. (*Director of Industries, Madras*).

Cotton Raw, in the Madras Presidency. The receipts of loose cotton at presses and spinning mills in the Madras Presidency from 1st February 1937 to 15th October 1937 amounted to 475,668 bales of 409 lb. lint as against an estimate of 533,100 bales of the total crop of 1936-37. The receipts in the corresponding period of the previous year were 558,873 bales. 365,588 bales mainly of pressed cotton were received at spinning mills and 197,791 bales were exported by sea while 93,814 bales were imported by sea mainly from Karachi and Bombay. (*Director of Agriculture, Madras*).

College News and Notes.

H. E. the Governor's visit. His Excellency the Governor of Madras and Lady Erskine accompanied by their personal staff arrived at the Agricultural College Estate on the 10th afternoon. His Excellency and party stayed on the College premises throughout their stay of four days at Coimbatore. The Principal's bungalow which was suitably furnished for the purpose was placed at the disposal of H. E. and party by Mr. Broadfoot, Principal of the College. H. E. had a crowded programme in Coimbatore, and wherever he went he was accorded a very warm reception. On the 10th evening, H. E. visited the Government of

India Sugarcane Breeding Station, where he was taken round by Rao Bahadur T. S. Venkatraman, C.I.E., the Government Sugarcane Expert and Mr. N. L. Dutt, the Second Sugarcane Expert. On the 12th afternoon H. E. accompanied by Mr. P. H. Rama Reddi, Director of Agriculture, visited the various sections of the Agricultural Research Institute, where the activities of the Department were explained to him by the heads of research sections. Later in the day H. E. was shown round the Freeman Building, the students' play fields, the College Dairy and the Central Farm. His Excellency's interest in the welfare of the rural population and in the improvement of agricultural conditions was evident from the intelligent interest he showed in the various aspects of the work of the Department.

Director of Agriculture, Madras. The new Director of Agriculture, Mr. P. H. Rama Reddi, who took charge on the 15th September, took an early opportunity of visiting the College and Research Institute towards the end of the month. He arrived here on the 23rd and remained for six days and visited the various sections and stations. The Director again paid a visit to the College in connection with the visit of Their Excellencies.

Students' Corner : Students' tour. The students of III year B. Sc. class accompanied by Mr. M. U. Vellodi, Lecturer in Agriculture and Mr. K. Ramaswami Iyer, Assistant Lecturer, went on tour to Hosur, Krishnagiri, Gudiyattam, Cuddalore, Salem, Mettur and Erode, etc., and returned to Coimbatore on the 21st October.

Games—Cricket. In the Y. M. C. A. Cricket Tournament conducted under the auspices of the Coimbatore Athletic Association, the College team had an unbeaten record and annexed the Rhondy shield. The last match of the tournament was played against the Scout Recreation Club and the College won the match by 5 wickets and 75 runs. The Scouts who batted first were dismissed for 64 runs. For the College, Kodandaraman captured 5 wickets for 35 runs. The College replied with 139 runs for 5 wickets of which Shiva Rao made 55 and Dinker Rao 27. Our star-batsmen, C. Ramaswami and C. N. Baboo enjoyed a well earned rest and did not bat.

Other Matches. The Annamalai University Cricket team played the Agricultural College on the 9th instant. The visitors batting first put on a modest total of 110 runs. Panikkar (25), Venkatraman and Sreenivasan (18 each), and Sambandam and Balasubramaniam (13 each) were the chief contributors to this total. Dinker Rao claimed 3 wickets for 30 runs and Varadarajan 2 for 14 runs. The College replied with 127 for two wickets, C. Ramaswami (79) and Rajaram (30) not out) were the chief scorers. The brilliant single-handed running catch made on the boundary line by Venkatesan to dismiss Ramaswami will long be remembered in the annals of Coimbatore cricket.

The holiday on the 14th instant was utilized by some local lovers of cricket to assemble the best talent in Coimbatore to play a match against the Agricultural College. Though handicapped by the absence of our star-bowlers, who happened to be on a tour with the III year class, the College team acquitted themselves splendidly against an array of brilliant all-rounders collected from the Coimbatore Cricket Club, Coimbatore College, Forest College, etc. Winning the toss, the visitors put in the College to bat. Though faced with early disaster, the partnership between C. Ramaswami and C. N. Baboo completely changed the aspect of the game. Baboo's masterly innings of 71 and C. Ramaswami's brilliant knock of 59, which included a glorious six off Venkatachalam which landed in front of the M. A. S. U. building were the chief features of the College battings. Other useful contributions were Varadarajan's 19, Shiva Rao's 17, Nagaraja

Rao's 15 (not out) and Shetty's 14 (not out). The College declared at 230 for the loss of 5 wickets. The visitors were dismissed for a paltry 56 runs, the only player who offered some resistance being Venkatachalam who scored 39. C. Ramaswami who bowled unchanged captured 6 wickets conceding only 26 runs. K. M. Thomas claimed 3 wickets for 19 runs.

Hockey. Taking advantage of the visit of the Annamalai University Cricket team, a match was played between the University team and the Agricultural College. Both sides were not fully represented, but the game turned out to be fast and interesting, ending in a draw of 3 all.

The Agricultural College Officers' Club. The annual Club Day which marked the culmination of a series of tournaments and other competitions in indoor and outdoor games, was celebrated on Saturday, 23rd October 1937. This was preceded by a dinner on the 22nd night which was attended by over 160 members and their friends. The beautifully decorated club drew a large crowd of spectators on the Club Day morning, when it was known that Mr. C. Ramaswami was to play in the tennis finals. The tennis finals was followed by field sports and after an interval of an hour, indoor games, elders' and children's races and table tennis finals were held.

The generous award of six more rolling cups by some of the members of the club aroused keen competition in all the Club Day sports.

The celebration came to a close on the 23rd night when the prizes and trophies of the various competitions were given away and this was followed by a variety entertainment and fire-works.

The following are the winners of the different trophies:-

<i>Donor.</i>	<i>Game.</i>	<i>Winners.</i>
Rao Bahadur G. N. Rangaswami Ayyangar.	Tennis Doubles.	C. Ramaswami & C. N. Baboo.
Mr. C. Ramaswami.	Tennis Singles.	M. K. Krishnaswami (C. Ramaswami not participating).
„ T. S. Ramasubrahmanyam (Padmanabha Memorial Shield).	Contract Bridge.	T. V. Reddi & R. L. N. Ayyangar.
„ N. L. Dutt.	Contract Bridge.	S. Srinivasan & T. S. Lakshmanan.
„ K. Ramiah.	Auction Bridge.	K. Krishnamurthi Rao & K. Hanumantha Rao.
„ M. C. Cherian.	Table Tennis.	K. Raghavan.
„ K. Krishnamurthi Rao.	Carrom Singles.	C. H. Krishnan.
„ H. Shiva Rao.	„ Doubles.	N. Muthuswami & C. H. Krishnan.
„ M. U. Velloji.	Chess.	D. S. Rajabhooshanam.
Dr. K. Narayanan.	Tenekoit.	A. Mariakulandai & N. C. Titumalachari.