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MINUTE BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE GOVERNOR deeply regrets the death last night of Mr. JAMES VAN LANGENBERG, K.C., Solicitor-General.

MR. VAN LANGENBERG for a short period represented the Burgher Community in the Legislative Council, and also acted for a period of eighteen months as Attorney-General. The Government have lost in him an able, respected, and trusted Officer.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased HIS EXCELLENCY has ordered that all Government Offices in Colombo be closed to-day at 3 P.M., to enable the Members of the Public Service to attend the funeral.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 30, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.



ROBERT CHALMERS.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME :

GREETING.

WHEREAS Christos Panayiotou Eliopoulos, of No. 1, Chatham street, Fort, Colombo, has, under the provisions of "The Naturalization Ordinance, 1890," applied to Us, Sir Robert Chalmers, K.C.B., Governor of Ceylon, in Our Executive Council, that the privileges of naturalization may, in terms of the said Ordinance, be conferred on the said Christos Panayiotou Eliopoulos, and We, in Executive Council, acting in pursuance of the powers in Us vested by section 3 of the said Ordinance, have made an order bearing date the Seventh day of April, 1915, granting such application :

And whereas the said Christos Panayiotou Eliopoulos has taken the oath of allegiance prescribed by section 4 of the said Ordinance, and has produced to Us a certificate of his having taken and subscribed such oath and of the date of his taking and subscribing the same, and We are satisfied that the said Christos Panayiotou Eliopoulos has taken the prescribed oath within the period specified in the said section of the said Ordinance :

Now know Ye that We do hereby grant to the said Christos Panayiotou Eliopoulos all the rights and privileges of a British subject, and declare that the said Christos Panayiotou Eliopoulos shall, within the limits of this Colony, be entitled to all political and other rights, powers, and privileges, and be subject to all obligations to which a natural-born British subject is entitled or subject.

Given at Batticaloa, in the said Island of Ceylon, under the Public Seal thereof, this Nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Fifteen.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

IN the Name of His Majesty GEORGE THE FIFTH, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir ROBERT CHALMERS, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

KNOW Ye that We, the Governor, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, in pursuance of the powers vested in Us by section 6 of "The Irrigation Ordinance, 1906," do hereby declare that from and after the date hereof the village called Hanwellegama, in Yatikinda division, Province of Uva, bounded on the north by Badulu-oya and Kuda-oya, east by Kuda-oya and village boundary of Rambukpota, south by the boundary of Kurundukelle estate and village boundary of Lindamulla, and west by Badulu-oya, shall be an irrigation district within the meaning of the said Ordinance.

Given at Nuwara Eliya, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Twenty-ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Fifteen.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

In the Name of His Majesty GEORGE THE FIFTH, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Sir ROBERT CHALMERS, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

ROBERT CHALMERS.

WHEREAS a ferry has been established between Kalpitiya and Puttalam :

And whereas by Proclamation dated April 20, 1915, the Governor, in pursuance of the powers vested in him under section 11 of "The Toll-Ordinance, 1896," and with the advice of the Executive Council, has directed that as from June 1, 1915, tolls not exceeding those specified in section 4 of the said Ordinance shall be levied in respect of the ferry between Kalpitiya and Puttalam :

And whereas by the proviso to section 4 of the said Ordinance it is enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, by Proclamation in the *Gazette*, from time to time to cause a higher rate of toll than that specified in the said section to be levied in respect of ferries which shall exceed half a mile in width :

And whereas the ferry established between Kalpitiya and Puttalam exceeds half a mile in width :

Now know Ye that We, the Governor, in exercise of the powers in Us vested, and with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby direct that as and from June 1, 1915, tolls shall be levied in respect of the ferry aforesaid at such rates as are specified in the schedule hereto attached.

Given at Nuwara Eliya, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Twenty-fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Fifteen.

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.	Rs. c.
Every foot passenger, except children under twelve years of age	.. 0 25
Every calf, sheep, goat, or pig	.. 0 25
Every dog	.. 0 20
Every cow or ox	.. 1 50
Every horse	.. 2 50
Every bicycle or tricycle	.. 0 20.
Every jinricksha	.. 0 50
Every motor cycle	.. 1 0
Every vehicle drawn by one horse (horse excluded)	.. 3 0
Every vehicle drawn by two horses (horses excluded)	.. 4 0
Every vehicle drawn by one ox (ox excluded)	.. 1 0
Every vehicle drawn by two oxen (oxen excluded)	.. 2 0
Every candy of copra (5 cwt.)	.. 1 0
Every bag of rice	.. 0 12
Every bag of poonac	.. 0 12
Every tin of kerosine oil	.. 0 6
Every barrel of arrack, &c.	.. 5 0
Every empty barrel	.. 0 75
Every basket of vegetable weighing 1 cwt.	.. 0 50
Every bag of dry fish weighing 56 to 84 pounds	.. 0 10
Every load not enumerated above weighing 14 to 56 pounds	.. 0 25

APPOINTMENTS, &c., BY THE GOVERNOR.

No. 140 of 1915.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

Mr. S. D. DHONDY to act in the office of Office Assistant at Batticaloa to the Government Agent, Eastern Province; Additional Police Magistrate, Batticaloa; Assistant Superintendent of the Prison at Batticaloa; Assistant Collector of Customs, Batticaloa; and Additional Assistant Superintendent of Police, Batticaloa, with effect from April 26, 1915, until further orders.

Mr. W. N. S. ASERAPPA, Advocate, to act as District Judge, Additional Commissioner of Requests, and Police Magistrate, Negombo, for April 26, 1915.

Mr. T. K. CARRON to act as District Judge, Additional Commissioner of Requests, and Police Magistrate, Negombo, from April 27 to May 1, 1915, inclusive, during the absence of Mr. H. E. BEVEN on leave.

Mr. W. DE LIVERA to be, in addition to his own duties, Additional District Judge, Kegalla, for May 3, 4, and 5, 1915.

Mr. W. O. STEVENS to be, in addition to his own duties, Additional Police Magistrate, Jaffna, from May 1, 1915.

Mr. J. H. DANIEL to be a Justice of the Peace and an Unofficial Police Magistrate for the Colombo District, with effect from May 10, 1915.

Mr. J. E. BENNETT to be a Justice of the Peace and an Unofficial Police Magistrate for the Nuwara Eliya and Hatton Districts, with effect from April 23, 1915.

Mr. A. G. GOTTELLIER to be a Justice of the Peace and an Unofficial Police Magistrate for the Southern Province, with effect from April 27, 1915.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 28, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 141 of 1915.

WITH reference to the notice appearing in *Gazette* dated April 23, 1915, it is hereby notified that the acting appointment of Mr. B. W. BAWA, K.C., as Solicitor-General, &c., dates from the 21st, instead of from April 19, 1915.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 27, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 142 of 1915.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased, with the approval of the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES, to appoint Mr. E. EVANS to be Assistant Director of Education, with effect from May 1, 1915, until further orders.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 26, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 143 of 1915.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to make the following appointment in the Colombo Town Guard :—

To be 2nd Lieutenant.

Mr. PERCY JOHN PARSONS.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 26, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 144 of 1915.

HEADS of Departments are hereby authorized to accept the signature of Mr. H. C. SWAYNE on behalf of Mr. R. G. WATERHOUSE, Acting Resident Engineer, Colombo Drainage Works, from May 7 to 14, 1915, inclusive, during the absence of the latter on leave.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 24, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 145 of 1915.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased, under the provisions of section 4 of "The Plant Pests Ordinance, 1907," to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be Members of the Plant Pests Board for the Revenue District of Kandy for a period of three years from December 1, 1914 :—

The Hon. Mr. W. SINCLAIR.
Mr. C. SPROULE.
Mr. THOMAS SMITH.
Mr. G. C. RAMBUKOTA.
Mr. J. B. COLES.
Mr. L. C. MAUDSLAY.
Mr. A. VALLIPURAM.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 29, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 146 of 1915.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased, under the provisions of section 4 of "The Plant Pests Ordinance, 1907," to appoint the under-mentioned gentlemen to be Members of the Plant Pests Board for the following Revenue Districts for three years, viz., 1915, 1916, and 1917 :—

Jaffna District.

Sir W. C. TWYNAM, K.C.M.G.
Mr. J. J. PATTERSON.
The Hon. Mr. A. KANAGASABAI, M.L.C.
Mr. V. CASPILLAI.
Mr. J. PHILIPS.
Mr. S. F. TOUSSAINT.
Mr. E. M. KARIM.

Mannar District.

Mr. S. ANANTHAM.
Mr. K. NEYINAMUKAMADU.
Mr. S. MUTTUTAMBY.
Mr. W. KEIL.

Mullaitivu District.

Mr. K. U. TAMPAYYA, Mudaliyar.
Mr. T. M. LEBBE MARAKAYAR.
Mr. KANTAR MURUKESU.
Mr. S. M. SIVASITHAMPARAM.
Mr. K. KAPURALA.
Mr. P. R. MAPPANER.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 27, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 147 of 1915.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased, under the provisions of section 120 of "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898," as amended by Ordinance No. 37 of 1908, to appoint Mr. E. V. GOONERATNE, Atapattu Mudaliyar, Galle Kacheheri, to be an Inquirer for the divisions of the Four Gravets and Akmimana, Galle District, Southern Province.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 27, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

No. 148 of 1915.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased, under the provisions of section 120 of "The Criminal Procedure Code, 1898," as amended by Ordinance No. 37 of 1908, to appoint DISSANAYAKE APPUHAMI, Arachchi of Kallanchiya, to be an Inquirer for Kende korale, in Nuwaragam palata, North-Central Province.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, April 28, 1915. Colonial Secretary.

No. 149 of 1915.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint Mr. DON JAMES SENARATNA, Notary Public of Dehiowita, to be a Notary Public throughout the Siyane Korale West of Colombo District, with residence and office at Imbulgoda, and to practise as such in the Sinhalese language.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, April 23, 1915. Colonial Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS, &c., OF REGISTRARS.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to confirm HEENKENDE MUDIYANSELAGE KIRI BANDA in his appointment as Registrar of Births and Deaths and of Marriages (Kandyan and General) of Yatinuwara No. 1 A division, in the Kandy District of the Central Province. His office will be at Wiharegawawatta in Danture.

By His Excellency's command,
Colonial Secretary's Office, R. E. STUBBS,
Colombo, April 23, 1915. Colonial Secretary.

THE following appointments under section 3 of Ordinance No. 23 of 1900 and section 7 of Ordinance No. 19 of 1907 are hereby notified:—

The Provincial Registrar, Ratnapura, has appointed MORAGODA ARACHCHILLAGE PUNCHIMAHATMAYA to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Balangoda division, and of Marriages (General) of Meda korale division, in the Ratnapura District of the Province of Sabaragamuwa, for thirty days from April 1, 1915, *vice* Registrar, G. G. PUNCHIMAHATMAYA, suspended. His office will be at Gorakagahawatta in Balangoda.

The Additional Assistant Provincial Registrar, Colombo, has appointed J. M. P. SENANAYAKE to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Pita Kotte division, and of Marriages (General) of Palle pattu of Salpiti korale division, in the Colombo District of the Western Province, for three days from April 22, 1915, during the absence of the Registrar, W. D. W. PERERA, on leave. His office will be at Kahata-gahawatta in Pita Kotte.

The Additional Assistant Provincial Registrar, Colombo, has appointed D. K. PATHMAPERUMA to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Waga division, and of Marriages (General) of Meda pattu of Hewagam korale division, in the Colombo District of the Western Province, for two days from April 26, 1915, during the absence of the Registrar, D. J. J. GUNWARDENE, on leave. His office will be at Delgahawatta in Galagedara.

The Additional Assistant Provincial Registrar, Colombo, has appointed Mr. K. W. ALWIS to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Division No. 4 of the Colombo Municipality division, in the Colombo District of the Western Province, for fifteen days from April 30, 1915, during the absence of the Registrar, Dr. C. B. BABAPULLE, on leave. His office will be at No. 38, New Moor street, Colombo.

The Assistant Provincial Registrar, Kalutara, has appointed DON SETAN WEERAKOON to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Kalupahana division, and of Marriages (General) of Udugaha pattu division, in the Kalutara District of the Western Province, for thirty days from May 4, 1915, during the absence of the Registrar, D. L. GUNATILAKA, on leave. His office will be at Patihipelpolawatta in Kalupahana.

The Assistant Provincial Registrar, Galle District, has appointed WALIMUNI JOHN MENDIS ABAYASEKERE WIJAYAKULATILAKA to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Madampe division, and of Marriages (General) of Wellaboda pattu division, in the Galle District of the Southern Province, for three days from April 19, 1915, during the absence of the Registrar, W. S. M. A. WIJAYAKULATILAKA, on leave. His office will be at Maradanewatta at Wenamulla.

The Assistant Provincial Registrar, Matara, has appointed DON SAMUEL RANASINHA ABEYNAYAKA to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Hakmana division, and of Marriages (General) of Kandaboda pattu division, in the Matara District of the Southern Province, for twenty-one days from April 18, 1915, during the absence of the Registrar, D. A. A. WICKRAMASINHA. His office will be at Tanayamwatta in Beruwewila.

The Additional Assistant Provincial Registrar, Matara, has appointed DON HENDRICK WICKREMESINHA GAMPATRANA to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Aturaliya division, and of Marriages (General) of Gangaboda pattu division, in the Matara District of the Southern Province, for two days from April 19, 1915, during the absence of the Registrar, V. P. S. P. DE SILVA, on leave. His office will be at Yahalewatta in Karagoda Uyangoda.

The Additional Assistant Provincial Registrar, Matara, has appointed DON THIYADORIS WANIGASEKERA to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Kamburupitiya division, and of Marriages (General) of Gangaboda pattu division, in the Matara District of the Southern Province, for April 26, 1915, during the absence of the Registrar, D. D. W. RAJAPAKSE, on leave. His office will be at Patiranagawatta in Sapugoda.

The Assistant Provincial Registrar, Hambantota, has appointed SENADHIRAGE SALOHAMI to act as Registrar of Births and Deaths of Hambantota outside the town division, and of Marriages (General) of Magam pattu division, in the Hambantota District of the Southern Province, for thirty days from April 16, 1915, *vice* Registrar, R. WIJESURIYA, dismissed. His office will be at Donhamigewatta in Koholankala.

Registrar-General's Office, W. L. KINDERSLEY,
Colombo, April 27, 1915. Registrar-General.

WITH reference to the Notification appearing in *Gazette* No. 6,174 of March 8, 1907, it is hereby notified that Mr. MICHAEL EDIRMANNASINGHE, Registrar of Marriages (General) of Jaffna division, in the Jaffna District of the Northern Province, will, with effect from May 1, 1915, have a station at "Singa Lodge" in Main street, Jaffna, where he will hold office on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Registrar-General's Office, W. L. KINDERSLEY,
Colombo, April 27, 1915. Registrar-General.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

IT is hereby notified that the under-mentioned gentlemen have passed the examination in riding for which they presented themselves on April 22, 1915:—

Cadet in the Civil Service.

Mr. N. M. BHARUCHA.

Police Probationer.

Mr. B. LANGRAN.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 26, 1915.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

"THE SMALL TOWNS SANITARY ORDINANCE, 1892."

IT is hereby notified that His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, in terms of section 9 B of "The Small Towns Sanitary Ordinance, 1892," has fixed a water-rate of 6 per centum per annum for the year 1915 on the annual value of all houses and buildings of every description and all lands and tenements whatsoever within the limits of the town of Passara, in the Province of Uva, subject to the provisions of the aforesaid section.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, February 24, 1915.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

"THE LOCAL BOARDS ORDINANCE, 1898."

IT is hereby notified that the following by-laws made by the Local Board of Batticaloa, under section 56 (5) and (21) of "The Local Boards Ordinance, 1898," have been confirmed by His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and are hereby published for general information.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 26, 1915.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

BY-LAWS REFERRED TO.

1. A person keeping a dairy for the sale or supply of milk to others within the Local Board limits shall apply for a license from the Chairman thereof within a reasonable time of his commencing to keep such dairy, or within a reasonable time of the enactment of this by-law.
2. No dairy shall be allowed within 50 feet of any cesspit or latrine, or in such a position as to be accessible to noxious odours therefrom.
3. All cattle sheds used in connection with a dairy must be kept clean and in good repair; the floor must be of some permanent material or of well-stamped earth or of clean sand.
4. Every dairy compound shall be kept clean and weeded, and no foul water shall be allowed to stagnate therein. Cowdung shall be removed daily from the cow shed and the dairy compound.
5. No cattle suffering from any disease or from sores or wounds shall be kept or used within any dairy. No person suffering from any cutaneous, contagious, or infectious disease shall be employed in or about any dairy or in the sale of milk.
6. All utensils, bottles, pans, and other requisites used in or belonging to a dairy or for the sale of milk shall be kept clean and be washed after use with boiling water. The Inspector, Local Board, shall have power to seize all utensils which he considers to be unfit for use, and produce them before the Chairman, who may order their destruction.
7. All vessels sent out containing milk shall be properly stoppered or covered with non-absorbing material, and shall not be carried under the armpit.
8. Milk shall be sold only by bottles or half bottles of a standard size of 6 and 12 to a gallon respectively.
9. No person shall supply, sell, hawk about, or expose for sale any milk which has been adulterated with water or any foreign substance whatever.
10. No person shall sell or offer for sale any milk from which the cream has been removed, unless he previously informs the person to whom he sells or offers it that the cream has been removed.
11. The Chairman, the Government Medical Officer or his Assistant, the Inspector of Police, or the Local Board Inspector, or any person specially authorized in writing thereto by the Chairman may at any time demand and take for the purpose of analysis samples of any milk which is in possession of any person who is found selling, hawking, or exposing milk for sale, or from any premises registered as a dairy; all persons selling, hawking, or exposing milk for sale, and all dairy keepers shall permit samples to be taken by the officers aforesaid for the said purpose.

"THE LOCAL BOARDS ORDINANCE, 1898."

THE following by-laws made by the Local Board, Kegalla, under section 56 of the above-named Ordinance, which have been confirmed by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, are published for general information.

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 27, 1915.

BY-LAWS REFERRED TO.

1. (a) Every occupier of any premises neglecting to remove or to cause to be removed within a reasonable time, whenever directed to do so by the Inspector of the Local Board, the Government Medical Officer, or any other properly constituted Sanitary Authority, all coconut shells and opened tins exposed in his premises within 120 feet of his house shall be guilty of an offence.

(b) Every owner of any unoccupied land neglecting to remove or to cause to be removed within a reasonable time, whenever directed by the Inspector of the Local Board, the Government Medical Officer, or any other properly constituted Sanitary Authority to do so, all coconut shells and opened tins exposed on his land within 120 feet of the high road shall be guilty of an offence.

2. Any person blocking or damming any stream, drain, or canal shall be guilty of an offence.

"THE REGISTRARS' PROCEEDINGS VALIDATION ORDINANCE, NO. 3 OF 1912."

An Order for the purpose of giving validity to the Registration of certain Births and Deaths in the Galle District of the Southern Province.

WHEREAS by section 3 of the above-named Ordinance it is enacted that "where, whether before or after the passing of this Ordinance—

(a) Any registration of a birth, death, marriage, or document, or any other matter which is by law required or authorized to be registered; or

(b) Any proceeding taken or purporting to be taken by or before a Registrar by virtue of his office—

is invalidated by reason of any informality, mistake, or accidental omission, whether relating to the appointment of the Registrar, or the limits of his jurisdiction, or the manner in which the registration or proceeding was made or taken, or any other incidental circumstance, and no other means are by law provided by which the registration or proceeding may be validated, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Executive Council, by Order in Council notified in the *Government Gazette*, to give directions for the correction of the mistake, informality, or omission, and to make any other order that may be necessary for the purpose of giving validity to the registration or proceeding":

And whereas the registrations specified in the second column of the schedule hereto attached relating to certain births and deaths registered by the Registrars of Ambalangoda and Batapola divisions, in the Galle District of the Southern Province, are invalidated by reason of the omission set forth in the third column of the said schedule, and no other means are by law provided for the validation of the said registrations:

Now know Ye that We, the Governor, in exercise of the powers vested in Us as aforesaid, and with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby order and direct as follows:—

That the said registrations are as valid and effectual for all purposes as if the said omission had not been made.

By His Excellency's command,

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 7, 1915.

SCHEDULE REFERRED TO.

Southern Province, Galle District.

*Registration Divisions.
Ambalangoda and Batapola divisions, in the Galle District of the Southern Province.

Registrations.
All registrations of births and deaths which occurred in the island villages Delduwa, Duwa, and Godahena, situated in the Madampe lake, in Galle District, and made by the Registrars of these two divisions from July 1, 1899, up to December 31, 1914, inclusive.

Irregularity.
The omission to include these villages within the boundaries of one or the other of the two divisions named in column 1 hereof, and published in the Notifications dated July 1, 1899, and August 22, 1906, appearing in the *Government Gazettes* dated July 1, 1899, and August 24, 1906.

"THE REGISTRARS' PROCEEDINGS VALIDATION ORDINANCE, NO. 3 OF 1912."

An Order for the purpose of giving validity to the Registration of a certain Kandyan Marriage in the Kandy District of the Central Province.

WHEREAS the act specified in the schedule hereto relative to a certain Kandyan marriage registered in the Kandy District is invalidated by reason of the fact that the marriage was registered in a place other than the appointed office of the Registrar :

And whereas no other means are by law provided by which the said act may be validated :

It is hereby notified that the Governor, in exercise of the powers vested in him by section 3 of "The Registrars' Proceedings Validation Ordinance, No. 3 of 1912," and with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to order and direct as follows :—

That the said act is hereby declared to be as valid and effectual for all purposes as if it had been done in the office of the Registrar.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 1, 1915.

By His Excellency's command,
R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

Act Validated.	SCHEDULE.	Irregularity.
Kandyan marriage registration entry No. 553 of October 3, 1914, made by the Registrar of Pata Dumbara No. 4 division, in the Kandy District of the Central Province.		Registration of the marriage outside the appointed office of the Registrar.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Board appointed by His Excellency the Governor will sit on the following days at the Council Chamber for the purpose of opening and considering tenders for the purchase of the following Arrack Rents for a period of twelve months from October 1, 1915, to September 30, 1916 :—

May 17, 1915.

1. Central Province ..	..	The whole Province
2. Province of Sabaragamuwa ..	..	Ratnapura District
3. Do. ..	..	Three Korales and Lower Bulatgama
4. Do. ..	..	Four Korales in Kegalla District
5. North-Western Province ..	..	Kurunegala District
6. Do. ..	..	Chilaw District
7. Do. ..	..	Puttalam District
8. Eastern Province ..	..	Batticaloa District
9. Do. ...	..	Trincomalee District

May 18, 1915.

1. Western Province ..	..	Colombo District
2. Do. ..	..	Kalutara District
3. Do. ..	..	Panadure District
4. Northern Province ..	..	Jaffna District
5. Do. ..	..	Mannar District
6. Do. ..	..	Mullaittivu District

May 19, 1915.

1. Western Province ..	..	Siyane and Hewagam korales
2. Do. ..	..	Negombo District
3. Southern Province ..	..	Galle District
4. Do. ..	..	Matara and Hambantota Districts
5. North-Central Province ..	..	Anuradhapura District
6. Province of Uva ...	..	Badulla District

No tender will be received after 12.30 P.M. on the appointed day.

Each tenderer should state in his tender the price that he is prepared to pay.

Separate tenders should be made for the several rents as shown above, both the name and number of the rent being inserted in the tender.

Tenders properly sealed may either be posted, addressed to the Hon. Mr. R. E. Stubbs, Colonial Secretary, marked "Arrack Rent Tender," or delivered personally by the tenderer to the Board.

The conditions of sale have been amended since the rents were last sold. Forms of amended conditions of sale with amended list of taverns can be obtained at any Kacheheri in the Island. Attention is drawn to the fact that the privilege which will be sold under the conditions is the right to sell only arrack by retail, and does not include the right to sell toddy.

Tenderers who cannot speak English and wish to communicate with the Board must bring their own interpreters.

No tender will be considered unless the tenderer is present in person or by his authorized agent at the Council Chamber, and is prepared to deposit forthwith the amount of one month's rent as tendered by him.

In the event of two or more tenders being for an equal amount, the Board shall have the option of forthwith offering the rent for sale by public auction, the bidding to be restricted to the tenders in question or of calling for fresh tenders.

The Board do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender.

And notice is hereby further given that Ordinance No. 9 of 1892 having been repealed, the stamp duty formerly levied thereunder on all arrack taverns situated within the limits of the Municipalities of Colombo, Kandy, and Galle will not be payable.

Forms of tender can be obtained free of charge on application personally or by letter to the Hon. the Controller of Revenue.

Any further information required will be supplied by the Excise Commissioner on application made to him either personally or by letter.

By His Excellency's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, April 29, 1915.

R. E. STUBBS,
Colonial Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTAL NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that applications have been received for grants in aid of the following schools:—

The Colombo Buddhist Theosophical Society	..	Andiambalama Vernacular Girls' School, which is situated in Dasiya pattu of Alutkuru korale of the Negombo District of the Western Province.
The Superintendent, Mirishena estate	..	Mirishena Estate Vernacular Mixed (Evening) School, which is situated in Mirishena estate of the Kalutara District of the Western Province.
B. S. Ratnajothi Stavira Thero	..	Boderakanda Vernacular Boys' School, which is situated in Urugama, Wellaboda pattu, of the Matara District of the Southern Province.
K. Ratnapala Stavira Thero	..	Kotawila Vernacular Mixed School, which is situated in Kotawila, Weligam korale, of the Matara District of the Southern Province.

Observations will be received not later than May 24, 1915.

Education Office,
Colombo, April 20, 1915.

J. HARWARD,
Director of Education.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been received from D. P. Wijatungha for the conversion of his Narangoda Vernacular Boys' School into a Mixed School.

Observations will be received not later than May 31, 1915.

Education Office, J. HARWARD,
Colombo, April 26, 1915. Director of Education.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been received from Rev. J. K. Sinnatamby for permission to move his Musalai South Mixed School to a new site which is about 100 yards to the south of the present site.

Observations will be received not later than May 24, 1915.

Education Office, J. HARWARD,
Colombo, April 26, 1915. Director of Education.

THE under-mentioned teacher's certificate has been suspended for six months:—

Name of Teacher: S. A. Appuhamy.

Particulars of Certificate: III. Class Teacher's Provisional Certificate No. 69 of August 8, 1912.

School in which last employed: Horambawa Vernacular Mixed School.

Name of Manager: The Colombo Buddhist Theosophical Society.

Nature of Offence: Falsification of Register.

Date of Suspension: March 15, 1915.

Education Office, J. HARWARD,
Colombo, April 20, 1915. Director of Education.

Wholesale Prices of Food Stuffs, &c., in Colombo on April 28, 1915.

			Rs. c.
Muttusamba, No. 1 quality	.. Per bushel	..	5 0
Do. No. 2 do.	.. do.	..	4 62
Do. No. 3 do.	.. do.	..	4 50
Do. No. 4 do.	.. do.	..	—
Kara Rice	..	.. Not in the market	—
Kallunda, No. 1 quality	.. Per bag (2½ bushels)	..	10 0
Do. No. 2 do.	.. do.	..	9 75

			Rs. c.
Sulai, No. 1 do.	.. Per bag (2½ bushels)	..	11 50
Do. No. 2 do.	.. do.	..	11 25
Do. No. 3 do.	.. do.	..	10 50
Kora (Mall), No. 1 do.	.. do.	..	—
Do. No. 2 do.	.. do.	..	11 25
Do. No. 3 do.	.. do.	..	11 0
Raw Rice, Rangoon	.. Per bushel	..	3 88
Do. Singapore	.. do.	..	3 50
Mysore Dhall	.. do.	..	6 0
Green Peas (Gram)	.. do.	..	4 50
Thovaren Dhall	.. do.	..	5 37
Chillies, No. 1 quality	.. Per thulan (26¼ lb.)	..	5 50
Do. No. 2 do.	.. do.	..	5 25
Do. Rangoon, No. 3 quality	.. do.	..	—
Red Onions	.. do.	..	1 75
Bombay Onions	.. Per cwt.	..	6 50
Potatoes, Indian	.. do.	..	6 0
Do. Bangalore	.. do.	..	—
Maldive Fish, No. 1 quality	.. do.	..	43 0
Do. No. 2 do.	.. do.	..	—
Sugar, Crystal	.. Per bag (2 cwt.)	..	38 50
Do. Soft	.. Per cwt.	..	17 75
Matches, "Three Stars"	.. Per case of 50 gross boxes	..	105 0
Kerosine Oil, "Monkey Brand"	.. Per tin	..	3 55
Kerosine Oil, "Daylight"	.. do.	..	3 75
Coriander	.. Per lb.	..	0 16
Dry Fish, No. 1 quality	.. 1,000 kumbalawas	..	9 50
Do. No. 2 do.	.. 900 kumbalawas	..	9 0
Do. No. 3 do.	.. 900 kumbalawas	..	8 25
Do. No. 4 do.	.. do.	..	—
Do. Halmessan, No. 1 quality	.. Per cwt.	..	28 0
Do. do. No. 2 quality	.. do.	..	22 0
Do. do. No. 3 do.	.. do.	..	18 0
Salt	.. Per bushel	..	2 22
Coconuts	.. Per 100	..	6 50

C. M. YOUNG,
Financial Assistant to the
Chairman, Municipal Council.

April 28, 1915.

IT is hereby notified for general information that the Friends Mission Grant-in-aid Girls' School at Warakapola, in Keeraweli pattu school division, and the Theosophical Society's Grant-in-aid Mixed School at Udugama, in Kinigoda korale school division, have been added to the list of public vernacular schools mentioned in the schedule to the by-laws of the Kegalla District, and appearing in *Government Gazette* No. 6,652 of August 21, 1914, under "The Rural Schools Ordinance, No. 8 of 1907."

District School Committee,
Kegalla, April 19, 1915.

H. A. BURDEN,
Chairman.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Matara-Hakmana road is closed to traffic between the 8th and 8½ mileposts. Local traffic can proceed as usual between Matara and the 8th milepost and between the 8½ milepost and Hakmana, but through traffic should take the minor road through Kekanadura or the road from Tihagoda through Kamburupitiya to Kirinda.

G. M. LOGGIN,
for Director of Public Works.

Public Works Office,
Colombo, April 28, 1915.

NOTICES CALLING FOR TENDERS.

SEALED Tenders, marked on the envelopes tender for repairing the Boat Searcher's House at Madurankuli, will be received by the Assistant Government Agent, Puttalam, up to 1 P.M. on May 10, 1915, from persons willing to contract.

Specification.

All decayed and damaged materials, such as cadjans and timber, to be replaced by fresh and sound materials.
Roofs to be rethatched with new cadjans.
Footings to be placed on roofs to serve as weights.
Door frame and shutter to be provided.
Two new locks and keys to be provided.
Floor to be raised with good clay, stamped, and cow-dunged.

Tenders to observe the following conditions:—

1. Money deposit of Rs. 10 to be made in any Kachcheri on or before May 8, 1915, to be forfeited if the tenderer fails to enter into contract within a reasonable time to be determined by the Assistant Government Agent.
2. Tenderers must name an address in Puttalam where all letters or notices may be served or left for him.
3. No advance will be given.
4. The work to be completed within two weeks after notice of acceptance of tender.

For further particulars apply to the Salt Inspector, Puttalam.

Puttalam Kachcheri,
April 26, 1915.

S. M. P. VANDERKOEN,
for Assistant Government Agent.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the supply of furniture from October 1, 1915, to September 30, 1916.

2. All tenders should be in duplicate and sealed under one cover, and should be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Office of the Controller of Revenue, Colombo.
3. Tenders should either be deposited in the tender box in the Office of the Controller of Revenue, or be sent through the post.
4. Tenders should be marked "Tender for Furniture" in the left hand top corner of the envelope, and should reach the Office of the Controller of Revenue not later than midday on May 18, 1915.
5. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application at the Office of the Colonial Storekeeper, and no tender will be considered unless it is on the recognized form. Alterations must be initialled, otherwise the tenders may be treated as informal and rejected.
6. A deposit of Rs. 100 will be required to be made either at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and a receipt produced for the same before any form of tender is issued. Should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond, or fail to furnish approved security, within ten days of receiving notice in writing from the Head of the Department, or his duly authorized representative, that his tender has been accepted, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown, and the defaulter will render himself liable to be included in the list of defaulting contractors precluded from having any concern in a Government contract. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.
7. Each tender must be accompanied by a letter signed by two responsible persons, whose addresses must be given, engaging to become security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

8. If required, samples in duplicate must be deposited with the Colonial Storekeeper.

9. The amount of security required will be Rs. 1,000 in cash. All other necessary information can be ascertained upon application at the office referred to in section 5.

10. No tender will be considered unless in respect of it all the conditions above laid down have been strictly fulfilled.

11. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders, and the right of accepting any portion of a tender.

April 23, 1915.

W. A. TAYLOR,
Colonial Storekeeper.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the supply of best coke from October 1, 1915, to September 30, 1916.

2. All tenders should be in duplicate and sealed under one cover, and should be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Office of the Controller of Revenue, Colombo.

3. Tenders should either be deposited in the tender box in the Office of the Controller of Revenue, or be sent through the post.

4. Tenders should be marked "Tender for best Coke" in the left hand top corner of the envelope, and should reach the Office of the Controller of Revenue not later than midday on May 18, 1915.

5. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application at the Office of the Colonial Storekeeper, and no tender will be considered unless it is on the recognized form. Alterations must be initialled, otherwise the tenders may be treated as informal and rejected.

6. A deposit of Rs. 50 will be required to be made either at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and a receipt produced for the same before any form of tender is issued. Should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond, or fail to furnish approved security, within ten days of receiving notice in writing from the Head of the Department, or his duly authorized representative, that his tender has been accepted, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown, and the defaulter will render himself liable to be included in the list of defaulting contractors precluded from having any concern in a Government contract. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

7. Each tender must be accompanied by a letter signed by two responsible persons, whose addresses must be given, engaging to become security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

8. Samples (ten hundredweight) of each kind for testing purposes must be deposited with the Colonial Storekeeper.

9. Sufficient sureties will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of each contract. The amount of security required will be Rs. 100. All other necessary information can be ascertained upon application at the office referred to in section 5.

10. No tender will be considered unless in respect of it all the conditions above laid down have been strictly fulfilled.

11. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders, and the right of accepting any portion of a tender.

April 23, 1915.

W. A. TAYLOR,
Colonial Storekeeper.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the supply of bricks on the Northern Line of the Railway from persons willing to contract from October 1, 1915, to September 30, 1916, to be delivered at any railway station between Polgahawela and Kankasanturai, and to be as per under-mentioned specification, viz. :—

Bricks.—To be the best stock bricks, size $8\frac{1}{2}$ in by $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. ; sound, clean cut, hard, and well burned, of uniform size and shape.

Each tender must specify the rate per 1,000, stating clearly the maximum number of bricks which can be supplied weekly. Samples of same must be forwarded to the General Manager of the Railway.

2. All tenders should be in duplicate and sealed under one cover, and should be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Office of the Controller of Revenue, Colombo.

3. Tenders should either be deposited in the tender box in the Office of the Controller of Revenue, or be sent through the post.

4. Tenders should be marked "Tender for the supply of Bricks on the Northern Line of the Railway" in the left hand corner of the envelope, and should reach the office of the Controller of Revenue not later than midday on Tuesday, May 18, 1915.

5. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application at the Office of the General Manager of the Railway, and no tender will be considered unless it is on the recognized form.

6. A deposit of Rs. 50 will be required to be made either at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and a receipt produced for the same before any form of tender is issued. Should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond, or fail to furnish approved security, within ten days of receiving notice in writing from the Head of the Department, or his duly authorized representative, that his tender has been accepted, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown, and the defaulter will render himself liable to be included in the list of defaulting contractors precluded from having any concern in a Government contract. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

7. Each tender must be accompanied by a letter signed by two responsible persons, whose addresses must be given, engaging to become security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

8. Sufficient sureties will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of each contract. The amount of security required will be Rs. 1,000. All other necessary information can be ascertained upon application at the office referred to in section 5.

9. The security should be furnished within ten days of acceptance of tender being notified.

10. All alterations or erasures in tenders should bear the initials of the tenderers, otherwise the tenders may be treated as informal and rejected.

11. No tender will be considered unless in respect of it all the conditions above laid down have been strictly fulfilled. Any offers received containing conditions outside the specification will be rejected without question.

12. Fines will be inflicted for delays in complying with orders.

13. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders, and the right of accepting any portion of a tender.

14. Before tender forms are supplied to persons wishing to tender, they will have to satisfy the General Manager or person delegated by him that they are in a position to execute the contract in a satisfactory manner, and for this purpose they must be prepared to produce documentary or other evidence if called for.

General Manager's Office,
Colombo, April 23, 1915.

G. P. GREENE,
General Manager.

TENDERS are hereby invited for the supply of bricks to the Upper District of the Railway from persons willing to contract from October 1, 1915, to September 30, 1916, to be delivered at any railway station above Kadugannawa, and to be as per under-mentioned specification, viz. :—

Bricks.—To be the best stock bricks, size $8\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. ; sound, clean cut, hard, and well burned, of uniform size and shape.

The quantity of bricks required will be about 10,000 a week, and each tender must specify the minimum number he is prepared to supply, and at what station the bricks are to be supplied.

Each tender must specify the rate per 1,000, and samples of same must be forwarded to the General Manager of the Railway.

2. All tenders should be in duplicate and sealed under one cover, and should be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Office of the Controller of Revenue, Colombo.

3. Tenders should either be deposited in the tender box in the Office of the Controller of Revenue, or be sent through the post.

4. Tenders should be marked "Tender for the supply of Bricks to the Upper District of the Railway" in the left hand corner of the envelope, and should reach the Office of the Controller of Revenue not later than midday on Tuesday, May 18, 1915.

5. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application at the Office of the General Manager of the Railway, and no tender will be considered unless it is on the recognized form.

6. A deposit of Rs. 50 will be required to be made either at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and a receipt produced for the same before any form of tender is issued. Should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond, or fail to furnish approved security, within ten days of receiving notice in writing from the Head of the Department, or his duly authorized representative, that his tender has been accepted, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown, and the defaulter will render himself liable to be included in the list of defaulting contractors precluded from having any concern in a Government contract. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

7. Each tender must be accompanied by a letter signed by two responsible persons, whose addresses must be given, engaging to become security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

8. Sufficient sureties will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of each contract. The amount of security required will be Rs. 100. All other necessary information can be ascertained upon application at the office referred to in section 5.

9. The security should be furnished within ten days of acceptance of tender being notified.

10. All alterations or erasures in tenders should bear the initials of the tenderers, otherwise the tenders may be treated as informal and rejected.

11. No tender will be considered unless in respect of it all the conditions above laid down have been strictly fulfilled. Any offers received containing conditions outside the specification will be rejected without question.

12. Fines will be inflicted for delays in complying with orders.

13. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders, and the right of accepting any portion of a tender.

14. Before tender forms are supplied to persons wishing to tender, they will have to satisfy the General Manager or person delegated by him that they are in a position to execute the contract in a satisfactory manner, and for this purpose they must be prepared to produce documentary or other evidence if called for.

General Manager's Office,
Colombo, April 23, 1915.

G. P. GREENE,
General Manager.

TENDERS are hereby invited for salving coal dropped in the Colombo Harbour for fifteen months, or for three years and three months, from July 1, 1915.

Alternative rates should be quoted for fifteen months and for three years and three months.

2. All tenders should be in duplicate and sealed under one cover, and should be addressed to the Chairman of the Tender Board, Office of the Controller of Revenue, Colombo.

3. Tenders should either be deposited in the tender box in the Office of the Controller of Revenue, or be sent through the post.

4. Tenders should be marked "Tender for Salving Coal dropped in the Colombo Harbour" in the left hand top corner of the envelope, and should reach the Office of the Controller of Revenue not later than midday on Tuesday, May 25, 1915.

5. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application at the Master Attendant's Office, Colombo, and no tender will be considered unless it is on the recognized form. Alterations must be initialled, otherwise the tenders may be treated as informal and rejected.

6. A deposit of Rs. 100 will be required to be made either at the Treasury or Kachcheri, and a receipt produced for the same before any form of tender is issued. Should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond, or fail to furnish approved security, within ten days of receiving notice in writing from the Head of the Department, or his duly authorized representative, that his tender has been accepted, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown, and the defaulter will render himself liable to be included in the list of defaulting contractors precluded from having any concern in a Government contract. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

7. Each tender must be accompanied by a letter signed by two responsible persons, whose addresses must be given, engaging to become security for the due fulfilment of the contract.

8. Sufficient sureties will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of the contract. The amount of security required will be Rs. 10,000. All other necessary information can be ascertained upon application at the Master Attendant's Office, Colombo.

9. No tender will be considered unless in respect of it all the conditions above laid down have been strictly fulfilled.

10. The Government reserves to itself the right, without question, of rejecting any or all tenders, and the right of accepting any portion of a tender.

F. BOWES,
Chairman, Colombo Port
Commission.

Port Commission Office,
Colombo, April 21, 1915.

SALES OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned articles of patients who died in the hospitals between January 1, 1913, and June 30, 1914, will be sold by public auction at the District Court of Colombo on Saturday, May 22, 1915, at 12 noon:—

198 bangles to be sold in 7 lots of 25 each, 1 lot of 10 (silver), 1 lot of 13 (glass).
108 necklets of beads to be sold in 3 lots of 25 each and 1 lot of 33.

10 nose ornaments.

2 gold nose rings.

172 rings to be sold in 3 lots of 50 each and 1 lot of 22.

17 silver rings and 1 silver pendant in one lot.

3 studs, 5 buttons, 3 ornaments, 2 links in one lot.

4 hairpins, 1 penknife, 1 comb, and 1 pair sandals to be sold in one lot.

4 waist-chains, 1 purse, and 3 chains in one lot.

1 sarong, 1 banian and 1 handkerchief, 7 bags, and 1 lot keys in one lot.

7 earrings and 2 rosaries in one lot.

9 umbrellas in one lot.

4 watches (separately).

15 nose ornaments in one lot.

1 gold chain set with ruby.

2 gold studs, 7 silver studs, and 1 silver coin in one lot.

5 thalis in one lot.

1 lot gold and silver earrings in one lot.

1 lot men's earrings.

Property of the late Mr. Chas. Wood.

1 Gladstone bag.

1 leather hand bag.

2 shirts.

1 pair tweed trousers, 2 pairs dress trousers, and 3 hats in one lot.

1 parcel containing buttons, 1 bottle containing medicinal powder, 2 boxes containing playing cards, 1 lot notepaper, &c., in one lot.

2 handkerchiefs, 1 pair spectacles in case, and 2 brushes and 1 comb in leather case in one lot

1 pair buckskin boots and 1 pair pumps in one lot.

1 empty soap box, 1 penknife, 1 bottle medicine, 1 pair inner trousers, 1 inner coat, 1 pair inner trousers, 1 pair socks, 1 vest, 1 coat, and 1 collar and 1 tie in one lot.

2 books, 1 pair braces, 1 hair brush, 1 pair canvas boots, 1 pocket dictionary, 1 and pair slippers in one lot.

1 Elwood hat.

1 brass watch.

1 towel, 1 bottle odol, 1 brush, 1 small phial hair oil, 1 shaving brush, 1 shaving stick, and 1 tooth brush in one lot.

4 studs in case.

1 pair spectacles in case and 1 bottle containing lotion in one lot.

1 box safety razor, 1 case containing 2 spare blades, and 1 packet of blades in one lot.

1 pair links in case.

1 phial containing quinine tabloids, 1 tin containing tobacco, 1 silver tobacco box, 1 pipe, 1 lot of relief nibs, and 2 packets pile cleaners.

1 penholder in one lot.

2 pairs scissors, 1 card case, 1 cash bag (cloth) in one lot.

District Court,
Colombo, April 26, 1915.

D. M. JANSZ,
Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned and other unclaimed articles and productions lying in this Court-house will be sold by public auction on May 8, 1915, at 1 P.M. :—

Case No.

—	..	Eight sheets of rubber (about 40 lb.).
4,529	..	One box (lid broken).
4,436	..	Some barbed wire, 1 lamp, 1 wooden post, wire netting.
4,388	..	Gunny bags, 1 lot bottles and glasses.
2,173	..	Two bangles and 2 earrings.
4,272	..	One bucket, 1 piece of zinc.
3,681	..	One lantern.
3,156	..	One crooked comb.
3,092	..	One crooked comb.
—	..	One 1-gallon bottle in rattan case.
—	..	Two stone jars.
3,631	..	One mamoty.
1,634	..	One mamoty.
22,950	..	Two kerchiefs, 4 sarongs, 1 white coat and 4 buttons, 2 red Tamby caps, 1 umbrella, 1 cloth bag.
3,740	..	One string of 15 amulets.

Itinerating Police Court, V. P. REDLICH,
Henaratgoda, April 22, 1915. Itinerating Police Magistrate.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-mentioned movables forming part of the estate in D. C. Curatorship case No. 66 will be sold by public auction at the District Court, Mullaittivu, on May 14, 1915, at 10 A.M. :—

1 he-buffalo	2 cow-calves
2 cows	

District Court,
Mullaittivu, April 24, 1915.

E. T. HUGHES,
District Judge.

WILL be sold by public auction on Tuesday, May 4, 1915, at 12 noon, at the Government Stores, the following:—

Zinc lining	Hoop iron
Bale cloth	Firewood
Empty barrels	Cement sweepings, &c.

Government Stores,
Colombo, April 26, 1915.

W. A. TAYLOR,
Colonial Storekeeper.

VITAL STATISTICS OF CEYLON.

ANNUAL SUMMARY, 1914.

Population.—The estimated population of Ceylon on December 31, 1914, was about 4,260,300, showing a decrease of nearly 1,800 on the population at the end of last year. The decrease was due to an excess of about 26,700 departures over arrivals of Indian coolies, which more than neutralized the natural excess of nearly 25,300 births over deaths, and has been further enhanced by the departure of 389 Europeans for military purposes in connection with the great European war.

2. The population was made up approximately of the following constituents :—

Nationality.		Number.	Percentage of Total Population.
Sinhalese	Low-country ..	1,770,200	{ 41·6 } 65·7
	Kandyan ..	1,028,600	
Tamils	Indigenous ..	613,500	14·4
	Immigrants and their descendants* ..	512,800	12·0
Moors	..	269,800	6·3
Burghers	..	27,700	·7
Malays	..	13,400	·3
Europeans	..	7,400†	·2
Others	..	16,900	·4

3. **Indian Coolies.**—During the year under review there were 78,668 arrivals of Indian coolies, against 105,391 departures. The figures are taken from the monthly statements published in the *Government Gazette*, and since the opening of the Indo-Ceylon Railway include (in the case of departures) miscellaneous passengers who could not be distinguished from departing coolies and so swell the number in the statistics.

4. **Marriages.**—18,500 marriages were registered in 1914 under the General Marriage Ordinance, and 4,928 under the Kandyan Marriage Ordinance. These figures correspond to a rate of 11·8 per 1,000 of the population, exclusive of Muhammadans (chiefly Moors and Malays), and are ·5 per 1,000 above the average for the last decade, but ·7 below the rate of 1913. 732 Muhammadan marriages were registered, the rate being nearly 5·0 per mille. There were 55 divorces under the General and 692 under the Kandyan law.

5. **Births.**—There were 162,177 births registered in 1914. This number has not been exceeded since registration began in any year but 1913, and corresponded to a rate of 38·1 per 1,000 living. The rate was slightly above the average (37·5) for the previous decade, but below (38·6) the rate in the preceding year. Proportion of births to population in Ceylon is similar to that prevailing in other tropical countries, and is considerably higher than the rate in England and Wales. The birth-rate on tea, rubber, and cacao estates, where Indian Tamils form the bulk of the labour force, was 38·9. The urban rate was 27·5, Mullaitivu leading with a rate of 50·0, followed by Moratuwa with 49·6. The Colombo rate was 22·0. There were 104 male to every 100 female births in Ceylon, the same as the English rate.

6. **Deaths.**—136,831 deaths were registered in 1914. This number is the second largest recorded in Ceylon in a single year—the largest being recorded in 1911 (143,380)—and corresponded to a rate of 32·2, as against 28·4 in the preceding year, and a decennial mean rate of 30·2. The average death-rate of Ceylon is generally much lower than that prevailing in the Straits Settlements; it is almost identical with the rates which obtain in Bombay Presidency, Bengal, and British Guiana; but the mortality exceeds that of Madras and Jamaica, whilst it is more than double the average annual mortality in England and Wales, and almost three times the rate in the Australian Commonwealth and New Zealand. The female death-rate was, as is usual in Ceylon, higher than the male. The mortality per 1,000 was highest in the North-Central and lowest in the Western Province. The crude estate death-rate rose to 42·9 from an average of 33·2, and was as high as 79·2 and 74·5 in Ratnapura and Kurunegala estates respectively. But the estate districts are not on a perfect equality with the rest of the Island as regards the age and sex distribution of their population, and for comparison purposes the rate should therefore be corrected for such variations in the age- and sex-constitution, taking the proportion of the population of Ceylon at the various age periods as a standard. The rate thus standardized for the estate population was 52·8. The crude urban death-rate was 29·0; the standardized rate was 31·6. The highest standardized rates (64 per 1,000) were in the towns of Anuradhapura and Mullaitivu, and the lowest 14·8 in Kegalla (excluding Nuwara Eliya with a rate of 8·9, in which the population is largely migratory). The Colombo standardized death-rate was 27·4.

7. **Infant Mortality.**—213 infants under one year died to every 1,000 born. The rate in 1913 was 189, and the average 191. The estate rate was 246 as in the previous year; the urban rate (including Colombo) was 255, as against 246 in the previous year, and ranged from 137 in Kalutara to 628 in Kalpitiya. The Colombo rate was 260, against 235 in 1913.

8. **Principal Causes of Death.**—*Pyrexia* heads the list of causes of death with 27,026, against 22,769 in 1913; but these figures should be accepted with caution as the term is a vague one descriptive of one of the symptoms of various diseases. The majority of fatal cases attributed to this cause was doubtless due to Malaria. *Diarrhœa* takes the next place with 14,929 victims, against 13,419 in 1913; then *Convulsions* with 14,614, against 12,811 in 1913; and *Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue* with 10,319, against 9,703 in 1913. *Diseases of Early Infancy* accounted for 7,064, against 6,286 in 1913; *Dysentery* for 4,729, against 4,198 in 1913; *Tuberculosis*, including *Phthisis*, for 4,658, against 4,271 in 1913; deaths from *Phthisis* increased from 3,849 in 1913 to 4,227 in 1914. 4,301 deaths from *Pneumonia* were registered in 1914, 4,281 in 1913; 3,705 from *Anæmia*, 3,208 in 1913. Many deaths attributed to Anæmia are really due to Anchylostomiasis. To *Malaria* and *Malarial Cachexia* were attributed 2,743 cases, as against 2,134 in 1913; to *Anchylostomiasis* 2,635, against 2,196 in 1913; the death-rate from this cause has within the last ten years steadily risen from 83 to 620 per million living—more than seven-fold—and out of every 100 deaths from this cause in the Island over 84 were on estates; the incidence of mortality is greatest on the Tamils, viz., over 85 deaths among them for less than 15 deaths among all other races together. There were reported 1,097 fatal cases of *Enteritis*, against 1,012 in 1913; 1,065 cases of *Bronchitis*, against 1,034 in 1913; 422 cases of *Cancer*, a decrease on the number, 523, registered in the previous year. There were 297 deaths registered from *Enteric Fever*, against 394 in 1913.

9. The year reviewed was signalized by a sudden outbreak of *Plague* for the first time in the history of Ceylon. The first case was discovered on January 25 in Sea street in the city of Colombo. The total number of deaths registered in the Island during the year was 401, of which 378 were within the Municipal limits of Colombo and 23 elsewhere (12 in Colombo District, 3 in Kalutara, 2 each in Kandy and Kegalla, and 1 each in Galle, Jaffna, Mannar, and Kurunegala).

* Chiefly employed on tea, cacao, and rubber estates.

† These figures are exclusive of the 389 Europeans who left the Island for military purposes in connection with the present war.

10. There were 101 deaths (against 1 in 1913) from *Smallpox* (69 in Colombo District, 21 in Badulla, 3 each in Kalutara, Kandy, and Hambantota, and 1 each in Galle and Matara), and 47 deaths (against 74 in 1913) from *Cholera* (19 in Galle District, 13 in Colombo, 8 in Nuwara Eliya, 3 in Kegalla, and 2 each in Negombo and Kalutara).

11. Affections caused by external causes :—

(a) *Suicide*.—209 deaths were due to suicide, against 233 in 1913.

(b) *Homicide*.—209 deaths were attributed to homicide, against 193 in 1913.

(c) *Executions*.—There were 36 judicial executions, against 21 in 1913.

(d) *Accidents*.—Of the 1,882 deaths attributed to accidents and other external violence, 430 were due to drowning (of which 34 were in pits and 136 in wells), 365 to falls from trees, 237 to snake-bite, 187 to burns (of which, 35 were due to kerosine oil lamps). Trains were responsible for 51 victims, carts and carriages for 33, and motor cars for 13. Landslips caused 30 deaths and lightning 28.

Colombo, April 10, 1915.

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Registrar-General's Weekly Health Report of the City of Colombo for the Week ended April 24, 1915.

Births.—The total births registered in the city of Colombo in the week were 140 (2 Europeans, 13 Burghers, 89 Sinhalese, 10 Tamils, 21 Moors, 4 Malays, and 1 Other). The birth-rate per 1,000 per annum (calculated on the estimated population on January 1, 1915, viz., 247,397) was 29·5, as against 20·0 in the preceding week, 22·5 in the corresponding week of last year, and 22·2 the weekly average for last year.

Deaths.—The total deaths registered were 103 (1 European, 6 Burghers, 53 Sinhalese, 21 Tamils, 15 Moors, 3 Malays, and 4 Others). The death-rate per 1,000 per annum was 21·7, as against 21·3 in the previous week, 27·2 in the corresponding week of last year, and 26·7 the weekly average for last year.

Infantile Deaths.—Of the 103 total deaths, 25 were of infants under one year of age, as against 26 in the preceding week, 20 in the corresponding week of the previous year, and 27 the average for last year.

Stillbirths.—The number of stillbirths registered during the week was 9.

Principal Causes of Death.—Ten deaths from *Pneumonia* were registered, as against 8 in the previous week and 11 the weekly average for last year. Of these, 6 were in Maradana (including 1 death of a non-resident in hospital), 1 in San Sebastian, 1 in Kotahena, 1 in New Bazaar, and 1 in Slave Island. Two deaths from *Bronchitis* were registered.

2. Eight deaths from *Phthisis* were registered, as against 12 in the previous week and 14 the weekly average for last year. Of these, 3 were in Slave Island, 2 in New Bazaar, 1 in St. Paul's, 1 in Kotahena, and 1 of a non-resident in the Maradana hospital.

3. Seven deaths from *Enteric Fever* were registered, as against 2 in the previous week and the weekly average for last year. Of these, 4 were in Kotahena, 2 in Wellawatta, and 1 in Maradana.

4. Three deaths from *Smallpox* were registered, as against 2 in the previous week. Of these, 2 were in Kotahena and the other of a vagrant in the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Wellawatta. Five cases were reported, as against 4 in the previous week.

5. No deaths from *Plague* were registered either in this or the previous week. Two cases were reported. There were none in the previous week.

6. Thirteen deaths from *Infantile Convulsions* were registered, 7 from *Enteritis*, 6 from *Debility*, 3 from *Tetanus*, 2 from *Worms*, 2 from *Diarrhoea*, 2 from *Dysentery*, and 38 from *Other Causes*.

7. Nine cases of *Chickenpox* were reported, as against 10 in the previous week. One case of *Measles* was reported, none were reported in the previous week.

State of the Weather.—The mean temperature of air was 83·7°, against 82·5° in the preceding week and 83·4° in the corresponding week of the previous year. The mean atmospheric pressure was 29·790 in., against 29·849 in. in the preceding week and 29·855 in. in the corresponding week of the previous year. The total rainfall in the week was 0·93 in., against 1·73 in. in the preceding week and 0·61 in. in the corresponding week of the previous year.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, April 27, 1915.

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