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ZULULAND L'(& 1897

Revenue £67658 £5293 for cattle for Govt maize

Expenditure £68519

Balance Cash £3343 Invested £10797

Pop W1131 B196511X^F197/108 M1 11/27 Amatongaland 9087

Area T9112480 Cultivated acreage 147299

Wages Int P edial £10/18/7 Domestic £8/13/7.

Prices M10/-Nqutu to 30/-Hlabisa
C £5/13/2 H15/4/5 S0/17/7 G0/17/7

Crime Fewer offences - more offenders (faction fighting drinking, good harvest)

Pr in Eshowe gaol with daily average of 60.2

Crops Good notwithstanding locusts, which with drought caused the
famine of 1896 M63856 S60475 9874 to yield M174273 S64464 muids and
SP19339 tons

Stock Rinderpest Nqutu 2/8/97 to 31/12/97 killed 165,044 in Eshowe
Nkandla Nwutu Umlalazi, Entonjaneni Ingwavuma. No of cattle on
31/12/97 96587 No pvsly underestimated. Transport broken down

Labour/Passes

Health

Mines No improvement want of capital

Govt Amputaland proclaimed Zululand annexed to Natal 29/12/97

Rev. 67,658 Crop good
Exp 68519

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Estimate for crops good Hut Tax OK

Noyama - crop scarce April
Hut tax down - corn used to purchase food.

Rinderpest Sept. "Hustle

Young men squandering money staying on the Road

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Annual Report

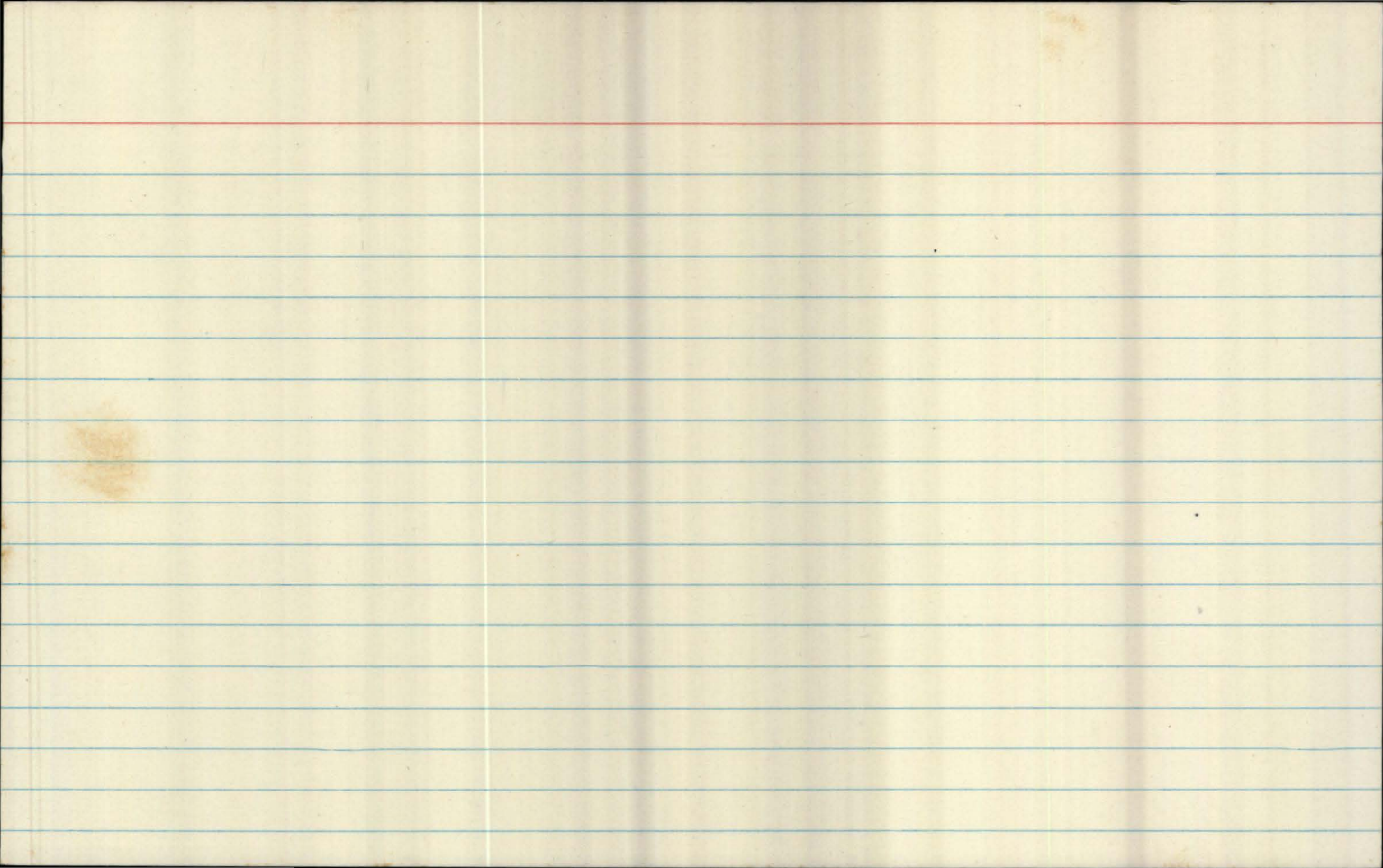
Midd summer crop causes shortfall in crops. Scarcely any grain for sale

But a year of shortage not want Rinderpest Releif given.

There will be tax arrears but not as much as in 1896. Temproary impoverishment

sdue to money spen on food / "(2) the misconduct of the young men who to
to Johannesburg to seek work: these have latterly taken to swunadering thei
earnings and staying on the Rand instead of saving and coming home with
them for the use of their families."

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RM Nongmama

RM Nongoma

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// Surely there are all the sings of an ecological disaster overtaking Zululand after -?1893. Fever, small pox cattle diseases of all kinds before Rinderpest, ~~maxix~~ crop failures. Factors involved in this must, be, restrictions on movement on the one hand, greater movement on the other, both of people and animals_

Gibson to Govt Secretary 28/4/97

/A cattle disease has broken out towards the Lebombo. Not sure but but SAR Boers seem to think it is anthrzz sends bolood for testing.

Report for April 1897

/Crop reaped $\frac{1}{2}$ Amambele fairl good. Maize poor and these have been offered for sale and will be scarce. Cattle disease rife Good order and good health prevail

RM Nongoma

2/9/9

Montly report for May 1897

"The usual collections of hut tax were held during the month but I regret to say that the amount collected was much below what it should have been. The effects of the late scarcity are still everely felt, and there has doubtless been difficulty in raising money with which to pay the tax in addition to that which was requiried for the purchasing of food. The last year has, I fear, been a bad one for cattle and many of the people have lost a large proportion of their herds. The whole tax of the District should be about £4400 and only £2769/18 has been paid....

I am however hoping to obtain payment of this blalance during the present month.

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/Crops poor owing to drought in the latter part of the season./

450

RM Eshowe

Report for July 1897

/ Hot and dry district parched. Immense ~~saw~~ swarms of locusts but apparently passed over doing little damage. Health good No great crime..

Rinderpest - the first entry. 20 officers have been appointed with 7 ZP and 6 guards appointed.

Report for August 1897

"Crops Some of the natives have already commenced to plout their fields for next seasons crops." Locust swarms have passed over. Little crime

Rinderpest reported on 25th from Fro Yolland and since then other cases reported.

/ "I have not been able to ascertain definitely the number of deaths that have occurred, as the cattle are dying so rapidly that the people lost count"// Porably about 200

Report for September 1897

/ Crops and weather smudged/

Rinderpest throughout the district and estimates deaths at 4000

Report for October 1897

Rain Heavy $\frac{1}{2}$ Locust are about but not doing much damage.

"...plouging is being carried out /Most of the ground is eing put under under amambeles as the natives fear that mealies will be swept off by locusts. Sweet potatoes also being planted. Small pox has broekn out but being isolaged.

RN Eshowe

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Montly Report May 1897

"Crops These have been for the most part gathered in In the upper wards th
the grain crops, expecially the amambebe, seems to be exceptionally god
Comparatively few mealies appear to have been planted this year thro
th oughout the district.

Locusts. A very large ~~swarm~~ swarm of these passed over the distrit
about the middle of the month and a still arlger one at the end. These seem t
to have p_assed on having done little or no d_mamage.

Hut Tax This, wht the exception of about £70, has been collected. The
natives in every case have paid well, and there is every propsect of an incre
ase on last year's revenue in this respect."

+/_ No serious crime

Montly Report June 1897

/Unusually cold and wet./ "The natives, however, have not commenced to
plough in readiness for the next season's crop."

/Locusts passed over. Health good No serious crime but petty theft
was occured/ "I regret to say, being for the most part juvenels"

"Hut Tax The natives have paid tax expcetionally well this year, the
total up the end of June being " /?/_

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JOHANNESBURG OFFICE Natal Blue Book on Native Affairs 1897.

duties 1 advice, assistance, communication with relatives in Natal.
issuing railway tickets.

At instance of 1802 Zulus European convicted of witholding wages
Remitted to Zululand. 1877 (Natal)

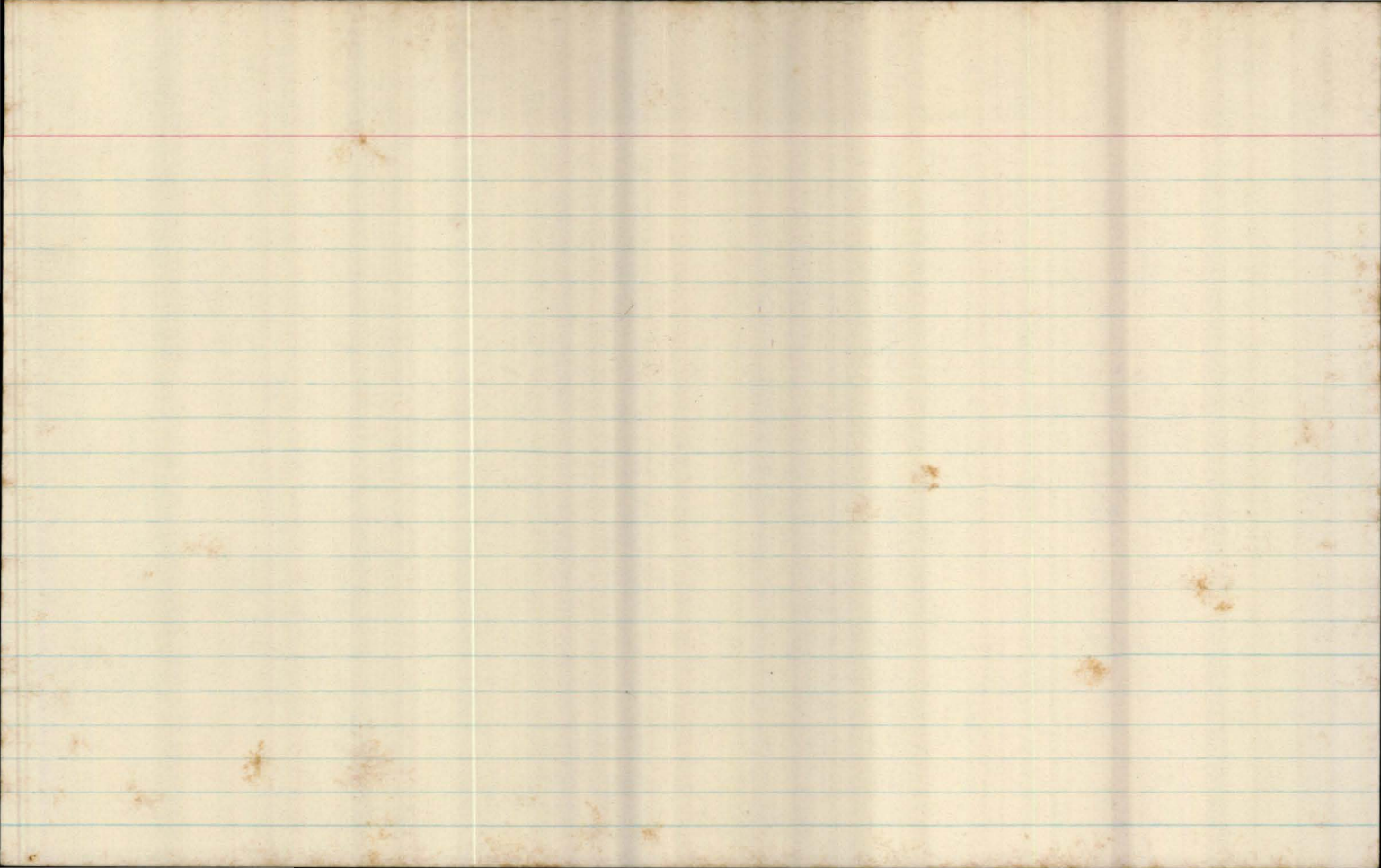
Jan £ 228 (3040)
Feb 218 (3185)
March 308 (4576)
April 432 (4442)
May 223 (2306)
June 38 (2333)

July 41 (2213)
Aug 39 (4385)
Sept 70 (1017)
Oct. 46 (857)
Nov 42 (998)
Dec. 34 (803)
1715 (27,204)

[Zulus don't remit so much]

Quets sons & brothers helps in tracing natives

Appalling no. of women working, brewing here. Zulus are degenerating in locations.



5/11/4

Annual Report for 1897

"the year 1897, was not so prosperous as might have been hoped, coming as it does after a year of protracted drought and great scarcity of food amongst the natives. / The weather during the year was favourable for planting, but owing to the presence of the locusts and probably to scarcity of seed, the natives planted mealies but in very small quantities, the main crop being "mamabele", of which a larger harvest reaped than had been the case for some years past. The 4th potato crop was also a large one. Good rains fell towards the end of the year, and the 1897-8 season promises for a fair harvest should the crops escape serious damage from the locusts. Swarms of this pest traversed the District in 1897 and they are still damaging standing crops to a certain extent.

Rinderpest appeared in August and has been "ravaging" the district since then. Total No. of deaths ^{reported} by December 1897 was 25,882 and of these 1991 were inoculated. ~~1821 recovered from rinderpest~~

recovered and of these 729 with bile and 32 with serum. The Rinderpest dept under Dr Balfe has the means to save a good % of cattle and it is regretted that the natives did not take greater advantage of it.

Very high lung sickness this year particularly amongst transport cattle.

Native health good, small small pox outbreak and this was isolated.

Little crime / "Native litigation has been unusually small doubtless owing to the impoverished condition of the population though loss of cattle."

Mkungu moved in this year and gone to Mhlathuzi district abutting on IM

Native immigration slight. Prices gone up because of transport difficulties due to rinderpest.

PASSES

Nquthu Eshowe Nongoma LMfolozi Nkomo

1884 1226

1885

1886

1887

1888 2804

1889

1890

1891 1135

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1893 5921 1400

1894 1623

1895 3080 2312

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1897 6741 5460

1898 5182 860

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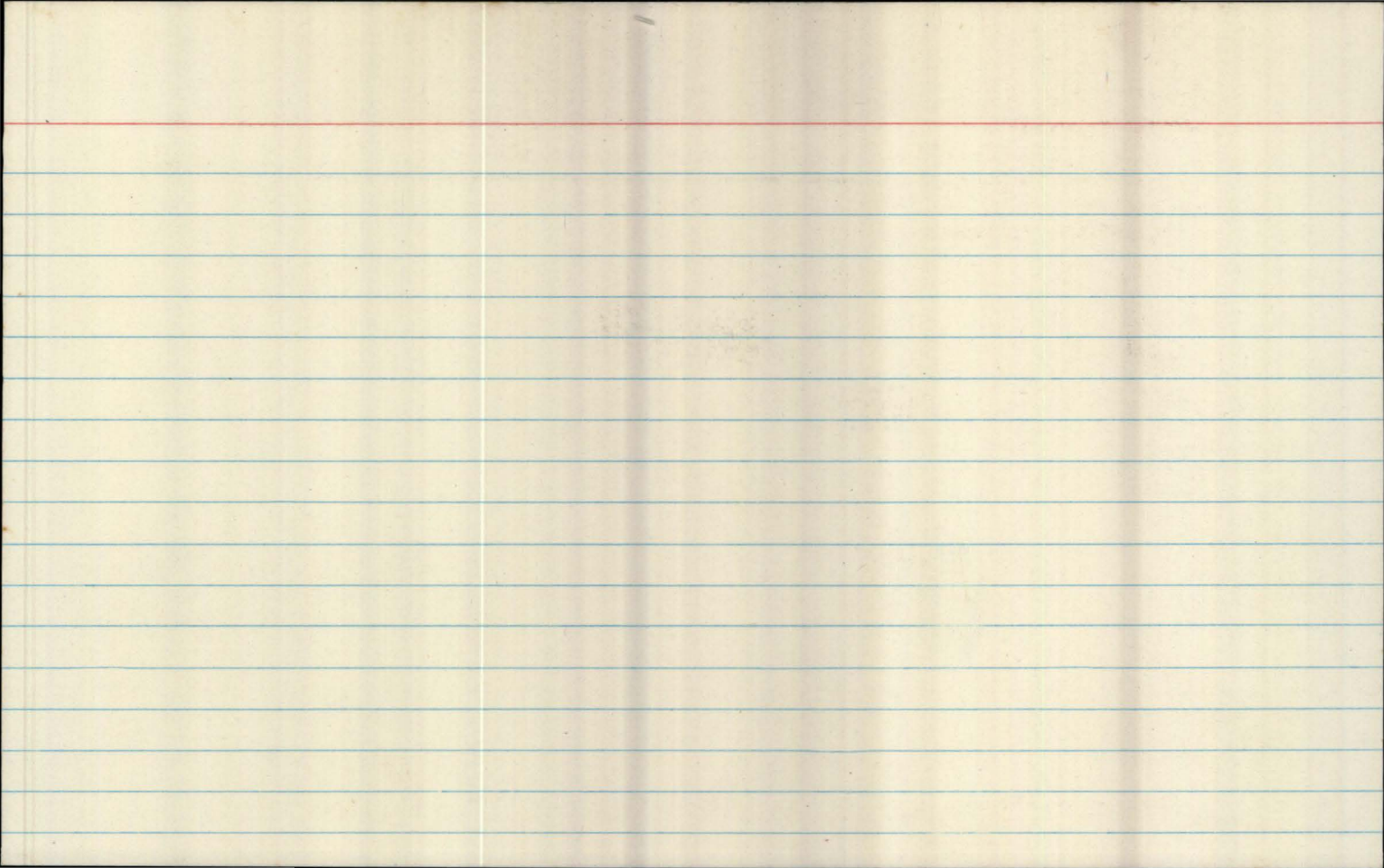
Pop 20440 = 5.5%

21269 = 27%

11303 = 12.386%

12650 = 12.83%

13984 = 16.533%



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ESHOWE

Annual Report

Rinderpest followed a year of drought and great scarcity. Locusts did damage but concentration on mabele meant crop was better than usual
Total deaths rinderpest 25882 on Dec 1897.

