

A Socio Economic History of Mahlaing Township in Colonial Period (1886-1948)

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ABSTRACT

In trying to present the social and economic conditions of Mahlaing Township under the British colonial regime, emphasis is put on the social and economic development levels of the people living in the area. Chapter (1) deals with the background histories of Mahlaing town and the villages that came to be included in Mahlaing Township in the colonial period. It also explains how the not-so-well-known Mahlaing had become more developed under the colonial rule. In addition, the chapter given an account of the administration of Mahlaing Township. Chapter (2) presents the various agricultural produce of Mahlaing Township, the prices of cows and toddy-palm trees, the customary interest rates for loans of money, the monetary systems prevailing in the area, and the years when cotton was successfully cultivated. Chapter (3) discusses the township's population, race distribution, means of livelihood of various social classes, their social occasions of joy and grief the legal cases between them and their religious. In short, thin work is an attempt to give a clear picture of Mahlaing Township in the colonial period by studying its economic, social and religious conditions of the time.