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PROCLAMATIONS BY THE GOVERNOR.

IN the Name of Her Majesty VICTORIA, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir J. WEST RIDGEWAY, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Ceylon, with the Dependencies thereof.

WEST RIDGEWAY.

WHEREAS by section 2 of the Ordinance No. 5 of 1873, it is amongst other things enacted that "promoters" shall mean any person, corporation, or company authorized by Proclamation in the *Government Gazette* to be issued by the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, for that purpose, to construct and work tramways in any part of this Island, and any person, corporation, or company claiming under the said promoters:

And whereas John Melvill Boustead, of Colombo, and Edgar George Money, also of Colombo, carrying on business in Colombo aforesaid under the style or firm of Boustead Brothers, have entered into an agreement with the Municipal Council of the town of Colombo to construct and work tramways in the said town of Colombo, and it is expedient to declare the said John Melvill Boustead and Edgar George Money to be "promoters" for the purposes of the said Ordinance:

Now know Ye that We, the said Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, do by this Our Proclamation authorize the said John Melvill Boustead and Edgar George Money, carrying on business under the style or firm of Boustead Brothers, to construct and work tramways in the town of Colombo under and in pursuance of the terms of the said Ordinance, and We do hereby declare the said John Melvill Boustead and Edgar George Money, carrying on business as aforesaid, to be "promoters" for the purposes of the said Ordinance.

Given at Colombo, in the said Island of Ceylon, this Fourth day of December, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Ninety-six.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

APPOINTMENTS. &c., BY THE GOVERNOR.

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

Mr. H. LOOS to act as Office Assistant to the Attorney-General for fourteen days from December 9, 1896.

Mr. N. E. COOKE to act as Crown Counsel for the Island for fourteen days from December 9, 1896.

Mr. W. E. DE VOS to be a Justice of the Peace for the District of Galle.

Mr. E. P. WILLISFORD, of Blackwater estate, Galboda, to be a Justice of the Peace for the Division of Lower Ambagamuwa and an Unofficial Police Magistrate for the Judicial Divisions of Hatton and Gampola.

Dr. GEO. P. SCHOKMAN to be an Official Member of the Board of Health, Uva, and Local Board of Health, Badulla, *vice* Dr. E. GRATIAEN, who has left the Province.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 10, 1896.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to be Unofficial Members of the Local Board of Ratnapura for the years 1897 and 1898:—

Hon. W. ELLAWALA.
Mr. DANIEL JAMES JAYETILAKA.
Mr. CHARLES VANDENBERG.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 7, 1896.

IT is hereby notified that the following gentlemen have been elected Unofficial Members of Local Boards for the years 1897 and 1898:—

For Badulla.

Mr. BARANDT LUDWIG POTGER.
Mr. PITCHI PAKIR SAIBO.
Mr. VALANTINE ABEWICKREME.

For Puttalam.

ANTHONY DE ROSAIRO, Mudaliyar.
Mr. M. NEINA NEINA MARIKAR MOHAMADU
ALLY MARIKAR.
Mr. ZANI MUDALI SEHA MARIKAR.

For Chilaw.

Mr. T. M. NOORDEEN.
Mr. J. P. FERNANDO.
Mr. A. PIERIES.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 10, 1896.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint RAJAPAKSAPATIRAGÉ DON SIMON, Vidane Arachchi, to act as Registrar of Marriages, Births, and Deaths of Kesbêwa and Mâmpe Divisions in Salpiti koralé, in the District of Colombo, for three weeks from the 15th instant, during the absence of the Registrar, DON CHARLES GERARD DE ALWIS, on leave. His office will be at Pèlangahawatta in Mâmpe.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 10, 1896.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has been pleased to appoint the following persons to be assessors of property within the town of Badulla, under the provisions of the 5th section of Ordinance No. 7 of 1886, for 1897, in the place of Messrs. R. SOLOMON and D. A. EMILIAN, resigned:—

Mr. M. SMAHON.
Mr. W. A. EATON.

By His Excellency's command,

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 7, 1896.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

IT is hereby notified that an Examination under the regulations of August 26, 1891, will be held in the Council Chamber on Monday, January 18, 1897, at 11 o'clock A.M.

The *viva voce* Examination in the Native languages for officers in the Public Works Department will be held at the same time and place.

Candidates are requested to send in their names not later than the 31st instant.

Gentlemen in the Civil Service should state in their applications whether they are presenting themselves for the first or second Examination, and whether they intend taking up the Sinhalese or Tamil language.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 3, 1896.

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified that Pussellawa Police Court cases will be heard at the Gampola Court from December 1 to 31, 1896, while the former court is closed for repairs.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 4, 1896.

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

IT is hereby notified that lot 2,410 in preliminary plan 688, advertised in the *Government Gazette* No. 5,441 of November 27, 1896, for sale at the Badulla Kachcheri, is withdrawn from sale.

By His Excellency the Governor's command,

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, December 11, 1896.

W. T. TAYLOR,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

STATEMENT of the Account of the Commissioners of Currency for the Month ended October 31, 1896, required by section 20 of Ordinance No. 32 of 1884 :—

CIRCULATION.		Value.	
		Rs.	c.
Currency notes in circulation on October 31, 1896	—	9,700,000 0
RESERVE.		In Silver.	
		Rs.	c.
By silver in the vault (12 cents copper)	5,084,897 22	—
By investments made by the Crown Agents as per annexed statements (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g)	—	2,795,318 8
By securities invested in Indian Government paper as per annexed statement (h)	—	1,819,784 70
		<u>5,084,897 22</u>	<u>4,615,102 78</u>
Total ...		9,700,000 0	0

W. T. TAYLOR, Acting Colonial Secretary, }
 ELIAN A. KING, Acting Treasurer, } *Currency*
 F. R. SAUNDERS, Acting Auditor-General, } *Commissioners.*

Value of Securities, calculated at the latest known Market Prices of September, 1896.

Cost.	Stock Held.	Description.	Latest known Market Prices of September 30, 1896.	Brokerage.	Net Price.	Value.	Net Value.
Rs. c.	£ s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
(a) 599,283 0	3,290 4 7	Cape 4 per cent. Consolidated Stock	115	114½	3,775 10 8		
	5,500 0 0	Canada Dominion 5 per cent. Debentures	113½	113½	6,228 15 0		
	6,200 0 0	Do. 4 do. do.	109½	109½	6,773 10 0		
	8,267 18 7	Do. 3 do. Stock	100	99½	8,247 5 2		
	2,918 11 10	South Australia 4 do. do.	109	108½	3,173 19 3		
	1,019 1 8	Queensland 3½ do. do.	105	104½	1,067 9 8		
	4,313 7 5	New South Wales 3½ do. do.	106	105½	4,561 7 9		
	3,601 7 11	Do. 3½ do. Inscribed Stock	106	105½	3,808 9 5		
	100 0 0	Do. 4 do. do.	117½	117½	117 5 0		
	100 0 0	Do. 4 do. Debentures	107	106½	106 15 0		
(b) 292,708 50	8,600 0 0	Do. 5 do. do.	104½	104½	8,965 10 0		
	8,000 0 0	Do. 4 do. do.	107	106½	8,540 0 0		
	8,000 0 0	Victoria 4 do. do.	102½	102½	8,180 0 0		
	6,400 0 0	Canada Dominion 4 do. do.	109½	109½	6,992 0 0		
(c) 299,994 0	5,000 0 0	Do. 4 do. do.	109½	109½	5,462 10 0		
	5,000 0 0	South Australia 4 do. do.	111	110½	5,537 10 0		
	5,400 0 0	New South Wales 5 do. do.	104½	104½	5,629 10 0		
	5,000 0 0	Victoria 4½ do. do.	108	107½	5,387 10 0		
(d) 88,000 0	5,653 12 2	Do. 4 do. Inscribed Stock	105	104½	5,922 3 0		
	11,792 17 2	Do. 3½ do. do.	103	102½	12,055 10 2		
	13,277 0 5	South Australia 3½ do. do.	109	108½	14,438 15 1		
	10,124 12 3	New Zealand 3½ do. do.	105	104½	10,605 10 7		
(e) 1,000,000 0	9,344 14 4	New South Wales 3½ do. do.	106	105½	9,882 0 8		
	10,694 19 6	Cape 3½ do. do.	106	105½	12,165 10 6		
	10,000 0 0	Canada Dominion 3 do. do.	114	113½	9,975 0 0		
	2,053 17 9	New South Wales 3½ do. do.	106	105½	2,171 19 8		
	3,145 9 1	New Zealand 3½ do. do.	105	104½	3,294 17 2		
	5,167 18 8	Consols 2½ do. do.	105	104½	5,639 10 1		
(f) 215,332 58	3,629 15 0	Local Loans 3 do. Stock	109½	109½	3,983 12 10		
	5,629 16 10	Queensland 3½ do. do.	110	109½	5,897 5 1		
	10,705 8 9	South Australia 3½ do. do.	105	104½	11,642 3 2		
2,795,318 8	187870 13 11		Market Price of Oct. 31, 1896.				
(h) 1,819,784 70	Rs. c. 1,841,300 0	Indian Securities	102½	102½			200228 14 11 at exchange 1s. 2¼d. per rupee = Rs. c. 3,271,822 93
							Present value of Securities = 5,159,155 43
							Original cost of Securities = 4,615,102 78
4,615,102 78							Difference in favour of present value = 544,052 65 (or about 11 per cent. of Investments)

Depreciation Fund Investments.

Cost.	Stock Held.	Description.	Latest known Market Prices of September 30, 1896.	Brokerage.	Net Price.	Value.	Net Value.
Rs. c.	£ s. d.					£ s. d.	£ s. d.
13,107 1	837 2 1	New South Wales 4 per cent. Inscribed Stock	117½	117½	981 10 0		
13,390 55	837 16 9	Cape Consolidated Stock	115	114½	961 8 3		
12,737 15	957 1 2	Canada Dominion 3 per cent. Stock	100	99½	954 13 4		
12,246 0	914 8 6	Victoria 3½ per cent. Stock	103	102½	939 11 4		
13,776 75	966 15 3	South Australia 3½ per cent. Stock	109	108½	1,051 6 11		
27,944 78	1,892 5 4	Victoria 3½ per cent. Stock	103	102½	1,944 6 0		
28,676 96	1,763 0 1	New Zealand 3½ per cent. Stock	105	104½	1,846 14 10		
32,605 7	1,747 18 2	Queensland 3½ per cent. Stock	105	104½	1,830 18 6		
32,206 36	1,878 3 1	Canada Dominion 3 per cent. Stock	100	99½	1,873 9 2		12,383 18 4 at exchange 1s. 2¼d. per rupee = Rs. c. 202,358 47
	11,794 10 5						
59,998 62	Rs. c. 60,000 0	Indian Securities					
36,582 48	37,000 0	do.					
48,000 0	48,000 0	do.					
56,373 68	54,000 0	do.					
52,659 73	49,500 0	do.					
	248,500 0	do.	102½	102½			254,712 50
							Present value of Securities = 457,070 97
							Original cost of Securities = 440,305 14
440,305 14							Difference in favour of present value = 16,765 83 (or about 3 per cent. of Investments)
							Amount uninvested ... 8,534 23

SEASON REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1896.

WESTERN PROVINCE.

COLOMBO DISTRICT.

Paddy : the recent heavy rains have done some damage to standing crops, but a fairly good harvest is expected.

Dry grain : no cultivation worth reporting.

Other products : the supply of vegetables was good and prices were moderate, but fruit was rather scarce and dear.

Prices of staple products : rice, from Rs. 3.50 to 4.50 a bushel ; coconuts, from Rs. 30 to Rs. 38 a thousand.

Rainfall : during the month there was rather more rain than was wanted.

Remarks on harvest prospects generally : on the whole, a fairly good maha harvest is expected.

KALUTARA DISTRICT.

Paddy : the sowing of the maha harvest was over during the month throughout the district. The plants have been damaged by the recent flood.

Dry grain : nil.

Other products : fruit and vegetables are scarce in the district, except in Rayigam korale, where vegetables are abundant.

Prices of staple products : imported rice, Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 a bushel ; country rice, Rs. 3 to Rs. 4.50 a bushel ; coconuts, Rs. 35 to Rs. 40 a thousand.

Rainfall : very heavy.

Remarks on harvest prospects generally : it is expected that the yield of the maha harvest will be less than that of last year.

NEGOMBO DISTRICT.

Paddy : paddy plants have been damaged by the heavy rains.

Dry grain : no cultivation during the month.

Other products : fruit and vegetables were scarce.

Prices of staple products : rice, from Rs. 3.50 to Rs. 4.50 a bushel ; coconuts, from Rs. 33 to Rs. 37.50 a thousand.

Rainfall : plentiful.

Remarks on harvest prospects generally : prospect of a fairly good harvest.

CENTRAL PROVINCE.

KANDY DISTRICT.

Paddy, maha : transplanting of paddy in Udunuwara, Yatinuwara, Tumpane, Harispattu, Pata Dumbara, Pata Hewaheta, and Uda Bulatgama is over ; in Uda Dumbara the paddy plants are in blade, and in Udapalata in ear. Crop or prospect of crop : good in Udapalata ; too early to form an opinion with regard to other divisions.

Yala : nil.

Dry grain, maha : hill paddy chenas in Yatinuwara, Tumpane, Harispattu, and Uda Bulatgama are about to blossom ; in Udunuwara, Yatinuwara, Tumpane, and Harispattu amu in blade ; in Pata Dumbara kurakkan chenas are being sown ; and in Uda Dumbara they are in blade. Crop or prospect of crop : too early to form an opinion.

Yala : nil.

Rainfall : sufficient, in Udapalata excessive.

Prices : paddy, Re. 1.75 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; coconuts, Rs. 5 per 100.

MATALE DISTRICT.

Rainfall registered at Matale : 18.01 in.

Paddy : maha cultivation is still going on, except in Laggala, Matale east, where yala fields are being harvested. Some of the maha fields in plants were damaged by the heavy rains.

Dry grain : some of the kurakkan chenas are in plants, others are being sown.

Tanks in Matale north : most of the tanks are full.

Health of cattle : satisfactory.

Health of people : good, a few cases of measles and chickenpox were reported from Matale north and south.

Prices : rice, Rs. 4 to Rs. 5.50 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1.25 per bushel ; and coconuts, Rs. 3 per 100.

NUWARA ELIYA DISTRICT.

Kotmale.—Maha cultivation has begun everywhere in the district. In some villages plants are about four months old. In others fields are weeded and transplanted. The weather is most favourable for the sown fields. Prospects are very promising. Kurakkan chenas are being reaped with very satisfactory results. Fruits were scarce, but the supply of vegetables was satisfactory. Market prices were normal.

Uda Hewaheta.—Yala cultivation is satisfactory, and prospects seem to be promising. Kurakkan chenas are budding, and the recent rains which lasted from November 1 to 20 were satisfactory and favourable to the standing crops. The supply of vegetables and fruits was fair. Chickenpox and hoof-and-mouth disease amongst cattle prevail in some villages.

Walapane.—Yala harvest is being gathered in some villages with fair outturns. Kurakkan chenas are doing well in consequence of the recent rains.

NORTHERN PROVINCE.

JAFFNA DISTRICT.

Weather : there was abundance of rain during the month, the only two rainless days in the Jaffna District being the 29th and 30th. The rains which fell on the 8th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 16th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd were heavy and general, and the rainfall on other days was scanty and partial. The rainfall registered by the Public Works Department at Jaffna was 14.46 in., against 12.83 in November, 1895.

Paddy, kalapokam, 1897 : the paddy is in plants from 2 to 2½ months old, except in Karachchi, where the early sowing is in ear. The plants of the late sowing were attacked by Arakkoddiyan, a species of caterpillar, in Valikamam west, Vadamarachchi east, Tenmaradchi, Punakari, and The islands. The injury done by them is not however fatal, as the caterpillars have disappeared from most places and the plants are regaining their vigour. A few fields of the late sowing in Valikamam west have also been attacked with the disease called senthal (barren shoot). Weeding and transplanting were vigorously carried on during the month. The weeding operation has been much more expensive than usual, as the weed seeds which lay dormant during the drought thickly sprang up with the fall of rain and the sowing of paddy. There is sufficient water for the present, and the prospects are in general very good.

Dry grain : kurakkan is in ear and being reaped ; the outturn is reported good. Varaku and karuttachami are in plants and doing well. Mondy and putsamy, sown only in Valikamam west and The Islands, are in plants and ear. Uluntu, kollu, and payaru, sown in Valikamam north, are in tender plants. The dry grain cultivation of the islands of Delft has been greatly damaged by the caterpillars above referred to.

Prices of staple articles : paddy, between Re. 1.62 and Rs. 2 per bushel ; rice, Rs. 4.37½ per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1.37½ per bushel ; varaku, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; tinaichchamy, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; panichchamy, Re. 1.50 per bushel.

MANNAR DISTRICT.

Rainfall : good showers of rain in Mannar island, and heavy rains in mainland. Almost all tanks spilled. Rainfall registered is 14.75 in.

State of crops : sowing of paddy continues. Those in plants doing well. Dry grains in Mannar island also doing well. Prospects in general very good.

Prices of grain : prices of grain have risen owing to no large consignments of rice coming in on account of apprehension of famine and prevalence of cholera in India, but there is no scarcity. Paddy sells at Re. 1.75 per bushel ; rice sells at Rs. 4.50 per bushel ; kurakkan sells at Re. 1.25 per bushel.

MULLAITTIVU DISTRICT.

Crops : sowing and preparations for sowing still continue. Paddy crop of fields already cultivated is in a flourishing condition.

Dry grain crop : kurakkan and varaku are in the plant stage.

Weather : good rain throughout the district. The wind blew generally from the north-east.

Health of people : fair, but there has been fever.

Health of cattle : good.

Prices of grain : paddy, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; rice, Rs. 3.25 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1.25 per bushel ; varaku, 75 cents per bushel ; gingelly, Rs. 4 per bushel ; uluntu, Rs. 3.50 per bushel ; payaru, Rs. 4 per bushel ; kollu, Rs. 2.50 per bushel.

VAVUNIYA DISTRICT.

There have been good showers of rain throughout the district during the month. Rainfall registered at Vavuniya is 11.61 in.

Ploughing and sowing for the kalapokam harvest are in progress. Tanks full.

Prices : paddy, Re. 1.12 to 1.28 per bushel ; rice, Rs. 3.20 to Rs. 4 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1 to Re. 1.25 per bushel ; gingelly, Rs. 4 per bushel.

Fever is prevailing throughout the district.

The murrain which was raging in Kilakumulai north has spread into Melpattu south, 199 out of 208 cases are reported to have proved fatal.

SOUTHERN PROVINCE.

GALLE DISTRICT.

Paddy, maha : heavy rain caused much damage to paddy plants, especially to newly sown lands, seed paddy in some of them having been washed away. The standing plants are looking well and promise a good harvest.

Dry grain : hardly any cultivation.

Miscellaneous : jak and breadfruit are scarce ; the other vegetables are in fair supply ; cocoanuts, Rs. 30 per thousand nuts.

Prices of staple products : rice, Rs. 3.50 to Rs. 5.50 per bushel ; paddy, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; kurakkan, Rs. 3.84 per bushel ; Indian corn, 75 cents per 100 cobs ; mederi, Re. 1.50 per bushel ; and amu, Re. 1.25 per bushel.

Rainfall : 16.92 in.

Health : satisfactory.

Cattle : free from disease.

MATARA DISTRICT.

Paddy* : good.

Dry grain : good.

Prices : paddy, Re. 1.75 per bushel ; fine grain, Re. 1.68 per bushel.

HAMBANTOTA DISTRICT.

Paddy : ploughing and mudding for maha going on throughout the district. In West Giruwa pattu many fields are being cultivated, which have lain fallow for four years.

Rainfall : fair.

Health : fever and dysentery have prevailed to some extent. Some cases of hoof-and-mouth disease are reported in West Giruwa pattu.

Prices : rice, Rs. 3.50 to 4.75 per bushel ; paddy, Re. 1.25 to 1.75 per bushel ; kurakkan, Re. 1.25 to Re. 1.84 per bushel ; cocoanuts, Rs. 35 to 45 per 1,000 ; Indian corn, 50 to 62½ cents per 100 cobs ; sweet potatoes, Re. 1. per cwt.

EASTERN PROVINCE.

BATTICALOA DISTRICT.

Paddy : sowing of early munmari for the harvest of next year is nearly over. Weather has been very favourable for sowing. Preparations are made to commence sowing for later munmari.

Other grains : Indian corn crops on chena and private lands are in good condition ; harvesting will commence after middle of next month. Kurakkan is being sown.

Price of paddy : Re. 1.25 a bushel.

Price of other grains : none sold in the market.

Rainfall : 18·92 in.

Health of people : on the whole good. There are a few cases of dysentery, measles, and the usual amount of fever prevailing at this time of the year.

Health of cattle : hoof disease is on the decline.

TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT.

Rainfall : 19·04 in.

Paddy : sowing of the munmari cultivation completed. Condition of plants very satisfactory, except in some parts of the Tamblegam pattu, where cultivation has been damaged by too much rain.

Tobacco : cultivation already commenced and some of the gardens being planted.

Dry grain : none.

Manioca : cultivation in Tamblegam pattu is in a good condition.

Fishery : no fishing is carried on now owing to the setting in of the rain.

Prices of articles : paddy, Re. 1·50 per bushel ; rice, Rs. 3·87 per bushel ; dry grain, Re. 1·25 per bushel cassawa, 4 cents per lb.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE.

KURUNEGALA DISTRICT.

Wanni Hatpattu.—Fields are being ploughed throughout the hatpattu. Rain being abundant and tanks full prospects are good. Chenas all sown and crop young ; prospects favourable. No disease among cattle. Health of people good.

Dewamedi Hatpattu.—Paddy : some earing and some being sown. Rain being sufficient prospects very good, Chena crop young ; prospects favourable. Health of people good, except a few cases of measles. Health of cattle good. Murrain in one village on the decrease.

Katugampola Hatpattu.—Paddy crop young ; prospects good. Chena crop promising. Health of people good, except in a few palatas.

Dambadeni Hatpattu.—Paddy crop young and slightly damaged owing to excessive rain ; prospects otherwise good. Chenas small extent cultivated ; prospects very favourable. Health of people very fair, except a few cases of measles and chickenpox in one korale. Health of cattle good.

Weudawili Hatpattu.—Paddy crop earing ; a good crop anticipated. Chena crop good. Health of people and cattle good.

Hiriyala Hatpattu.—Paddy crop young, some fields still being ploughed. Standing crop good. Chena crop young ; prospects good. Health of people good, except a few cases of fever and cold. Health of cattle good.

PUTTALAM DISTRICT.

Paddy : in Demala hatpattu, Puttalam pattu (including Akkarai pattu south and Rajakumarawanni pattus), Akkarai pattu north, and Pomparippu pattus the crops are tender, but look healthy ; in some pattus ploughing and sowing are being done ; prospect middling.

Dry grain : in Demala hatpattu chenass are being sown with dry grain, and in the other pattus the crop is young.

Staple products : price of rice varies from Rs. 4·25 to Rs. 4·50 per bushel ; cocoanuts, Rs. 3·50 to Rs. 4 per 100.

Rainfall : the weather has been unusually wet during the month, and the rainfall registered is 14·78 in. The rain has breached several tanks and damaged the main roads.

CHILAW DISTRICT.

Northern Division.—Fields being ploughed for bala-wi cultivation. Some of the bala-wi cultivation already done has been damaged by flood.

Central Division.—6,381 bushels of ma-wi and ilankali have been cultivated, of which 547 bushels have been damaged by rain and floods, and a large extent of the cultivation is yet under water. The cultivation in high level fields is in very good condition and just beginning to ear. Kurakkan cultivation is reported to be 20½ bushels and doing well.

Southern Division.—Bala-wi cultivation ceased, and the rains have partly damaged the crops. 37 bushels of fine grain cultivated, and is thriving well. Tanks full and some overflowed, causing slight damages.

NORTH-CENTRAL PROVINCE.

ANURADHAPURA DISTRICT.

Rainfall : at Anuradhapura 14·02 in. There has been rain throughout the Province.

Paddy : the crops of the Singhala and Meda pattu of Tamankaduwa District have been reaped. In other parts of the Province the fields are being either ploughed or sown, or have a growth of young paddy plants thereon.

Tanks : some of the tanks are full and have spilt. There are others which are yet half full and quarter full.

Health of cattle : cattle murrain is reported to be prevalent in some villages of Nuwaragam palata. All cases of disease are being treated according to the instructions of the Assistant Veterinary Surgeon.

Health of people : satisfactory.

PROVINCE OF UVA.

BADULLA DISTRICT.

The rains which came on a little earlier than usual this year have been very heavy and, with the exception of a short break at the end of the month, continuous. The registered rainfall in Badulla was 15·39 in. Several fields by the banks of streams have been washed away. The yala crop and chenass have been sown. The young paddy plants are doing well. The food supply is good ; fruit and vegetables plentiful. The health of the people has been good except for a few cases of dysentery. Foot and mouth disease has almost disappeared.

PROVINCE OF SABARAGAMUWA.

RATNAPURA DISTRICT.

Paddy: the recent floods to some extent have damaged the maha crops on the low-lying fields of the district. The crops on the other fields look well, and some are just beginning to flower. In Pussella, Kuruwiti korale, blight in some fields have appeared.

Chenas: the crops on el-wi chenas are doing well, and some are now in ear. The kurakkan chenas in the Bintenna are just being sown. In Kolonna korale chenas sown with kurakkan failed, seed not germinating, and this has necessitated the cultivators to repeat sowing a second and third time; prospects not favourable.

Cattle: no disease among cattle is reported.

Health of the people is satisfactory.

KĒGALLA DISTRICT.

Paddy, maha: prospects are good throughout the district, but the rainfall has been rather heavy, and some of the fields have been slightly damaged.

Dry grain: hill paddy, amu, and iringu prospects are good. Kurakkan has been harvested. The yield is in general good. In Three Korales (Walapala) chenas are being prepared for sowing kurakkan. Meneri sown in Beligal korale is growing well.

Prices: paddy, Re. 1.25 to Re. 1.50 per bushel; hill paddy, Re. 1 to Re. 1.25 per bushel; kurakkan, Re. 1 to Re. 1.25 per bushel; mun, Rs. 3.25 to Rs. 3.50 per bushel; amu, 75 cents to Re. 1 per bushel.

Rainfall: registered at Ambanpitiya 22.55 in. (up to 29th), Ruanwella 27.06 in.

Cattle disease: the district is free from cattle disease.

Health of people: two cases of chickenpox were reported from Paranakuru korale and a few cases of dysentery from the village Dedigama in Beligal korale. Otherwise the health of the people is in general good.

NOTICES CALLING FOR TENDERS.

SEALÉD Tenders (in duplicate), marked on the envelopes "Tender for _____," will be received up to noon on Monday, December 14, 1896, from persons willing to contract for supplying the Negombo jail with good drinking water for one year commencing from January 1, 1897.*

2. The tenders should be submitted in duplicate, the original being forwarded to the Inspector-General of Prisons and the duplicate direct to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both being required to be forwarded at the same time.

3. A deposit of Rs. 10, which must be made at the Treasury or Kachcheri, will be required, and no tender will be considered unless the receipt for such deposit is attached thereto; and should any person fail (within a fortnight after he has been written to or notified to the address given by him of the acceptance of his tender), or decline to enter into the contract and bond after he has tendered, or fail to furnish approved security, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

4. Quantity of water required and further particulars may be obtained upon application from the Superintendent of the above-mentioned jail.

5. 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.

6. The person whose tender is accepted by Government will be required to bear the expenses of having the security bonds prepared for the due performance of his contract, which bonds will be subject to the approval of the Attorney-General, but may be drawn by the tenderer's own lawyers.

7. When bonds have been drawn by the tenderers' own lawyers, the name or stamp of the Proctor who drafted the bonds should be affixed to the document.

8. Every alteration should bear the initials of the tenderers, and all tenders containing alterations not bearing the tenderers' initials will be treated as informal and rejected.

9. The tenderer should state the rate per month at which he is prepared to supply water.

10. Every tenderer should write his address on his tender, giving the name of the street and number of the house he lives in.

L. F. KNOLLYS,

Acting Inspector-General of Prisons.

Prisons Office,

Colombo, November 23, 1896.

SEALÉD Tenders (in duplicate), marked on the envelopes "Tender for Victualling the Kurunegala Jail," will be received up to noon on Monday, December 21, 1896, from persons willing to contract for victualling the Kurunegala jail for one year commencing from January 1, 1897.

2. The tenders should be submitted in duplicate, the original being forwarded to the Inspector-General of Prisons and the duplicate direct to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both being required to be forwarded at the same time.

3. The tenders are to be made upon forms which will be supplied upon application to the office of the above-named jail and the Inspector-General of Prisons, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form.

4. A deposit of Rs. 50, which must be made at the Treasury or Kachcheri, will be required before any form of tender is issued; and should any person fail (within a fortnight after he has been written to or notified to the address given by him of the acceptance of his tender), or decline to enter into the contract and bond after he has tendered, or fail to furnish approved security, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

5. When required samples must be deposited. Sufficient securities will be required to join in a bond for the due fulfilment of the contract.

6. The amount of the bond, and all other necessary information, can be ascertained upon application at the offices specified.

7. 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.

8. Persons whose tenders are accepted by Government will be required to bear the expenses of having the security

* Water to be supplied from an approved well at Tammitta.

bonds prepared for the due performance of their contract, which bonds will be subject to the approval of the Attorney-General, but may be drawn by the tenderers' own lawyers.

9. When bonds have been drawn by the tenderers' own lawyers, the name or stamp of the Proctor who drafted the bond should be affixed to the document.

10. Every alteration should bear the initials of the tenderers, and all tenders containing alterations not bearing the tenderers' initials will be treated as informal and rejected.

11. Every tenderer should write his address on his tender, giving the name of the street and the number of the house he lives in.

L. F. KNOLLYS,
Acting Inspector-General of Prisons.

Prisons Office,
Colombo, December 3, 1896.

SEALED tenders, marked on the envelopes "Tender for supply of Materials," will be received up to noon on Wednesday, December 30, 1896, from persons willing to contract for the under-mentioned services.

For supplying materials for the use of the Public Works Department, Central Province, at the following districts during 1897.

Katugastota District.

To be delivered at the following stations : Katugastota, Panwila, Kelebokka, Teldeniya, and Galagedara.

Half-round tiles, per 1,000
Ridge tiles, per 1,000
Bricks, per 1,000
Cadjans, per 1,000
Jak reepers, per 1,000 lin. ft.
Jakwood planks, 2 in., per 100 ft. sq.
Do. 1½ do.
Do. 1¼ do.
Do. 1 do.
Do. ¾ do.

Jakwood in scantlings sawn die square, per cubic ft.
Lunumidella ceiling boards, per 100 sq. ft.
Lime, slaked, per cub. ft., measured in the cart.
Lime, slaked, per bushel.
Gunny bags, second hand, each.
Mana grass, per 100 bundles.
Charcoal, per cwt.
Talipots, each
Oil, cocoanut, per gallon.
Oil, kerosine, per gallon.
Bamboos, each

Matale District.

To be delivered at Matale, Nalanda, Naulla, Rattota, and Dambulla.

List of articles same as Katugastota.

Pussellawa District.

To be delivered at Gampola, Pussellawa, and Ramboda.
List of articles same as Katugastota.

Dimbula District.

To be delivered at Nawalapitiya, Craigie Lea, and Lindula.

List of articles same as Katugastota.

Dikoya District.

To be delivered at Hatton and Dikoya.

List of articles same as Katugastota.

Madampe rattan baskets delivered at Kandy for the use of the Central Province.

2. Each tender to give separate rates for materials delivered at each station.

3. The tenders are to be made in duplicate on forms which will be supplied upon application at the office of the Government Agent, Kandy, or his Assistants at Matale and Nuwara Eliya, and no tender will be considered unless it is furnished on the recognized form.

The original should be forwarded direct to the Director of Public Works, and the duplicate direct to the Hon. the Auditor-General, both to be forwarded at the same time.

4. A deposit of Rs. 20 will be required before any form of tender is issued ; and should any person decline to enter into the contract and bond after he has tendered, or fail to furnish security, such deposit will be forfeited to the Crown. All other deposits will be returned upon signature of a contract.

5. A cash security for the due fulfilment of the contract in each case of Rs. 100 shall be made by the contractor, which security will be paid to the Hon. the Treasurer of Ceylon, and same shall bear the usual Government interest.

6. 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.

7. Persons whose tenders are accepted by Government will be required to bear the expenses of having security bonds prepared for the due performance of their contract, which bonds will be subject to the approval of the Attorney-General, but may be drawn by the tenderers' own lawyers, the name or stamp of whom should be affixed to the document.

8. Every alteration should bear the initials of the tenderers, and all tenders containing alterations not bearing the tenderer's initials will be treated as informal and rejected.

H. WARD,
for Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
Colombo, December 3, 1896.

SALES OF UNSERVICEABLE ARTICLES.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Wednesday, December 16, 1896, there will be sold by public auction at the Police Court of Ratnapura the following confiscated articles :—

10 gallons of kerosine oil
1 gun

J. C. MOLAMURE,
Police Magistrate.

Police Court,
Ratnapura, December 2, 1896.

at the Registrar-General's Office, Colombo, the following unserviceable articles :—

3 almirahs	1 pair scissors
5 book racks	6 bookbinders' knives
1 brush, furniture	1 lantern, hand
1 cart, hand	11 belts, arachchies' and peons'
16 glasses for inkstands	1 hammer, claw
4 inkstands, pewter, square	2 ink pads
11 inkstands, pewter, round	17 nipples for punchers
12 padlocks, iron	

R. G. ANTHONIESZ,
for Registrar-General.

Registrar-General's Office,
Colombo, December 9, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that at 2 P.M. on Saturday, December 19, 1896, will be sold by public auction

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTAL NOTICES.

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PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE at the Government Record Office, Colombo :—			
LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENTS, REVISED EDITION.			
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Vol. IV., Part I., 5 of 1894 to 3 of 1895	...	0	75
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All Proclamations, Regulations, and Ordinances in force in the Colony on 12th January, 1870 ... 15 0			
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1	6 of 1870	9 of 1871	1 0
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3	1 of 1872	7 of 1873	1 0
4	8 of 1873	23 of 1873	1 0
5	1 of 1874	3 of 1875	1 0
6	4 of 1875	3 of 1876	1 0
7	4 of 1876	4 of 1877	1 0
8	5 of 1877	8 of 1877	0 50
9	9 of 1877	23 of 1877	1 0
10	1 of 1878	16 of 1878	1 0
11	1 of 1879	15 of 1879	1 0
<i>Old Volume III.</i>			
1	1 of 1880	17 of 1880	1 0
2	1 of 1881	18 of 1881	1 0
3	1 of 1882	16 of 1882	1 0
4	1 of 1883	18 of 1884	3 0
5	19 of 1884	11 of 1885	1 0
<i>Old Volume IV.</i>			
1	12 of 1885	8 of 1886	1 0
2	9 of 1886	7 of 1887	1 0
3	8 of 1887	2 of 1888	0 40
4	3 of 1888	15 of 1889	2 70
<i>Old Volume V.</i>			
1	16 of 1889	8 of 1890	0 85
2	9 of 1890	1 of 1891	0 45
3	2 of 1891	8 of 1892	0 95
4	9 of 1892	28 of 1892	0 60
5	1 of 1893	4 of 1894	0 55
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The Penal Code (2 of 1883)...	...	2	0
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Text	...	5	0
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J. J. THORBURN,
Acting Government Recordkeeper.

June, 1896.

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G. J. A. SKEEN,
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The Annual Volumes for 1887 to 1890 are out of print and cannot now be supplied.

The Index to the first five volumes, being Appendix IV., 1891, may be had separately, price 2d.

The Bulletin is also sold by John Menzies & Co., of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and Hodges, Figgis & Co., Limited, of Dublin.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, October, 1896.

A GENERAL MEETING of the Seatholders in Holy Trinity Church, Nuwara Eliya, will be held (D.V.) in the vestry thereof on Thursday, December 31, 1896, for the purpose of electing Trustees for the ensuing year.

Nuwara Eliya,
November 25, 1896.

J. E. B. BRINE,
Chairman of Trustees.

A MEETING of the members of All Saints' congregation will be held on Wednesday, December 23, 1896, at 4.30 P.M., in the vestry, for the election of trustees for the ensuing year.

ABRAHAM DIAS,
Incumbent of All Saints', Colombo.

A MEETING of the congregation of St. John's Church, Kalutara, will be held on Tuesday, December 22, 1896, at 5 P.M., to elect trustees for the ensuing year.

L. E. COX.

IN order definitely to bring the tenure of the fabric of the Gampola Church within the terms of the Ordinance of 1865, it is proposed to hold a meeting of the congregation on December 24, 1896, at 4 P.M., in the vestry of St. Andrew's, Gampola, for the election of trustees and transaction of such other business as may be deemed advisable.

H. PERERA,
Honorary Secretary.

Gampola, November 29, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the 10th clause of Ordinance No. 12 of 1846, a meeting of the congregation of St. Clement's Church, Puttalam, will be held in the Parsonage on Thursday, December 31, 1896, at 6 P.M., for the purpose of electing trustees for the ensuing year.

W. J. P. WALTHAM.

Kurunegala, December 1, 1896.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in pursuance of the 10th clause of Ordinance No. 12 of 1846, a meeting of the congregation of St. James's Church, Chilaw, will be held in the Parsonage on Monday, December 28, 1896, at 5.30 P.M., for the purpose of electing trustees for the ensuing year.

W. J. P. WALTHAM.

Kurunegala, December 1, 1896.

A MEETING of the congregation of Christ Church, Matale, will be held at the Parsonage, Matale, on New Year's day 1897, at 4.30 P.M., for the purpose of electing trustees for the ensuing year, in accordance with the terms of the Ordinance.

A. E. BECKET.

A MEETING of seatholders and members of Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, will be held in the vestry of the church on Thursday, December 31, 1896, at 8 A.M., for the purpose of electing three trustees for the year 1897.

CHARLES A. KOCH,
Chairman of Trustees.

Colombo, December 8, 1896.

FROM and after January 1, 1897, the present free delivery of telegrams within a distance of 5 miles from a Telegraph Office will cease.

Telegrams will only be delivered free of charge within a radius of one mile. A charge of 10 cents per mile or portion of a mile for the 2nd and the 3rd mile will be made. Beyond 3 miles the charge will be 20 cents per mile.

The above charges will be doubled for the delivery of telegrams during the night.

Night delivery of a message cannot in all cases be guaranteed, although endeavour will always be made to effect it.

C. E. D. PENNYCICK,
Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Office,
Colombo, December 9, 1896.

AN examination for admission to the Public Works Department, under the rules of December, 1892, as published in *Gazette* No. 5,192 of December 16, 1892, and printed in the *Ceylon Civil List*, will be held at the Office of the Director of Public Works in Colombo on January 25, 1897, and following days, commencing at 10 A.M.

Applications for nomination should be made to the Colonial Secretary not later than the 31st instant, and should be accompanied by proof of age.

Candidates who have received a nomination from His Excellency the Governor to compete should attend at the Principal Civil Medical Officer's Office, Colombo, on the previous Saturday, January 23, at 12 noon, to undergo the necessary medical examination.

R. D. ORMSBY,
Acting Director of Public Works.

Public Works Department,
Colombo, December 4, 1896.

Statement of Arrivals and Departures of Coolies during the Month of October, 1896.

Ports.	Arrivals.	Departures.	From the commencement of the Year.	
			Arrivals.	Departures.
<i>Colombo.</i>				
Men ...	7,483 ...	3,850 ...	64,734 ...	53,563
Women ...	1,420 ...	919 ...	14,096 ...	13,196
Children ...	1,074 ...	205 ...	11,276 ...	4,296
<i>Negombo.</i>				
Men ...	— ...	20 ...	192 ...	237
Women ...	— ...	— ...	65 ...	67
Children ...	— ...	— ...	17 ...	14
<i>Pesalai.</i>				
Men ...	1,215 ...	596 ...	17,181 ...	6,126
Women ...	364 ...	139 ...	5,444 ...	1,265
Children ...	98 ...	46 ...	1,533 ...	344
<i>Vankalai.</i>				
Men ...	442 ...	184 ...	1,985 ...	3,739
Women ...	119 ...	36 ...	527 ...	950
Children ...	40 ...	14 ...	184 ...	308
	<u>12,255</u>	<u>5,989</u>	<u>117,234</u>	<u>84,105</u>
Customs, Colombo, December 4, 1896.			LIONEL F. LEE, Principal Collector.	

Return of Immigrants and Emigrants at the Port of Colombo during the Week ended December 9, 1896.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Infants.	Total.
Immigrants (coolies) ...	267 ...	58 ...	47 ...	15 ...	387
Emigrants (all classes) ...	874 ...	241 ...	42 ...	9 ...	1,166

J. DONNAN,
Master Attendant.

RETURN OF RAINFALL FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1896.

PROVINCE.	STATION.	Height above Mean Sea Level, in Feet.	Total Rainfall during the Month, in Inches.	Greatest Quantity in any 24 Hours, in Inches.	Date on which the Greatest Quantity Fell.	No. of Days on which Rainfall was Registered.	Direction of Wind.	REMARKS.	
Western	Negombo	6	13.43	1.94	30 Sept.—1	22	N.E.	Mr. Hawke	
	Kalutara	36	15.25	2.85	13—14	24	N.E.	Mr. Silva	
	Labugama	375	20.59	2.34	29—30	24	S.W.	Mr. Samarakone	
Central	Henaratgoda	33	13.32	3.11	30 Sept.—1	24	N.E.	Mr. Silva	
	Nawalapitiya	2,000	27.09	4.35	2—3	29	N.E.	Betram & Co.	
	Katugastota	1,500	16.86	2.88	28—29	20	S.W.	Mr. Johnson	
	New Valley (Dikoya)...	3,708	13.02	1.81	26—27	22	S.W.	Mr. Waddell	
	Helboda (Pussellawa)	3,300	10.23	1.40	1—2	23	Variable	Mr. Gosset	
	Yarrow Estate	3,400	11.11	2.33	27—28	22	Variable	Mr. Shelley	
	Peradeniya	1,540	24.75	4.15	2—3	21	S.W.	Mr. Macmillan	
	Duckwari	3,300	20.24	3.51	29—30	21	Variable	Mr. Spence	
	Caledonia	4,273	9.16	1.17	1—2	28	Variable	Mr. Gookk	
	Pussellawa	3,000	11.88	3.05	28—29	20	S.W.	Mr. Crabbe	
	Hakgala	5,581	15.37	2.48	21—22	26	Variable	Mr. Nook	
	S. Wanarajah Estate ...	3,700	10.74	2.08	28—29	27	Variable	Mr. White	
	St. Andrews(Maskeliya)	4,200	11.26	1.55	14—15	24	Variable	Mr. Taylor	
	Dalguise Est. (Shannon)	4,510	14.56	2.32	24—25	26	Variable	Mr. Theobald	
	Padupola	1,636	48.75	6.10	13—14	27	N.E.	Mr. Waddell	
	Mylapitiya	1,707	9.11	1.71	25—26	16	Variable	Mr. Christie	
	Northern	Aluta	800	21.01	4.60	15—16	20	Variable	Mr. Theobald
Mullaittivu		12	1.35	1.00	12—13	2	N.E.	Mr. Sanmukam	
Jaffna		8	7.53	2.94	16—17	12	Variable	Mr. Tomalin	
Mankulam (N. Road)...		167	6.00	1.50	25—26	7	N.E.	Mr. Walker	
Elephant Pass		7	3.68	1.91	29—30	6	S.E.	Mr. Ludovici	
Vangalachettykulam ...		179	7.85	0.92	18—19	22	N.E.	Mr. Auwardt	
Point Pedro		24	11.31	4.16	26—27	10	S.W.	Mr. Pararashasingha	
Jaffna College		9	8.39	1.80	30 Sept.—1	11	S.W.	Mr. Howland	
Kayts		8	6.19	2.14	26—27	11	S.W.	Mr. Katuruwelpullai	
Kankesanturai		10	8.54	2.14	27—28	12	N.E.	Mr. Evarts	
Pallai		24	7.20	2.18	12—13	12	S.W.	Mr. Ludovici	
Murikandy (N.-C. Road)		7	4.84	1.60	11—12	10	S.W.	Mr. Ludovici	
Nedunkeni		122	10.16	2.50	13—14	14	S.W.	Mr. Sanmukam	
Chavakachcheri		16	11.55	2.70	30—31	12	Variable	Mr. Ludovici	
Udupiddi		35	12.04	3.50	27—28	19	Variable	Mr. Hastings	
Southern		Marichchukaddi	14	11.08	2.65	21—22	16	S.W.	Mr. Viramuttu
		Ella Vella	262	9.10	1.30	28—29	22	W.	Mr. Kretser
	Kekanadura	150	4.99	1.20	2—3	12	S.W.	Mr. Kretser	
	Denagama	286	8.02	1.64	27—28	15	Variable	Mr. Kretser	
	Udukiriwila	235	4.01	1.00	19—20	12	S.W.	Mr. Lourensz	
	Kirama	260	16.84	3.94	20—21	17	S.	Mr. Ismail	
	Hali-ela	200	19.54	2.95	27—28	24	N.E.	Mr. Kretser	
	Tissamaharama	75	5.82	1.65	18—19	9	N.E.	Mr. Lucas	
	Matara	15	9.62	3.60	3—4	14	S.W.	Mr. Kretser	
	Dandeniya	157	4.65	0.87	3—4	16	S.W.	Mr. Kretser	
	Urbokka	890	22.40	3.50	19—20	22	N.E.	Mr. Kretser	
	Elagala	121	10.10	2.50	9—10	11	N.E.	Mr. Lucas	
	Tangalla	94	3.98	1.10	6—7	8	S.W.	Mr. Buyzer	
	Mamadola	56	3.60	1.63	19—20	9	S.W.	Mr. Ebert	
	Eastern	Irrakkamam	42	11.75	2.39	30 Sept.—1	18	Variable	Mr. Ward
		Devilana	136	6.78	1.50	11—12	15	S.E.	Mr. Grigson
		Sagamata	40	7.70	2.00	18—19	11	Variable	Mr. Ward
Ambare		65	13.44	3.05	4—5	17	Variable	Mr. Ward	
Kanthalai		150	13.75	3.25	11—12	9	E.	Mr. Carte	
Allai		95	15.50	4.00	4—5	12	Variable	Mr. Carte	
Rukam		120	5.18	1.15	12—13	19	Variable	Mr. Grigson	
Periyakulam		20	5.41	1.34	18—19	7	Variable	Mr. Carte	
Chadaiyantawala		57	12.14	2.65	1—2	12	Variable	Mr. Ward	
Kalmunai		12	7.50	2.45	26—27	10	Variable	Mr. Ward	
Rotawewa		30	5.99	1.18	11—12	11	E.	Mr. Ward	
Lahngala		70	12.12	2.23	3—4	13	E.	Mr. Ward	
Naulla		30	5.50	2.25	1—2	16	N.	Mr. Ward	
Andankulam		41	6.43	1.21	1—2	10	Variable	Mr. Carte	
Manalpuddy		21	6.80	1.05	30 Sept.—1	13	E.	Mr. Grigson	
North-Western		Magalawewa	176	19.70	3.40	2—3	23	Variable	Mr. MacBride
		Maha Uswewa tank	160	24.15	3.43	19—20	15	N.E.	Mr. Drieberg
North-Central	Tenepitiya	9	16.61	3.65	25—26	21	S.W.	Mr. Simmons	
	Kalawewa	268	11.04	2.25	19—20	20	S.W.	Mr. Weinman	
	Maradankadawala	443	12.20	1.60	11—12	22	N.E.	Mr. Weinman	
	Mihintale	354	8.50	1.30	2—3	12	N.W.	Mr. Goodman	
	Horowapotana	217	11.07	2.60	9—10	12	N.W.	Mr. Goodman	
	Madawachchiya	285	6.05	1.40	28—29	9	N.W.	Mr. Goodman	
Uva	Topare	200	5.00	1.50	1—2	8	S.W.	Mr. Jayawardana	
	Bandarawela	3,800	12.29	1.81	13—14	25	N.E.	Mr. Tocke	
	Haldummulla	3,160	34.55	3.70	2—3	27	N.E.	Mr. Emerson	
	Kumbukkan	446	16.51	2.34	27—28	26	N.E.	Mr. Emerson	
	Hambagamuwa	390	9.19	2.24	19—20	13	S.W.	Mr. Manchanaike	
Sabaragamuwa	Koslanda	—	23.21	2.37	1—2	26	N.E.	Mr. Emerson	
	Ambanpitiya	729	23.72	3.32	26—27	23	N.E.	Mr. Fletcher	
	Pelmadulla	408	13.55	1.94	30—31	20	Variable	Mr. Jeffery	
	Kolonna korale (Hulanda-oya)	203	17.27	3.70	21—22	12	N.W.	Mr. Caspersz	
Awisawella	105	26.98	3.85	30—31	23	N.E.	Mr. Powell		

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