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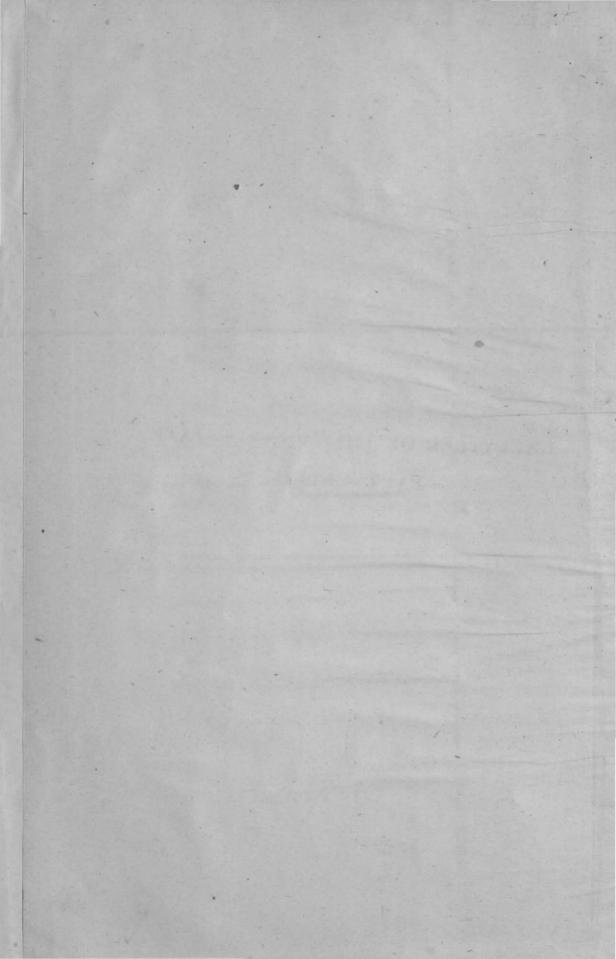


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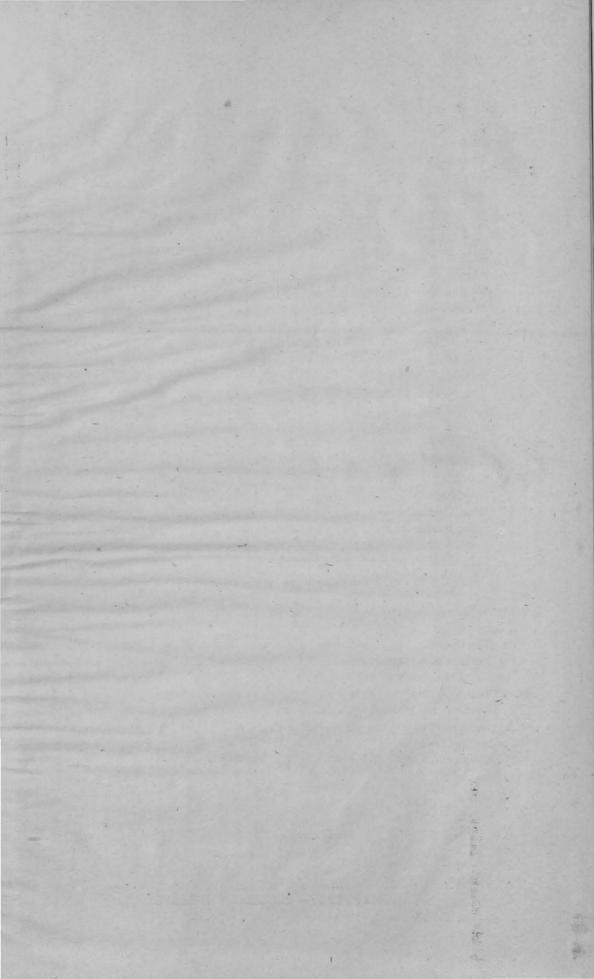
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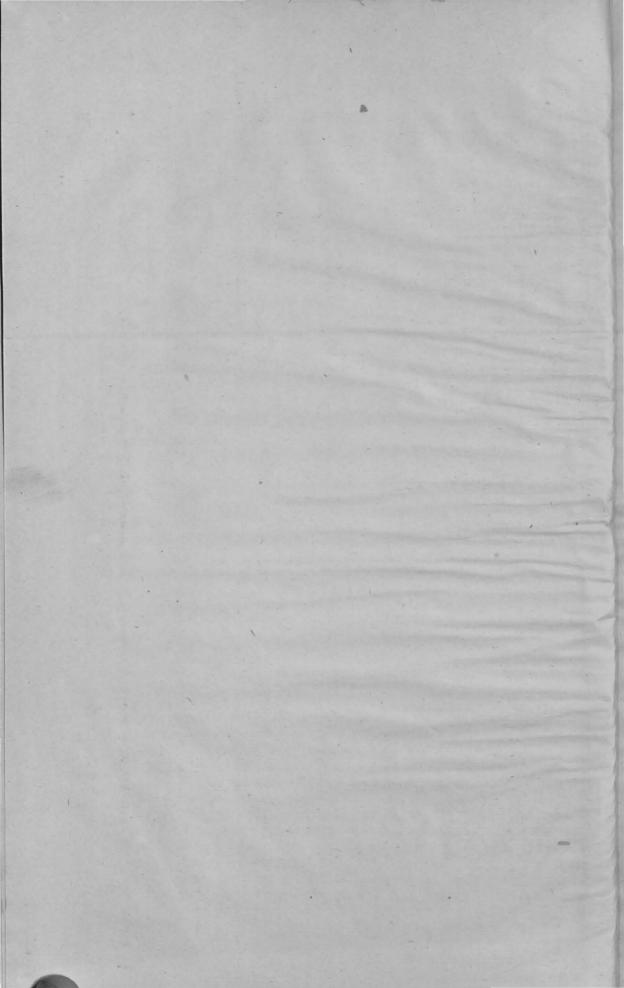
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#### CHAPTER I-DESCRIPTIVE.

#### Section A. - Physical Aspects.

The state of Dujána, lying between 28° 16' and 28° 368' and CHAP. I, B. 76° 44' and 76° 21' west, consists of the following detached areas:-History.

- (i) The estates of Dujána and Mahrána, which form an Boundaries. island in the Sámpla tahsil of the Rohtak district, 111 square miles in area.
- (ii) Náhar tahsil, which lies 24 miles south-west of Dujána, and forms the main area of the state, being bordered on the north by the Jhajjar tahsil of the Rohtak district and the Dádri tahsil of Jind, on the east by the Jhajjar tahsil, on the south by the Rewari tahsil of the Gurgáon district and the Kanyli Báwal pargana of Nábha, and on the west by that pargana and by Dádri tahsil.
- (iii) In tahsil Nahar are included the two villages of Chawki and Berli Kalán, which form an island in the Rewári tahsil of the Gurgáon district. Náhar tahsil has an area of 881 square miles, and the total area of the state is thus 100 square miles.

No rivers or canals run through the state, the general aspect General conof which is that of a level plain, unbroken save by a belt of sandhills running east and west across the Nahar tahsil. Some of these hillocks are bare of vegetation, on others only sar and ak are to be seen, and on some grow grass and bushes, such as khep, pala, and babul, while occasionally a small grain called sanwa is cultivated on them.

#### Section B .- History.

The Rohtak district is historically interesting as having formed, on the right bank of the Jumna, the borderland of the district. Sikhs and Mahratas just before the break up of the latter power, early in the present century. By the treaty of Anjangaon, signed in 1803, this portion of the old Delhi empire passed to the British with Scindia's other possessions west of the Jumna. It was not part of Lord Lake's policy at that time to stretch out his hand too far, and he, accordingly, formed a series of independent outposts between the British border and the Sikh states beyond by giving the newly-acquired territories to military leaders who had done us good service. The houses of Bahadurgarh and Jhajjar, since absorbed, owed their origin to the effect given to this policy; as also the states of Pataudi and Dujána, which are still existing.

CHAP. I. B.

History.
Origin of the Dujána Family.

The connection of the Dujána Nawábs with the southern Punjab dates from the end of the 14th century, when their ancestor Malik Rahmat, a Pathan from Buner, accompanied Timur to Hindustan, and eventually settled down in a village close to Jhajjar, then known as Mubárakabad Jhaj after its founder Raja Jhajjar. A century later the present town of Dujána, not far from Jhajjar, was founded by a fakir named Bába Durjan Shah, on whose invitation Malik Rahmat's children took up their abode in the new settlement. They subsisted as military servants of the Delhi Emperors, and they appear to have generally thriven, though none of them rose above the ordinary level until the time of Abdul Samád Khán, first Nawáb of Dujána. His father had held a small cavalry command at Delhi, and was jágírdár in four villages close to his home.

Formation of the Dujána State. Abdul Samád Khán was born in 1764, and when quite a boy took service as Risáldár under Bháji Ráo, the first Peshwa. He received a high command in the Mahrata army, which assisted Lord Lake in his campaign against Scindia; and he ultimately joined Lord Lake's force as a shashsadi, and distinguished himself at Bharatpur, and in the pursuit of Jaswant Rao Holkar up to the Sutlej in 1806. As a reward he received the two large tracts which now form the western portion of the Rohtak district, together with all the country held in Hissar by the celebrated George Thomas, by a sanad dated May 4th, 1806.

Its original extent.

These tracts comprised the following parganas:-

Hariána, etc., Hánsi with fort-(one Mahál district).

Hissár-One Mahál.

Maham.

Toshám.

Barwála.

Bahl.

Jamálpur.

Agroha.

Rohtak Malri and Rohtak Salábán-Two Maháls.

Tappa Bahu and Nahár Jhal, pargana Dádri-Two Maháls.

Reduction to its present area,

The title of Jalál-ud-Daula, Mustagil Jang, with the style of Nawáb, was bestowed upon Abdul Samád Khán, and his fortunes appeared assured, but the grant was saddled with the condition that he should administer his country without British aid, and this he found himself unable to do. The villagers refused to acknowledge his authority and withheld the revenue, killing his son and son-in-law when they attempted on one occasion to enforce his rights. Things came to an impossible pass, and in 1809 he was obliged to surrender the whole of his grant, except the small tracts of Mahrána and Dujána and tappas Náhar and Bahu, which now constitute the State, retaining his title and power of Nawáb.

Abdul Samád died in 1825, and was succeeded in 1826 by his CHAP. I. B. younger son Muhammad Dunde Khán, who held the chiefship for twenty-three years till 1850. His elder brother's son, Muhammad Amír Khán, claimed to succeed his grandfather, but he eventually Dujáns State. withdrew it on being awarded a pension of Rs. 3,000 per annum. Muhammad Dunde Khán was one of the best rulers of his day. He was succeeded by Nawab Hasan Ali Khan, who remained passively loyal to the British during the Mutiny of 1857 and preserved his state and treasure during the disturbances. His grandson, the present Nawab, attributes Hasan Ali's apathy in the crisis to his gigantic physique. He did nothing personally to help the British, but he took no part against us, and his state thus escaped the fate of Jhajjar and Bahádurgarh. Hasan Ali died in 1867, and his successor, Saadat Ali, ruled for twelve years.

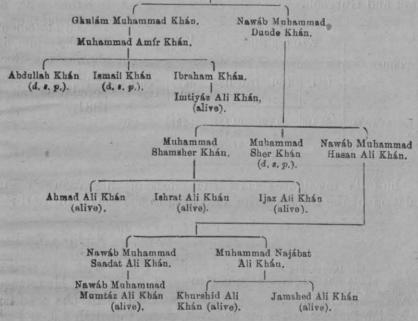
History. Rulers of the

Nawáb Mumtáz Ali, the present chief, was a minor when his father died in 1879, and for three years his affairs were managed by his uncle, Muhammad Najábat Ali.

The following is the pedigree table of the family:

Pedigree.

Jalat-ud-Daula, Muhammad Abdul Samad, Khan Bahadur Mustagil Jang.



#### Section C.—Population.

Dujána, with 271.6 persons to the square mile of total populaon, stands 6th among the Native States of the Punjab (Simla Hill tates being considered as one). In respect of density of rural opulation on total area it is 7th with 209.3 persons to the square

Density. Table 6 of Part B.

CHAP. I. C. mile. The pressure of rural population to the square mile of cultivated area is 270. Population.

Density in tahsils.

The head	quarters ta	hsil of Du	ijána is more densely populated
Tahsil.	Population, 1901.	Density.	than the other one as the mar- ginal figures show, the density being that of total population
Dujána Náhar	4 14 4 5 5 6	593 266	on total area. The density of Dujána approaches those of the

than the other one as the marginal figures show, the density being that of total population on total area. The density of Dujána approaches those of the most congested tahsils of the

British districts of the Punjab.

Town and villages. Table 7 of Part B.

The state contains one town Dujána, the capital, and thirty villages. Dujána has a population of 5,545 souls, equivalent to 23 per cent. of the total population of the state. The average village population is 621.

Growth of population. Table 6 of Part B.

Table 6 of Part B shows the population of the state as it stood at the three censuses of 1881, 1891 and 1901. In the 1881—1891 decade the increase was 12.9 per cent. In the 1891—1901 decade the decrease was 8.6 per cent., accounted for by the enormous emigration to the adjoining British districts of Rohtak and Gurgáon.

Fluctuation,

	Tota	l Populat	Increase or decrease,		
Tahsils.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1891 on 1881.	1901 on 1891.
Total for the state Dujána Náhar	23,416	26,450	24,174 7,119 17,055	+12.9	-8.6

The statement in the margin shows the fluctuations in the population 1881.

Migration.

The following figures show the effect of migration on the population of the Dujána state according to the census of 1901: -

		Persons.	Males.	Females.
	Immigrants.			
1. II.	From within the Punjab and North-West Frontier Province From the rest of India	5,935 653	1,286 196	4,649 457
11.	From the rest of Asia	1		1
	Total Immigrants	6,589	1,482	5,107
	EMIGRANTS,			
I.	To within the Punjab and North-West Frontier Province To the rest of India	7,687	2,323	5,364
	Total Emigrants Excess of Emigrants over Immigrants	7,693	2,330 848	5,366 259

The bulk of the immigration	is	from	the	districts,	states	CHAP. I.C.
and provinces noted below-					- Wale	Population.

mmigration.

District,	State o	r Provin	ce.	Immigrants.	District, State or Province.   Im migrants	Immig
Hissár Rohrak Gurgáon Delbi Patiála Stat	9,41	9		1771	Nábba State         687         Jínd State         695         Rájpútána         489         United Provinces of Agra and Oudh       151	

Emigration was mainly to the following:-

Emigration.

Distr	rict or	State.		Males.	Females.	District or	State.	puie	Males.	Females.
Hissár	110		1	244	320	Ferozepore	***		213	182
Rohtak	***	***		778	2,445	Pataudi State	***	***	63	22
Gurgáon		Ves -	***	518	1,158	Patiála State	***	144	45	159
Delhi	***	***	U Great	49	105	Nábha State	***	***	156	401
			275 367			Jind State .	***		198	541

A notable feature is the large number of females. Out of the total population born in the state 30 per cent. are returned as emigrants, of which 20 per cent. are females.

Comparison with the figures of 1891 shows that Dujána lost by intra-Provincial migration alone 1,752 souls in 1901 as against a gain of 19 in 1891.

Loss by mi.

By intra-Imperial migration, i. e., migration in India both within the Punjab and to and from other provinces in India the loss in 1901 was 1,108.

The principal immigrants are Ahírs, of which caste there were this imminipal in 1901 (252 males and 840 females), of these over 300 came grating caste. from Gurgáon.

he figures for age, sex and civil condition are given in detail in Table 10 of Part B. The following statement shows the age Part B. Table 10 of distribution of 10,000 persons of both sexes:—

Age period.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Age period.	Males,	Females-	Persons,
Under 1 year 1 and under 2 2 ,, , , 3 3 ,, , 4 4 ,, , 5 5 ,, , 10 10 ,, , 15 15 ,, , 20 20 ,, , 25	108 60 101 128 129 741 686 486 385	109 65 109 117 126 692 605 443 411	217 115 210 245 255 1,433 1,291 929 796	25 and under 30 30 " 35 35 " 40 40 " 50 50 " 55 55 " 60 60 and over	396 382 266 362 212 292 107 322	353 402 242 359 156 259 78 321	749 784 508 721 363 551 185 643

The number of males in every 10,000 of both sexes is shown Population. below -

Sex. Table 18 of	BITTE	77
Part B.		
	_ 585 _	

a armeda	Census of—		In villages.	In towns,	Total.
188	and the same salider	1760			The state
All religions			5,451 5,313 5,239	5,002 4,820 4,911	5,349 5,261 5,163
Census of 1901	{ Hindús		5,267 5,075	5,211 4,657	5,259 41,858

It will be seen that the population of females is slowly but steadily increasing.

The marginal table shows the number of females to every

All reli-Muham-Year of life. Hindús. madans. gions. Under one year 1,011 5 1,1159 835.1 1 and under 2 910.3 953.3 789 5 \*\*\* 2 ,, , 3 1,069.4 936'5 1,545'5 0 100 3 ,, 4 915.9 920 5 900 983.9 921.7 1,175

10,000 males under five years of age as returned in census of 1901.

Language.

Urdu is the official language of the state, and it is also the popular tongue.

Tribes and

The principal tribes are Patháns, Rájpúts (both Hindu and Muhammadan) Sayyids, Sheikhs, Jats (Hindu and Muhammadan), Kaim Khánis, Brahmans, Banias, and Ahírs.

Patháns.

The Patháns are Yusufzáis, and came originally from Jhajjar, where their common ancestor from Swat or Buner is said to have settled four hundred years ago.

Marriage is generally adult in this tribe, and the parties are usually members of the same family. The ceremony is customary, as opposed to orthodox, and includes the feeing of a Brahman called gharu, who is attached to the household of every Pathan He receives Re. 1-4-0 as his due (hag asartai). This connection between Brahmans and a Mussalmán tribe is curious. It is said to have no religious significance. The Patháns found that the Brahmans would be useful, and so induced them to settle In return for the douceur, which he receives at in Dujána. weddings, the Brahman does such petty services for his Pathán master as carrying the bridegroom's ornaments and utensils at the ceremony, and at other times makes himself useful as a messenger, cooks food for Hindu guests, etc.

Rájpúta.

The Rájpúts are chiefly . Chauháns or Punwárs. Mussalmán Rájpúts are popularly known by the generic term Ranghar.

The marriage ceremonies of Hindu and Muhammadan Rájpúts CHAP. I. C. are much the same, except that the Hindús perform phera (circling Population. round the fire) and the Muhammadans nikkah. Wives are secluded, and concubines are kept in addition to wives. Widow re-marriage is not practised, at any rate by the Muhammadans. Rájpúts sometimes marry their daughters, for a consideration, to Patháns and other of the more respectable Muhammadan castes, but they will not take a bride from outside their own caste.

Ráipúts.

The Sayyids are of the Hashmái clan, and are called kázis. They officiate as nikkah khawán at weddings, and in virtue of this office hold mudfi land. Their ceremonies and usages resemble those of the Patháns, and widow re-marriage has come into fashion among them during the last twenty years.

Sayyids.

The Sheikhs are of the Siddigi section. They have the same usages as other Muhammadans in the state, and widow re-marriage is allowed. Some Sheikhs, whose profession is making fireworks, are called tirgars.

Sheikhs.

Of the Jat tribe, Hindús predominate. The principal clans are Dáhiya, Dalál, Golia, Sangwán and Phoghát. A good description of these will be found in the Rohtak District Gazetteer.

Jats.

Hindu Jats marry their children very young. The muklawa ceremony is performed in the third, fifth, or seventh year after marriage, as among other Hindús, but girls are not actually sent to their husbands' houses for a long time, as their own families find them very useful for working in the fields. A widow can marry by karewa a brother or collateral of her deceased hushand, or she may marry a stranger with the consent of her first husband's relatives, or, if there are none such, with the consent of her own parents or relatives. The ceremony is simple, and merely consists of putting on new bangles and clothes and going to her new husband's house. By re-marriage a widow forfeits all rights in her first husband's property, both moveable and immoveable.

Hindu Jats.

There are only a few families of Muhammadan Jats. These reside in Dujána town, where they are tenants-at-will. In the dan Jats. R ohtak and surrounding districts Muhammadan Jats are called "Mula" Jats. They are said to be the descendants of Jats who were forcibly converted to Islam in the Mughal times. Like the Hindús, they do not marry inside their own family or yôt, and their wedding ceremonies are the same as those of the Hindu Jats. with the sole difference that the nikkah is recited by a kazi. Infantmarriage is practised, with muklawa three or five years later. Re-marriage of widows is also allowed.

The Káim Khánis claim to be Muhammadan Rájpúts, and Káim Khánis. ascribe their conversion to Káim Khán in the Mughal times. But the real Muhammadan Rájpúts do not admit them into their brotherhood, and they are not allowed to marry with them. though their customs regarding parda, marriage, etc., resemble

CHAP. I. C. those of the Muhammadan Rájpúts. Widow re-marriage is allowed. Population. Brides are sometimes sold to Muhammadans of other tribes.

Brahmans.

The Brahmans of this state are mostly of the Gaur division. They profess parchitái (priesthood) and panditái, and also cultivate in some villages. All their customs of marriage, etc., correspond with those of high class Hindús. Marriage is infant. Mukláwa is performed three or five years after the marriage.

Baniás.

The Baniás are mostly Aggarwáls.

Ahirs.

The Ahírs work as labourers of agriculturists in most of the villages of Náhar tahsíl. Marriage is generally infant. Mukláwa is also performed, as among other Hindu castes. Like Hindu Jats, a widow contracts re-marriage by karewa.

Kassábs.

Besides the abovementioned tribes, Kassábs (butchers) are found in two or three villages in the state. They are butchers and cattle-dealers. In the latter capacity they are sometimes styled beopáris.

Menial tribes.

Of the menial tribes those who render services to agriculturists, such as the goldsmiths, Manhars, ironsmiths, Chhappis, tailors, oilmen and Khatiks are found in all villages.

Religion.

Of religious observances peculiar to the state, the only two of note are the fair at Gugga Pír's temple, held in August, and the worship of Gházi Kamál's shrine at Bahu.

Gugga Pir.

The temple of Gugga Pír is at the village of Khánpur Kalán in Náhar tahsíl. The fair is held in August of each year, the date being Bhádon badi 9th. It is attended by about a thousand people from the neighbouring villages. After worshipping at the temple and tomb of Gugga Pír, which are of solid masonry, the people withdraw in the evening to Babu, two miles away, and in the morning return to their homes. This is the only religious fair held in the state.

Sháh Gházi Kamál The shrine of Sháh Gházi Kamál is at Bahu. Sháh Gházi Kamál is said to have come from Arabia with Miran Sayyid Husain, whose tomb is at Ajmere. He was killed at Jhajjar in battle with the rulers of Delhi. His head was struck off and remained on the battlefield, while his body was carried by his horse twenty-six miles to Bahu. Here it was buried by the Biloch rulers of the time, who erected a masonry tomb over the grave. The tomb is revered as that of a saint by the people of the neighbouring villages, and charághi and other offerings are brought to it every Thursday.

Occupation, food, &c.

As regards daily occupations, food, dress, manners and customs the people of this state resemble those of the neighbouring districts of Rohtak and Gurgáon, in the Gazetteers of which such are fully described.

#### CHAPTER II.-ECONOMIC.

#### Section A.—Agriculture.

Generally speaking, the staple industry of the state agriculture, the conditions of which in no way vary from those of Agriculture the British districts of Rohtak and Gurgáon.

is CHAP. II, A. Agricultural conditions.

Soils.

The lands of Dujána and Mahrána are level and composed of dákar, matiár, and rausli soils. Those of the Náhar tahsíl are uneven and mostly matiar, bhur, or rausli, with scattered pieces of dákar.

Dákar and matiár are terms applied to clay soils, according to their tenacity. The former splits into fissures after being irrigated. Rausli is the general soil of the country, -a good, light-coloured, alluvial loam, -which yields splendid crops in return for very little labour. Bhur is the lighter, sandier soil found on ridges and in depressions. It has this advantage, that it will often grow a crop with rainfall which is quite insufficient for any other class of soil.

The kharif or autumn crops are bájra (spiked millet), jovár (great millet), and pulses (moth, mung, másh and guár). spring crops wheat, barley, gram, rape-seed and tobacco.

Crovs.

The rabi or spring crops are mainly dependent on well irrigation.

Cattle.

Cattle are of the same breed and description as in the neighbouring Rohtak district. Bullocks are used as a rule for ploughing, but in some of the sandy villages of the Nahar tahsil camels are employed. Three cattle-fairs are held in the year at Dujána, in Phagan March) at Náhar, in Jeth (June), and at Bahu in Bhádon (August), and at these cattle of all sorts change hands. The fees are three pies in the rupee from the seller and three annas per head from the buyer, and three pies per rupee town duty.

There is no canal irrigation in the state. Generally speaking. the whole area is dependent on rain, for although a certain amount of land is irrigated from wells, many of these are brackish, and irrigation from them is only profitable when there has been some rain. Between nine and ten per cent. of the total cultivated area in Náhar tahsíl is irrigated from wells, and one-and-a-half per cent. in Dujána and Mahrána.

Irrigation.

The state has no forests or mines, and no arts or manufactures worth mention.

Forests, mines, &c. CHAP. II, A. Communica-

The Rájpútána-Málwa railway, between Rewári and Bhatinda, Agriculture passes through the boundaries of three villages of the Nahar tahsil, but there is no railway station in the state.

The metalled road between Jhajjar and Rohtak passes through the Dujána-Mahrána block of the state, as does the unmetalled road from Beri to Bahádurgarh. Another unmetalled road between Kanund and Jhajjar passes through the Náhar tahsíl. Otherwise communications within the state are confined to ordinary village roads.

Postal. Famine.

There is no post or telegraph office in the state.

The Dujána state is situated in a tract which is peculiarly susceptible to the periodical visitations of famine. Of late years it has suffered from the trepna kal of Sambat 1953 (1896-97 A. D.), but more severely from the chapna kal (Sambat 1956 and A.D. 1899-1900), which was so severely felt all over the South-Eastern Punjab. In the latter famine relief works were opened, consisting of tanks at Náhar, Karoli, Goliya, Khora and Dujána. As a rule, however, the only form of relief adopted is the takkávi system of cash advances to enable the people to replace their cattle and purchase seed-grain. In the year 1906 there was another famine, and although takkari advances only were made in the state, relief works were organised in the Rohtak district,

#### CHAPTER III.-ADMINISTRATIVE.

#### Section A. - Administrative Divisions.

The supreme authority in the state is the adulat-i-sadr, presided over by the Nawab. All criminal and civil cases are decided by the Nawab, except that at Nahar there is a tahsil court, in which petty offences are tried and punishment awarded up to Rs. 25 fine and one month's imprisonment. Formerly there was a Bench composed of all heads of departments, which sat at Dujána, and held preliminary enquiries into civil and criminal cases, but this body was abolished in 1906.

CHAP. III. A.

Administrative Divisions.

General.

The chief revenue officer is the Diwan Riyasat. He is responsible for the collection of revenue of all kinds, and he also has administrative duties as adviser to the Nawab. He has an assistant called Naib-Diwán and a staff of clerks, who form the headquarters office.

The Diwan.

At Náhar there is a tabsíldár, naib-tabsíldár, girdáwar kanúngo, ministration. ten patwáris, and a tahsíl muharrir. The revenue of the Dujána-Mahrána block is collected by patwáris and muharrirs under the direct control of the headquarters office.

Revenue ad-

The law and procedure of British India are not in force. Offences are tried and suits decided according to the customary law of the state.

Law and procedure.

Except in Dujána town itself, the ownership of all land theoretically vests in the state, the cultivators being regarded as mere occupants. With this reservation the tenure in all villages corresponds to what is called pattidari in British India. In Dujána town the proprietors are Patháns, with the exception of one patti, which is owned by Gaur Brahmans, the gharus of the Pathan biswádárs whose functions have been described above.

Tenure of

The revenue of Dujána town is realised by the kankút or appraisement system, the states due being one-fourth of the arrangements of Dujána produce. Where land is cultivated by a tenant the landlord also gets town. one-fourth as rent.

In Mahrana and the villages of the Nahar tahsil the revenue Revenue was formerly paid in kind, and the state share was from 1/4th to elsewhere. th, according to the quality of the soil or the agreement under which the occupant held. But in 1877 a cash-assessment was introduced, and the revenue has been paid in cash ever since.

The 1877 settlement was a summary one. It was made for ten years, and the demand amounted to Rs. 77,170, which was distributed among all the villages, except Dujána town, without any definite parta or rate being placed on the bigha. A regular settlement was made in 1889 and measurements taken, as in British territory. The demand remained at the same figure, viz., Rs. 77,170, but it was re-distributed and placed on a basis of rates

Settlements.

CHAP. III. A. Administrative Divisions. fixed per bigha, according to the quality of the land. These rates vary from Rs. 2 to Rs. 4 for chahí or well-irrigated land, and from 14 annas to Re. 1 for barani or irrigated land per pakka bigha of \$\frac{5}{8}\$ths acre.

There are two instalments, one payable in June after the rabi harvest, and one in December after the kharif.

Cesses amount to  $17\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the land revenue, and include local rate and school cess.

Opium and drugs.

Opium and drugs are imported into the state free of duty by means of passes. There are two shops for retail vend, one at Dujána and one at Náhar. The licenses for these shops are sold annually, and realise about Rs. 200.

Liquor.

Sale of liquor is prohibited in the state as not being in accordance with Muhammadan law.

Stamps.

The average annual income from stamps is Rs. 800. There is no distinction between judicial and non-judicial stamps. Lithographed impressed sheets are used, which are sealed and numbered by the Diwán or Mír Munshi. The value are two, four and eight annas, and one, two, four, five, ten and twenty rupees. The vendors are the treasurers at Dujána and Náhar. There are no non-official vendors. Neither the British Stamp Act or Court Fees Act are in force.

Public Works.

There is no Public Works Department and no noteworthy buildings. Roads are kept up through the agency of the police.

Police.

The police force consists of one Deputy Inspector, one sergeant and eleven constables at Dujána, and one Deputy Inspector, two sergeants and eight constables at Náhar.

Jail.

There is a jail at Dujána with a daily average of eight prisoners. It is controlled by the Deputy Inspector of Police, Dujána. Prisoners are mainly employed as labourers.

Education.

There are Primary schools at Náhar, Báhu and Mehrána, and an Anglo-Vernacular Middle school, called the Madrasa-i-Mumtáz-i Alum, at Dujána. It is named after Nawáb Muhammad Mumtáz Ali Khan, by whom it was opened on 4th September 1894. The curriculum of the Punjab University is applied and the school is inspected by the Inspector of Schools, Delhi Circle. The average attendance is 150, no fees are taken, and the school is open to all classes in Dujána and its neighbourhood.

Medical.

There are dispensaries at Náhar and Dujána, each in charge of a Hospital Assistant, but at neither is there accommodation for in-patients.

The daily average is 35 at Náhar and 4 at Dujána. In addition three Yunáni hakíms are paid by the State, two at Dujána and one at Náhar.

#### CHAPTER IV.—PLACES OF INTEREST.

#### DUJANA TOWN.

The town of Dujána lies 37 miles west of Delhi. It is called CHAP. IV. after Durjan Shah, a fakir, who built a hut on the site of the town in the midst of a jungle. Subsequently one Muhammad Khan alias Malik Jutta, who had quarrelled with his brother Malik Bahrám of Jhajjar, settled at the place with the permission of Durjan Shah. He reclaimed and cultivated the jungle and the population rapidly increased by the influx of other settlers. The population of the town was 5,545 in 1901.

Places of interest.

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