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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF GALLE.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Galle held at the Municipal Office on March 20, 1897, at 3.30 p.m.

Present:—The Chairman (H. Wace, Esq.); Dr. Attygalle; H. E. H. Hayes, Esq.; Dr. P. D. Anthonisz, C.M.G.; C.L.M. Abdul Carim, Esq.; W. E. de Vos, Esq.; N. Dias Abeyasinha, Esq.; and D. G. Goonewardena, Esq.

1. Read and confirmed Minutes of Meeting held on February 20 last.

2. Dr. Anthonisz gave notice that at the next Meeting of Council he will move—

(1) That the catchment area and watershed of the Bikke reservoir be cleared of all brushwood, and that grass only be allowed to grow.

(2) That the portions of land not acquired adjoining the watershed, and from which water flows into the reservoir, be acquired at once, as they are used by villagers for grazing cattle and other purposes.

(3) That a deep ditch be cut between the boundary wall of the reservoir and the pansala ground to prevent the surface water of the pansala ground from percolating into the reservoir, and to admit the free flow of storm water from the pansala.

(4) That steps be taken to ascertain the cost of a filtering bed for the reservoir, as the cost of a Pasteur filter is found to be too expensive.

3. Pursuant to notice Dr. Anthonisz asked :—

- (1) What was the cost of the railings erected round the pavilion in the esplanade?
 (2) Who constructed the railings? If the work was not executed by the Municipal Superintendent of Works, what was the reason for the irregularity?
 (3) Who supplied many of the posts and railings? Were they got from the Government Timber Depot or from a private saw mill? If not from the Government depot, the reason why, and is the timber of inferior quality and likely to speedily decay?

The Chairman replied :—

(1) The value of timber issued from the Municipal store was Rs. 95, and that of timber supplied by the Tea and Timber Company Rs. 137.40, the cost of labour was Rs. 110.54; making a total of Rs. 342.94.

(2) The work was done under the superintendance of Mr. J. W. Erskine, Superintendent of Minor Roads. All that is on record is merely a memorandum from the Chairman (Mr. White) to the Secretary intimating that he had entrusted the work to Mr. Erskine.

(3) The posts and railings were supplied partly from the store and partly from the Tea and Timber Company. No order was issued from the office for timber from the Tea and Timber Company. The Chairman (Mr. White), I find, authorized the Manager of the Tea and Timber Company to give Mr. Erskine as much new railing as he may require. The bill when presented was passed by the Chairman. The timber consisted of na posts, towanne rails, and del reepers.

4. Submitted letter No. 4 of February 19, 1897, from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, enclosing extracts from an Interim Report of the Bubonic Plague Commission.

Resolved,—(1) That the Sanitary Officer's attention be drawn to the overcrowding of houses within the Municipality.

(2) That the Sanitary Officer be asked to make a house-to-house visitation in Wards No. 2 and 3 and to report at an early date on the sanitary defects in those wards.

(3) That the Sanitary Officer be called upon to keep a diary and to submit the same to the Chairman every week.

5. Submitted Sanitary Officer's report for fourth quarter, 1896.

Resolved,—That Rs. 200 be voted for taking levels in connection with the proposed scheme for extending the water supply.

6. Read letter from Mr. W. Jansz dated March 10, 1897, urging on the Council the necessity of maintaining in proper order outlets for water.

7. Read Auditor's Report for November and December last, and for the year 1896.

8. Submitted the following recommendation of the Standing Committee made at a Meeting held this day :—

Resolved that it be recommended to the Council that the Chairman be authorized, under section 33 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1896, to order the owners of houses reported to require the substitution of dry-earth closets for cesspits to carry out the work.

Resolved,—That under section 33 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1896 the Council empowers the Chairman to enforce the substitution of dry-earth closets in place of cesspits in the houses specified in the Sanitary Officer's report of March 19, 1897.

9. The following documents were laid on the table :—Accounts brought up to February 28, 1897; Progress Report brought up to February 28, 1897.

Confirmed :

H. WACE,
Chairman.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on Account of the Municipal Fund from January 1 to March 31, 1897.

No. 1.—GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.	DISBURSEMENTS.	Estimated Disbursements.					
	Rs.	c.			Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		
Balance on December 31, 1896	...	8,500	0	9,528	53	...	11,625	55	2,906	53
Taxes	...	14,801	0	10,551	93	...	972	0	325	19
Tolls	...	15,537	32	3,561	59	...	1,397	0	181	9
Stamp duties and fees	...	18,202	0	269	0	...	5,427	0	479	20
Market licenses	...	4,908	0	1,809	28	...	10,004	0	1,739	48
Slaughter-house licenses	...	1,027	0	255	79	...	690	0	122	53
Miscellaneous licenses	...	365	0	64	50	...	610	0	150	97
Judicial fines	...	1,100	0	485	75	...	10,069	10	2,039	80
Rents	...	2,563	50	117	19	...	26,768	0	4,817	59
Miscellaneous	...	848	0	286	8	12,762	38
						Balance	14,167	26½
				26,929	64½				26,929	64½

No. 2.—ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.	DISBURSEMENTS.	Estimated Amount.		Disbursements.		
	Rs.	c.			Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	205	0	4,472	4	Police bill for 1st half of 1896 ...	—	4,559	33	
Assessment tax : arrears of 1895 and 1896 ...	1,177	0	959	5	Pay of rural constables ...	960	0	152	25
Assessment tax for 1897 ...	12,664	0	832	53	Assessment clerk ...	600	0	150	0
					Stationery and printing ...	180	0	52	20
					Commission to collectors ...	900	0	165	97
								5,079	75
					Balance ...	—	—	1,183	87
			6,263	62				6,263	62

No. 3.—WATERWORKS ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.	EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Amount.		Disbursements.		
	Rs.	c.			Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1896 ...	100	0	93	26½	Pay of overseer and coolies ...	516	0	73	65
Advance from General Fund ...	890	0	890	0	Cost of repairs ...	120	0	21	25
								99	90
					Balance ...	—	—	883	36½
			983	26½				983	26½

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

Progress Report of Works done brought up to March 31, 1897.

Description of Work.	Amount of Vote.		Expenditure in March, 1897.		Expenditure up to March, 1897.		Balance.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Upkeep of roads ...	11,950	0	1,103	37	2,827	69 ^a	9,122	31
Upkeep of bridges ...	2,000	0	282	37	282	37 ^b	1,717	63
Upkeep of Municipal buildings ...	600	0	4	0	106	44 ^c	493	56
Clearing canal ...	872	0	66	70	202	93	669	7
Improving drainage and sanitation, Fort ...	800	0	230	59	288	72 ^d	511	28
Improving drainage and sanitation, suburbs ...	5,000	0	357	75	1,324	75 ^e	3,675	25
Minor works and improvements ...	2,200	0	522	94	576	82 ^f	1,623	18
Victoria park and planting trees ...	960	0	131	0	282	25 ^g	677	75
Additional latrines ...	700	0	—	—	530	0 ^h	170	0
Repair of carts ...	500	0	1	25	54	74 ^j	445	26
Watering streets ...	80	0	34	10	60	62	19	38
New road and improvement of old ...	1,200	0	—	—	175	0 ^k	1,025	0

(a) Metalled 54 lines of road; used 227 cubes of metal; repaired superficially 198 squares of road; used 13 cubes of metal and 68 cubes of gravel; cleared side drains 173½ lines; cleared jungle on sides of roads and cut scupper drains, 1 mile; lowered sides of roads 74½ lines.

(b) Repaired Hirimbure bridge; paid for bolts and nuts and 55 bridge planks.

(c) Repaired fruit market stalls, shed at sea-bathing place, District Court latrine.

(d) Repaired Rampart street sewer; built side drains, Lighthouse street; cleared sewers in Lighthouse street, Leyn Baan street, and Pedlar street; cleared covered side drains in Lighthouse street and Middle street.

(e) Repaired side drains and built new drains in Fowl street bazaar; built portions of Pettigala-ela; built a cross drain at rope walk, China Garden; provided stone slabs for Pettigala-ela.

(f) Pulled down the wall round the late powder magazine and levelled the ground; built a shed for the ambulance; made 5 garden seats; cleaned and painted fire-engine; building a well at bazaar; bought a canvas box for fire-engine; built a market shed; built a wall at the park.

(g) Cost of labour; materials for fences; made seats round trees.

(h) Erected an iron latrine at Havelock place; built a sea latrine at Kaluwella.

(j) Repaired two iron handcarts, two water carts, and ambulance.

(k) Gravelled and metalled road on the southern boundary, of China Garden.

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

MUNICIPALITY OF COLOMBO.

LIST of persons licensed during April, 1897, under Ordinance No. 15 of 1889, to practise as Auctioneers and Brokers:—

Auctioneers.

37. J. A. Simpson Scowcroft.
38. Don Marthenus Rupesinghe.

Brokers.

41. Stephen William Walles.
42. G. A. Paulis Perera.
43. J. A. Simpson Scowcroft.
44. Adolph Ferdinand Vagol.
45. Don Marthenus Rupesinghe.

The Municipal Office,
Colombo, May 12, 1897.

F. H. PRICE,
Chairman, and Mayor of Colombo.

ROAD COMMITTEE NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that under the 35th clause of the Ordinance No. 10 of 1861, all persons intending to offer themselves as candidates for the office of European Member of the District Committee of Nuwara Eliya, in the room of John Stuart, Esq., who has resigned, for the term ending December 31, 1897, are hereby required to signify their intention in writing to the Chairman of the Provincial Road Committee for the Central Province at least ten days before the day of election. The election will be held on May 31, 1897, at the Nuwara Eliya Kachcheri, at 2.30 P.M.

F. BOWES,
Secretary.
Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, May 5, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that in terms of section 18 of the Ordinance No. 14 of 1897, a meeting of the Local Committee for extension of Madulsima road will be held at the Madulsima Post Office by Mr. J. M. Mason, Chairman of the above Committee, on Saturday, May 29, at 9 A.M., to determine the sections of the road from present terminus to Doomoo gap for construction and maintenance; the estates which will use each section; the acreage of each estate; the names of the proprietors, managers, and agents.

L. W. C. SCHRADER,
for Chairman.
Office of the Provincial Road Committee,
Badulla, May 17, 1897.

UNOFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SIX weeks hence I shall apply to the Hon. the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Island of Ceylon to be admitted and enrolled a Proctor of the said Court.

THEODORE BARCROFT LEWIS MOONEMALA.
16, Mitford street, Kurunegala,
May 18, 1897.

The Havelock Racecourse Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, No. 7,

Queen street, Fort, Colombo, on Tuesday, June 8, at 12 o'clock noon.

Business.

To receive the Company's statement of accounts to December 31, 1896.
To elect Directors.

By order of the Directors,

L. E. EDWARDS,
Treasurer.

Colombo, May 19, 1897.