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FOR THE YEAR

1891.

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INDIAN IMMIGRATION.

(REPORT FOR 1891.)

THE ACTING AGENT-GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION TO THE HONOURABLE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Immigration Department,
Suva, 22nd May, 1892.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for His Excellency's information the following Report upon Indian Immigration and the Indian Immigrants in this Colony during the year 1891.

APPLICATIONS.

2. The following applications for Indian immigrants were made for 1891:—

(1) Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Rewa and Ba, Vitilevu	750
(2) City of Melbourne Bank (Limited), Koronivia, Rewa, Vitilevu	100
(3) Messrs. Fraser & Co., Penang, Vitilevu	100
(4) Taviuni Sugar Co., Holmhurst, Taviuni	100
Total	1,050

Some late applications were received, and received attention after those sent in by due date had obtained full allotments.

IMMIGRANTS DESPATCHED FROM INDIA.

3. To satisfy this demand there were despatched from Calcutta, in the ship "Danube," 384 adult males, 151 adult females, 27 male and 20 female (=47) children (under 10 years), and 19 infants=601 souls; and in the ship "Jumna," 281 adult males, 116 adult females, 19 male and 21 female (=40) children (under 10 years of age), and 19 infants=456 souls. The total number introduced by both ships being 1,040 souls.

Of these there were 34 immigrants who had previously worked at the following places, viz.:—British Guiana, 17; Trinidad, 1; Jamaica, 5; Surinam, 2; Natal, 4; Nevis, 2; Fiji 3.

4. The following table shows the number of Indian Emigrants embarked at Calcutta and landed at Nukulau Depot, Fiji; the duration of the Voyage; the Births and Deaths which occurred during the same; and those sent to Hospital on arrival, during the season 1891.

Vessel.	Tonnage.	Date of Embarkation.	Date of Arrival.	Duration of Voyage. No. of days at sea.	Duration of Voyage. No. of days between Embarkation and Disembarkation.	Embarked. Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Died at Sea.	Births at Sea.	Landed in Fiji. Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Sent to Hospital on arrival. Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.
Danube	1,345	26/3/91	15/6/91	79	82	284	151	27	20	19	501	10	2	282	150	25	20	16	503	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jumna	1,049	27/4/91	27/7/91	89	92	281	116	19	21	19	456	12	3	279	114	18	20	16	447	2	2	...	...	1	5

One so-called adult was, on medical examination at Depot, classed as a boy.

The number per "Danube" included two adult male free passengers.

Mortality During Voyage.

5. This is given in the following tabular statement, which takes in all the vessels (from "Leonidas," 1879) that have come to Fiji.

It will be seen that the "Danube" and "Jumna" do not, as to mortality and length of voyage, compare favourably with the vessels immediately preceding them, though they show a lower death-rate than most of the earlier vessels that came to the Colony, if the "Berar," "Bayard," "Syria," and "Main" be excepted. The mean rate for the year (2·07) is a moderate one.

Name of Vessel.	Captain.	Season.	Surgeon-Superintendent.	Length of Voyage in Days.	Number of Souls Embarked.	Births.	Total.	Deaths.	Rate of Mortality *per centum*.	
										Mean.
Leonidas	—McLachlan	1879	J. Welsh	72	498	1	499	19	3·80	
Berar	F. Simm	1882	F. C. Shaw	93	431	4	435	6	1·37	2·10
Poonah	G. E. Degrouchy	„	J. Welsh	81	491	2	493	14	2·83	
Poonah	G. E. Degrouchy	1883	J. S. Hughes	74	518	1	519	23	4·43	2·81
Bayard	D. McDonald	„	W. Holman	86	499	3	502	6	1·19	
Syria	C. Belson	1884	F. C. Shaw	58	497	1	498	4	·80	
Howrah	B. G. Panton	„	G. Stewart	78	513	6	519	18	3·46	3·19
Pericles	Jas. Largie	„	E. Noots	54	487	...	487	25	5·13	
Newnham (s.s.)	Jas. J. Johnston	„	P. Hughes	38	592	3	595	20	3·36	

Name

Name of Vessel.	Captain.	Season.	Surgeon-Superintendent.	Length of Voyage in Days.	Number of Souls Embarked.	Births.	Total.	Deaths.	Rate of Mortality *per centum*.	
										Mean.
Main	Edw. Hunt	1885	W. Ireland	72	723	2	725	2	·27	1·79
Ganges	John Ferry	„	J. M. Laing	76	540	1	541	18	3·32	
Boyne	Geo. H. Rock	1886	J. M. Laing	73	549	6	555	19	3·42	2·46
Bruce	W. J. Hopps	„	J. Hasard	70	463	2	465	7	1·50	
Hereford	B. Weckman	1888	J. M. Laing	69	537	4	541	3	·55	
Moy	A. Hilder	1889	J. Hasard	67	675	3	678	1	·14	
Rhone	W. J. Hopps	1890	R. Fonceca	78	585	2	587	1	·18	0·08
Allanshaw	J. Ferry	„	C. H. Gibson	74	574	1	575	...	...	
Danube	Edw. Hunt	1891	J. S. Huges	82	601	2	603	10	1·66	2·07
Jumna	E. Robin	„	R. Fonceca	92	456	3	459	12	2·61	

Allotment.

6. The "Danube" and "Jumna" immigrants were allotted as follows:—

Allottee.			"Danube." Adults. M.	F.	Total.	Non-adults. M.	F.	Total.	Total.	"Jumna." Adults. M.	F.	Total.	Non-adults. M.	F.	Total.	Total.	Total, both Ships.
Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Rewa		Nausori	108	42	150	11	9	20	170	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	170
Do.	do.,	do. Vucimaca	22	8	30	1	...	1	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Do.	do.,	do. Naitasiri	22	8	30	2	1	3	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Do.	do.,	do. Baulevu	50	20	70	4	4	8	78	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	78
Do.	do.,	do. Viria	121	49	170	10	9	19	189	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	189
Do.	do.,	Ba Rarawai	56	20	76	7	3	10	86	115	49	164	11	6	17	181	267
Do.	do.,	do. Yalalevu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	5	5
Do.	do.,	do. Varoko	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	6	20	...	1	1	21	21
Do.	do.,	do. Navatu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	10	35	5	3	8	43	43
Taviuni Sugar Co.		Holmhurst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	17	56	4	6	10	66	66
Fraser & Co. (Limited)		Penang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	16	55	4	4	8	63	63
City of Melbourne Bank		Koronivia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	16	56	2	5	7	63	63
			379	147	526	35	26	61	587	277	114	391	26	25	51	442	1,029

Total Adults Allotted and Indentured ... 917
„ Non-adults Allotted with parents ... 112
1,029

Adults Rejected.
"Danube"..... 3 (women) returned,—1 "Danube," 2 "Jumna."
"Jumna"..... 2 (men),—both returned by "Jumna."

Rejected or Unallotted.
"Danube" ... 5
"Jumna"..... 5
=10 (including 5 children:—2 ex "Danube" (one being an orphan, and one rejected with mother), and 3 ex "Jumna" (two being orphans, and one died at Depot).

7. The following list gives an account of the immigrants rejected, ex "Danube" and "Jumna," 1891:—

No.	Ship.	Name.	Sex.	Age.	Fiji Registered No.	Remarks.
30	Danube ...	Ulfat	Girl ...	3 years...	9,530	* Orphan, in Fiji.
114	„ ...	Nasiban } mother and	Female ...	25 „ ...	9,418	Returned, No. 2, "Jumna."
115	„ ...	Batolun } daughter	Girl ...	3 „ ...	9,505	„ No. 3, „
311	„ ...	Zinah	Female ...	30 „ ...	9,470	„ No. 243, "Danube."
424	„ ...	Tulsa	„ ...	22 „ ...	9,466	„ No. 1, "Jumna."
15	Jumna ...	Surji	Girl ...	7 „ ...	9,976	* Orphan, in Fiji.
16	„ ...	Etwarwa	Boy ...	2 months	9,935	Died 30/7/91 in Depot, three days after arrival.
20	„ ...	Umrao	Male ...	24 years...	9,806	Returned, No. 50, "Jumna."
206	„ ...	Ramparsad	„ ...	23 „ ...	9,758	„ No. 49, „
410	„ ...	Nahuri	Girl ...	3½ „ ...	9,968	* Orphan, in Fiji.

* Arrived as orphans, parents having died during voyage.

8. The proportion *per centum* of females to males among the immigrants was as follows:—

Ship.	Adults.		Rate per centum, Adults.	Children and Infants.		Rate per centum, Children.	Rate of all Ages per centum.	All Ages, both Ships.
	Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.			
Danube	379	147	38·25	35	26	74·28	41·78	43·51
Jumna	277	114	41·15	26	25	96·15	45·87	

Employers have every reason to be satisfied with the decrease in the proportion of female to male immigrants, and also with a like decrease in the number of children among the immigrants who arrived in 1891. (See the following figures.)

	1889.	1890.		1891.	
	"Moy."	"Rhone."	"Allanshaw."	"Danube."	"Jumna."
Men	370	366	377	379	277
Women	163	149	149	147	114
Children	142	70	49	61	51

Of the total adults per "Danube," 72·05 per cent. were men, 27·95 per cent. were women; and by the "Jumna," 70·84 per cent. were men, 29·16 per cent. were women.

Of

9. *The ship "Danube."*—The "Danube" received pratique on arrival (15th June), and her passengers were disembarked on the following day, and taken to the Coolie Immigration Depot upon the island of Nukulau. Having discharged cargo she was placed at my disposal, for the embarkation of coolies (returns) for Calcutta, on the 24th June. These were all embarked by the 27th June; and the vessel was towed to sea by the s.s. "Taupo" on the 29th June.

10. *The ship "Jumna"* also received pratique on arrival (27th July), and her passengers were taken to Nukulau Depot on the next day. Having discharged her cargo she was duly placed at my disposal for the embarkation of return coolies to Calcutta. These having been embarked, the ship received her clearance on Friday 31st July, and the same morning was towed to sea by the s.s. "Taupo."

INDENTURED IMMIGRANTS IN THE COLONY ON 1ST JANUARY, 1891.

11. The following statement shows the number of indentured immigrants and their children on each estate in the Colony on 1st January, 1891; the number of unindentured Indians at work upon certain estates on that date; the number and distribution of the immigrants introduced by the "Danube" on 15th June, and the "Jumna" on 27th July; the births and deaths in 1891 reported to this office; and the percentages on the several estates.

Employer.

Employer.		Indentured Immigrants on 1st January, 1891.						Reindentured Immigrants on 1st January.		Unindentured population on 1st January.		
						Infants.						
		Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Introduced.	Born in Fiji.	Men.	Women.	Men.	Women.	Children.
Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited), Rewa	Vucimaca	41	16	4	2	...	2	...	...	65	26	6
Do. do.	Nausori	420	152	29	34	5	30	...	...	95	31	4
Do. do.	Navuso and Nakadi	120	51	7	13	1	3	...	...	104	20	25
Do. do.	Nakadi	7	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Do. do.	Naitasiri	28	13	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	Nakorocaqa	132	46	11	10	2	13	...	...	44	22	4
Do. do.	Viria	160	72	20	12	1	21	...	...	34	12	7
Do. do.	Baulevu and Viti	151	59	17	6	5	10	...	1	57	22	13
Do. Ba	Rarawai	442	176	37	33	...	44	92	...	24	62	68
Do. do.	Yalalevu, etc.	91	35	7	10	1	...	8	...	7	5	5
Do. do.	Navatu	91	35	6	5	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	Varoka	70	31	5	7	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Do. Vanualevu	Labasa	3§	...	...	...	...	...	2§	...	36	11	4
City of Melbourne Bank	Koronivia	11‖	1‖	...	...	...	...	...	...	102	14	1
Do.	Ulucalia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	4	...
Fiji Sugar Co.	Tamanua	122	54	17	18	...	6	64	...	129	22	¶
Deuba Estate Sugar Co.	Deuba	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	...	32	30	54
Fraser & Co.	Penang	19	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mortgage & Agency Co. (Limited)	Ellington††	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	16	12	10
Taviuni Sugar Co.	Holmhurst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	11	...
Loan & Mercantile Agency Co.	Alpha	...	...	...	...	...	...	7‡‡	...	13	14	6
A. Eastgate	Taviuni	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
Town Board	Suva	2§§	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
A. Ffrench	Walu Bay	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	...
J. Hill	Waidoi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji Tobacco Co.	Na Vunimoli	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited), Rewa	Nausori	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	Vucimaca	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	Naitasiri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	Baulevu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	Viria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. Ba	Rarawai	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	Yalalevu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	Varoko	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Do. do.	Navatu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taviuni Sugar Co.	Holmhurst	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fraser & Co. (Limited)	Penang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
City of Melbourne Bank	Koronivia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Totals	1,910	750	164	155	15	139	248	2	854	322	187

* 5 of these died at Convalescent Depot, Nukulau. † 2 of these died at Convalescent Depot, Nukulau. ‡ 1 man and 1 woman died at children of unindentured immigrants on estate in either half-year, but can only render a statement showing 14 of this class of children as being on estate "Masters and Servants Act. §§ Serving extension of indenture to 5th February, 1891. ‖‖ Both prisoners at time of death; 1 indentured to

Re-engaged during the year (Men).	Introduced by "Dandaloo," 13th June, 1891, and "Junna," 27th July, 1891.						Births during whole year.				Death-rate per centum.	Deaths during 1891.										Death-rate per centum.
					Infants.		Among Indentured Immigrants.		Among Unindentured Immigrants.			Among Indentured Immigrants and their children.					Among Unindentured Immigrants and their Children.					
	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.		Men.	Women.	Introduced from India.	Born in Fiji.	Boys.	Girls.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	
															Born before 1891.	Born during 1891.						
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	8	176	9·45	1	3	...	1	2		1	...	1	9	5·11
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	14	6	6	850	5·87	18*	3	1	3	3		2	2	3	35	4·11
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	9	5	3	366	7·45	5	...	...	...	2		...	1	...	8	2·18
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...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	2	1	293	3·68	4†	2	...	...	1		1	...	2	11	3·75
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	11	2	...	354	5·39	2	...	...	1	1		...	1	...	5	1·41
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	3	...	357	5·53	7‡	2‡	...	2	3		1	...	2	17	4·76
116	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	6	4	1,126	4·02	1	3	1	1	3		2	3	3	20	1·77
7	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	181	3·44	2	2	...	1	...		2	...	1	9	4·97
3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	146	2·29	2	...	2	...	1		2	...	...	7	4·79
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...	108	42	7	5	4	4	1	2	...	...	173	2·	...	1	1	3	...		...	...	...	5	2·89
...	22	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	...	...	1	...	...		...	...	...	1	3·22
...	22	8	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	...	...	1	...	...		...	...	...	1	3·03
...	50	20	4	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	79	1·42	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...
...	121	49	7	7	3	2	2	...	...	...	191	1·17	...	3	2	4	...		1	...	...	10	5·23
...	171	69	15	8	3	1	4	2	...	...	273	2·50	2	1	2	2	...		3	...	...	10	3·66
...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...
...	14	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	1	...		...	...	...	1	4·76
...	25	10	4	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	45	5·71	...	...	...	2	...		1	...	...	3	6·66
...	39	17	3	5	1	1	1	...	...	...	67	1·78	1	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	1	1·49
...	39	16	1	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...
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							78	76	35	33	6,151	...	51	22	11	17	11	33	39	20	25	229	...

Totals

Suva Hospital
Nukulau Depot
Suva Gaol (awaiting trial)
Town of Suva
Vatuwaqa Coolie Town
Rewa River (various settlements)
Navua
Muanaweni (Rewa)

Convalescent Depot, Nukulau. § Transferred from Rarawai. ‡ Serving extension of indenture. ¶ Employer unable to furnish number of on 31st December, 1891. ** 2 Reindentured men, 1 of whom died in Suva Hospital. †† Ellington Estate was closed on 31st January. ‡‡ 1 under Alpha, 1 to Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Rewa. ¶¶ Hanged himself. *** 1 woman murdered.

An

An Abstract of this statement presents these facts in brief.

Abstract.

	Indentured: 1st January, 1891.			"Danube" and "Jumna."			Not Indentured: On Estates, 1st January, 1891.			Total.	Free Indians.			Total Births and Deaths.
	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.	Adults.	Children.	Total.		Adults.	Children.	Total.	
On Estates, 1st Jan., 1891	2,910	473	3,383	...	...	...	1,176	187	1,363	4,746	...	...	...	...
"Danube"	...	...	...	536	61	587	...	...	...	587	...	...	...	...
"Jumna"	...	...	...	391	51	442	...	...	...	442	...	...	...	...
Born during the Year	...	137	137	...	17	17	...	65	65	219	...	3	3	222
	2,910	610	3,520	917	129	1,046	1,176	252	1,428	5,994	...	...	...	...
Died during Year	65	46	111	8	26	34	25	22	47	192	34	3	37	229
	2,845	564	3,409	909	103	1,012	1,151	230	1,381	5,802	...	...	...	...

Births.

12. Births during 1891 compare with the six previous years as follows, viz. :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
1891	113 ...	109 ...	222
1890	67 ...	58 ...	125
1889	60 ...	58 ...	118
1888	78 ...	68 ...	146
1887	75 ...	86 ...	161
1886	62 ...	34 ...	96
1885	37 ...	41 ...	78

Only 3 children, as far as the Department is aware, were born amongst unindentured immigrants not on estates; two of these were twins, one of whom died two days after birth.

The 222 births registered by the Department during 1891 include the 3 above mentioned, and 65 which occurred on estates amongst unindentured immigrants, leaving 154 for those under indenture, as follows :—

Adults.		Births.	Rate per cent.
Amongst 2,910	under indenture on 1st January	137 ...	4·70
„ 917	„ ("Danube" and "Jumna")...	17 ...	1·85
		154	

The birth-rate for the year among the indentured adult coolie population (viz., 3,981) is found to be 3·86 per cent. Still-born infants have not been taken into account.

Marriages.

13. Four marriages were celebrated between Indian immigrants, all in the office of the Registrar-General.

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At the last sitting of the Legislative Council an Ordinance to provide for the celebration and registration of marriages among Indian coolies became law, and will, I feel sure, prove a considerable boon to that portion of our community.

Deaths.

14. No reliable statistics can be given except in respect of indentured and unindentured immigrants *on estates*.

From the large time-expired Indian immigrant population of the Colony *not on estates*, 37 deaths were reported. Among unindentured immigrants on estates there were 47 deaths registered.

Deducting these from the 229 deaths reported, there remain 145 for the indentured population, made up as follows :—

81 among immigrants under indenture, 1st January, and their children, on estates.
2 indentured immigrants undergoing imprisonment.
28 children of indentured immigrants, born during 1891.
29 immigrants ex "Danube" and "Jumna."
5 children of above, born during 1891.

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If the whole of the mortality be divided into the two heads of adult mortality and non-adult mortality, it will be shown as follows :—

	Adults.	Non-Adults.	
Died	132 ...	97	= 229

Of the 97 non-adults, 68 were children born in Fiji—43 during 1891, and 25 in previous years. Of the 43 born during 1891, 33 were of indentured and 10 of unindentured parents.

The island of Nukulau (the Government Indian Immigration Depot) being unoccupied, the Manager, Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited), obtained permission to send convalescent coolies thither from his various estate hospitals, and a number of convalescents were accordingly sent for the benefit of change of air, and under proper supervision. While there the following immigrants died :—

From Nausori.	From Bauleru.		From Naitasiri.	
Men.	M.	F.	M.	Total.
5	1 ...	1	2	= 9

The deaths of the above people have been shown against the estates to which they were under indenture, as the sickness of which they died was contracted on the estate—the change to Nukulau not having had the desired effect. The other coolies appeared to benefit greatly by the change.

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The following table shows the number and percentage of deaths among indentured immigrants in different classes :—

	Under Indenture: 1st January, 1891.			"Danube" and "Jumna": for (say) Six Months.			Total under Indenture.		
	No.	Died.	Per cent.	No.	Died.	Per cent.	No.	Died.	Estimate of per cent. for Year.
Adults	2,910	65	2·23	917	8	0·87	3,827	73	2·11
Children	473	46	9·72	112	26	23·21	585	72	16·75
Total	3,383	111	3·28	1,029	34	3·30	4,412	145	4·05
Born during 1891 ...	137	28	20·43	17	5	29·41	154	33	24·67

To afford comparison with former years, a death-rate has been struck upon the total indentured Indian population and their children (3,383) in the Colony on the 1st of January, 1891.

The death-rate accordingly is found to compare as follows, viz. :—

Death-rate, 1891	.....	3·28
1890	.....	2·15
1889	.....	2·75
1888	.....	2·39
1887	.....	2·08
1886	.....	5·61
1885	.....	4·19
1884	.....	5·

The death-rate upon the "Danube" and "Jumna" immigrants introduced in 1891 is shown to be 3·30 per cent. for (say) six months.

The following comparative figures are of interest :—

Death-rate.	Europeans.	Fijians.	Indentured Indians.
1887	1·47 ...	3·59 ...	2·08
1888	1·60 ...	3·05 ...	2·39
1889	2·86 ...	4·06 ...	2·75
1890	1·69 ...	3·88 ...	2·83
1891	·98 ...	4·97 ...	3·28

The mortality among indentured adults in the Colony on the 1st January, 1891, was as follows :—

Males	48	died out of	2,158
Females	17	,,	752
	65	,,	2,910

showing a death-rate of 2·23 per cent.

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The table shown in paragraph 11 includes the deaths of 43 infants born during the year. The percentage of deaths of these infants was as follows :—

	Born.	Died.	Per cent.
"Danube" and "Jumna" coolies	17 ...	5 ...	29·41 for (say) six months.
Other coolies	205 ...	38 ...	18·53 per annum.
	222	43	

The total mortality among non-adults was

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Died ...	42 ...	55 ...	97

The death-rate on the infant population on 1st January (61 deaths out of a total of 341 infants), is found to be 17·88 *per centum*.

The negligence and indifference of the parents and also the debility and want of proper nourishment of the mother must account for the mortality among children, especially infants.

The supply of milk is still insufficient on the majority of estates, and, as far as can be seen, no better arrangements for grazing cattle have been attempted.

15. The following table shows the causes of death among Indian immigrants and their children, and includes all deaths recorded in the office during the year.

	Causes of Death.	Number who Died.						
		Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.		Total.
						Males.	Females.	
1	Anæmia, Pernicious	6	4	3	1	...	...	14
2	Anchylostomosis	4	...	...	...	...	...	4
3	Apoplexy	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
4	Asphyxia	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
5	Asthenia (including 3 premature births).	...	...	...	2	4	7	13
6	Bronchitis	2	2	...	2	1	2	9
7	Child-birth	...	4	...	...	...	...	4
8	Coma	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
9	Convulsions	...	...	1	...	1	1	3
10	Diarrhœa	13	6	4	4	2	2	31
11	Dysentery	27	12	4	11	...	2	56
12	Fever	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
13	Fits	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
14	Hæmoptysis	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
15	Heart Disease	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
16	Hepatitis	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
17	Influenza	6	2	...	3	2	4	17
18	Intestinal Obstruction	1	...	...	...	1	...	2
19	Leprosy	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
20	Liver—Acute yellow atrophy of	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
21	Liver—Cirrhosis of, with Ascitis	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
22	Lymphadenoma	...	...	1	...	...	...	1

Causes

	Causes of Death.	Number who Died.						
		Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.		Total.
						Males.	Females.	
23	Malnutrition	...	...	...	1	2	1	4
24	Meningitis	...	1	1	2	...	...	4
25	Peritonitis	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
26	Phthisis	6	4	1	...	...	...	11
27	Pleurisy...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
28	Pneumonia	1	...	1	...	...	...	2
29	Suicides	4	...	...	...	...	...	4
30	Syphilis, Congenital	...	...	1	...	3	...	4
31	Tabes Mesenterica	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
32	Tuberculosis	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
33	Unspecified (natural causes) ...	...	...	...	...	5	9	14
34	Violence (including accidents, murder, and drowning).	7	2*	1	1	2	...	13
	Total... ...	90	42	18	27	24	28	229

* One was murdered.

Out of the 229 deaths, 56 are attributed to dysentery, 31 to diarrhœa, and 14 to anæmia. In most of these cases want of proper nourishment is still probably the primary cause of sickness. It is hoped that the provisions of the new law (see Ordinance II of 1891, sections 86 to 89) will have a beneficial effect in this direction.

Deaths from the following causes, viz. :—suicides (4), murdered (1), parturition (4), and leprosy (1), should not in my opinion count adversely against plantations where they may have occurred. The same remark probably applies to the majority of the deaths (13) under the heading of "Violence."

The 14 deaths,—asthenia (11), malnutrition (3),—which occur among infants, all probably point to the debility of the mother and her want of care. In some cases there is no doubt that infants are purposely made away with.

Plantation and Labour.

16. During 1891 the very important duties of inspection were efficiently carried out, and proved, on the whole, satisfactory.

Inspections 1891.

January ...	Nabuna, by Mr. Coates.
March ...	Ba estates and Penang, by Mr. Coates.
May ...	Rewa, by Mr. Coates.
April ...	Navua, by Mr. Coates.
August ...	Ba estates and Penang, by Mr. Coates.
November ...	Lau, by Mr. Coates.
December ...	Navua, by Mr. Coates.
September ...	Taviuni, Rabi, and Labasa, by Mr. Emberson, Acting Agent-General.

17. The following tables show the average daily wages earned, and the average number of days worked and lost, etc., by Indian immigrants, under original indenture, during the year, upon the following plantations :—

1. Baulevu	Rewa, Vitilevu.	
2. Naitasiri	,,	,,
3. Nakadi	,,	,,
4. Nakoroqaqa ...	,,	,,
5. Navuso	,,	,,
6. Vucimaca... ...	,,	,,
7. Viria	,,	,,
8. Nausori	,,	,,
9. Koronivia... ...	,,	,,
10. Tamanua	Navua	,,
11. Rarawai	Ba	,, (mill and field combined).
12. Vuni Samaloa ...	,,	,,
13. Varoko	,,	,,
14. Navatu	,,	,,
15. Yalalevu	,,	,,

Four other tables showing a comparative abstract of returns of work and wages of Indian male and female immigrants, respectively, on Rewa, Ba, Ra, and Navua estates during 1891 are also furnished.

I have for 1891 reverted to custom in force until 1884, and submit a condensed return of work and absence, and wages earned, on various estates during the year. The average daily earnings of males and females is therein clearly shown: these however, are for periods varying from three, six, nine, and twelve months. The earnings per working-day (non-workers excluded), and the earnings for all days on which work was actually done have been carefully distinguished.

The cultivation on all these estates was sugar-cane. The wages of sirdars, hospital servants, watchmen, horse-boys, and domestic servants, and the earnings of immigrants not under indenture are not included, excepting in the returns for Nausori where such employment is of less regular character.

Saturdays are accounted as half-days, and Sundays are omitted. Overtime earnings for work in mill have been included in the general return of wages earned.

The general average earnings for 1891 show a slight decrease as compared with the last year's returns, although a higher average of wage has been obtained for each day actually worked on.

The returns for estates in the Ba and Rewa districts show a large increase in the number of days lost through sickness. This is attributable to an epidemic of dysentery which visited these districts in the early part of the year; and in case of the estates in the Rewa district to epidemic influenza which in the months of November and December was rife throughout the Colony, and in this district on many estates caused a complete cessation from work.

COMPARATIVE Abstract of Returns of Work and Wages of Indian Male Immigrants under Indenture to Estates in the Rewa District, during the year 1891.

Employer.	Estate.	Period.	Mean No. in Period.			Percentage of Working-days.								Average Earnings per Working-day.		
							Lost by each by									
			Workers.	Non-workers.	Total.	Worked by each.	Absent.	Pass.	Court.	Gaol.	Sickness.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.	Including Non-workers.	Excluding Non-workers.	For all days on which Work was Actually done.
The Colonial Sugar Refining Company (Limited).	Baulevu	12 months	155·5	5·7	161·2	77·67	4·20	·01	·08	·91	15·39	·31	1·43	8·61	8·92	11·10
	Naitasiri	12 „	101·7	3·	104·7	78·27	4·84	·15	·03	2·39	13·01	·27	1·04	9·38	9·66	12·06
	Nakadi	6 „	28·5	.....	28·5	78·79	5·59	...	·26	1·93	11·12	·57	1·74	6·50	5·24	8·53
	Nakoroqaqa	12 „	31·2	·3	31·5	82·84	·58	...	·04	·87	13·69	·61	1·37	9·63	9·70	11·64
	Navuso	12 „	70·7	1·3	72·	81·05	4·08	·15	·19	2·78	10·88	·14	·73	8·42	8·56	13·
	Vucimaca	12 „	42·2	·5	42·7	86·49	4·32	...	...	1·58	5·83	·32	1·46	10·43	10·49	11·62
	Viria	22 „	155·2	3·8	159·	71·24	9·54	·01	·02	1·65	15·68	·27	1·59	7·28	7·48	10·17
	Nausori	12 „	322·0	24·	346·	67·74	17·02	·14	·09	2·58	10·76	·48	1·19	7·90	8·50	11·64
	Total Average for Colonial Sugar Refining Company's Estates		*907·*	*38·6*	*945·6*	*73·89*	*9·70*	*·08*	*·07*	*2·02*	*12·59*	*·33*	*1·32*	...	*8·62*	*11·18*
City of Melbourne Bank (Limited).	Koronivia	6 months	39·	...	39·	91·25	·15	...	...	...	6·56	...	2·04	9·40	9·40	10·34
	Average for all Estates		946·	38·6	984·6	74·16	9·52	·08	·06	1·08	12·44	·33	1·33	...	8·64	11·16

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COMPARATIVE Abstract of Returns of Work and Wages of Indian Female Immigrants under Indenture to Estates in the Rewa District, during the year 1891.

Employer.	Estate.	Period.	Mean No. in Period.			Percentage of Working-days.									Average Earnings per Working-day.		
							Lost by each by										
			Workers.	Non-workers.	Total.	Worked by each.	Absences.	Pass.	Court.	Gaol.	Sickness.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.	Pregnancy or Nursing.	Including Non-workers.	Excluding Non-workers.	For all days on which Work was Actually done.
The Colonial Sugar Refining Company (Limited).	Baulevu	12 months	59·2	6·3	65·5	62·64	9·15	·06	·09	·22	19·	·29	1·31	7·24	4·90	5·47	7·91
	Naitasiri	12 „	46·	1·5	47·5	70·71	3·18	·36	·13	·16	16·43	·28	·92	7·83	5·85	6·09	8·56
	Nakadi	6 „	7·5	1·	8·5	71·81	3·17	...	·23	·86	7·32	·70	1·05	14·86	4·61	5·24	6·37
	Nakoroqaqa	12 „	14·5	·5	15·	82·84	·58	...	·04	·87	13·69	·61	1·37	...	8·03	8·25	10·23
	Navuso	12 „	28·2	4·8	33·	64·10	5·04	...	·08	·16	9·19	·25	·92	20·26	3·86	4·62	6·23
	Vucimaca	12 „	14·	1·2	15·2	69·20	6·04	...	...	...	7·26	·32	·76	16·32	5·94	6·47	8·42
	Viria	12 „	50·7	6·5	60·2	58·26	13·54	...	...	...	15·40	·28	1·45	11·07	3·68	4·13	6·37
	Nausori	12 „	119·	18·5	137·5	51·45	21·17	2·26	·05	·65	13·35	·45	1·36	9·26	3·48	4·02	6·79
	Total Average for Colonial Sugar Refining Company's Estates		*348·1*	*40·3*	*388·4*	*59·72*	*12·67*	*·82*	*·10*	*·32*	*14·66*	*·35*	*1·27*	*10·09*	...	*4·21*	*7·38*
The City of Melbourne Bank (Limited).	Koronivia	6 months	16·	...	16·	88·78	·55	...	...	...	8·14	...	2·53	...	7·20	7·20	8·06
	Average for all Estates		364·1	40·3	384·4	60·19	12·47	·82	·09	·30	14·57	·34	1·29	9·32	...	4·25	7·49

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COMPARATIVE Abstract of Returns of Work and Wages of Indian Male Immigrants under Indenture to Estates in the Ba and Navua Districts, during the year 1891.

Employer.	Estate.	Period.	Mean No. in period.			Percentages of Working-days.								Average Earnings per Working-day.		
			Workers.	Non-workers.	Total.	Worked by each.	Lost by each by							Including Non-workers.	Excluding Non-workers.	For all days on which Work was actually done.
							Absence.	Pass.	Court.	Gaol.	Sickness.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.			
Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited).	Rarawai (Mill and Field)	6 months	262·	12·5	274·5	79·07	3·79	·13	·49	7·81	7·91	·28	·52	9·21	9·66	11·76
	Vuni Samaloa (Field)	3 „	113·	3·	116·	82·87	2·96	...	·45	4·59	6·65	1·24	1·24	9·65	9·91	11·74
	Varoko	6 „	91·	7·	98·	77·94	1·33	...	·64	10·39	8·52	·59	·59	8·18	8·81	10·52
	Navatu	6 „	91·5	·5	92·	81·68	·15	...	·49	1·34	14·86	1·01	·47	8·35	8·39	10·22
	Yalalevu	6 „	104·5	1·5	106·	88·14	·60	·02	·07	1·62	8·90	...	·65	9·92	10·07	11·25
	Total Average for Colonial Sugar Refining Company's Estates		662·	24·5	686·5	80·87	2·37	·06	·46	5·95	9·13	·50	·66	...	9·44	11·25
Fiji Sugar Company (Limited).	Tamanua (Mill and Field)	9 months	156·7	2·5	159·2	85·77	2·09	3·31	·08	1·79	6·96	...	...	9·79	9·91	11·41
	Average for all Estates		818·7	27·	845·7	82·23	2·29	·96	·34	4·81	8·53	·36	·48	...	9·59	11·29

COMPARATIVE Abstract of Returns of Work and Wages of Indian Female Immigrants under Indenture to Estates in the Ba and Navua Districts, during the year 1891.

Employer.	Estate.	Period.	Mean No. in Period.			Percentages of Working-days.									Average Earnings per Working-day.		
			Workers.	Non-workers.	Total.	Worked by each.	Lost by each by								Including Non-workers.	Excluding Non-workers.	For all days on which work was actually done.
							Absence.	Pass.	Court.	Gaol.	Sickness.	Bad Weather.	Holiday.	Pregnancy or Confinement.			
Colonial Sugar Refining Co. (Limited).	Rarawai (Mill and Field)	6 months	54·	5·5	59·5	63·68	9·19	·03	·42	4·17	12·80	1·08	·48	8·12	3·99	4·40	6·44
	Vuni Samaloa (Field)	3 „	51·	4·	55·	72·74	2·91	...	·29	·97	11·25	1·21	1·21	9·42	5·88	6·34	8·08
	Varoko do.	6 „	39·5	2·5	42·	80·9	2·89	·08	·40	2·72	6·08	·61	·59	5·64	6·34	5·97	7·41
	Navatu do.	6 „	34·	1·	35·	67·13	3·42	·03	·56	5·08	22·14	·66	·47	·51	4·95	5·35	7·30
	Yalalevu do.	6 „	35·5	2·	37·5	83·99	1·01	...	·11	...	5·09	...	·63	9·17	6·54	6·91	7·80
	Average for Colonial Sugar Refining Company's Estates		214·	15·	229·	72·36	4·97	·04	·32	2·67	11·42	·84	·69	6·69	...	5·65	7·32
Fiji Sugar Company (Limited).	Tamanua (Field)	6 months	46·	5·	51·	71·19	1·43	3·87	·01	·63	7·82	...	...	15·05	4·78	5·32	6·69
	Average for all Estates		260·	20·	280·	72·02	3·98	1·11	·27	2·08	10·40	·61	·49	9·04	...	5·57	7·15

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CONDENSED Return of Work, and Absence, and Wages earned on various Estates in the year 1891.

Estate.	Work.	Period.	During Whole Period covered by Plantation Return.									
			Percentage of total number (excluding Non-workers) who earned per diem.		Males.			Females.			Average daily Earnings	
					Percentage of Working-days			Percentage of Working-days			For Working-day (Non-workers excluded.)	For all days on which Work was actually done.
					Worked by each.	Lost by each by		Worked by each.	Lost by each by			
			Males 8d. per diem and over.	Females 8d. per diem and over.		Absence, Court, Gaol.	Sickness, Bad Weather, Holiday.		Absence, Court, Gaol.	Sickness, Bad Weather, Holiday.		
											Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Bauleyu	Field	12 months	66·97	48·85	77·67	5·20	17·13	62·64	9·52	27·84	8·92	5·47	11·10	7·91
Naitasiri	„	12 „	61·81	66·84	78·27	7·41	14·32	70·71	3·83	25·46	9·06	6·09	12·06	8·56
Nakadi	„	6 „	36·84	35·29	78·79	7·78	13·43	71·81	4·26	23·93	6·50	5·24	8·53	6·37
Nakoroqaqa	„	12 „	80·95	90·	82·84	1·49	15·67	82·84	1·49	15·67	9·70	8·25	11·64	10·23
Navuso	„	12 „	61·11	50·75	81·05	7·20	11·75	64·10	5·28	30·62	8·56	4·62	13·	6·23
Vucimaca	„	12 „	76·02	72·13	86·40	5·90	7·61	69·20	6·04	24·76	10·49	6·47	11·62	8·42
Viria	Mill and Field	12 „	72·13	50·78	71·24	11·22	17·54	58·26	13·54	28·20	7·48	4·13	10·17	6·37
Nausori	„ „	12 „	47·19	30·54	67·74	19·83	12·43	51·45	24·13	24·42	8·50	4·02	11·64	6·79
Average of Colonial Sugar Refining Company's Rewa Estates			57·32	45·61	73·89	11·57	14·24	59·72	13·22	26·36	8·62	4·91	11·18	7·38
Rarawai	Mill and Field	6 months	67·94	42·02	79·07	12·22	8·71	63·68	13·81	22·57	9·66	4·40	12·76	6·44
Vuni Samaloa	Field	3 „	76·72	74·74	82·97	8·	9·13	72·74	4·17	23·09	9·91	6·34	11·64	8·08
Varoko	„	6 „	62·29	72·62	77·84	12·36	9·70	80·90	6·18	12·22	8·81	5·97	10·52	7·41
Navatu	„	6 „	61·95	48·55	81·08	1·28	16·34	67·13	9·09	23·78	8·39	5·35	10·22	7·30
Yalalevu	„	6 „	75·94	84·	88·14	2·31	9·55	83·99	1·13	14·89	10·07	6·91	11·25	7·80
Average of Colonial Sugar Refining Company's Ba Estates			68·25	61·78	80·87	5·64	10·29	72·36	8·	19·64	9·44	5·63	11·25	7·32
Koronivia	Mill and Field	6 months	80·77	90·62	91·25	·15	8·60	88·78	·55	10·67	9·40	7·20	10·33	8·05
Tamanua	„ „	9 „	70·71	55·62	85·77	7·27	6·96	71·19	5·94	22·87	9·91	5·32	10·14	6·69
Average of all Estates			61·29	50·02	76·08	10·67	12·65	63·25	12·07	24·65	8·94	5·19	11·21	7·34

LEGISLATION.

18. In 1891 three Ordinances relating to or affecting Indian immigration or immigrants were passed by the Legislative Council, viz.:—Ordinance No. II, "To amend and consolidate the Law relating to Indian Immigration;" Ordinance No. X "To provide for the establishment of a Government Savings Bank;" and Ordinance No. XV, "To provide for the Medical Care of Immigrants and Native Labourers."

Ordinance No. II of 1891.—The laws concerning Indian immigration and Indian immigrants were, before the passing of Ordinance No. II of 1891, comprised in seventeen different Ordinances, enacted at various times between 1878 and 1889. All these Ordinances have now been repealed, and the present Ordinance is a consolidation thereof. The various subjects treated herein have been thoroughly recast and regrouped, and it is hoped that this will make the law more concise and compact and more convenient as a code for the purposes of all concerned.

Part I.—Interpretation.—Improvements have been made in the interpretation of the words "Immigrant," "Indenture," "Plantation," "Task," "Task-work," and "Time-work;" and the meaning of "Half-task" and "Three-quarter-task" have been clearly defined.

Part II.—Fiscal Provisions.—Sections 4 to 46.

(*a*) The principal changes are in section 7, which clearly states the various charges in connection with the introduction of immigrants, so that the intending employer can see at once what he will be called upon to pay. Section 9, which takes the place of section 11 of Ordinance No. XIII of 1892, provides for an estimate being made yearly of the amount required to be levied in respect of each adult immigrant in order to cover charges payable under section 7.

(*b*) Application and fees.—Section 14 provides that any interest which may accrue upon Application Fees between date of payment and date when such fees are required for use, etc., shall be paid to the applicant instead of, as heretofore, into Introduction Fund. Section 19 gives a general power to refuse to accede to any application.

(*c*) Allotment, Reallotment, and Fees.—In section 21 the time within which the Allotment Fee should be paid has been reduced from 96 to 48 hours. This was to permit of the quicker despatch of the ship and of the business connected with the introduction of coolies, and is no hardship upon the employer. Section 24 provides for certain fees being placed to the credit of the Destitute Indians' Fund instead of being carried to General Revenue. Section 28 provides that notice shall be given to the applicant both in cases of refusal to allot or to accede to any application.

(*d*) Adjustment of Accounts: Section 30.—Fines and forfeitures under section 23, and expenses of maintenance in Depot under sections 8 and 23, have now to be brought into adjustment of accounts. This was not before clearly set forth. Section 31 provides that expenses incurred during any year when no immigrants may be introduced shall be charged against subsequent employers who may receive immigrants during the three years ensuing thereafter during which immigrants may be introduced.

(*e*) Return-passages.—Section 38 sets forth that if an immigrant shall forfeit his right to free return-passage a sum equal to the estimated cost of such return-passage

return-passage shall, as in the case of commutation, be withdrawn from the Return-passages Fund and paid into General Revenue. Section 39 further provides that if an immigrant shall leave the Colony under passport he shall forfeit his right to free return-pasage. Section 44 is virtually the same as section 14 of Ordinance No. XI of 1889. The Secretary of State has been pleased to direct that the sum of 15s. mentioned therein shall be reduced to 12s., a reduction of one-fifth. Even now, in my[opinion, the amount to the credit of the Return-passages Fund, which is increasing by a large sum each year, will be found eventually to be at least one-third more than the fund will ever be required to disburse. Section 46 provides that no children born in the Colony nor any child under 12 years of age shall be entitled to a passage to India unless sailing with a parent.

Part III.—Powers of Immigration Officers.—Section 47 has been divided into paragraphs, which contain an enlargement of the powers formerly given to officers for the protection of immigrants.

Part IV.—Immigration Depot.—Section 48 provides for the appointment of a Superintendent of Depots, to maintain order over and have general charge of persons therein located.

Part V.—Medical Inspection: Sections 49 to 53.—Section 50 states that the age of every immigrant (not an adult) shall be determined by the examining medical officer. Section 51 provides that coolies are to be classed by the Government Medical Officer examining them as to their fitness to perform full-task, three-quarter-task, or half-task, and they are now sent to the plantation thus distinguished. Formerly they remained an indefinite time without this protection, and were doubtless subject to much hardship in consequence. Section 53 gives the Chief Medical Officer of the Colony all the powers conferred upon District Medical Officers.

Part VI.—Indentures and Reindentures.—Sections 54 to 78.

(*a*) Indentures of Adults.—The wording of section 55 has been slightly altered. The employer is now therein called upon to sign the indentures before they are signed by the Agent-General. The alternative of imprisonment has been raised from fifteen days to one month. The status of children is more clearly defined with regard to their rights and obligations. In section 58 it is provided that children over five years of age (on arrival) shall be indentured to work upon the plantation: such service to commence as soon as they arrive at the age of ten years, and to terminate on expiration of five years from date of their arrival in the Colony.

(*b*) Cancellation of Indentures.—Section 59 provides that the indenture of an immigrant may be cancelled on certain grounds, and that he may then be indentured to serve on another plantation belonging to the same or another employer. A most necessary provision which, curiously enough, was omitted in previous enactments. The section further provides that the employer shall pay a fee of 3s. for each such transaction; the said fee to be paid to the credit of the Destitute Indians' Fund.

(*c*) Extension of Indentures by Magistrates.—Sections 62 to 66 rendered necessary by the absence from work or desertion of an immigrant, is now made proportionate to the time lost to the employer, with the proviso, however, that such extension shall not apply unless the Agent-General sees

sees fit where the immigrant is under fifteen years of age. This exception being made in view of the provision as to children being indentured.

Reindentures: Sections 67 to 78.—Section 68 has been altered to allow an old immigrant to enter into a contract in the district in which he may be residing instead of as before only in the district in which he is to be employed; and the word "reindenture" has been substituted for the word "contract." Section 69 differs from section 4 of Ordinance IX of 1885, inasmuch as the Magistrate is now called on to give one copy of the Reindenture to the employer and transmit the other to the Agent-General. Section 70 raises the fee from one to three shillings *per caput*. Section 72 provides that a "reindenture" shall have the same force as an "indenture." Section 73 prescribes a more suitable way of recording a reindenture. Section 74 provides that the Agent-General may reindenture an old immigrant. Sections 76 and 77 provide respectively for extension and cancellation of a reindenture upon certain conditions. This was not contained in former Ordinances.

Part VII.—Dwellings, Rations, Fuel, and Water: Sections 79 to 91.—Section 81 provides for a daily inspection of dwellings, section 82 for suitable latrines at the coolie lines. These sections are new to the Immigration Ordinance. Section 83 provides a penalty for failure on the part of an employer to comply with the requirements of the two preceding sections. In section 84 reference to the Commissioner of Works has been left out, and the provision as to any sum expended in repairs to dwellings, plantation hospital, etc., being a first charge on the employer's estate, has been modified to a charge recoverable "at the suit of the Agent-General in a summary way." Section 85 provides a penalty for committing a nuisance within 60 yards of any stream, and the word "common" before "thoroughfare" has been omitted.

Rations, Fuel, and Water: Sections 86 to 91.—In section 86 the period during which rations are to be supplied by the employer has been reduced from twelve to six months, it being found that the great majority of immigrants prefer to ration themselves, and no ill effects are expected to result from the change: but any adult immigrant who has previously resided in this or any other British Colony for a period of twelve months need not be rationed at all unless he himself desires it. Section 87 is now made to apply to the District Medical Officer, and contains the all important provision that the Agent-General or District Medical Officer may at any time order any immigrant to be supplied with rations. Section 88 contains an important amendment of the old law—(Section 7 of Ordinance No. XI of 1889). While the latter provision was in force some immigrants who had refused to accept their rations, sued their employer for recovery of the amount deducted from their wages on account of such rations, and the verdict of the Court was given in their favour. It was, therefore, deemed necessary for the protection of the employer, who is bound to purchase and keep a stock of the prescribed rations, to insert the following authority:—"and such deductions shall be made notwithstanding that such immigrant shall have neglected to take or shall have refused to accept such rations." Section 90 reduces the distance within which fuel or firewood shall be provided

provided from 4 to 2 miles, except where means of carriage is provided for the immigrant.

Part VIII.—Work and Wages: Sections 92 to 108.—Work: Section 92 sets forth that a fair day's work shall be afforded to every immigrant, and a very necessary clause has been added to the effect that any immigrant to whom work shall not be provided as aforesaid shall be deemed to be employed on time-work, and shall be entitled to wages as for time-work whether actually working or not. Section 93 is new and provides that an employer shall find his indentured immigrants with all tools necessary for the performance of their work. Section 95 requires one and a half hour being allowed for meals, etc., when employed at task-work, instead of as formerly one hour only. Section 100: As immigrants are now classified for "limited" tasks by the Medical Officer examining them upon arrival, this section now provides that every District Medical Officer shall inspect them on this account every six months after arrival on the plantation. Section 101 corresponds with section 5 of Ordinance No. XVII of 1887, except that the words "at his next ensuing visit" have been struck out.

Wages: Section 106 takes the place of section 8 of Ordinance No. XVII of 1887, and clearly sets forth the rates of payment for task-work, and that payment shall be made on the *quantum meruit*. Section 107 takes the place of section 72 of Ordinance No. VI of 1878, and provides that the sum to be paid an immigrant per diem for attendance at Court, when he substantiates his claim, shall be one shilling instead of sixpence as formerly.

Part IX.—Tickets of Leave, Certificates of Industrial Residence, Passports: Sections 109 to 117.—Section 110 is altered, inasmuch as it provides that leave of absence granted under section 109 shall not be included in computation of period of absence allowed. Section 111 is new, and forbids exemption from service other than is provided for in the Ordinance. Section 112 provides for the certificate of completion of service on expiration of indenture or of extended service, and for commutation of extended service, at the rate of threepence per diem; and upon failure of the employer to grant such certificate a penalty of £20 (any part of which may be paid to the immigrant as compensation). Section 113, as to certificate of Industrial Residence, contains a proviso that it shall not apply to an immigrant who shall have been indentured again under section 67, nor, at the option of the Agent-General, to any immigrant whose indenture shall have been cancelled under section 69. Section 114: In this section the age of the immigrant has been reduced from ten to five years. Section 115 amplifies section 7 of Ordinance No. VI of 1887 relating to passports to leave the Colony. Section 117 nearly corresponds with section 83 of Ordinance No. VI of 1878. The words "buy" and "sell" have been added thereto, and the term of imprisonment increased from three to six months.

Part X.—Hospitals: Sections 118 to 121.—Section 118: The word "Magistrate" has been added to this section, and the word "infirmary" has been changed to the words "other hospital." Section 119 has slightly amplified former provisions on the subject. Section 120 has been slightly altered from the provisions of section 12 of Ordinance No. XI of 1889. Section 121 partly corresponds with section

section 58 of Ordinance No. VI of 1878, and further provides a penalty for an immigrant leaving the hospital without leave and for disorderly conduct, etc., in hospital.

Part XI.—Plantation Hospitals: Sections 122 to 135.—Section 122 now provides, that instead of enforcing the erection of a hospital on every plantation, the Agent-General with approval of the Governor may permit other suitable provision to be made by the employer for the care of his immigrants. Section 123 is altered so as to provide that the wards for males and females respectively shall be of proportionate size. Section 124 now provides that where there is no District Medical Officer, "other duly qualified persons" may be appointed to visit plantation hospitals. Further, that the Governor may make Regulations as to arrangements made by Agent-General, under section 122, as to hospital visits, water supply, rations, etc.; and a penalty not exceeding £10 is added for breach of Regulations. Section 125 further provides that where the hospital-attendant does not reside in the hospital, he shall reside within such distance thereof as the District Medical Officer may approve. Section 126 further provides that the "Hospital Admission and Discharge Register" shall be open to the inspection of the Agent-General and the District Medical Officer. Section 127 provides for the employer being allowed to send sick immigrants to some public or other hospital instead of the plantation hospital, and legalises the treatment of out-patients; also that with the consent of the Agent-General, etc., sick immigrants may be sent to a plantation hospital on some other plantation; and for punishment of disorderly patients. Section 128 provides for record being kept in the "Hospital Diary" of all patients and out-patients and their treatment. Section 129 is partly new, and gives further instructions as to the diet whilst in hospital. Section 130 is new, and provides for a "District Medical Officer's Visit Book" being kept in the hospital. Section 131 is new, and provides a penalty for taking food, etc., to patients in hospital without permission. Section 132 corresponds with section 59 of Ordinance No. VI of 1878, and further gives power to the District Medical Officer to direct the removal of immigrants to public hospital. Section 135 has been taken from the Polynesian Ordinance No. XXI of 1888 (section 108), and provides for additional temporary hospital accommodation in the event of disease breaking out on a plantation.

Part XII.—Birth and Death Reports: Sections 136 to 140.—Section 136 is new, and for the first time birth reports are provided for. In section 137 the time allowed for a death to be reported has been extended from twenty-one days to one month. Section 139 corresponds with section 22 of Ordinance No. XI of 1889, and further provides that when a District Medical Officer refuses, or is unable to give a certificate, he shall report such fact to the magistrate of the district.

Part XIII.—Orphans: Sections 141 to 149.—All the provisions contained in this part are new to the Indian Immigration Ordinance, and are taken with some trifling additions and alterations from Ordinances No. XII of 1885 and No. I of 1886.

Part XIV.—Lunatics and Idiots.—Section 150 is merely directory, and is new to the Indian Immigration Ordinance. (See "Public Lunatic Asylum Ordinance 1884").

Part XV.—Fire: Sections 151 and 152.—The penalty in section 151 has been raised from 10s. or one week's imprisonment to £5 or six month's imprisonment. Section 152 is new to the Indian Immigration Ordinance, and is a repetition—(made for the guidance of employers)—of section 1 of Ordinance No. III of 1886.

Part XVI.—Harbouring, Wrongfully Employing, or Removing Immigrants from the Colony: Sections 153 to 157.—The whole of this part nearly corresponds with Part XV of Ordinance No. VI of 1878. In section 153 the word "Magistrate" has been added before the words "Justice of the Peace," and the section further provides that the name of the servant accompanying the constable shall be given in the warrant.

Part XVII.—Desertion.—This corresponds with sections 74 and 75 of Ordinance No. VI of 1878, and the time of absence which is to be construed as desertion is reduced from five to three days.

Part XVIII.—Immigrants Employed on Plantations to which they are not Indentured: Sections 160 and 161.—The penalty in section 160 has been altered from a total of £10 to one not exceeding £5 for each immigrant so removed. Section 161 makes a proviso that the plantation to which an immigrant may be removed shall be immediately adjoining the plantation to which such immigrant is under indenture. The provisions contained in these sections are unwieldy, and I hope to see them before long repealed, and provision made for transfers from one plantation to another.

Part XIX.—Release of Prisoners and Delivery from Public Institutions: Sections 162 to 169.—Section 163 nearly corresponds with section 12 of Ordinance No. XVII of 1887, and provides for a notice being given before the release of prisoners; but an addition has been made by providing that the Superintendent of Prisons shall notify the employer or his agent three days prior to such release, and if the immigrant (prisoner) is in hospital a duplicate of such notice is to be sent to the officer in charge of that institution. Section 165 has been altered from the provisions of section 9 of Ordinance No. XVII of 1887, to the extent that employers shall provide immigrants with all necessary conveyance, maintenance, etc., from the gaol to the plantation.

Part XX.—Registers and Returns: Sections 170 to 180.—Sections 170 and 171: The date at which returns are to be forwarded has been altered from 31st to 15th January. Section 172 has been altered from section 94 of Ordinance No. VI of 1878. No form of pay-list or particulars were given in the old Ordinance. Section 173 contains a new provision as to a "Mill Pay-list." Section 175 partly corresponds with section 23 of Ordinance No. XI of 1889. The dates when returns should be forwarded have been altered so as to correspond with those fixed in connection with Polynesian Immigrants, and to become a uniform date for this purpose throughout the Colony.

Part XXII.—Status of Immigration Debts: Sections 182 to 187.—Similar provisions to those of the Polynesian Immigration Ordinance No. XXI of 1888 have been adopted with reference to the status of Immigration debts by which they are constituted a preferential charge over the plantation to which the immigrants are indentured and over all encumbrances, charges, and liens other than

the legal mortgage or encumbrance duly executed and registered prior to the day on which such preferential charge shall have occurred. Section 183 enacts that the preferential charge is not to attach to the freehold of lands leased, except with the consent of the owner.

Part XXIII.—Legal Procedure: Sections 188 to 204.—Several changes have been effected in the legal procedure in order to facilitate proceedings that may be necessary either by or against employers. Section 101 of Ordinance No. VI of 1878 has been recast, and the provisions therein contained have with some slight alterations been embodied in sections 188 to 192. Whereas formerly information was limited to be laid before the Chief Police Magistrate, it can now be laid before any magistrate in the Colony. Section 195 provides for moneys due being sued for by the Agent-General in the Supreme Court, at Suva, instead of, as formerly, before the Chief Police Magistrate of the Colony. Section 196 enacts that evidence of defendant is admissible in all cases, whereas formerly it was limited to certain cases only. Section 197 has been taken from section 151 of Ordinance No. XXI of 1888 (the Polynesian Immigration Ordinance); and sections 198 to 203 have also been taken from the Polynesian Immigration Ordinance, and are nearly new to previous Indian Immigration law.

Part XXIV.—Miscellaneous: Sections 205 to 220.—Section 205 virtually corresponds with section 9 of Ordinance No. VI of 1887. Section 207 has been slightly altered, and the words which have been added, namely, "concerning any joint or common grievance" more correctly sets forth what is intended. Sections 209 and 210 were formerly embodied in section 67 of Ordinance No. VI of 1878, but have been recast with the addition that any part of a fine paid may now, at the discretion of the convicting magistrate, be given to the employer as compensation. Sections 211, 212, and 213 are new, and have been introduced from the British Guiana Immigration Ordinance, with a view to the better protection of women on plantations, by providing for the removal of immigrants from one plantation to another in certain cases. Section 212 provides more prompt action where an immigrant threatens violence to a woman; and section 213 for the compulsory division by a magistrate of property where a man and woman desire to discontinue cohabitation. Section 215 is a general penalty clause, providing for a fine not exceeding £10 in amount or, in default of payment, imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month, for any offence for which no penalty has been mentioned. It has been endeavoured to place penalties and punishments throughout the Ordinance on a more uniform and consistent basis. Section 217 provides for the first time for operations on the Destitute Indians' Fund. Section 218 amplifies the provisions formerly contained in section 36 of Ordinance No. VI of 1878, and gives power to the Governor in Council to make general Regulations for carrying the Ordinance into effect.

All the forms contained in Schedule B of this Ordinance have been carefully revised, and necessary additions, etc., made.

Ordinance X.—Provides for the establishment of a Government Savings Bank, and it is hoped will meet the want felt in this Colony for a convenient method whereby small savings can be safely deposited at reasonable interest with the security of

of the Government for their due repayment. The great annual increase of the Indian population which forms a large saving class in this Colony, causes this want to become more prominent. Deposits of one 1s. and upwards are allowed; and I trust this will encourage the coolies to enjoy the advantages now held out to them.

Ordinance XV.—Provides for the medical care of Immigrants, and repealing the former Ordinance, No. XV of 1881, enacts other provisions in its stead, and introduces several amendments which experience during past ten years has shown to be necessary. No necessity for district hospitals having arisen reference thereto has been now omitted. The present Ordinance defines the duties of the District Medical Officers. It also provides for the establishment of a diet scale in plantation hospitals. The District Medical Officer has now to make a monthly instead of a yearly return to the Chief Medical Officer as to diseases and accidents among immigrants in plantation hospitals, and the number and causes of death. The Medical Capitation Rate is now to be levied upon indentured immigrants only, and is based upon the average daily number of such immigrants upon the plantations. A return showing this is sent half-yearly by the employer to the District Medical Officer, who, having certified as correct, forwards same to the Receiver-General, whose duty it is to collect and pay over the rate leviable. The system heretofore in use was cumbersome and inaccurate. The Chief Medical Officer has been granted general power to medically inspect immigrants and hospitals, and to examine into the general sanitation of any plantation.

Crime and Offences.

19. During the year 26 criminal charges against 29 Indians were tried by the Supreme Court.

	Charges.	Immigrants concerned.
1. Assault occasioning grievous bodily harm ...	2	2
2. Burglary	1	1
3. Carnal knowledge of a girl under thirteen years of age	1	1
4. Escaping from legal custody	3	3
5. Housebreaking	5	6
6. Murder	1	1
7. Perjury	4	4
8. Robbery from person	2	2
9. Soliciting commission of crime	1	1
10. Unnatural offence	2	3
11. Wounding with intent	4	5
	26	29

These resulted in 13 convictions and 16 acquittals.

Offences against Immigration Laws, etc.

20. The tables subjoined give the charges brought before Stipendiary Magistrates by employers against immigrants for breaches of Immigration Laws and other offences. Unlawful absence still appears as the chief cause of complaint. The total number of charges preferred was 1,797, and resulted in 1,602 convictions, 121 cases dismissed, and 74 withdrawn.

Employers

Employers *versus* Immigrants.

Province.	Offences against Immigration Laws.																																			
	Unlawful Absence.		Damaging or Losing Property.		Neglect to Perform or complete Task.		Desertion.		Disorderly Conduct.		Harbouring Indentured Immigrants.		Persuading others to Desist or to Absent themselves from Work.		Disobedience of Lawful Commands of Employer.		Leaving Hospital without Permission.		Refusal to amend Work.		Want of Ordinary Diligence.		Body of Immigrants going together to lay Complaint.		Insubordination.		Refusal to Perform allotted Work.		Committing a Nuisance.		Disorderly Conduct in Hospital.			
	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.		
Rewa	234	84	2	...	65	37	40	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	27	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	1	...		
Ba and Ra	466	149	11	3	362	109	24	14	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	3	7	...	1	1	5	...	12	...	10	4	2	...	7	9	1	...		
Navua and Serua	14	2	...	...	10	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...		
Taviuni	2	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Town of Suva	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Total	721	234	13	3	437	154	70	17	1	1	1	...	3	...	3	6	34	5	1	1	5	...	12	...	18	5	2	...	7	11	2	...		

Continued,—

Province.	Offences against Immigration Laws.								Other Offences.																Total of both sexes.
	Selling Rations.		Carrying Weapon when going to prefer a Request.		Taking food to Hospital.		Unlawful use of Fire.		Failure to perform 5½ Tasks in a Week.		Assault.		Trespass.		Larceny.		Contempt of Court.		Withdrawn.		Dismissed.		Convicted.		Total number of Charges preferred against		
	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.	
Rewa	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	31	8	33	14	320	111	384	133	517
Ba and Ra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	6	...	1	1	...	1	25	7	53	19	846	263	924	294	1,218
Navua and Serua	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	40	4	42	6	48
Taviuni	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	6	3	6	9
Town of Suva	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	5	...	5
Total	1	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	6	...	3	...	6	...	5	1	...	1	57	17	88	33	1,213	389	1,358	439	1,797

21. The table following shows the charges made by immigrants against employers.

Immigrants *versus* Employers.

Province.	Non-payment of Wages.		Assault and Battery.		Dismissed.		Convicted.		Total Charges preferred.		Total, both sexes.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Rewa	3	...	2	1	2	...	3	1	5	1	6
Ba and Ra	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	3	...	3
Navua and Serua	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2
Suva	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1
Total	6	...	5	1	5	...	6	1	11	1	12

22. The following statement represents the Indian immigrant population of the Colony on the last day of December in each year from 1879 to 1891, according to returns received; but it is probable that all births and deaths are not included.

Year.	Introduced.	Births.	Total.	Returned to India.	Deaths.	Percentage.	Remaining at end of Year.	Remarks.
1879	480	1	481	...	17	3·53	464	
1880	...	30	494	...	17	3·44	477	
1881	...	12	489	2	13	2·65	474	
1882	908	39	1,421	4	31	2·18	1,386	
1883	902	33	2,411	2	102	4·23	2,307	
1884	1,977	67	4,351	...	200	4·59	4,151	
1885	1,246	78	5,475	10	223	4·07	5,342	
1886	994	105	6,341	9	300	4·73	6,032	
1887	...	161	6,193	92	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	8,644	427	229	2·65	7,988	

The immigrants who went home in 1891 should be classed and made up as follows:—

(a) At immigrants' own expense (Passport) section 115	185
(b) At cost of Return-Passages' Fund (Incapables) section 45 ...	165
(c) At cost of Return-Passages' Fund (10 years' people) section 44	69
(d) Rejected immigrants at cost of Indian Immigrants' Introduction Fund, subsection (*f*) of section 7 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1891	8
	427

Of these 366 were returned by "Danube" and "Jumna," and 34 went by Sydney and Melbourne steamers.

Savings.

23. An account of money deposited by immigrants through the medium of this Department in the Bank of New Zealand and the Union Bank of Australia.

Fixed Deposits for 1891.

				£	s.	d.
51	Fixed Deposits for twelve months, at	5 %	...	1,485	3	0
225	" " "	4½ %	...	6,854	4	1
3	" " six months, at	4 %	...	211	13	2
44	" " "	3½ %	...	1,443	18	11
2	" " three momths, at	3 %	...	190	0	0
5	" " "	2½ %	...	79	0	0
13	Demand Deposits			374	5	0
343				£10,638	4	2

In 1885—106 coolies deposited	(say)	£3,470
In 1886—136 " "		3,753
In 1887—178 " "		5,077
In 1888—234 " "		7,074
In 1889—252 " "		6,393
In 1890—249 " "		7,432
In 1891—343 " "		10,638

The increase in number of depositors since 1885 is 237; representing an amount of £7,168.

The average amount deposited per immigrant was as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
In 1885	32	14	8
In 1886	27	11	10
In 1887	28	8	1
In 1888	30	4	7
In 1889	25	7	4
In 1890	29	16	1¾
In 1891	31	0	3½

In 1887 thirty-three deposits amounting to	(say)	£1,139
In 1888 twenty-five " "		947
In 1889 fifty-four " "		1,198
In 1890 twenty-eight " "		787
In 1891 fifty-one " "		1,127

were cashed before the due date, and interest lost. The large amount in 1891 was occasioned by the departure of the ships "Danube" and "Jumna" for Calcutta, as the coolies returning by these vessels had to "break" their deposit receipts.

24. The sums remitted by immigrants to their friends in India have been as follows:—

		£	s.	d.
In 1885—	10 immigrants remitted ...	84	4	6
In 1886—	30 " " ...	282	4	8
In 1887—	54 " " ...	324	8	0
In 1888—	47 " " ...	242	15	0
In 1889—	65 " " ...	349	0	0
In 1890—	61 " " ...	426	19	4
In 1891—	102 " " ...	546	10	0

25. The amount collected during 1891, representing Estates of deceased immigrants, was... ... ... £62 18 5

Poundage at 5 % 3 11 4

Balance paid to credit of Deceased Immigrants' Estates £59 7 1

Five per cent. on £62 18s. 5d. would be £3 2s. 11d., and not £3 11s. 4d. The discrepancy is thus explained:—Certain effects, such as jewelry have been handed to relations of deceased immigrants upon payment of proper poundage on assessed value.

26. The Destitute Indians' Fund, created by Ordinance IX of 1885, section 5, stands thus for 1891:—

	£	s.	d.
Amount to credit, 1st January, 1891	0	17	11
" received during 1891	140	18	4
	141	16	3
Amount disbursed during 1891	136	4	7
Balance to credit, 31st December, 1891 ...	£5	11	8

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