

Food crops—especially of the chief staple crop of a country—does not appear to be a far-sighted policy in the agricultural development of a country, as has been testified in the case of Japan.

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*Coconuts.* From the Times' Trade Supplement it is learnt that the price of 1,000 coconuts as landed at New York from the Pacific Islands comes to 20 pounds. At this rate nuts can be safely bought at Rs. 60 to Rs. 65 per 1,000 at Ceylon and exported to New York. There is a hopeful future for the coconut growers in Ceylon as well as in India. Only some improvements, as noted by the Times Ceylon Correspondent, are needed to make coconut growing one of the soundest investments. The addition to desiccated coconut mills of a newly patented rotary press, an almost acid-free white oil and white Poonac could be turned out in a very short time direct from the raw coconut. About eighty of these presses are now working satisfactorily in Cochin. This kind of press is not known in Ceylon. One other improvement which the Ceylon coconut grower is going to copy from India is the introduction of the manufacture of white copra, common to the Malabar Coast, which realises 3 to 4 pounds more than the local ordinary products.

(The Agricultural News, February 1922.)

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*Age of Agriculture.* "In a lecture before the Royal Institution Sir Arthur Keith, the eminent Scientist, said that it used to be thought that the art of agriculture dated back to 4,000 B. C., but with the advance in the study of Geology and Anthropology—the history of fossils and the history of human races—science was coming to place agriculture further back to 8,000 or 10,000 years ago in the plains of Mesopotamia and India."

(Scottish Farmer, April 1922.)

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### **Estate News.**

*Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Willingdon,* visited Coimbatore on the 30th June and had a somewhat crowded programme the whole of the day, being engaged in laying the Foundation stone of the Child

Welfare Home" at the Municipal Dispensary, the inspection of the Government Training School for Ladies, laying the Foundation stone of the New College Building at the Agricultural College and the Distribution of Prizes at the Forest College. They left by special train for Bangalore in the evening.

*Cinema Exhibition.* At the Variety Hall, Coimbatore, on the night of the 28th June, the Madras Forest College exhibited to a select gathering of the public, a very interesting series of Cinema Films illustrating up-to-date lumbering operations in the forests of America. A few slides representing similar work as carried on in the Government Forests at Dhoni in S. Malabar were also shown.

It is high time for the Agricultural Department to begin to make use of this powerful auxiliary for propaganda work.

*Prize Distribution at the Forest College.* At 4 P. M on the 30th Their Excellencies motored from the Railway Station to preside at the Annual Distribution of prizes at the Forest College. The College Hall, which had recently been enlarged, was thronged with Visitors specially invited for the occasion. The Principal—Mr. C. C. Wilson—read his very interesting account of the progress made by the College during the year and closed it with words of sincere advice to the outgoing students. Her Excellency, Lady Willingdon, then kindly distributed the prizes to the Winners—among whom Mr. K. A. Bhandari and Mr. P. Sitapati Aiyar were specially conspicuous. His Excellency then addressed the students and congratulated the staff and the students on the satisfactory progress made.

The guests were then entertained at Tea where refreshments were liberally provided and the evening came to a happy close with a photograph of Their Excellencies and party.

*Transfers.* The current month was marked by changes in the *personnel* of the Teaching Staff of the Agricultural section. Mr. R. Swami Rao left in May on transfer to the II circle, while Mr. Budhavidheya Rao left the station on the 28th on promotion as Assistant Director, III Circle. Messrs Abhishekanathan and S. Narayanayyah have taken their places as Teaching Assistants.

*Mr. D. Balakrishna Murti.* Mr. D. Balakrishna Murti arrived here on the 29th June and assumed charge of the Professorship of Agriculture at the College. Mr. Murti with his long and varied experience of Agricultural conditions in the Presidency will prove, in our opinion, an excellent selection for the Chair of Agriculture here.

*Nawab-zadah Saadat-ullah Khan,* B. Sc. Bar-at-law, left Coimbatore on the 30th June for work in the VI circle, Madura.

*Mr. Krishnamurti Aiyar* G. M. V. C. of the Madras Veterinary College was deputed by Government to work at the Laboratory of the Government Entomologist for a month, to learn rearing technique and systematic work in connection with Veterinary Entomology. He stayed on the Estate for about a month in May—June attending to this work and left for Madras in the 3rd week of June. He is to be congratulated on his recent promotion to the Imperial Veterinary Service as Acting Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology at the Veterinary College.

*The Officers' Club.* There was a farewell entertainment at the club in honour of the departure of two of its old members—Messrs. P. Jagannatha Mudaliar and Budhavidheya Rao. Mr. Mudaliar who is an able Artist goes as Artist at the Madras Veterinary College, while Mr. Rao leaves on promotion to the Madras Agricultural service as Assistant Director of Agriculture, III Circle, Bellary.

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### Students' Corner.

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Mr. F. R. Parnell,—Government Ec. Botanist—assumed charge of the Principalship of the College in addition to his duties from June 1922.

The College re-opened on June 15th. The new proficiency class has been formed and is composed of 28 students. The selected students of the new B. Sc. class have been rather tardy in joining but it is hoped it will be full soon.

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## Departmental Notes.

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### Appointments, Transfers, Postings etc.

Mr. D. Balakrishnamurti, Deputy Director of Agriculture, 2nd Circle, to act as Professor of Agriculture at the Agricultural College, Coimbatore.

Mr. K. Gopalakrishna Raju, Assistant Director of Agriculture, to act as Dy. Director of Agriculture, II Circle vice No. 1 above.

Mr. K. T. Alwa, Assistant Director of Agriculture to act as Deputy Director of Agriculture, VII Circle, vice Mr. M. Govindakidavu granted leave.

Mr. N. S. Kulandaiswami Pillai, Assistant Director of Agriculture V Circle, Trichinopoly, to act as Deputy Director of Agriculture, V circle, in an existing vacancy.

Mr. C. Narayana Iyer, Assistant Director of Agriculture in charge of VIII Circle to act as Deputy Director of Agriculture, VIII Circle, vice Mr. H. C. Sampson on other duty.

Mr. K. Unnikrishna Menon, Upper Subordinate III grade, to act as Assistant Director of Agriculture, VI Circle Madura.

Mr. T. Budhavidheya Rao Nayudu, Upper Subordinate III grade, to act as Assistant Director of Agriculture, III Circle Bellary.

Mr. C. V. Seshacharya, Upper Subordinate III grade, to act as Assistant Director of Agriculture V Circle, Trichinopoly.

Mr. W. Raghavacharyar on return from leave to the Anamalai Agricultural Station.

Mr. M. Gopala Chetty, on relief at Anamalai Agricultural Station to the VIII Circle in relief of Mr. P. Abhishekanatham Pillai.

Mr. P. Abhishekanatham Pillai, Agricultural Demonstrator VIII circle to the Agricultural College as teaching Assistant vice No. 7.

Mr. K. Jagannatha Rao, officiating in the V grade to be on probation in that grade from 1st June 1922 in an existing vacancy.

Mr. K. L. Ramakrishna Rao, Lower Subordinate V grade to be Upper Subordinate V grade on probation (provisional) from 1st June 1922 in an existing vacancy.

Mr. V. T. Subbayya Mudaliar, L. Ag., is appointed to officiate as Upper Sub-ordinate, V grade, vice Mr. A. Chinnathambi Pillai on deputation or until further orders, to report to duty to the Farm Manager, Koilpatti, forthwith.

**Confirmation :—**

Mr. C. V. Sankaranarayana Ayyar, Sub-Assistant to the Government Economic Botanist is confirmed with effect from 16th June 1921.

**Leave :—**

Mr. M. P. Gouri Sankara Ayyar, Assistant to the Government Sugarcane Expert, extension of privilege leave by one month.

Privilege leave for two months granted to Mr. C. V. Ramaswami Ayyar, Assistant to the Government Agricultural Chemist, is commuted into leave on average pay under rule 81 of Fundamental Rules and extended by 14 days.

Mr. K. P. Sankunni Menon, leave on average pay for 2 months from or after 15th June 1922.

Mr. N. Subramanya Ayyar, privilege leave for one month from or after 1-6-1922.

Mr. G. Jogi Raju, leave on average salary for 9 days from 30th May with permission to prefix holidays on 28th and 29th May 1922.

Mr. K. V. Seshagiri Rao, Assistant Farm Manager, privilege leave for 15 days from or after 13th June 1922.

Mr. T. S. Alwar Ayyangar, Head Artist to G. E. B., privilege leave for one month from 1-6-1922.

Mr. C. Rangaswami Ayyangar, Sub-Assistant to the Government Mycologist, leave on average pay for 3 weeks from 26-6-1922.

Mr. P. N. Krishna Ayyar, extension of the 2 months leave on average pay by 15 days, (and later on by 2 days).

Mr. A. Venkobachari, Assistant Farm Manager Hagari, privilege leave for 5 days from 14-6-1922.

Mr. A. Ramaswami Ayyar, Assistant Agricultural Demonstrator, Kulitalai, leave on full average salary for one month from 16-6-1922.

Mr. M. Raman, Farm Manager, Central Farm, six months' leave on average salary on Medical certificate from date of relief, under Rule 81, Fundam. Rules.

Mr. K. Govindan Nayar, Chemical Assistant, Kasargode, leave on average salary for one month from 3-7-1922.