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4. The cost of introduction in 1897—estimated at £15—has been found to be £13 7s. 7d. per adult allotted, and is compared with the cost in previous years in the following statement:—

Year.	Ships sent.	Passage-money per Statute Adult.		Actual total Cost per Adult allotted.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1888	1	11	10 0	23	6 0
1889	1	10	0 0	19	4 7
1890	2	8	10 0	16	15 7
1891	1	11	15 0	20	0 8
1891	1	11	0 0		
1892	2	10	15 0	19	2 2
1892	1	11	5 0		
1893	2	7	12 0	16	5 0
1894	2	7	0 0	15	7 3
1895	2	6	10 0	13	1 6
1896	2	5	19 6	13	7 7½
1897	2	6	19 6	13	17 7

#### EMIGRANTS DESPATCHED FROM INDIA.

Despatch and voyage.

5. The sailing ships "Rhône" and "Clyde" were accordingly chartered for the conveyance of immigrants. The number despatched, the casualties on the voyage, and the number disembarked are shown in the table in the following paragraph.

"Returns."

Of the number despatched there had worked, or lived, previously, in the following places, the number stated, viz.:—Fiji, 20; Surinam, 2; Mauritius, 3; Natal, 1; Trinidad, 2: total, 28 including the passengers—or 15 men, 11 women, and 2 children in all.

Passengers.

Two men, five women, and one child came as paying passengers: all of them had been previously in this Colony.

Remittances.

One only—a female passenger—deposited money with the Emigration Agent for payment to her on arrival. The amount was £54 3s. 2d.

Births and deaths on voyage.

Births: Four (1 male and 3 female) occurred on the "Clyde."

Deaths were twenty in all, viz.:—

	M.	F.	B.	G.	M. I.	F. I.	Total	Per cent.
"Rhône" ...	3	1	3	1	2	1	11	1'64
"Clyde" ...	4	0	0	1	2	2	9	1'32
								Mean 1'48.

The mean death-rate during voyage on all previous immigrants was 1'62.

Sickness.

An epidemic of measles of a severe type occurred in both ships.

	Cases.	Deaths.	Date of	
			1st Case.	Last Case.
"Rhône" ...	105	8	28 Feb.	29 March.
"Clyde" ...	127	8	21 March	16 April.

ARRIVAL

#### ARRIVAL OF IMMIGRANTS, 1897.

6. The number embarked and landed was as follows:—

Vessel.	Registered Tonnage.	Date of		Embarked.							Landed in Fiji.								
		Embarkation.	Arrival.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Male Infants.	Female Infants.	Total.	M.	F.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Male Infants.	Female Infants.	Total.
Rhône II	1,833	Feb. 25	May 11	441	190	13	20	13	5	671	11	—	435	179	20	13	16	4	667
Clyde	1,404	March 30	June 1	449	179	20	15	9	10	673	8	1	638	179	20	13	16	8	871
Total				890	369	33	35	23	15	1,344	19	1	1,073	358	40	26	32	12	1,538

The classification is according to Calcutta rating. Number of females to 100 males despatched was:—adults, 40'61; children, 92'6. Percentage children of total number landed was 7'21.

The small number of children despatched on this occasion is satisfactory—there being usually great mortality among children in their first year after arrival.

7. In the case of both ships the usual local isolation-period for measles—42 <sup>Quarantine.</sup> days from the development of the last case—had expired on arrival. Pratique was however not granted immediately. The immigrants were landed under the yellow flag; the ships fumigated; and the clothing and blankets of the immigrants washed, aired, and disinfected in the Depot.

#### DETENTION IN DEPOT.

8. The immigrants ex "Rhône" II were landed on the 13th May; disinfection and redistribution of clothing occupied from the 22nd to 26th May inclusive, and delivery was given to employers from 27th to 31st May inclusive.

In the case of the "Clyde" the landing took place on 3rd June; the disinfection, &c., of clothing occupied the 4th, 5th, and 6th June, and delivery given on the 12th to 14th June.

Two male infants were born in Depot, of whom one died. This was the only <sup>Births and deaths in Depot.</sup> death.

Declarations were made under section 4, Ordinance No. II of 1892, by 50 <sup>Marriages in Depot.</sup> couples ex "Rhône" II, and 86 couples (an unusually high number) ex "Clyde"; total, 136 marriages registered.

#### MEDICAL INSPECTION.

9. The Medical Inspector, Dr. Joynt, has supplied the following figures on <sup>Physique.</sup> this point as to the male immigrants ex "Clyde."

*Chest.*—Number measuring 30 to 32 inches, 12; 32 to 34 inches, 111; 34 to 36 inches, 219; 36 to 38 inches, 84; 38 to 40 inches, 11; over 40 inches, 2.

*Weight.*—Number weighing in stones, six to seven, 3; seven to eight, 51; eight to nine, 150; nine to ten, 178; ten to eleven, 46; eleven to twelve, 13.

Age.—

*Age.*—Number aged under twenty years, 107; from twenty to thirty years, 300; over thirty years, 35.

*Rejection.* One male adult ex "Clyde" was rejected, being anæmic and of poor physique, and was repatriated in the same vessel.

*Reclassification.* Two male and three female immigrants despatched as adults were reclassified as children being under the local adult age—12 years—and were allotted as such with their friends.

*Leprosy.* In one case (No. 16370, Soman) ex "Rhône," some doubtful signs of leprosy appeared; the lesions, however, were not sufficiently pronounced to arrive at a definite diagnosis. The man has since died of dysentery.

*Limited Tasks.* Under section 51, Ordinance No. II of 1891, there were placed on Limited Tasks 119 adults, viz. :—

Class.	"Rhône."		"Clyde."		Total.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Half Task	11	12	29	10	40	22	62
Three-quarter Task	19	...	38	...	57	...	57
	30	12	67	10	97	22	119

There were also by "Rhône" 6, and by "Clyde" 11 (total 17) women temporarily unable to work on account of pregnancy.

10. The following table shows the results under this head in the past eight years, viz. :—

Year.	No. of Adults Allotted.	No. placed on Limited Task.	Percentage.
1890	1,029	20	1.95
1891	917	30	3.27
1892	1,347	56	4.10
1893	697	15	2.15
1894	934	79	8.45
1895	1,230	87	7.07
1896	1,045	91	8.71
1897	1,222	119	9.74

Of the 872 male adults allotted 97 (or 11.12 per cent.) were so classed.

Those classed were, however, mainly young adults from seventeen to twenty years of age who may turn out very good workers; and generally the immigrants appeared to be satisfactory and, I understand, have turned out very well.

Of the number classed one man has died, and one man has been repatriated as unfit for further indentured service, in the present year.

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11. The following table shows the number of immigrants despatched, the reductions made for various causes, and the number actually allotted. Summary.  
Introduction.

	Adults.		Children.		Infants.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Embarked	884	359	33	33	21	15	1,347
Add—Born on board	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Deduct—Died on board	7	1	3	2	4	3	20
Total Disembarked	877	358	30	33	18	15	1,331
Deduct—Died in Depot	2	5	...	1	...	...	8
Adults reduced	2	3	...	...	...	...	5
Rejected	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total Deductions	5	8	...	1	1	...	15
Add—Born in Depot	...	...	2	...	2	...	2
Reduced Adults	...	...	2	3	...	...	5
Total Additions	...	...	2	3	2	...	7
Total Allotted	872	350	32	35	19	15	1,323

12. The immigrants were allotted to the following estates :— Allotment.

Employer.	Estate.	"Rhône" II.				"Clyde."				Total.						
		Adults.		Non-adults.		Adults.		Non-adults.								
		M.	F.	Total.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	Total.							
The Colonial Sugar Refining Company (Limited), Rewa	Nausori	36	10	46	2	4	40	100	40	140	6	11	151	151		
	Koroiviri	7	3	10	...	...	10	5	3	11	...	...	11	31		
	Vucivasa	7	2	9	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	9	9		
	Navaso	11	4	15	1	1	14	6	30	1	1	2	23	36		
Do. do., Ba	Vuni Samalou	8	3	11	...	...	11	10	5	15	2	2	17	29		
	Varoko	89	40	129	7	3	10	129	99	36	129	7	3	154	288	
	Labasa	35	15	50	4	4	54	36	13	49	2	2	4	53	107	
	Waleva	69	20	89	3	3	6	104	69	28	97	6	5	11	108	212
Do. do., Labasa	Naleba	39	15	54	1	3	4	58	28	15	53	3	4	7	60	118
	Nagigi	13	5	17	1	1	1	18	...	...	...	...	...	18	18	
	Munivani	13	5	17	1	1	1	18	...	...	...	...	...	18	18	
	Naisiri	40	15	55	1	2	3	58	...	...	...	...	...	58	58	
Mr. George Gordon, Rewa	Nakadi	12	4	16	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	16	16		
Mr. Peter Gordon, Rewa	Koronivia	23	9	32	2	1	3	35	24	9	33	1	2	3	36	71
Mr. John Rennie, Rewa	Penang	19	7	26	2	2	28	18	8	26	2	2	3	29	56	
Mr. W. G. Lawrence, Rewa	Tamunua	23	9	32	1	2	3	35	23	10	33	1	2	3	34	70
The Liquidator, City of Melbourne Bank (Limited), Rewa	Matanigara	4	4	8	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	
The Liquidators, Fraser & Company (Limited), Ba		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
The Fiji Sugar Company (Limited), Navaso		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mr. H. Carr, Ba		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total Allotments		686	174	860	20	22	42	653	456	175	631	31	23	59	670	1,323

## EMIGRATION.

13. The "Clyde" was under charter to take returning immigrants to Repatriation. Calcutta at the rate of £5 19s. 6d. per statute adult, the number being estimated at 500 statute adults. Owing, however, to the unexpected severe incidence of the Indian famine of 1896-97, it was thought advisable early in 1897 to limit emigration as far as possible to those who were entitled to claim free passages or to persons able to pay for their return home. An attempt to obtain reduction of the minimum under

under the charter having failed, it was finally decided to pay the penalty of £500 and abandon the charter. Arrangements were, however, made with the agents of the "Clyde" to take a few immigrants who desired to go home, viz. :—

	M.	F.	B.	G.	Total.
Paying their own passage (\$115) ...	5	0	0	0	5
Rejected immigrants ex "Elbe" (\$7)	0	2	1	1	4
Do. do. "Clyde" (\$7)	1	0	0	0	1
Free (ten-years' people) (\$35)	0	2	0	0	2
Unfit for further indentured service (\$45)	2	2	0	0	4
	8	6	1	1	16

who were sent under the charge of the senior compounder. The "Clyde" left on the 11th June and reached Calcutta on the 31st July, without casualty.

Passports.

14. During the year 17 men, 1 woman, and 1 child left the Colony under passport to go to the Australasian Colonies. Of these only six absolutely forfeited their right to free return-passage as they left the Colony before completing a continuous residence of ten years.

#### IMMIGRANTS IN THE COLONY.

Expiration of original indentures.

15. The following figures show the number of immigrants by the several ships in 1892 remaining in the Colony at the dates of expiration of their indentures in 1897 :—

Ship.	Date of expiration of indenture.	Allotted.				Remaining in Colony.			
		Adults.		Children.	Total.	Adults.		Children.	Total.
		M.	F.			M.	F.		
British Peer ...	23/4/97	305	142	66	513	223	114	35	372
Avon ...	3/3/97	351	120	47	518	258	76	25	359
Hereford II ...	15/6/97	302	127	45	474	197	93	21	311
Total ...		958	389	158	1,505	678	288	81	1,042

Extension of service.

16. Orders of extension of service of the immigrants of 1892, issued when the five-years' term expired, were as below noted :—

Class.	Total No. Time expired.	Indenture extended for						Total.		
		Under 100 days.			Over 100 days.			No.	Days.	Average No. of Days.
		No.	Days.	Average No. of Days.	No.	Days.	Average No. of Days.			
Men ...	678	316	4,373	14	34	8,003	235	350	12,376	35
Women ...	283	123	1,555	12.6	4	493	123	127	2,048	16
Total ...	961	439	5,928		38	8,496	477	477	14,424	

Against 328 men and 156 women no orders of extension of service were made.

17. There were 210 male immigrants under re-engagement at the end of 1896 on various plantations. Of these 62 completed their contracts and 134 fresh re-engagements were made during 1897, making a total of 282 serving at the end of the year, viz.,—20 at Rewa, 93 at Labasa, and 169 at Ba.

The terms of the contracts made in 1897 were :—

Bounty.	Term.	Wages per Day or Task.	District.			Total.
			Rewa.	Ba.	Labasa.	
£ s. d.						
Nil	1 year	1s. 6d.	5	...	...	5
5 0 0	1½ "	1s.	...	2	...	2
5 10 3	1½ "	1s.	...	1	...	1
6 0 0	3 years	1s.	...	...	4	4
7 0 0	3 "	1s.	...	1	...	1
7 10 0	3 "	1s.	...	1	6	7
10 0 0	3 "	1s.	...	36	78	114
			5	41	68	114

Of the 134 re-engaged 105 were men whose first term of service expired during the year.

18. One hundred and eleven time-expired Indian immigrants were engaged under the Masters and Servants Ordinance, as follows, viz. :—

- 72 in the Rewa district, at 1s. 3d. per diem wages, and bonus, 6d. per diem, payable at end of term.
- 21 Do. do., at 1s. 6d. per diem wages, and bonus, 6d. per diem, payable at end of term.
- 7 Do. do., at 12s. per week wages, and bonus 3s. per week, payable at end of term.
- 4 Do. do., at 2s. per diem wages, and bonus 6d. per diem, payable at end of term.
- 6 in Suva district, at from £10 to £48 per annum wages.
- 1 in Lomaiviti district, for 12 months, at 4s. a week. This engagement was cancelled.

19. One hundred and twenty-two immigrants under indenture were the subject of transfer. Of these 30 were transferred, with consent, to Koronivia plantation from the Nadroga Tobacco Company; the others (92) were transferred from one plantation to another of their employer, the Colonial Sugar Refining Company.

20. The following statement represents the Indian immigrant population of the Colony on the last day of December in each year from 1879 to 1897 according

according to returns received; but it is probable that all births and deaths are not included:—

Year.	Introduced.	Births.	Total.	Left the Colony.	Deaths.	Percentage of Deaths.	Remaining at end of year.
1879	480	1	481	.....	17	3.53	464
1880	.....	30	494	.....	17	3.44	477
1881	.....	12	489	.....	2	2.65	474
1882	908	39	1,421	.....	31	2.18	1,386
1883	992	33	2,411	.....	102	4.23	2,307
1884	1,977	67	4,351	.....	200	4.59	4,151
1885	1,246	78	5,475	.....	223	4.07	5,242
1886	994	105	6,341	.....	300	4.73	6,032
1887	.....	161	6,193	.....	126	2.03	5,975
1888	538	153	6,666	119	181	2.71	6,366
1889	677	118	7,161	533	202	2.82	6,426
1890	1,161	125	7,712	149	181	2.34	7,382
1891	1,040	222	8,044	427	229	2.85	7,388
1892	1,534	206	9,731	498	245	2.51	8,990
1893	777	253	10,020	573	280	2.79	9,167
1894	1,085	277	10,529	1,067	295	2.79	9,167
1895	1,418	274	10,859	608	397	3.56	9,854
1896	1,191	373	11,418	684	258	2.26	10,476
1897	1,391	441	12,248	35	253	2.01	11,960

21. By enumeration in registers it appears that on the 31st December, 1897, there were 10,621 actual immigrants who had not been reported dead and had not forfeited their right of return-passage. These may be distributed into the following classes, viz.:—

i—Completed ten years' continuous residence	2,390
ii—Completed five and less than ten years' residence	3,222
iii—Less than five years' residence	5,009
Total	10,621

In the third class there were 4,583 adults and 426 immigrant children.

22. Of the first and second classes—viz., free immigrants—there were 712 adults (508 men and 204 women) returned as on plantations on the 31st December, 1897. The 181 children returned as with these are not defined as "immigrants" or "Colonial born"; but, assuming an equal proportion of each, those composing the first and second classes may be distinguished as:—

Free people on plantations	800
Do. not on plantations	4,812

23. In Appendix A are shown the average daily number of, and the deaths among, indentured immigrants and their children, computed from the registers and the returns supplied by employers. Deaths are divided into two classes, viz., those from natural causes and those due to accident or violence (including capital punishment), and the death-rate is taken on those under the former class only.

The births on each plantation, as reported to this office, among indentured immigrants are also shown in this return with the birth-rate taken on the computed daily average number of adults.

24. The method of computation now adopted differs from that previously in use, and is particularly serviceable where single plantations with no large indentured population

population are concerned. For instance, in the case of Sigatoka plantation, under the previous method the number on plantation having been reduced by transfers during the year to 10 adults and 1 child the percentage of mortality would have been taken on that number. In the present table it is taken on the average daily population and is, therefore, more correct as well as fairer to the plantation. So far as the gross indentured population is concerned the result is much the same under both methods.

25. According to returns supplied by employers there were on plantations, on the 31st December, 1896, altogether 304 men, 157 women and 201 children, or 662 in all, of whom 500 were, probably, immigrants and the remainder Colonial-born children.

26. The births during 1897 and the eight previous years were,—

	Males.		Females.		Total.
1889	60	58	118		
1890	67	58	125		
1891	113	109	222		
1892	103	106	209		
1893	142	111	253		
1894	149	128	277		
1895	136	156	274		
1896	198	175	373		
1897	224	217	441		

There were, moreover, 29 still-births not included in the above.

27. The births may be classed as follows:—Children of—

Indentured immigrants—

	M.	F.	Total.
(a) Introduced in 1897	14	11	25
(b) Do. before 1897	135	132	267
	149	143	292
Free immigrants on plantation	25	28	53
Free immigrants not on plantation	50	46	96
Total	224	217	441

Including two births at Nukulau Depot. One of these died at Nukulau.

28. On the average number of adults under indenture the birth-rate for plantations was, therefore, 6.19 per cent.

The rate for the other classes cannot be stated in the same way as there is no doubt that many births among the time-expired immigrants are not reported, and even from plantations the reports are, it is feared, not always made.

29. The number of marriages contracted during the year under "The Marriages Indian Marriage Ordinance 1892" was,—

Under section four	136
Under section six	78
Total	214

## MORTALITY.

Deaths during year.

30. In the following table are shown, according to class and sex, the deaths reported:—

Class.	Adults.		Children						Total.
			Immigrants.		Born in Fiji				
	M.	F.			Before 1897.		In 1897.		
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Indentured ... ..	39	25	3	7	18	12	33	29	166
Free on Estates ... ..	7	5	...	...	3	4	4	7	30
Total died on Estates ... ..	46	30	3	7	21	16	37	36	196
Korovou Depot ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Free not on Estates ... ..	19	10	...	...	5	4	9	9	56
Total deaths ... ..	65	41	3	7	26	20	46	45	253

31. The following remarks on these figures are worthy of note:—

*Indentured people.*—Of the total number of deaths, 81,—equal to 48·80 per cent.,—were those of infants under one year of age.

*Children of indentured people.*—Of all who died there were 79·41 per cent. under one year of age; there were 66 per cent. under six months of age; there were only 10 or 9·80 per cent. over two years of age.

32. *Indentured.*—Of the sixty-four deaths fifteen were the result of accident or violence, leaving 29 men and 20 women who died from natural causes, with a death-rate of 1·04 per cent. of all under indenture.

The death-rate on adults introduced before 1897 was 1·25 per cent. That of adult immigrants of 1897 computed as if for twelve months was 1·09 per cent.

*Free Immigrants on Estates.*—Of the twelve deaths 1 man and 2 women died from accident or violence, leaving 6 men and 3 women, or nine deaths from natural causes. As stated in paragraph 25 there were on 31st December, 1896, 304 men and 157 women of this class on plantations; but the numbers are so constantly varying that no estimate can be made of the rate of mortality.

*Korovou Depot.*—This was the death of the last remaining immigrant of those indentured to the Holmhurst Estate which was closed in 1896. She was very sickly, and had been for some months in the Depot under treatment.

*Immigrants not on Estates.*—Of the twenty-nine deaths of adults under this heading, that have been reported, no less than 6 men and 1 woman died from other than

than natural causes, while the cause of death in one case was unknown. There can be no reasonable doubt that many deaths of this class are never reported.

## 33. INDENTURED AND IMMIGRANT.

	Boys.		Girls.		Total.
	...	...	...	...	
(a) Introduced before 1897 ...	2	4	...	...	6
(b) Introduced in 1897 ...	1	3	...	...	4
					—
					10

One death (boy) was due to burns; and of those introduced in 1897 one male infant's death was, probably, in part due to neglect by the mother. Under (b) there were 101 children allotted and, including the above case, only four deaths during about seven months' residence on plantation, or about 7 per cent. per annum.

## COLONIAL-BORN OF INDENTURED PARENTS.

34. Under this heading are 92 out of the 166 deaths among indentured immigrants. They may be distinguished as children whose parents were—

	Children born before 1897.		Children born in 1897.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Introduced before 1897 ...	18	12	25	27
Introduced in 1897 ...	0	0	8	2
Total deaths... ..	18	12	33	29

Of those born before 1897 one death is attributed to the neglect of the mother and one was the result of accident.

Of those born in 1897 four resulted from accidents and one is attributed to neglect of mother.

## 35. COLONIAL-BORN CHILDREN OF FREE IMMIGRANTS.

	Died on Estate.		Died Elsewhere.		Total.
	...	...	...	...	
(a) Born before 1897 ...	7	9	...	...	16
(b), Born in 1897 ...	11	18	...	...	29
Total ... ..	18	27	...	...	45

The causes of death were not ascertained in two cases (a) and nine (b) or eleven in all. There were three deaths in (a) from accidents, viz. :—Burns, one; and drowning, two.

ACCIDENTS AND VIOLENCE.

36. The following statements show the deaths from accidents and violence which have not been taken into account in computing death-rates :—

Cause of Death.	Indestructed.			Free.			Total.			
	Male.	Female.	Children.	Male.	Female.	Children.	Male.	Female.	Children.	
	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	
<b>Violence</b>										
Suicide—hanging	3	...	3	1	...	1	4	...	4	...
Do. pistol	1	...	3	...	1	1	...	1	...	2
Murder	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Execution for murder	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
<b>Total from Violent Causes</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Accident</b>										
Fall from wharf—skull injured	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Drowning	1	...	3	...	...	...	4	...	3	...
Overlain by mother	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Crushed by fall of sugar-stack	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Machinery	1	...	2	...	1	1	2	...	1	3
Burns	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Fall from horse	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Cut on ankle	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Concussion of brain—cause unknown	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
<b>Total from Accident</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>From all causes</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>

Mortality of children and infants.

37. There were reported in 1897, 147 deaths of children out of the total number of 253 deaths, of which 31 were children of one year and upwards, and 116 of children under one year of age. Comparing with 1896 the totals were—

	1896.	1897.
One year and over	40	31
Under one year	88	116
Adults	130	106
<b>Total deaths</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>247</b>

While there was a considerable reduction in the deaths among adults the number of deaths among infants has increased.

38. The causes of death of children stated in more general terms (as returned in death reports) than in the table in paragraph were as follows :—

	One Year old and over.	Under One Year.	Total.
Accident	4	5	9
Anæmia, &c.	4	1	5
Asthenia	...	3	3
Athrepsia and Atrophy	...	9	12
Bronchitis and Broncho-pneumonia	3	1	2
Cardiac disease—Congenital	1	...	1
Convulsions	...	8	8
Debility—Congenital	...	3	3
Dentition	...	1	1
Diarrhoea (with complications)	8	23	31
Dysentery do.	1	3	4
Enteritis	...	4	4
Fever	...	1	1
Hepatitis	...	1	1
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>80</b>

Inanition

	One Year old and over.	Under One Year.	Total.
Brought forward	21	68	89
Inanition	...	3	3
Influenza	1	...	1
Insufficient vitality	...	6	6
Intestinal obstruction	1	1	2
Laryngitis	...	1	1
Malnutrition	...	1	1
Meningitis	1	1	2
Nephritis	1	1	2
Pneumonia and Pleurisy	1	8	9
Premature Birth	...	1	1
Stomatitis and Gangrene	1	...	1
Syphilis—Congenital	1	6	7
Tetanus—Neonatorum	...	7	7
Unspecified	2	13	15
Yaws or Framboesia	1	...	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>147</b>

It may be noted that of the total number there were for :—

	Aged One Year.	Under One Year.	Total.
Syphilis—Congenital	1	6	7
Accident	4	5	9
Premature Birth	...	8	8
Tetanus—Neonatorum	...	7	7
Unspecified—Natural Causes	2	13	15
<b>Other Causes</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>101</b>

39. Comparing the total infant mortality in 1897 with the number born in that year :—

Class.	Births in 1897.	Deaths of Infants under One Year.			Deaths attributed to		Ratio of Total Deaths of Infants to Births in 1897.
		Born, 1897.	Born, 1896.	Total.	Accident.	Premature Births.	
Indentured Immigrants	292	62	19	81	5	5	27.74
Free on Estates	53	11	4	15	...	...	...
Free not on Estates	96	18	2	20	...	3	...
<b>Total</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25.31</b>

Of the accidental deaths one child was born in 1896. In calculating the ratio the premature births should more properly I believe be excluded.

40. The number of children (of indentured parents) who were born in 1896 or 1897, respectively, and who died in the year of birth are as follows :—

	Births.	Deaths.	Rate per cent.
In 1896	264	52	19.70
1897	292	62	21.23

41.

41. In many cases the apathy, want of cleanliness, or ignorance of the mother has resulted in gross neglect; while there are no doubt cases in which the child's death has been wilfully induced.

The coolie lines are required to be inspected daily by a European overseer, and this duty is believed to be generally performed so that prompt attention may be given to cases of sickness among indentured immigrants.

Mortality on certain estates.

42. In Appendix A the mortality on the Labasa estates appears exceptionally high. This is partly explained by the presence there of certain immigrants transferred in 1896 from Holmhurst, Taviuni, ex "Ems" and "Hereford" III, who would have been repatriated in 1897 (had repatriation been allowed) as incapable of further service under indenture. This remark applies to Vuo and Naleba plantations.

Causes of death.

43. The following table sets forth the causes of death among Indian immigrants and their children, and includes all deaths recorded in the office during the year. It has been compiled by the Chief Medical Officer from the records of death.

Summary of Causes of Death of Indian Immigrants, 1897.

Cause of Death.	Adults.		Children.		Infants.		Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
General Diseases ... ..	22	18	2	3	13	17	75
General Injuries—Effects of	5	6	4	...	7	1	23
Unclassified causes... ..	...	...	2	6	5	...	13
Undefined causes ... ..	...	1	2	1	10	9	23
<b>LOCAL DISEASES.</b>							
Of the Nervous System ... ..	3	1	...	1	5	4	14
Of the Circulatory System ... ..	2	...	...	1	...	...	3
Of the Respiratory System ... ..	8	3	2	1	4	8	26
Of the Digestive System ... ..	12	6	3	2	17	16	56
Of the Urinary System ... ..	1	2	...	1	...	...	4
Of the Generative System ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Parturition ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
<b>LOCAL INJURIES.</b>							
Homicidal ... ..	3	2	...	...	...	...	5
Suicidal hanging ... ..	4	...	...	...	...	...	4
Judicial hanging ... ..	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Accidental ... ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total ... ..	65	41	13	12	62	60	253

The number of infants (122) includes 116 under one year of age and 6 others.

#### INSPECTION.

44. Inspection was carried out during the year as follows:—

Rewa district.—Visited in April, August and December, by Messrs. Harper and Coates.

Ba and Ra districts.—Visited in February, July, and September, by Messrs. Coates and Harper.

Macuata

Macuata district.—Visited in May, March, and September by Messrs. Coates and Harper.

Navua district.—Visited in January and July by Messrs. Coates and Harper, and during October and December by Mr. Russell who was then temporarily stationed in the district.

Sigatoka.—Visited by Messrs. Coates and Harper in May and July and November.

#### WORK AND WAGES.

45. The following tables are appended to this Report:—

Appendix.

- (1) Comparative abstract of returns of work and wages of Indian male immigrants.—(Appendix B.)
- (2) Comparative abstract of returns of work and wages of Indian female immigrants.—(Appendix C.)
- (3) Condensed returns of work and absence and wages earned.—(Appendix D.)
- (4) Comparative statement of work, absence, and earnings from 1893 to 1897, inclusive.—(Appendix E.)

46. The above tables show,—(1) Average number of workers and non-workers on estates; (2) Average daily earnings, inclusive and exclusive of non-workers; and (3) Analysis of days worked on and lost through various causes. Appendix D is compiled from B and C for more convenient comparison of results. Earnings per working-day and for days on which work was actually done are distinguished. The cultivation on all the estates was sugar-cane, except at Sigatoka where tobacco was cultivated.

47. *Staff, i.e.*, sirdars, hospital servants, watchmen and domestic servants are not included in Appendices B C and D but are shown, included with other workmen, in Appendix E. The average number of males employed in such exceptional work during period was 227.

The Appendices were compiled by Mr. Coates from extracts from Plantation Pay-Lists made by the Inspectors. The periods to which they relate amount to six months for each estate with two exceptions.

The figures given below state the percentage under each head of the possible working time in the periods taken.

48. *Attendance at Work* was slightly less than in 1896 (which was the highest recorded for both sexes) but is satisfactory, viz.:—

	1896.	1897.
Males ... ..	89.02 per cent.	87.71 per cent.
Females ... ..	74.61 " "	71.54 " "

Analysis of work and wages.

The severe drought which during the earlier months of 1897 almost suspended plantation work in some districts—on account of which an unusual extent of leave of absence from work was allowed and availed of, more particularly as to females—accounts for the decrease.

LEAVE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE, BAD WEATHER, HOLIDAY, PREGNANCY, &c.

	1896.	1897.
Males ... ..	97 per cent.	2.23 per cent.
Females ... ..	11.58 "	15.60 "

Above remarks as to unusual leave of absence apply to this increase.

*Sickness.*—The percentage of days lost by reason of sickness alone compares as follows:—

	1896.	1897.
Males ... ..	6.46 per cent.	6.66 per cent.
Females ... ..	11.20 "	10.84 "

The rate for 1896 was the lowest then recorded and that for the present year is equally satisfactory.

The lowest percentage shown is for the Penang Estate, Ra district, viz.,—males, 3.43; females, 7.55. The highest recorded are on Naleba Estate, Macuata, viz.,—males, 12.12; females, 18.76. This plantation had received in 1896 a number of immigrants transferred from Holmhurst (now closed) Estate, Taviani, who were not in good condition, and of whom many would have been repatriated in 1897 but for the circumstance of the famine then existing in India as before reported.

UNLAWFUL ABSENCE, COURT AND GAOL.

	1896.	1897.
Males ... ..	3.45 per cent.	3.41 per cent.
Females ... ..	3.45 "	2.02 "

Under this head there has been a continuous decrease since 1891, and absence from this cause has since 1895 decreased males 1.07 per cent. and females 2.96 per cent.

Earnings.

49. The averages of wages earned on all plantations excepting those in Macuata district show an increase as compared with 1896; and notwithstanding the lowered average for that district the average of earnings for the Colony is slightly in excess of that of the previous year, viz.:—

Average Earnings per working-day—

	1896.	1897.
Males ... ..	(pence) 10.99	11.05
Females ... ..	" 6.15	6.07

Average per day actually worked on—

	(pence)	
Males ... ..	12.15	12.30
Females ... ..	" 7.62	7.81

The highest plantation averages are:—

Nausori, Rewa (Mill and Field)—

	Males.	Females.
Per working-day ... ..	(pence) 12.27	—
Per day of actual work ... ..	" 12.47	—
Muainaweni, Rewa (Field)—		
Per working-day ... ..	(pence) —	8.06
Per day of actual work ... ..	" —	10.83

The

The lowest plantation averages are:—

Baulevu, Rewa (Field)—

	Males.	Females.
Per working-day ... ..	(pence) 8.74	—
Per day of actual work ... ..	" 10.51	—
Naleba, Macuata (Field)—		
Per working-day ... ..	(pence) —	4.93
Per day of actual work ... ..	" —	6.43

CRIME AND OFFENCES.

50. During the year forty immigrants were committed for trial before the General Supreme Court on twenty-six charges, with the results stated hereunder:—

Offences.	No. of Charges.	No. Concerned.	Results.		
			Convicted.	Acquitted.	Not Prosecuted.
Housebreaking ... ..	4	8	8	...	...
Perjury ... ..	3	6	...	...	6
Making a false declaration of marriage ... ..	1	1	...	...	1
Unlawfully wounding ... ..	1	1	1	...	...
Escaping from legal custody ... ..	5	5	5	...	...
Murder ... ..	7	12	6	2	4
Rape ... ..	1	1	...	...	1
Wounding with intent to murder ... ..	2	3	2	1	...
Conspiracy to charge with a crime ... ..	2	3	2	...	1
Total ... ..	26	40	24	3	13

In 1895 thirty-seven persons were committed on thirty-five charges of whom twenty were convicted. The number indicted in 1896 was forty, resulting in only fourteen convictions.

51. The Appendix F shows the charges brought by employers against indentured labourers for breaches of the labour laws exclusively. In 1896 a few charges under the general law were included which do not practically affect the results comparatively.

There were twenty-nine cases of assault by immigrants on those in authority over them tried summarily as compared with nine reported in 1896.

52. The actual number of persons prosecuted for labour offences and their proportion to the total population were as follows:—

	M.	F.	Total.	Percentage.
1896 ... ..	800	359	1,159	23.05
1897 ... ..	677	315	992	16.51

so that 76 per cent. in 1896 and 83.50 per cent. in 1897 of the total number of indentured adults were not prosecuted.

The number of charges laid were:—

	M.	F.	Total.
1896 ... ..	1,596	649	2,245
1897 ... ..	1,246	665	1,911

The

The number of complaints to each hundred of the population as compared with 1895 and 1896 was:—

	1895.	1896.	1897.
Rewa ...	39.55	38.29	41.29
Ba ...	50.15	32.70	21.58
Labasa ...	95.68	76.77	37.16
Navua ...	11.48	10.98	13.65
Ra ...	9.02	59.86	3.45
Taviuni ...	30.10	23.14	—
Mean ...	50.13	44.62	31.81

53. The increase at Rewa is due to the large number of prosecutions at Baulevu, from which plantation were brought 378 cases out of the 720 cases in this district. The steady decline of prosecution at Ba and Labasa is satisfactory. At the Penang Estate, Ra, it was found necessary to prosecute only 5 charges, viz.,—3 for damage of property, and 2 for breaches of hospital discipline.

54. The results of prosecutions were as follows:—

	1896.		1897.	
	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.
Convicted ...	1,947	84.98	1,603	83.58
Returned to estate ...	50	2.18	43	2.25
Dismissed ...	216	9.43	174	9.11
Withdrawn ...	78	3.41	91	4.76
Total ...	2,291	100.00	1,911	100.00

The convictions at Labasa amounted to over 96 per cent. of the charges laid.

The proportion of the sexes in total population and of the charges against men and women to the total charges in the two years were:—

	Proportion of Sexes to total Population.		Percentage of total Charges against	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1896	73.00	27.00	71.63	28.37
1897	73.80	26.20	65.20	34.80

Showing a considerable decrease in the percentage of men and an increase in the percentage of women prosecuted.

The charges against women at Labasa district were 50.53 per cent. of the total number of such charges in all districts.

55. The number of charges preferred against employers for offences against indentured immigrants (as detailed in Appendix G) was 64, of which 32 resulted in conviction, 3 were withdrawn, and 29 dismissed. In 1896 the relative numbers were 18 convictions, 36 dismissals: total, 54 charges.

Charges against employers.

CONDITION

#### CONDITION OF INDENTURED IMMIGRANTS.

56. The information above given on the principal matters affecting indentured immigrants will leave a generally satisfactory impression as to their condition. Earnings were slightly better than in preceding year although attendance at work was to some extent affected by drought. Sickness was normal and loss by unlawful absence was reduced as elsewhere remarked.

Mr. W. E. Russell was appointed in August, 1897, to be (on probation) an Inspecting officer; and arrangements made for the permanent residence at each of the more distant districts, Ba and Labasa, of an Inspector of Immigrants early in 1898, so that more constant supervision may be possible in those important centres of planting industry.

#### LEGISLATION.

57. There was no legislation exclusively affecting Indian immigrants during the year.

A commission appointed by the Governor in December, 1896, inquired into and reported in January, 1897, on the employment of immigrants indentured to Tamunua plantation on land under cultivation by European and Indian contractors under agreement to grow cane for Fiji Sugar Company.

#### SAVINGS.

58. During the year 662 immigrants deposited £16,513 13s. 2d. in the Bank through the medium of the Department, viz.:—

	£	s.	d.
541 Deposits for twelve months, at 3 per cent. ...	12,434	11	5
68 Deposits for six months at 1½ per cent. ...	1,850	0	4
53 Demand Deposits ...	2,229	1	5

Compared with previous years there were in—

	1896.	1896.	1897.
Depositors ...	864	870	662
Amount ...	£19,991	£19,628	£16,513
Average ...	£23 ls. 8d.	£22 11s. 3d.	£24 18s. 9d.

The number of demand deposits (53) is less than in 1896, when there were 84; such deposits are due partly to the Bank's refusal to take deposits for less than six months and partly to the temporary deposits by persons preparing to leave the country for India.

The decreased number of depositors and of the total amount deposited possibly arises partly from investments in land and agricultural industry and partly from deposits being made with storekeepers and others who offer more interest than the Bank allows.

#### MONEY ORDERS.

59. The amount remitted by immigrants to their friends in India through the Treasury was £2,650 7s. 4d. sent by 590 persons. Returns of previous years show:—

	1895.	1896.	1897.
Number of remitters	196	308	590
Amount remitted ...	£1,022 4s. 10d.	£1,553 5s.	£2,650 7s. 4d.

The

The increase in the number of depositors and in the amount remitted was mainly due to the Indian Famine of 1896-97. In the month of December, 1896, and the first three months of 1897, remittances to the amount of £1,054 were made.

In this connection it may be interesting to note that a local Famine Relief Fund was initiated by the Honourable James Murray, M.L.C., manager of the Fiji Sugar Company, who, assisted by other gentlemen, collected and remitted to the Lord Mayor's Fund the sum of £1,263 for this object. Mr. Murray informs me that before he left Fiji early in the year £1,273 14s. 3d. had been collected, of which £811 3s. 3d. was given by immigrants (free and indentured) and the balance by Europeans and some Polynesians. The subscriptions ranged from 3d. to £5; and were not only invariably given willingly but in some cases were sent by Indians and others who had not waited to be asked, and the number who declined to subscribe might be counted on the fingers of one hand.

#### DECEASED IMMIGRANTS' ESTATES.

60. This account shows:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1897 ... ..	275	14	5
Estates collected during year... ..	173	17	11
Interest... ..	7	5	10
	<u>£456</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>2</u>
Paid as poundage ... ..	£15	16	2
Estates disposed of ... ..	176	17	2
	<u>192</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>
Balance, 31st December, 1897 ... ..	£264	4	10

#### DESTITUTE INDIANS' FUND.

61. The following is a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure during 1897:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st January, 1897 ... ..	10	17	3
Receipts.—Transfer and re-engaging fees and sundries ... ..	£173	9	6
Interest ... ..	21	5	1
	<u>194</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>7</u>
Total ... ..	205	11	10
Payments.—Hospital fees ... ..	£170	14	0
Depot and Miscellaneous ... ..	23	7	6
	<u>194</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
Balance, 31st December, 1897 ... ..	£11	10	4

#### INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATION, &c., OF FREE INDIANS.

62. The following licenses were issued to free Indians during 1897:—

Annual.—Dogs (town), 101; gun, 7.

Quarterly.—

Quarterly.—Coasting, 14; hawker, 306; retail store, 277; wholesale and retail store, 24; waterman, 68.

63. The following table represents such information as is available as to the area under occupation and cultivation by, and the crops and live stock owned by free Indians during the year:—

District.	Acres owned or leased.	Acres cultivated.						Live Stock.				
		Sugar-cane.	Bananas.	Rice.	Beans.	Cocoanuts.	Maize.	Total.	Horses.	Cattle.	Poultry.	Pigs.
Rewa ... ..	2,542	800	422	...	...	...	1,322	83	943	2,892	...	...
Namoi ... ..	...	840	117	35	8	2	12	1,014	2	91	1,352	42
Serua ... ..	...	685	61	54	1	...	1	802	8	164	798	10
Ba ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	400	...	...
Suva ... ..	244	...	29	140	...	...	85	219	...	272	690	4

No information was available on these matters from the important districts of Ba (except as above), Tavuni and Macusta. In the last there is one block of 500 acres owned by an Indian and there are free Indians elsewhere settled.

64. The Suva land is comprised of the two settlements of Samabula and Vatuwaqa on land leased by the settlers from the Crown. The question of other similar settlements was under consideration at the end of 1897. The cultivation of rice is believed to be increasing; in the Rewa district the produce was estimated at 2,276 bags in 1897 though acreage is not given.

65. In spite of the continuous depression in the sugar-industry the cultivation of the cane in small areas still occupies a large number of this class in the Rewa and Navua districts; and it is hoped they may also turn their attention to other products such as cocon, coffee and vanilla, in which, however, some instructions and assistance will be found necessary.

#### CHANGES IN DEPARTMENT.

66. On the 10th October, 1897, the Honourable H. G. C. Emberson, who had acted as Agent-General of Immigration since April, 1888, retired from the Service and was replaced in that office by myself.

Mr. W. E. Russell was appointed an Inspector on probation from the 11th August, 1897.

As already reported houses for the accommodation of the resident Inspectors were erected at Ba and Labasa.

On the 11th December, on my leaving the Colony on vacation leave the Honourable W. L. Allardyce, Native Commissioner, was good enough to take charge of the office for the rest of the year.

I have, &c.,

JNO. FORSTER,

Agent-General of Immigration.

APPENDIX A.  
INDENTURED IMMIGRANTS ONLY.

District.	Plantation.	Employer.	Average Number through Year.						Deaths on Plantations.						Proportion of Mortality among Immigrants.			Books.	
			Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.			Males.	Females.	Total.		
			Total.	Admits.	Deaths.	Total.	Admits.	Deaths.	Total.	Admits.	Deaths.	Total.	Admits.	Deaths.					
Bora	Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited)	514	70	684	4	10	14	2	1	3	6	11	17	78	1427	240	38	6	
	Do.	127	21	148	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	400	146	6	6	
	Do.	106	24	130	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	477	107	6	6	
	Do.	110	21	131	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	524	127	6	6	
	Do.	119	11	130	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	524	127	6	6	
	Do.	128	19	147	3	5	8	2	3	3	3	3	3	100	1870	347	13	9	
	Do.	135	19	154	3	5	8	2	3	3	3	3	3	100	1870	347	13	9	
	Do.	144	14	158	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	714	102	9	9	
	Do.	104	19	123	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	714	102	9	9	
	Do.	5	5	10	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	714	102	9	9	
Ba	Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited)	1,421	230	1,651	12	23	35	6	2	8	18	35	43	94	10,000	212	96	...	
	Do.	447	128	575	4	8	12	1	1	2	3	6	10	39	630	211	31	...	
	Do.	100	48	148	2	4	6	1	1	1	2	3	5	11	133	183	29	...	
	Do.	241	40	281	2	4	6	1	1	1	2	3	5	11	133	183	29	...	
	Do.	71	15	86	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	50	66	10	...	
	Do.	59	15	74	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	50	66	10	...	
	Do.	85	23	108	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	50	66	10	...	
	Do.	60	15	75	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	50	66	10	...	
	Do.	60	15	75	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	50	66	10	...	
	Do.	110	23	133	2	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	50	66	10	...	
Mauritius	Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited)	1,096	210	1,306	28	55	83	7	2	9	16	31	47	77	980	249	78	...	
	Do.	686	76	762	7	14	21	2	1	2	3	5	8	15	184	48	14	...	
	Do.	296	31	327	7	10	17	2	1	2	3	4	6	12	133	34	10	...	
	Do.	125	20	145	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	36	46	10	...	
	Do.	166	24	190	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	36	46	10	...	
	Do.	238	21	259	5	6	11	2	1	2	3	4	6	11	120	150	22	...	
	Do.	119	23	142	2	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	36	46	10	...	
	Do.	110	23	133	2	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	36	46	10	...	
	Do.	110	23	133	2	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	36	46	10	...	
	Do.	110	23	133	2	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	36	46	10	...	
Ba	Tr. Fraser & Co. (Limited)	86	18	104	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
	Do.	85	18	103	5	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
	Do.	57	9	66	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
	Do.	57	9	66	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
	Do.	57	9	66	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
	Do.	57	9	66	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
	Do.	57	9	66	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
	Do.	57	9	66	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
	Do.	57	9	66	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
	Do.	57	9	66	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	177	131	4	...	
Total for all Estates			4,714	808	5,522	49	98	147	15	6	21	64	102	166	1,904	11,639	3,020	200	915

APPENDIX B.  
COMPARATIVE Abstract of Returns of Work and Wages of Indian Male Immigrants under Indenture during the year 1897.

District.	Plantation.	Employer.	Period.	Mean No. Employed during Period.				Percentage of Workings.						Average Earnings Per Working-day.		
				Workers.	Non-workers.	TOTAL.	Worked by each.	Loans by each by			Total of Wages.	Percentage of Total of Wages.				
								Wages.	Cost.	Profits.						
Mauritius	Fiji Sugar Company (Limited)	6 months	3,440	85	3,525	69.97	48	74	35	1.48	7.87	1.71	1.25	11.22	11.28	12.95
	Do.	6 months	400	7	407	63.55	13	20	11	2.09	4.61	...	...	10.13	10.13	11.48
	Do.	6 months	530	15	545	63.55	13	20	11	2.09	4.61	...	...	10.13	10.13	11.48
	Do.	6 months	1,110	110	1,220	67.57	120	207	119	2.48	6.68	...	...	11.62	11.62	12.95
	Do.	6 months	1,095	20	1,115	67.57	120	207	119	2.48	6.68	...	...	11.62	11.62	12.95
	Do.	6 months	1,485	10	1,495	67.57	120	207	119	2.48	6.68	...	...	11.62	11.62	12.95
	Do.	6 months	690	10	700	67.57	120	207	119	2.48	6.68	...	...	11.62	11.62	12.95
	Do.	6 months	690	10	700	67.57	120	207	119	2.48	6.68	...	...	11.62	11.62	12.95
	Do.	6 months	749.5	100	849.5	69.97	80	130	50	2.85	6.08	...	...	11.36	11.36	12.95
	Do.	6 months	3,495	100	3,595	69.97	100	150	50	2.85	6.08	...	...	11.36	11.36	12.95
Bora	Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited)	6 months	615	80	695	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
	Do.	6 months	570	10	580	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
	Do.	6 months	570	10	580	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
	Do.	6 months	570	10	580	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
	Do.	6 months	570	10	580	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
	Do.	6 months	570	10	580	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
	Do.	6 months	570	10	580	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
	Do.	6 months	570	10	580	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
	Do.	6 months	570	10	580	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
	Do.	6 months	570	10	580	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
Total for Colonial Sugar Refining Co.'s Bora Estates			1,031.5	90.5	1,122	65.31	132	13	33	2.15	6.77	1.89	1.43	10.26	10.26	11.48
Mauritius	Fiji Sugar Company (Limited)	6 months	720	10	730	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
	Do.	6 months	680	10	690	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
	Do.	6 months	680	10	690	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
	Do.	6 months	680	10	690	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
	Do.	6 months	680	10	690	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
	Do.	6 months	680	10	690	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
	Do.	6 months	680	10	690	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
	Do.	6 months	680	10	690	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
	Do.	6 months	680	10	690	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
	Do.	6 months	680	10	690	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28
Total for all Estates			3,110	120	3,230	62.80	14	27	41	2.07	7.99	1.96	1.72	11.07	11.07	12.28

APPENDIX C. COMPARATIVE Abstract of Returns of Work and Wages of Indian Female Immigrants under Indenture during the year 1897.

Table with columns: District, Plantation, Employee, Period, Workers, Non-workers, Total, Worked by each, Unemployed, Sick, Conv., Absent, Paid, Wages, and Average Earnings. Rows include Fiji Sugar Co. (Limited), Fraser & Co. (Limited), Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited), and various districts like Mauritius, Reunions, and Natal.

APPENDIX D.

APPENDIX D. CONDENSED Returns of Work, and Absence, and Wages earned on various Estates during the year 1897.

Table with columns: District, Plantation, Period, Males, Females, Total, Worked by each, Unemployed, Sick, Conv., Absent, Paid, Wages, and Average Earnings. Rows include Mauritius, Reunions, Natal, and various estates like Colonial Sugar Refining Co.'s Mauritius Estates.

APPENDIX E.

APPENDIX E.  
COMPARATIVE Statement of Work, Absence, and Earnings, taken from Reports for the years 1893-97.

Details.	Males.					Females.					
	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	
Percentage of Attendance at Work	89.95 89.16 89.41	81.01 80.71 85.30	85.57 87.45 87.15	86.45 87.45 89.03	88.00 88.07 87.71	69.05 71.23 68.93	69.00 71.10 71.23	74.34 80.33 74.61	70.11 67.47 71.10		
Percentage of Days Lost by Sickness, Holiday, Bad Weather, Pregnancy, &c. (monthly)	8.32 7.48 9.17	10.54 5.69 9.44	8.83 7.59 9.28	9.01 7.90 9.16	11.92 7.65 9.90	20.83 23.91 24.00	24.50 20.07 23.57	20.87 25.00 19.54	35.95 31.05 23.32		
Percentage of Days Lost by Unlawful Absence, Court, and Gao	10.53 9.59 7.42	8.45 7.08 6.76	5.01 3.90 4.48	4.54 4.45 3.85	4.80 5.03 3.41	9.70 5.80 6.77	0.41 3.40 4.08	4.78 3.23 3.45	9.94 5.98 2.02		
* Average Daily Earnings per Working-day—[Penae] Exclusive of Staff	9.80 10.53 10.74	10.91 11.27 10.97	10.87 10.67 11.31	10.87 10.46 10.92	11.93 11.60 11.03	5.00 5.58 5.58	5.81 5.58 5.66	5.63 5.41 5.00	6.85 5.69 6.07		
Average Daily Earnings per day of actual Work—Exclusive of Staff	11.91 11.07 11.72	13.00 12.56 12.54	11.51 12.06 11.66	11.50 12.44 12.15	12.25 12.48 12.28	7.28 7.56 7.51	8.30 7.89 7.54	7.97 6.58 7.13	9.12 7.31 7.62		
* Average Daily Earnings per day of actual Work—Inclusive of Staff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		

\* Non-workers excluded.

APPENDIX F.

APPENDIX F.  
RETURN of Informations and Convictions in respect of Offences under the Indian Immigration Ordinance.  
EMPLOYERS *versus* IMMIGRANTS.

District.	Committing a Misdemeanor.		Unlawful Absence.		West of Ordinary Duty.		Work or Removal ordered to France.		Refusal to Answer to Work.		Refusal to Answer to Hospital.		Unlawful use of Fire.		Mental or Aerial to Employer.		Impeding Fire.		Disobeying.		Carrying Weapons or Tools when Working.		Travelling Laundry, or Travelling Laundry, in Travelling Laundry.		Furnishing Objects to Travelling from Work.		Damaging Property of Employer.		Aiding in Damaging Property of Employer.		Total number of Charges.		Aidants.							
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.								
Lahore	11	11	179	100	150	274	41	22	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bahawalpur	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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APPENDIX G.  
CHARGES AGAINST EMPLOYERS.

District.	Charges.						Number of Complainants.		Results.			
	Amount not paid.	Refused to supply Work.	Refused to supply Business.	Terminating Language.	Withholding Wages.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Number of Defendants.	Withdrawn.	Dismissed.	Overruled.
Labaia .....	14	..	..	..	..	14	9	5	11	..	5	9
Rewa .....	14	3	1	1	..	19	13	2	11	..	15	4
Isa .....	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..
Narus .....	12	..	..	..	18	30	24	3	10	3	8	19
Isa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .....	40	3	1	1	19	64	47	10	33	3	29	22

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