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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF KANDY.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Kandy held in the Town Hall on Saturday, November 20, 1897, at 8.30 a.m.

Present :—Hon. Mr. Allanson Bailey, Chairman; Dr. Frederick Keyt; E. Beven, Esq.; C. Vanderwall, Esq.; Alexander Philip, Esq.; J. H. Sproule, Esq.; W. D. Gibbon, Esq.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on October 30, 1897, were read and confirmed.

2. The following documents were submitted :—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund from close of 1896 to October 31, 1897; separate statements of the General Revenue, Police Assessment, and Water-rate Account during the same period; Return of Work done by the Municipal Magistrate, and of Cases instituted by the several Inspectors during the month of October; Progress Report of Work done by the Public Works Officer, and Health Officer's Report for the same month.

Resolved,—That the several statements, as required by section 90 of the Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, be forwarded with the Minutes of this Meeting to the Colonial Secretary for publication in the *Government Gazette*.

3. Mr. Philip, pursuant to notice, inquired, with reference to the Chairman's letter to Government No. 177, of August 30, 1897, on the subject of the report of the Municipal Council, Kandy, for 1896, whether the observations by the Special Committee appointed by the Municipal Council of Kandy re the Municipal Annual Report to be appended thereto, prior to its submission to the Governor in Executive Council, were forwarded, and if so, the date, and why the completed report had not been submitted.

The Chairman replied that the observations were forwarded to the Colonial Secretary on September 23, and that they would be found in the report which he laid on the table.

Mr. Philip, with the leave of the Council, withdrew the motion standing in his name with regard to the printing of the report.

4. Pursuant to notice, Mr. Philip inquired, with reference to Minute No. 4 of Proceedings of the Meeting held on August 28 and to the Chairman's reply thereto, if the return referred to would now be laid on the table, as the delay since the date of the original motion (January 22, 1897) is to be deprecated.

The Chairman laid the return on the table.

5. Mr. Philip, pursuant to notice, invited the attention of the Council to the letter from Government, dated October 22, re the sanitary condition of Kandy, and inquired whether it had been acknowledged.

The Chairman replied that it had not been answered.

Mr. Philip then moved "that a Special Committee of the Council be appointed to consider the letter and to reply thereto."

Seconded by Mr. Gibbon and agreed to.

The following Special Committee was nominated :—The Chairman, Dr. Keyt, Mr. Sproule, and Mr. Philip.

6. Mr. Philip moved, pursuant to notice, "that, with the sanction of the Governor in Executive Council, the assessment tax leviable during 1898 be fixed at 5 per cent. on the annual value of property situated within the Municipality, and that such rate be payable in four quarterly instalments, viz., on January 10, on April 10, on July 10, and on October 10; and that notice be given in the form contained in the Schedule D annexed to Ordinance No. 7 of 1887."

Seconded by Mr. Vanderwall.

On the motion being put, the Councillors voted as follows :—

<i>Ayes.</i>	|	<i>Noes.</i>
Dr. Keyt.		Mr. Beven.
Mr. Gibbon.		Mr. Sproule.
Mr. Vanderwall.		
Mr. Philip.		

The motion was therefore carried.

7. Mr. Philip, pursuant to notice, moved "that, with the sanction of the Governor in Executive Council, the water-rate imposed on householders under Ordinance No. 18 of 1884, be fixed at 6 per cent. for the year 1898 on the assessed value of each house as fixed for payment of police tax thereon; and that such water-rate shall be payable into the office of the Treasurer of the Municipality on January 10, on April 10, on July 10, and on October 10; and that notice do issue accordingly on a form similar to Schedule D annexed to Ordinance No. 7 of 1887."

Seconded by Mr. Vanderwall.

The motion was challenged by Mr. Beven as being *ultra vires* and therefore out of order, because, according to section 110 of the Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, the Standing Committee should propose the amount of taxes necessary to be levied, and Ordinance No. 18 of 1884, section 7, fixed the date on which the water-rate is payable. After discussion the Chairman ruled that the second part of the motion fixing the date of payment was out of order, as it conflicted with the express directions of Ordinance No. 18 of 1884. The latter portion of the motion was therefore struck out, and upon the altered motion being put, Mr. Beven moved as an amendment "that the matter be left to be dealt with by the Standing Committee, as provided by section 110 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887."

Seconded by Mr. Sproule.

On the amendment being put, the Councillors voted as follows :—

<i>Ayes.</i>	|	<i>Noes.</i>
Mr. Beven.		Dr. Keyt.
Mr. Sproule.		Mr. Gibbon.
		Mr. Vanderwall.
		Mr. Philip.

The amendment was therefore lost. The motion, as altered, was then put and carried.

8. Pursuant to notice, Mr. Philip invited attention to the following resolution passed at a Meeting of the Municipal Council held on August 6, 1887:—"That under section 290 the Secretary (Mr. H. Byrde) be empowered to sign all acts, receipts, and notices which the Municipal Council are empowered to do or give by the Municipal Ordinance, No. 7 of 1887, or any Ordinance. The authority to have effect from August 1"; and moved that the same be rescinded. Mr. Philip also brought under notice a permit granted in 1887, and moved that if it had not lapsed it be cancelled.

Seconded by Mr. Gibbon and carried.

Mr. Beven moved the suspension of the Standing Orders, with a view to proposing a fresh resolution on the subject.

Seconded by Mr. Philip and carried.

9. Mr. Beven then moved "that under section 290 of the Ordinance No. 7 of 1887 the Secretary of the Municipal Council for the time being be empowered to do or give all acts, receipts, and notices which the Municipal Council is empowered to do or give by the Ordinance No. 7 of 1887 or any other Ordinance relating to Municipal Councils."

Seconded by Mr. Vanderwall and carried.

10. Mr. Philip brought up the report of the Special Committee appointed to consider how certain improvements can best be effected in regard to the convenience of Members at General Meetings. The report having been read by the Secretary, Mr. Philip moved "that the recommendations of the Special Committee be adopted, and that a copy of the report be appended to the Minutes."

Seconded by Mr. Gibbon and carried. (See Appendix A.)

11. The Chairman brought up an interim report of the Special Committee on water supply. The report having been read by the Secretary, Mr. Sproule moved "that the recommendations of the Special Committee be approved."

Seconded by Mr. Beven and carried (See Appendix B.)

Confirmed this 29th day of December, 1897 :

ALLANSON BAILEY,
Chairman.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements to October 31, 1897.

REVENUE.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.		EXPENDITURE.	Disbursements.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Balance from 1896	...	—	24,055	54	Arrears	...	114 50
Arrears	...	—	367	26	Cemetery account—wages	...	897 0
Cemetery account—fees	...	900 0	736	0	Commutation rate—commission and sundries	...	685 31
Commutation rate	...	9,000 0	9,172	0	Judicial account—salaries and printing	...	1,442 37
Interest	...	300 0	269	96	Licenses—printing	...	10 25
Judicial account—fines	...	1,800 0	2,165	69	Miscellaneous charges	...	318 81
Licenses	...	6,465 0	6,282	0	Office charges—salaries and sundries	...	4,080 27
Miscellaneous receipts	...	305 0	587	47	Public market—salaries, lighting, &c.	...	1,722 34
Public market—rents	...	10,400 0	8,965	40	Public works	...	20,030 83
Public Works—Government contribution	...	850 0	—	—	Rents—printing	...	1 25
Recreation ground—rents	...	200 0	226	0	Sanitation—salaries, disinfectants, &c.	...	4,077 80
Rents	...	580 0	524	25	Sanitation No. 2 (or special)	...	2,633 2
Scavenging	...	540 0	397	50	Scavenging and night soil	...	9,779 47
Sanitation account No. 2	...	—	462	67	Slaughter-houses—wages, feeding cattle, &c.	...	1,054 64
Slaughter-houses	...	5,124 0	3,687	41	Stamp duties—cart plates, &c.	...	23 77
Stamp duties	...	10,040 0	—	—	Taxes—charges on account dogs and vehicles and animals	...	281 82
Taxes	...	1,225 0	955	50	Time charges—wages, powder, &c.	...	353 70
Tolls	...	24,480 0	16,349	52	Town Hall—lighting &c.	...	159 98
Town Hall	...	400 0	155	0	Volunteer and public band	...	1,000 0
Sundry debtors Rs. 49·22, suspense Rs. 81·95	...	—	131	17	Petty cash Rs. 17·70, suspense Rs. 143	...	160 70
Guides' deposits Rs. 22, stores Rs. 4,370·75	...	—	4,392	75	Refunds to guides Rs. 8, stores Rs. 4,848·48...	...	4,856 48
Estimates of 1896 Rs. 804·19, dog collars Rs. 31·52	...	—	835	71	Estimates of 1896 Rs. 692·02, manure Rs. 454·72	...	1,146 74
Palms sold	...	—	39	0	Sundry debtors Rs. 396·18, Diamond Jubilee Rs. 1,768·35	...	2,164 53
Assessment tax arrears—tax and costs	...	—	574	58	Legal expenses Rs. 42, drainage scheme Rs. 545·68	...	587 68
Do. 1897	...	20,000 0	17,550	81	Despatch boxes for Secretary and Councillors	...	343 61
Interest	...	150 0	40	0	Dog collars Rs. 139·96, public latrine Rs. 270	...	409 96
Overplus by sales Rs. 14·15, costs Rs. 32·40	...	—	46	55	Assessment tax arrears—costs	...	22 55
Water-rate costs—rate and costs	...	—	621	25	Assessment tax arrears, 1897—salaries, commission, &c.	...	2,587 84
Water-rate, 1897	...	22,500 0	19,581	7	Police maintenance, 1st half, 1897	...	5,836 91
Interest	...	100 0	47	15	Street lighting Rs. 1,994·20, street names, &c., Rs. 6·43	...	2,000 63
Sale of grass	...	750 0	225	0	Assessors' fees Rs. 325, overplus refunded Rs. 4·77	...	329 77
House service—work done	...	—	1,762	52	Costs, 1897, Rs. 35·26, electric lighting account Rs. 100	...	135 26
Water sold Rs. 152·38, costs Rs. 42·80	...	—	195	18	Water-rate arrears—costs	...	22 55
Waterworks extension Rs. 8, sundry debtors Rs. 59·92	...	—	67	92	Water-rate arrears, 1897—salaries, commission, &c.	...	2,560 6
					Interest and sinking fund	...	6,250 0
					Waterworks maintenance	...	3,406 38
					House service—materials	...	646 19
					Survey of drainage basin Rs. 360, costs Rs. 35·24	...	395 24
					Assessors' fees	...	325 0
							82,855 21
					Balance carried forward	...	38,614 62
							121,469 83
			116,109	0			121,469 83

Kandy, November 5, 1897.

L. VANDERSTRAATEN,
Accountant.

Progress Report of Work done brought up to October 31, 1897.

Heads of Expenditure.	Amount voted for the Year.		Expenditure up to Sept. 30, 1897.		Expenditure in Oct., 1897.		Total Expenditure.	Unexpended Balance.
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
1 Pavements and drains...	1,500	0	949	22	44	20	993 42	506 58
2 Town streets ...	4,315	0	2,721	27	113	39	2,834 66	1,480 34
3 Alutgantota and Lady Anderson's roads	734	30	325	83	21	60	347 43	386 87
4 Udawattakele roads ...	1,550	0	807	35	143	17	950 52	599 48
5 Halloluwa, Slaughter-house, Deyanne-wela, Bahirowekanda, Hospital, and Huduhumpola roads	1,193	50	490	10	206	30	696 40	497 10
6 Municipal buildings ...	1,100	0	906	79	9	70	916 49	183 51
7 Watering streets ...	300	0	129	64	46	26	175 90	124 10
8 Main sewers ...	800	0	—	—	—	—	—	800 0
9 Market buildings and roads	2,038	3	1,706	8	221	87	1,927 95	110 8
10 Ornamental plants ...	350	0	397	93	43	89	441 82	—
11 Tools ...	400	0	88	65	—	—	88 65	311 35
12 Ferry approaches ...	327	0	158	52	—	—	158 52	168 48
13 Maintenance and improvement, bathing tank ...	150	0	88	67	1	25	89 92	60 8
14 Lady Gordon's and Lady MacCarthy's roads, and Lady Longden's drive	853	36	389	63	23	88	413 51	439 85
15 Ferry boats ...	150	0	50	16	11	51	61 67	88 33
16 Maintenance of fountains ...	76	0	43	51	—	—	43 51	32 49
17 Clearing lake silt and working dredger and barges ...	6,228	0	725	80	15	73	741 53	5,486 47
18 Recreation ground & Victoria esplanade	1,982	0	758	38	63	65	822 3	1,159 97
19 Flushing drains and clearing silt ...	600	0	558	3	—	—	558 3	41 97
20 Improvement of barrel side drains ...	2,000	0	1,187	98	222	39	1,410 37	589 63
21 Improvement of side drains, Hautana road ...	2,115	0	2,000	0	—	—	2,000 0	115 0
22 Blasting rocks at Ilukmodara ...	150	0	—	—	—	—	—	150 0
23 Opening and bridging road from slaughter-house to Richmond Hill ...	1,605	0	—	—	—	—	—	1,605 0
24 Cementing Ward street drains ...	336	0	255	35	—	—	255 35	80 65
25 Repairs and improvements to slaughter-house and exposing shed ...	1,233	50	854	57	—	—	854 57	378 93
26 Retaining wall, Lady Anderson's road	699	0	513	56	158	14	671 70	27 30
27 Barrel drain at No. 27, Peradeniya road; retaining wall and footbridge at Nos. 984 to 991, Peradeniya road ...	207	60	198	26	—	—	198 26	9 34
28 Removing and fixing elsewhere sheep slaughter shed ...	313	25	243	91	79	25	323 16	—
29 Enlarging culvert on Matale road ...	80	0	59	92	—	—	59 92	20 8
30 Open drain, Temple street ...	451	25	—	—	131	86	131 86	319 39
31 Lake road culvert ...	1,039	0	22	49	310	88	333 37	705 63
32 Kandyan wall ...	1,556	0	215	95	648	52	864 47	691 53
33 Opening pits for night soil ...	299	0	144	78	59	81	204 59	94 41

Health Officer's Report for October, 1897.

- The water supply remains the same as previously reported, with the exception of the manure heaps which have been removed.
- There is some improvement in the bakeries, but much remains to be done to every one of them.
- The dairies, cattle stands, &c., are either being slowly improved by their owners, are being given up, or owners are intending to improve them.
- The public latrines are kept in a sanitary state. No addition, though sanctioned, has been made to any of them yet. I hear the materials for building them arrived in Kandy long ago.
- The public market remains in a very bad state of repair. I pointed out its condition personally to the Chairman, who noted in his notebook everything I brought to his notice.
- The slaughter-houses are kept in a sanitary state. Sufficient drums for removing blood and offal are not supplied; the Chairman observed such to be the case. The grass supplied for animals in the cattle inspection shed is disgraceful, it consists only of weeds. I showed the grass in use to the Chairman.
- It is extremely hard to get the Municipal cooly lines kept in a sanitary state, very little, if any, supervision appears to me to be exercised over them. The Chairman personally saw the filthy state of the cooly lines in railway approach road.
- The alleys are filthy, overcrowded, and insanitary in the extreme. Dry-earth latrines now in use in some are even more repulsive than the cesspits are. The Chairman personally saw the condition of one of the new dry-earth latrines in one of the alleys. This state of things will continue until the Municipality takes over the management of the dry-earth system throughout Kandy.
- The owners of the fish boutiques are finding out that they cannot sell rotten fish.
- The night soil was removed and deposited in a sanitary manner during the month.
- The streets and drains were kept clean during the month. The drains in Malabar street, between the Library and Queen's Hotel and in railway approach road, are very bad; these are the Public Works Department drains.
- Jungle should be cut down in the places I reported on to the Chairman and properly removed. A very bad attempt has been made to cut the jungle on each side of the Nullah behind Walker's shop.
- Five cases of chickenpox were reported during the month. There were no other infectious diseases reported.

Kandy, November 1, 1897.

W. HALLARAN, Surgeon-Captain, A.M.S.,
Health Officer.

APPENDIX A.

Report of the Special Committee appointed by the Municipal Council of Kandy to consider how certain improvements can best be effected in regard to the convenience of members at General Meetings of the Municipal Council.

In the opinion of the Special Committee there should be a regular fixed day every month for holding the General Meeting under section 89, and they recommend that the third Saturday in every month be the day as has been the custom for some time past. It would then be definitely understood that on such day every month a General Meeting would be held, and that all other meetings would be Special Meetings. The advantages of fixing such regular day are very apparent, and will commend themselves. Members knowing the date of the regular Monthly Meetings could arrange other business so as to enable them to be present, which is a most important matter in connection with the deliberations of the Municipal Council. The date once fixed should be notified by signboard within the precincts of the Municipal Office and a copy of the Agenda for the day should be affixed thereto for the information of the taxpayers, if they desire to acquaint themselves therewith.

The Council table is inconveniently small and crowded, and the Special Committee recommend that a new table be provided or that two additional pieces be added to the present table, so that members may have room for the boxes they have lately been supplied with being placed on the table, if they care to do so, and for the orderly arrangement of papers. It would further appear that the time has come when it would be advantageous and likely to facilitate the expedition of business if places round the Council table were allotted to members, as is the case in the Legislative Council at Colombo, and so designated, that is to say, that seats be definitely appropriated for the nominated members and for the elected members as representatives of the divisions or wards of the Municipality. Such action would tend to greater formality at General Meetings, where the position of members is hardly that of a consultative or advisory board. In the opinion of the Special Committee the rules of debate as laid down by the by-laws should be strictly enforced by the Chairman at all General Meetings. The Special Committee further think that the meetings of the Standing Committee should be held in a different room, at all events not as at present at the same table as that used by members at General Meetings.

It is hardly seemly that members should be kept waiting in the verandah on arrival, and it would be better in every way that they should be able to at once take their own places preparatory to the business of the General Meeting being commenced. If any undue stress appears to be laid on these minor details, it should be pointed out that the sole object aimed at and likely by these measures to be attained is the more formal and authoritative action of the Council and the expeditious transaction of business at General Meetings. Space should be allotted for reporters and kept reserved for them. The Special Committee suggest that a place in the room to the left of the Chairman might be conveniently set apart with a small separate table.

These arrangements are not made with a view to attracting reporters, but simply to afford them suitable convenience if they attend. A few seats should also be specially placed for the taxpayers whether they attend or not, as indicating that the proceedings are public. In the opinion of the Special Committee a room should be kept in the Municipal Office reserved for the members of the Municipal Council, in which they can peruse documents, correspondence, &c., which they are entitled to see. The room ought to be furnished as an office room with writing table, &c., and kept open during office hours for the purpose indicated.

The Special Committee are of opinion that all letters, without exception, from Government should be laid before the Standing Committee and the Municipal Council in General Meeting and orders made thereon (Ordinance No. 19 of 1896, chapter II, section 3, sub-section (c)), the subject of the communication being stated on the Agenda Paper.

Kandy, November 15, 1897.

EDWIN BEVEN.
A. PHILIP.
C. VANDERWALL.
RICHARD JONKLAAS.

APPENDIX B.

Interim Report.—Water Supply.

The Special Committee on water supply having had its attention called to the great risk of contamination of the water supply of Kandy, owing to the streams which feed the reservoir passing through tea estates in which there are cooly lines and which are largely manured, considered it advisable to ascertain whether it would be possible to acquire at a reasonable rate those estates or the portions of them which lie within the basin. The greater part of the basin is occupied by Fairieland estate, which is 147 acres (nearly) in extent, made up as follows :—

					A.	R.	P.
Tea	...	...	...	...	103	3	29
Old cocoanuts	...	...	...	...	1	2	30
Patana, &c.	...	...	...	...	41	1	26

After a careful appraisalment of the value of this estate, in which the Special Committee was guided by the mature experience of Mr. W. D. Gibbon, the Committee determined to make an offer to the proprietors of Rs. 25,000. This offer has been accepted, and the Special Committee recommend the Council to confirm the purchase.

They would also recommend that they should be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the rest of the lands in the basin. The extent are as follows :—

					A.	R.	P.
Roseneath Estate	{ Tea	...	...	...	80	0	0
	{ Patana, &c.	...	...	...	12	0	0
Hantane Estate	{ Tea	...	...	...	74	0	0
	{ Chena, &c.	...	...	...	1	0	0
De Soyza's Land	{ Tea	...	...	...	7	2	0
	{ Chena	...	...	...	63	0	0

It is hardly necessary to lay stress on the importance of having the gathering ground of the reservoir entirely under the control of the Council. The lamentable outbreak of typhoid fever at Maidstone is an example of what may result from a contaminated water supply, and it would be unwise to neglect such a warning. Although for many years the water of the Kandy Waterworks has, by the comparative immunity of the inhabitants from water-borne diseases as well as by analysis, been proved to be good, yet an outbreak of any such disease in the habitations on the estates named would be most disastrous to the town, and such an outbreak might occur at any time.

The lands after being acquired should be afforested. The Special Committee will, if authorized, endeavour to make arrangements with the Superintendent of one of the neighbouring estates for the planting of the trees required.

ALLANSON BAILEY,
Chairman, Special Committee.
W. D. GIBBON.
FREDERICK KEYT, M.D.
A. PHILIP.

Lands within the Basin of the Kandy Waterworks Reservoir.

Land.		Description.	Acreage.		
			A.	R.	P.
A	Part of 48,708	Property of the De Soysa's	Chena	0	1 17
B	48,707		do.	0	0 36
C	48,709		do.	3	2 36
D	48,706		do.	0	2 37
E	45,418	Claimed by Sangapulle	Chena and house	32	2 15
F	45,418		Chena	3	2 33
G	45,418		Chena and few jak trees	12	1 30
H	45,418		Cacao, tea, jak, &c.	7	2 6
I	45,418		—	0	1 6
J	45,418	Soysa's	Chena	9	0 0
K	42,410	Hantane	do.	0	2 14
L	42,410	do.	Tea	74	0 0
M	42,410	do.	do.	0	0 29
N	42,410	do.	Patana	0	0 33
O	42,409	Roseneath	—	0	3 0
P	42,409	do.	Tea, cacao, &c.	55	0 0
Q	42,409	do.	Patana	4	2 0
R	42,409	do.	Tea	5	1 17
S	42,409	do.	do.	9	1 14
T	42,409	do.	Patana	6	2 32
U	42,409	do.	do.	10	3 6
L 1	76,542	Uduwela	do.	1	12 13
M 1	76,542	do.	Tea	2	1 14
N 1	76,542	do.	Patana	1	0 20

Abstract.

Land.			Description.			Acreage.			Land.			Description.			Acreage.		
						A. R. P.									A. R. P.		
L	Hantane	Tea	74	0	0	V	Fairieland	Tea	2	3	18						
M	do.	do.	0	0	29	W	do.	do.	15	1	21						
R	Roseneath	do.	5	1	17	X	do.	do.	15	2	32						
S	do.	do.	9	1	14	E 1	do.	do.	33	0	25						
U	do.	do.	10	3	6	G 1	do.	do.	30	3	9						
M 1	Uduwela	do.	2	1	14	I	do.	do.	6	0	4						
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H	Sangapulle	Cacao, tea, jak, &c.	7	2	6	C 1	Fairieland	Old cocoanut	1	0	35						
P	Roseneath	do.	55	0	0	D 1	do.	do.	0	1	35						
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A	—	Chena	0	1	17												
B	—	do.	0	0	36												
C	—	do.	3	2	36												
D	—	do.	0	2	37												
E	—	Chena and house	32	2	15												
F	—	Chena	3	2	33												
G	—	Chena and few jak trees	12	1	30												
J	—	do.	9	0	0												
K	—	do.	0	2	14												
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N	—	Patana	0	0	33	Y	Fairieland	Patana	0	2	10						
L 1	—	do.	4	2	0	Z	do.	do.	8	0	39						
M 1	—	do.	6	2	32	A 1	do.	do.	1	1	20						
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Minutes of Proceedings of a Special General Meeting of the Municipal Council of Kandy held in accordance with the requirements of Section 111 of the Ordinance No 7 of 1887, held at the Town Hall on Saturday, December 11, 1897, at 8 o'clock a.m.

Present:—Hon. Mr. Allanson Bailey, Chairman; Dr. F. Keyt; E. Beven, Esq.; J. H. Sproule, Esq.; R. W. Jonklaas, Esq.; C. Vanderwall, Esq.; A. Philip, Esq.; W. D. Gibbon, Esq.

1. Mr. Philip moved "that the additional business entered on the Agenda Paper, namely, the report of the Special Committee appointed on November 20 to consider the Colonial Secretary's letter No. 23 of October 22, 1897, re the sanitary condition of Kandy, be taken up first."

This was agreed to.

2. Letter No. 23 of October 22, from the Colonial Secretary (Appendix A), and the report of the Special Committee (Appendix B), were then read.

Proposed by Mr. Philip, seconded by Dr. Keyt, "that the report be adopted, appended to the Minutes of Proceedings, and transmitted to His Excellency the Governor"

Mr. Vanderwall, as an amendment, moved "that the following sentence be added to paragraph 3 of the report viz., 'the Municipal Council are in a position to state that the various resolutions adopted on the sanitary condition of Kandy have been and are being carried out.'"

This was seconded by Mr. R. Jonklaas.

The addition was accepted by the mover and seconder of the resolution, and the resolution, on being put to the Meeting, was carried.

3. The Council went into Committee for purpose of considering the Budget for 1898 prepared by the Standing Committee.

On considering the sum proposed as office charges under the General Account (No. 1), Mr. Philip (objecting to the present system of apportioning the office charges to the various accounts, viz., No. 1 General, No. 2 Assessment, and No. 3 Water-rate), moved "that the whole cost of the office establishment should be charged in the General Account, and not a portion only."

On being put to the vote, the following votes were recorded:—

Ayes.
Mr. Philip.
Dr. Keyt.

Noes.
Mr. Jonklaas.
Mr. Vanderwall.
Mr. Gibbon.
Mr. Beven.
Mr. Sproule.
The Chairman.

Ayes, 2; Noes, 6. The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Under the heads of "Sanitation" and "Scavenging" Mr. Vanderwall moved that the Health Officer's salary be increased to Rs. 1,200, and that no horse allowance be granted him.

On being put to the vote, the following votes were recorded:—

Ayes.
Mr. Vanderwall.
Mr. Jonklaas.
Dr. Keyt.

Noes.
Mr. Gibbon.
Mr. Philip.
Mr. Beven.
Mr. Sproule.
The Chairman.

Ayes, 3; Noes, 5. The Chairman declared the motion lost.

Under the head of "Toll Receipts" has altered to Rs. 25,251, that being the sum for which the toll rents have been sold.

EXPENDITURE.

General Revenue Account: Office Charges.—Establishment was increased to Rs. 5,354.40, being an additional sum of Rs. 36, approved of by the Standing Committee.

Slaughter-houses keeper's wages increased to Rs. 360.

Public Works.—Schedule A.

The following votes were added:—

	Rs.	c.
Purchase of eight latrines and painting and construction of four platforms ...	3,720	0
Drainage scheme: balance due for survey and plans ...	2,200	0
Scavenging accounts: pits at Katugastota ...	1,000	0
Additional latrines ...	2,000	0
Repairing Gonawatta ferry boat ...	1,036	0
Open drain: Palace square ...	440	0
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	10,396	0
Previously ...	18,014	20
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Total ...	28,410	20

Police Assessment (No. 2 Account).—Addition to establishment Rs. 12, making total Rs. 1,941.80.

Water-rate (No. 3 Account).—Addition to establishment Rs. 12, making total of Rs. 1,941.80.

The amount under the head "Materials for Extension" was increased to Rs. 3,652, and the description of the work altered to "Waterworks Extension, Additional Standpipes," &c.

On resuming the Chairman brought up the Budget as amended, and moved that it be passed.

This was seconded by Mr. Vanderwall and, on being put to the Meeting, carried. (See Appendix C.)

Mr. Philip dissenting, as in Committee, as regards the entries under the head "Office Charges," for reasons to be given hereafter.

4. The amount recovered as "Arrack Tavern Licenses" (Rs. 3,500) was entered on the receipt side in this account as transferred from General Account (No. 1).

Confirmed this 29th day of December, 1897:

ALLANSON BAILEY,
Chairman.

In accordance with notice dated December 14, a Meeting of the Municipal Council was summoned for Saturday, December 18, at 8.30 A.M., when there were present Hon. Allanson Bailey; J. MacDonnell, Esq.; E. Beven, Esq.; A. Philip, Esq.

There not being a sufficient number of Members to form a quorum as fixed by section 95 of the Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, the Chairman ordered the Meeting to be adjourned until 8 o'clock A.M. on December 29.

ALLANSON BAILEY,
Chairman.

APPENDIX A.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY to the CHAIRMAN, Municipal Council, Kandy.

Sanitary Condition of Kandy.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, October 22, 1897.

SIR,—WITH reference to your letter No. 50/97 of the 4th instant and previous correspondence relative to the sanitary condition of Kandy, I am directed by the Governor to forward to you the enclosed copy of a letter and annexure from the Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, and to state that the matter required much more prompt serious attention than, in spite of repeated warnings, it has hitherto received.

2. His Excellency desires me to add that, unless the Municipal Council will act promptly and energetically in this matter, it may be the unpleasant duty of Government to have recourse to the powers conferred by section 85 of the Municipal Councils' Ordinance, No. 7 of 1887.

3. I am to request you to submit a report showing what the Municipal Council proposed to do within a month of the receipt of this letter.

I am, &c.,

J. J. THORBURN,
for Colonial Secretary.

1. Inform Mr. Dewar that he cannot in future be allowed to remove the sweepings from the town, unless he undertakes not to use it on the portion of Roseneath estate, which lies in the basin of the Kandy Waterworks reservoir.

2. The Superintendent of Fairieland was noticed to remove the manure which the Health Officer reported he had heaped on the banks of one of the Waterworks streams. Request Health Officer to report if the manure heaps have been removed, if not the Superintendent should be prosecuted under Ordinance 15 of 1862, section 1 (7).

3. The paragraphs on dairies, bakeries, and fish boutiques reflect on Health Officer's Department. Send copy of them to Health Officer and ask why the Inspectors has not enforced the by-laws and allow rotten fish to be exposed for sale.

The DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL and CHIEF STAFF OFFICER to the Hon. the COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Headquarters, Ceylon,
October 18, 1897.

SIR,—I AM directed by His Excellency the Major-General to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor the attached report from the Senior Medical Officer on the insanitary condition of Kandy. His Excellency the Major-General considers the danger of contamination to the water supply so grave, that should cholera, enteric fever, &c., break out on the Roseneath or Fairieland estates, he would have no alternative but to remove the troops from Kandy.

I have, &c.,

J. H. POETT,
Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General
and Chief Staff Officer.

The SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER, Ceylon, to the CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, Ceylon.

Colombo, October 15, 1897.

SIR,—AT my recent visit to the military quarters at Kandy I extended my inspection to the town of Kandy, as anything insanitary there materially effects the health of the troops. I have the honour to bring the following points to the notice of His Excellency, with a view to the insanitary conditions being promptly remedied by the Town Council, or otherwise I must seriously consider the advisability of recommending convalescent soldiers to be sent to the Hill capital.

Water Supply.—The source is from springs on Roseneath and Fairieland estates. The water is conducted by streams flowing down from these springs to a reservoir situated at the base of the hills forming above estates; both estates are heavily manured, and, in addition, some of the road scavenging of Kandy is brought up and scattered over the soil. There is a large bungalow on Fairieland, and on both estates coolies' lines and occupied native houses are situated close to the streams running into the reservoir. Some of the streams run alongside the public road. From the formation of the collecting area the reservoir is the only place into which the whole drainage can flow. The danger of contamination of the water cannot be over-estimated, and if such water-borne diseases as cholera, enteric fever, &c., were prevalent on the estates, I do not see how Kandy could escape.

The springs, streams, and whole collecting area must be saved from pollution.

Until the estates can be acquired by the Town Council, all inhabited houses should be removed, and an Inspector appointed to see that no fouling of the water takes place by the coolies or others. Manuring the estates with human or animal faecal matter or with town refuse should be stopped. Suitable filter beds should be constructed.

Drainage of Kandy.—The existing drains are supposed to carry off both foul and storm water; they are much too large for the former purpose, and the two systems should be separated at once. A survey of the drains has lately been made, so the Town Council can proceed without delay to carry out the necessary action.

The Public Works Department are responsible for the drains in Malabar street, railway approach road, &c. These drains are a disgrace to the Department.

Latrines and Cesspits.—The condition of the greater number of the cesspits was foul and insanitary. They should be filled up with earth and disinfected at once. The number of public latrines should be increased and private earth closets constructed.

Night Soil.—The removal of night soil should be undertaken by the Council from all public and private closets on the lines about to be employed by the Colombo Municipal Council. The Chairman has had all particulars sent to him by the Mayor.

Dairies were in a most insanitary condition. I have seen the by-laws. If they were properly enforced, and, after due warning or fines, if sufficient improvement did not take place, the dairies were closed, a great danger to public health would disappear.

Bakeries were not properly kept. The by-laws are not enforced.

Fish Boutiques.—Fish unfit for food was exposed for sale, and fish manure kept in some of these places.

Public Market.—The stalls require repair and to be kept much cleaner. The drain was in a very insanitary state.

Alleys were very dirty, badly drained, and overcrowded. The cesspits were in a filthy condition; improvement here is a pressing necessity. If plague or cholera should visit Kandy the mortality would be very heavy, if the necessary improvements are not carried out after proper notice. The work should be done by the Council at the expense of the owners.

Cooly Lines.—The Municipal cooly lines were in an insanitary condition, not at all creditable to the Council.

Resumé.—The points requiring immediate action by the Municipal Council are—

- (1) Contaminated water supply.
- (2) Defective drainage system.
- (3) The foul state of cesspits.
- (4) Defective removal of night soil.
- (5) Deficient number of public latrines.
- (6) Insanitary condition of dairies and cattle stands.
- (7) Do. bakeries.
- (8) Do. cooly lines.
- (9) Do. overcrowded alleys.
- (10) Do. fish boutiques.
- (11) Do. drains of public market.

I have, &c.,

A. W. DUKE, M.D.,
Brigade Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel,
Senior Medical Officer.

APPENDIX B.

Report of the Special Committee appointed to consider the Letter from the Colonial Secretary, dated October 22, 1897, on the Sanitary Condition of Kandy.

The Special Committee recommend that the following report be sent as a reply to the Colonial Secretary's letter:—

The Municipal Council are not aware of having received repeated warnings regarding the sanitary condition of Kandy. The Municipal Council have not been favoured with a copy of the Plague Commission Report, but as soon as the recommendations of the Commission were made known to them through their Chairman, the Municipal Council, through the Standing Committee, at once authorized whatever additional expenditure was necessary. A sum of Rs. 2,633.02 was so spent; that is to say, on special inspector's salary and connected extraordinary sanitary services.

The Municipal Council are desirous of removing from His Excellency the Governor's mind any erroneous impression in the matter, and they accordingly annex for perusal extracts of Minutes of Proceedings at General Meetings of the Municipal Council in so far as they refer to sanitation under the following heads:—(1) Water Supply; (2) Drainage; (3) Cesspits; (4) Night Soil; (5) Public Latrines; (6) Dairies and Cattle Sheds; (7) Bakeries; (8) Alleys; Sanitation (Miscellaneous).

In the opinion of the Municipal Council these extracts afford convincing proof—if such were needed—that the Municipal Council, in so far as it has been possible, have been energetically endeavouring to do their duty and to fulfil the obligations laid on them by law. And the Council are in a position to state that the various resolutions adopted have been and are being carried out.

The Municipal Council cannot therefore but extremely regret that His Excellency should have deemed it right to make reference to section No. 85 of the Municipal Councils' Ordinance, No. 7 of 1887, as there appears to be no good grounds on which to frame the necessary indictment against the Municipal Council in this matter.

It would further, indeed, seem to the Municipal Council to be open to serious question as to how far Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel A. W. Duke was justified in making the inspections indicated in his report to the Chief Staff Officer, Ceylon, without first, on grounds of courtesy and propriety, acquainting the Municipal Council with his intentions, so as to secure the cordial co-operation of the Municipal Council in improving the sanitation of Kandy, alike in the interests of the military and of civilians.

WATER SUPPLY.

Extract from Health Officer's Report for December, 1896.

1.—The water supply is ample and of good quality.

Extract from Report of Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee, February, 1897.

The Sub-Committee recommend that a considerable number of additional standposts be without delay placed along Trincomalee street and Katugastota road (Mahaiyawa), Asgiriya road, Peradeniya road, including Katukele and some other streets in the town, where the number of standposts is insufficient. The Sub-Committee believe that if effect is at once given to this advice a distinct grievance will be removed and the best course in the circumstances adopted.

A Special Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee of the Municipal Council should be permanently appointed to control and supervise all matter relating to the water supply, with full powers to inquire into all questions, to collate and have printed all papers and documents, plans, &c., during each and every year, and generally, to advise the Municipal Council on the most vital department of the Council's work—water supply and connected waterworks.

Extract of Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, March, 1897.

4. A recommendation of the Standing Committee in connection with the water supply was considered, and on the motion of Mr. Vanderwall, seconded by Mr. Jonklaas, it was resolved that a Special Committee of the Council be appointed to inquire into all questions, to collate and have printed all papers, documents, and plans, &c., relating to the subject, and to report to the Council.

The following Special Committee was nominated:—The Chairman, Mr. Murray, Dr. Keyt, Mr. Philip. And the following is the interim report submitted by them. The recommendations were approved of by the Council:—

Interim Report.

The Special Committee on water supply having had its attention called to the great risk of contamination of the water supply of Kandy, owing to the streams which feed the reservoir passing through the estates in which there are cooly lines, and which are largely manured, considered it advisable to ascertain whether it would be possible to acquire at a reasonable rate those estates or the portions of them which lie within the basin. The greater part of the basin is occupied by Fairieland estate, which is 147 acres (nearly) in extent within the basin, made up as follows:—

	A.	R.	P.
Tea ...	103	3	29
Old cocoanuts ...	1	2	30
Patana, &c. ...	41	1	26

After a careful appraisal of the value of this estate, in which the Special Committee was guided by the mature experience of Mr. W. D. Gibbon, the Committee determined to make an offer to the proprietors of Rs. 25,000. This offer has been accepted, and the Special Committee recommend the Council to confirm the purchase.

They would also recommend that they should be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the rest of the lands in the basin. The extents are as follows:—

	A.	R.	P.
Roseneath Estate { Tea ...	80	0	0
{ Patana, &c. ...	12	0	0
Hantane Estate { Tea ...	74	0	0
{ Chena, &c. ...	1	0	0
De Soysa's Land { Tea, &c. ...	7	2	0
{ Chena ...	63	0	0

It is hardly necessary to lay stress on the importance of having the gathering ground of the reservoir entirely under the control of the Council. The lamentable outbreak of typhoid fever at Maidstone is an example of what may result from a contaminated water supply, and it would be unwise to neglect such a warning. Although for many years the water of the Kandy Waterworks has, by the comparative immunity of the inhabitants from water-borne diseases as well as by analysis, been proved to be good, yet an outbreak of any such disease in the habitations on the estates named would be most disastrous to the town, and such an outbreak might occur at any time.

The lands after being acquired should be afforested. The Special Committee will, if authorized, endeavour to make arrangements with the superintendent of one of the neighbouring estates for the planting of the trees required.

November 20, 1897.

ALLANSON BAILEY, Chairman.
W. D. GIBBON.
FRED. KEYT.
A. PHILIP.

DRAINAGE.

Extract of Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, October, 1896.

4. The report of the Secretary and Superintendent of Works on town drainage was laid on the table. It was resolved that printed copies be circulated as soon as received.

Extracts of Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, February, 1897.

8. Mr. Philip moved, pursuant to notice, "(a) That the side drains on the left-hand side of the Katugastota road, commencing opposite its junction with Lady Gordon's road, be efficiently attended to, a proper and uniform gradient being made to carry off water. Further, that deterrent action be taken to prevent debris and offensive substances being deposited and kept in the drains.

"(b) That the water-course (necessary for the effectual drainage of the Municipality) that crosses Katugastota road at the "bridge," or large brick-arched culvert immediately before the Matale railway viaduct at Mahaiyawa, be straightened and planted up carefully and thickly on both sides with bamboo roots along the banks of the stream, the rank and noisome jungle vegetation being felled, burned, and dug up during the dry season at the beginning of the year.

"(c) That the bit of road at which carts enter the gravel pits adjoining the bridge above-mentioned be widened and the brick barrel drain lengthened several feet, as at present it is distinctly dangerous and may lead to accidents."

Seconded by Mr. Gibbon.

Upon the suggestion of the Chairman the motions were withdrawn, and it was resolved that the matters referred to therein be referred to a Special Committee consisting of Mr. Murray, Mr. Philip, and the Chairman for report.

Extracts of Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, March, 1897.

9. Read report of the Special Committee appointed to report on (1) the side drains of Katugastota road; (2) the improvement of the water-course above the railway viaduct at Mahaiyawa; and (3) the widening of the road to the gravel pit and the lengthening of the brick barrel drain.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Vanderwall, seconded by Mr. Jonklaas, that the report of the Special Committee be adopted, and that it be sent to the Standing Committee to have effect given to it.

Extract of Report of Special Committee, February, 1897.

The Special Committee having visited the locality beg leave to report that (1) the side drains of the Katugastota road are in bad order, and should be properly built either in cement concrete or with bricks and mortar rendered in cement. The Secretary (Lieut.-Col. Byrde) has estimated the cost of the former at Rs. 7,457. This question might be considered with the general question of drain repair, and when the time comes an application made to Government to contribute to the cost. (2) The Committee approves of the suggestions made in resolutions 2 and 3, and recommend that estimates be called for.

CESSPITS.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, January, 1897.

5. Considered report of Health Officer with reference to cesspool on premises No. 50, Malabar street. Mr. W. D. Gibbon moved, seconded by Mr. R. W. Jonklaas, "that the Chairman be specially empowered to act under the provisions of section 33 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1896 in respect of the cesspool in question." This was carried unanimously.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, February, 1897.

6. Health Officer's report on premises No. 63, 64, and 65, Peradeniya road, was considered; and upon the motion of Mr. Sproule, seconded by Mr. Vanderwall, it was resolved that the Chairman be specially empowered to act in the matter under section 209 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, as amended by section 33 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1896.

Extracts of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, April, 1897.

3. The Health Officer's report on premises No. 253, Colombo street, was considered, and upon the motion of Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Beven, it was resolved, in accordance with section 209 (a) of the Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, as amended by Ordinance No. 1 of 1896, that the Chairman be specially empowered to require, by notice in writing to the owner or occupier of the house No. 253, Colombo street, to close the cesspool on his premises and to substitute a dry-earth closet therefor.

4. Considered Health Officer's report on latrines for alleys. Upon the motion of Mr. Jonklaas, seconded by Mr. Murray, it was resolved that the Council take steps to erect latrines in the alleys where such latrines should be useful to the public, provided the owners consent to give the public a right of way; and that a Special Committee be appointed to determine in which alleys such public latrines should be erected, and that the owners of other alleys be required to close their cesspits and substitute dry-earth closets therefor.

The following special Committee was nominated for the purpose:—The Chairman, Dr. Keyt, and Mr. Jonklaas.

Extracts of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, May, 1897.

3. Upon the motion of Mr. Sproule, seconded by Dr. Keyt, it was resolved that the Chairman be specially empowered, under the provisions of section 209 of "The Municipal Councils' Ordinance, 1887," as amended by section 33 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1896, to require, by notice in writing to the owner or occupier of the premises in Castle Hill street, numbered 129a, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134a-6, to close the cesspool on the said premises and to substitute a dry-earth closet therefor.

7. Upon the motion of Mr. Jonklaas, seconded by Dr. Keyt, it was resolved that the Chairman be specially empowered, under the provisions of section 209 of "The Municipal Councils' Ordinance, 1887," as amended by section 33 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1896, to require, by notice in writing to the owner or occupier of the premises in Castle Hill street, numbered 30, 31, to close the cesspool of the said premises and to substitute a dry-earth closet therefor.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, July, 1897.

8. Read Health Officer's report on latrine No. 83, Trincomalee street. On the motion of Mr. Beven, seconded by Dr. Keyt, it was resolved that the Chairman be specially empowered, under the provisions of section 33 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1896, to order the closing of the cesspit and the substitution therefor of a dry-earth closet.

NIGHT SOIL.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, January, 1897.

Proposed by Mr. A. Philip, and seconded by Dr. F. Keyt, "that a return be furnished without delay to the Municipal Council showing the latrine accommodation of each and every dwelling-place within Municipal limits, and to ascertain what arrangements are made by the householders or occupiers for the removal of night soil, for the daily keeping clean and in proper order of privies, cesspools, and connected drains within the Municipality; also for a return showing in detail the premises, if any, that have, contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance or otherwise, any connection with the main sewers or street drains."

The motion was carried.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, April, 1897.

5. Mr. Philip, pursuant to notice, asked if any scheme had been prepared for the removal of night soil from private premises, and (a) where the present depôt or depôts for night soil were situated; and (b) the Chief Inspector who was responsible for their daily inspection and attention generally.

The Chairman replied that no scheme had yet been prepared for the removal of night soil from private premises. The owners made their own arrangements. That (a) at present there was only one depôt, which was some distance from the town on the Katugastota road; and that (b) the Chief Inspector was at present responsible for its inspections. Complaints having been made as to the manner in which this duty has been performed, the matter is to be dealt with by the Standing Committee.

6. Mr. Philip, pursuant to notice, moved "that a Special Committee be appointed to arrange, in conference with the Health Officer, for additional depôts conveniently placed for the different wards and for proper inspection." Seconded by Mr. Murray and agreed to.

The following Special Committee was appointed:—The Chairman, Dr. Keyt, Mr. Jonklaas, and Mr. Philip.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, August, 1897.

4. Mr. Philip, pursuant to notice, asked when the return referred to in the following motion, viz., that a return be furnished without delay to the Municipal Council showing the latrine accommodation of each and every dwelling-place within Municipal limits, and to ascertain what arrangements are made by the householders or occupiers for the removal of night soil, for the daily keeping clean and in proper order of the privies, cesspools, and connected drains within the Municipality; also for a return showing in detail the premises, if any, that have, contrary to the provisions of the Ordinance or otherwise, any connection with the main sewers or street drains, duly carried at a meeting of the Municipal Council held on January 22, 1897, would be furnished.

The Chairman replied that owing to imperfect instructions the reports of Inspectors on their house-to-house inspections did not contain all the information required by the motion. This would be remedied and the return furnished at the next Meeting if possible.

PUBLIC LATRINES.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, March, 1897.

7. Mr. Philip moved, pursuant to notice, having, with the leave of the Council, amended the latter part of the motion, of which he had given notice, "that the Chairman be asked, in terms of section 200, Municipal Councils Ordinance, to have immediate steps taken to provide and maintain duplicate public latrines and urinals at the various situations where they are now erected; and that the question of having similar latrines and urinals erected within some of the crowded alleys of Colombo street and elsewhere be referred to the Health Officer for early report."

Seconded by Mr. Sproule and carried.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, August, 1897.

6. Mr. Philip, pursuant to notice, asked, with reference to motion No. 7 in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Municipal Council of Kandy on March 20, what steps had been taken in the matter; and second, whether the Health Officer had made his report on the question of having latrines, &c., erected within some of the crowded alleys in the town.

The Chairman replied that (1) ten new galvanized iron latrines of five seats each had been ordered from Messrs. Walker, Sons & Company, Limited; (2) the Health Officer's report on latrines for alleys had been submitted to the Council, and the question had been referred to a Special Committee (see paragraph No. 4 of the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on April 24), and that the Special Committee had not yet reported.

DAIRIES AND CATTLE SHEDS.

Extracts of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, June, 1897.

8. Mr. Vanderwall, with the leave of the Council, withdrew the next motion standing in his name, the Chairman undertaking to see that the premises referred to were kept clean.

9. Mr. Vanderwall moved, pursuant to notice, "that steps be taken to prevent Kirk street being made a cart-stand to the convenience of passengers and vehicles."

Seconded by Mr. Jonklaas and carried.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, July, 1897.

3. Mr. E. Beven, pursuant to a notice, asked if a register is kept of all dairymen and milk vendors selling or supplying milk to residents within the Municipality, and if steps have been taken to inspect dairy premises.

The Chairman replied that such a register had not yet been prepared; that no person engaged in the sale of milk having applied for registration as required by section 38 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1896, the Inspectors had been instructed to make lists of the persons engaged in the trade, but that before the lists were complete one of the Inspectors had been dismissed and another had resigned; that the present Inspectors have been instructed to revise and complete the lists, and that in the meantime inspections of dairy premises were being made, and the owners noticed were necessary to comply with the by-laws relating to cattle stalls, &c. No special regulations had been passed under chapter II. of Ordinance No. 1 of 1896.

BAKERIES.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, January, 1897.

7. Read correspondence with the Health Officer respecting the bakeries of town and the by-laws for their regulations. The matter was referred to a Special Committee consisting of the Chairman, Dr. Keyt, and Messrs. Philip and Vanderwall.

Extracts of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, February, 1897.

10. The report of the Special Committee on by-laws relating to bakeries was considered, and the following by-laws were passed:—

(1) Every bakery shall be well ventilated and well lighted, and the walls thereof plastered with lime, mortar and whitewashed, the floor cemented, and the drainage sufficiently provided.

(2) No bakery shall be within 30 ft. of any cesspit, latrine, or sewer, nor in a position where bad odours wafted therefrom shall reach it.

(3) No place used as a bakery shall be used as a dwelling-place or for any other purpose whatsoever.

(4) All utensils, furniture, and other requisites used in, or belonging to, a bakery shall be kept clean.

(5) The floor, water, and other materials used in the manufacture of bread shall be good and wholesome.

(6) All refuse and dirt in and about the premises of a bakery shall be removed without delay and the drains well flushed.

(7) No person suffering from any loathsome, contagious, or infectious disease, or who has recently been in attendance on any such person, or who is unwashed or otherwise unclean, shall be employed in a bakery.

(8) Every bakery and the management and conduct of the business shall be always open and subject to examination by the Chairman of the Municipal Council, the Health Officer, and all persons acting under the authority of the said Chairman.

Any person who shall commit a breach of any of the foregoing by-laws shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding Rs. 20.

ALLEYS.

Extracts of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, May, 1897.

4. Mr. Beven, pursuant to notice, moved, in view of the Health Officer's report, "that the alleys in crowded parts of Kandy are in an insanitary state, and that they are a constant menace to the health of the town; that steps be taken by the Council to acquire the alleys and pull down the rookeries thereon, and to erect in their places houses with due regard to sanitary requirements."

Seconded by Dr. Keyt.

Mr. Vanderwall moved as an amendment "that a Special Committee be appointed to report on the alleys generally and the probable cost of acquiring each, and of erecting improved dwellings in place of the present dwellings."

Seconded by Mr. Jonklaas.

The amendment was accepted by Mr. Beven, who, with the leave of the Council, withdrew his motion.

The amendment was put to the vote and was carried, and the following Special Committee was nominated:—The Chairman, Mr. Beven, Mr. Sproule, the Provincial Engineer.

The following is the report of the Committee:—

The Special Committee appointed to report on the alleys generally (see resolution of Council dated May 29, 1897, No. 4) beg leave to report as follows:—

The alleys of the town are assessed at a total annual rental of Rs. 22,245, deducting Rs. 900 being the rent of alleys not in crowded localities; the sum of Rs. 21,345 represents the annual rental of the alleys, the sanitary condition of which calls for early action on the part of the Council.

One method of dealing with them would be to acquire the properties, pull down the existing dwellings, and erect more commodious and better ventilated dwellings in their stead. At ten years' purchase, plus ten per cent. for compulsory acquisition, the alleys to be dealt with would cost Rs. 234,795. The dwelling-rooms would cost at least Rs. 60,000, i.e., 600 rooms at Rs. 100 a room. The present number of rooms is over 900. The latrines would cost probably Rs. 15,000. The total cost then of acquiring the sites and building the rooms and latrines would be Rs. 309,795. Assuming that a rent of Rs. 30 could be obtained for each room, the total income would be Rs. 18,000, nearly 6 per cent. on the outlay.

Should the Council consider that this expenditure is, in view of the large amounts likely to be required for improving the drainage system and the water supply, more than it can afford, the alternative course would be—

(1) To specially empower the Chairman to require the closing of the cesspits in all the alleys and the substitution thereof of dry-earth latrines (Ordinance No. 1 of 1876, section 33); and

(2) For the Chairman to take action under sections 177 and 189 of the Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, as well as under by-laws 2 and 3 of chapter IV. of the schedule to Ordinance No. 19 of 1896.

The cesspit latrines are no doubt injurious to health, and those in the alleys are the worst and most offensive. The dry-earth system should be introduced as soon as possible. The sections of the Ordinances mentioned above in paragraph 2 appear to give sufficient power for the carrying out of the other sanitary improvements required, viz., the providing of better ventilation, the prevention of overcrowding, and proper paving and draining.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Council held on August 4, 1897.

The Council considered in Committee the report of the Special Committee (Appendix A) appointed to report on the alleys generally (see resolution No. 4 of the Meeting of May 29, 1897). On the question whether the Council should acquire the alleys or follow the alternative recommendation of the Special Committee, the Council, in Committee, was divided in opinion, the Members voting as follows:—

For Acquisition.

E. Beven, Esq.

For Alternative Proposal.

A. Philip, Esq.
Dr. F. Keyt.
W. W. Pole Fletcher, Esq.
The Chairman.

The majority of the Committee was therefore in favour of the alternative proposal (a). On resuming, the decision of the Committee was accepted, and it was proposed by Dr. Keyt and seconded by Mr. Fletcher, that the Chairman be specially empowered, under section 33 of the Ordinance No. 1 of 1896, to require the owner or occupier of each of the following houses or buildings having cesspools on premises to close each such cesspool and to substitute a dry-earth closet therefor, viz.:—

List of Buildings and Houses referred to.

Brownrigg street: 49 a-c; 62 a-d; 66 a-k; 82 a-m; 87 a-f; 90 a-g; 91 a-f.
Bogambara and Deyennevella: 100 a-d; 101 a-j.
Castle Hill street: 6 a-11; 12 a-13 a; 50 a-h; 60 a-d; 65 a-c; 68 a-f; 118 a-i; 119 a-c; 129 a-134 d; 145 a-f.
Cemetery road: 16 a-o.
Colombo street: 42 a-n; 80 a-d; 103 a-g; 104 a-f; 109 a-f; 110 a-e; 113 a-m; 116 a-u; 119 a-l; 144 a-j; 147 a-d; 150 a-d; 155 a-d; 157 a-e; 158 a-p; 211 a-i; 245 a-n.
Colombo road: 7 a-g.
Cross street: 10 a-i.
Hill street: 25 a-p; 30 a-h.
Katugastota road: 36 a-c.
Katukele-Lake road: 1 a-f; 4 a-h; 9 a-r; 10 a-o; 14 a-i; 16 a-b; 17 a-c; 38 a-g; 39 a-j.
Kirk street: 1 a-i; 7 a-e.
King street: 13 a-e; 14 a-u; 20 a-h; 29 a-g; 55 a-k; 68 a-k.
Lady Longden's drive: 4 a-h.
Lady Torrington's road: 32 a-e.
Malabar street: 57 a-c; 91 a-d.
Old Matale road: 4 a-d; 5 a and 6.
Peradeniya road: 15 a-g; 17 a-f; 18 a-f; 21 a-c; 16 a-m; 42 a-d; 43 e-i; 47 a-o; 49 a-e; 54 a-j; 62 a-d; 68 a-m; 78 a and 6; 158 a-f; 159 a-j; 196 a-d; 212 a-g; 222 a-d; 236 a-c; 383 a-e and 384; 861 a-g; 1030 a-i; 1073 a-f; 1075 a-m; 1087 a-m; 1088 a-d; 1089 a-i.
Railway approach: 6 a-d.
Temple street: 3 a-n; 6 a-c; 9 a-g.
Torrington road: 3 a-i; 4 a-d; 8 a-d; 9 a-d.
Trincomalee street: 49 a-d; 56 a-e; 105 a-i; 114 a-d; 136 a-h; 137 a-w; 254 a-c and 255; 279 a-d; 288 a-c; 290 a and 6; 293 a and j; 304 a and b; 307 a and b; 332 a-c; 338 a and b; 342 a-c; 351 a-f; 356 a-f; 376 a-e; 377 a-e.
Victoria drive: 12½ a-e; 12¾ a-f.

The motion was carried.

It was further moved by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Dr. Keyt, that the Chairman be requested to take action under sections 177 and 189 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, as well as under by-laws 2 and 3 of chapter IV. of the schedule to Ordinance No. 19 of 1896, in respect of the alleys mentioned in the preceding resolution.

SANITATION (MISCELLANEOUS).

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, June, 1897.

9. Pursuant to notice, Mr. E. W. Jonklaas moved "that the supervision of scavenging, whether by Municipal coolies or by contractor, be placed in the hands of the Health Officer, and that his allowance be raised from Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000 per annum."

Seconded by Mr. Vanderwall and carried.

Extract of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, July, 1897.

Mr. Beven, pursuant to notice, inquired if a register is kept of all laundrymen washing for residents within the Municipality, and if inspection has taken place of laundry premises.

The Chairman stated that the reply to this question was *mutatis mutandis*, the same as to the previous question relating to dairymen and milk vendors.

Extracts of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, August, 1897.

Mr. Vanderwall having, with the leave of the Council, amended the motion, of which he had given notice, moved "that the Health Officer be called upon to furnish a report to the Council monthly of work done by him commencing from last month (July)."

Seconded by Mr. Jonklaas and agreed to.

Mr. Vanderwall, pursuant to notice, moved "that steps be taken to complete the drain of the road on the north side of the esplanade, which has been left open for several months."

Seconded by Mr. Beven and agreed to.

The Chairman stated that the Standing Committee had ordered that a vote for this work would be included in the next Supplementary Budget.

Extracts of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council, Kandy, September, 1897.

The Chairman laid on the table the following papers:—

List of cattle sheds, &c.; list of laundrymen and dairymen employed by the inhabitants of the Municipality; a return showing latrine accommodation; list of number of police paid for by the Council; and a return of work done by Health Officer.

It was ordered that the papers be circulated, and that in future the diary of the Health Officer and the monthly return of the distribution of Municipal police be circulated with the usual monthly statement.

Kandy, December 3, 1897.

APPENDIX C.

Budget for 1898.

No. 1 ACCOUNT.

	Revenue.	Total.	Estimates.	Total.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
<i>Cemetery.</i>				
Fees ...	—	900 0		
<i>Commutation Rate.</i>				
Rate ...	—	9,250 0		
<i>Interest Account.</i>				
From bank, &c. ...	—	300 0		
<i>Judicial Account.</i>				
Municipal Court fines ...	600 0			
Police Court fines ...	1,750 0			
		2,350 0		
<i>Licenses.</i>				
Auctioneers ...	160 0			
Opium ...	5,750 0			
Dangerous and offensive trades ...	600 0			
Special licenses to slaughter cattle ...	50 0			
Sundries ...	25 0			
		6,585 0		
<i>Miscellaneous Receipts and Charges.</i>				
Cattle trespass fines ...	50 0			
Badges ...	116 25			
Sundries, viz., fines Rs. 125, permits and registration fees Rs. 80, other items Rs. 60 ...	265 0			
		431 25		
<i>Public Works.</i>				
Government contribution ...	850 0			
Recreation ground rents ...	250 0			
		1,100 0		
<i>Cemetery Account.</i>				
Establishment Rs. 1,080, tools Rs. 50 ...				1,130 0
<i>Commutation Rate.</i>				
Commission Rs. 575, advertising Rs. 65 ...			640 0	
Serving schedules Rs. 50, peons Rs. 140 ...			190 0	
Supervision and clerical labour ...			240 0	
Books and forms Rs. 135, contingencies Rs. 20 ...			155 0	
				1,225 0
<i>Judicial Account.</i>				
Establishment Rs. 1,150, Magistrate Rs. 500 ...			1,650 0	
Printing ...			50 0	
				1,700 0
<i>Licenses.</i>				
Printing, &c. ...				60 0
<i>Miscellaneous Receipts and Charges.</i>				
Seizing cattle Rs. 50, badges, &c., Rs. 100 ...			150 0	
Sick pay and medical aid Rs. 175, sundries Rs. 90 ...			265 0	
Fire-engine watchers ...			89 28	
				504 28
<i>Office Charges.</i>				
Establishment Rs. 5,354.40, audit Rs. 150 ...			5,504 40	
Furniture Rs. 30, advertising Rs. 36 ...			66 0	
Stamps Rs. 39, stationery and books Rs. 180 ...			219 0	
Sundries Rs. 36, printing Rs. 100 ...			136 0	
				5,925 40
<i>Public Works.</i>				
Schedule A ...			28,410 20	
Superintending officer Rs. 1,600, printing, &c., Rs. 300 ...			1,900 0	
				30,310 20

	Revenue. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.		Estimates. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.
<i>Public Market.</i>			<i>Public Market.</i>		
Monthly rents ...	8,000 0		Establishment Rs. 708, commission Rs. 40 ...	748 0	
Daily rents ...	2,400 0	10,400 0	Lighting Rs. 800, disinfectants Rs. 250 ...	1,050 0	
			Books and forms Rs. 120, sundries Rs. 80 ...	200 0	1,998 0
<i>Rents.</i>			<i>Rents.</i>		
From lands and spaces Rs. 250, vegetable Rs. 230, market and Town Hall Rs. 200 ...	—	680 0	Site of cooly lines, &c., Rs. 32-75, sundries Rs. 5... Lighting, &c., of Town Hall ...	—	37 75 225 0
<i>Slaughter Houses.</i>			<i>Slaughter Houses.</i>		
Daily fees from cattle ...	3,900 0		Keepers' wages Rs. 360, feeding cattle Rs. 715 ...	1,075 0	
Do. sheep and goats ...	525 0	4,425 0	Books and forms Rs. 80, disinfectants Rs. 65 ...	145 0	1,220 0
<i>Sanitation and Scavenging.</i>			<i>Sanitation and Scavenging.</i>		
Removing night soil ...	—	600 0	Establishment Rs. 3,280, Health Officer Rs. 1,000 ...	4,280 0	
			Two horse allowances ...	960 0	
			Uniform allowance ...	150 0	
			Disinfectants and labour ...	400 0	
			Printing ...	100 0	
				5,890 0	
			Scavenging ...	16,816 85	22,706 85
<i>Stamp Duties.</i>			<i>Stamp Duty.</i>		
Butchers ...	130 0		Commission to stamp vendors ...	513 0	
Carriages ...	1,500 0		Printing, branding, &c. ...	50 0	
Carriers ...	770 0		Waterworks extension (transfer to No. 3 Account) ...	3,500 0	4,063 0
Proctors and notaries ...	630 0				
Hotels and liquor ...	3,700 0				
Taverns ...	3,500 0				
Firearms ...	30 0				
Poisons ...	5 0	10,265 0			
<i>Taxes.</i>			<i>Taxes.</i>		
On bullocks ...	275 0		Seizing, &c., of dogs ...	260 0	
On dogs ...	150 0		Common, tin plates, &c., on account of vehicles and animals ...	100 0	360 0
On vehicles and animals ...	800 0	1,225 0			
<i>Tolls.</i>			<i>Time Charges.</i>		
Bogambara, Gonawatta, Halloluwa, Hukmodara, Katugastota, Lewella, and Peradeniya ...	—	25,251 0	Wages on account of clock ...	180 0	
			Wages, powder, &c., on account of gun ...	250 0	430 0
			<i>Tolls.</i>		
			Sundry charges ...	—	50 0
			<i>Volunteer and Public Band.</i>		
			Contribution ...	—	1,200 0
			Balance ...	—	73,145 48 616 77
					73,762 25
		73,762 25			

No. 2 OR POLICE ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

	Revenue. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.		Estimates. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.
Tax on private properties ...	15,873 55		Assessment tax charges :—		
Tax on Government properties ...	5,817 0	21,690 55	Establishment, audit, stationery, &c. ...	1,941 80	
Interest ...	—	100 0	Books and forms Rs. 250, peons Rs. 120 ...	370 0	
			Writing receipts, &c., Rs. 47, contingencies Rs. 25 ...	72 0	2,383 80
			Police maintenance ...	—	13,000 0
			Street lighting ...	—	2,500 0
			Street names, &c. ...	—	50 0
					17,933 80
			Balance ...	—	3,856 75
		21,790 55			21,790 55

No. 3 OR WATER-RATE ACCOUNT.

	Revenue.		Total.		Estimates.	Total.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Rate on private properties ...	17,059	50					
Rate on Government properties ...	6,500	84					
Rate on military properties ...	500	0					
			24,060	34			
Interest ...				100			
Sale of grass ...				500			
Transfer from No. 1 Account, waterworks extension ...			3,500	0			
			28,160	34			
Water-rate charges:—							
Establishment, audit, stationery, &c. ...					1,941	80	
Books and forms Rs. 200, peons Rs. 120					320	0	
Writing receipts, &c., Rs. 37-50, contingencies Rs. 60					97	50	
							2,359 30
Interest and sinking fund ...							12,500 0
Waterworks maintenance ...							3,761 96
Waterworks extension—for additional standposts, &c. ...							3,652 0
							22,273 26
Balance ...							5,887 8
							28,160 34

SCHEDULE A.

Heads of Expenditure.	Voted for 1897.		Asked for 1898.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
1 Pavements and drains ...	1,500	0	1,308	46
2 Town streets ...	4,315	0	4,315	0
3 Alutgantota and Lady Anderson's roads ...	734	30	734	30
4 Udawattekele roads ...	1,550	0	1,213	50
5 Halloluwa, Slaughter-house, Bahirowakanda, Hospital, and Huduhumpola roads ...	1,193	50	1,193	50
6 Municipal buildings ...	1,100	0	880	0
7 Watering streets ...	300	0	300	0
8 Market buildings and roads ...	1,233	83	598	83
9 Ornamental trees and plants ...	350	0	200	0
10 Tools ...	400	0	400	0
11 Ferry approaches ...	75	0	225	0
12 Bathing tank ...	100	0	100	0
13 Lady Gordon's, Lady Longden's, and Lady MacCarthy's roads ...	853	36	853	36
14 Ferry boats ...	150	0	300	0
15 Fountains ...	76	0	66	0
16 Recreation ground ...	1,982	0	830	0
17 Road from slaughter-house to Richmond Hill ...	1,605	0	1,605	0
18 Survey of Lady Anderson's Improvement and widening Lady Anderson's (on account) ...			400	0
19 Building concrete drains on railway approach road ...			1,200	0
20 Dormer windows to verandahs of Town Hall ...			1,172	75
Cost of eight latrines Rs. 2,160, painting twelve latrines (Rs. 360) ...				
Four concrete platforms and drains ...				
21 Drainage scheme: Balance due for survey ...			3,720	0
Cost of plans ...				
Additional latrines ...			2,200	0
22 Repairing Gonawatta boat ...			2,000	0
23 Open drain in Palace square ...			1,036	0
24 Opening pits at Katugastota for night soil ...			440	0
			1,000	0
Total ...			28,410	20

Taxes proposed by the Standing Committee to be levied in 1898 in terms of Section 110 (c) of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887.

Description of Taxes.	Maximum leviable under the Ordinance.	Amount at present levied.	Amount proposed to be levied.	Authority under which levied.
Assessment tax ...		5 per cent. on annual value	5 per cent. on annual value	Section 127 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887
Water-rate ...		6 per cent. on annual value	6 per cent. on annual value	Section 5 of Ordinance No. 18 of 1884
Carriages other than carts, each ...	Rs. 5 0	5 0	5 0	Section 128 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887
Carts or hackeries, each ...	4 0	4 0	4 0	
Jinrickshas, each ...	2 50	2 50	2 50	
Horses, ponies, or mules, each ...	2 50	2 50	2 50	
Bullocks or asses, each ...	1 0	1 0	1 0	
Dogs, each ...	1 50	0 75	0 75	Section 129 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887
Commutation of labour, each ...	2 50	2 0	2 0	Section 130 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887

ALLANSON BAILEY,
Chairman.

ROAD COMMITTEE NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of section 11 of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1896," of my intention to hold a General Meeting of the proprietors or resident managers of estates interested in the Agra, Walaha, and Railway Gorge roads, in the Dimbula District, for the purpose of electing a Local Committee to perform the duties imposed upon such Committee by the said Ordinance.

The meeting will be held at the Cricket Pavilion, Agra-patana, at 1 P.M. on March 5, 1898.

R. W. BYRDE,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, February 4, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given, in terms of section 11 of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1896," of my intention to hold a General Meeting of the proprietors or resident managers of estates interested in the Knuckles road, for the purpose of electing a Local Committee to perform the duties imposed upon such Committee by the said Ordinance.

The meeting will be held at Moragahagalla Bungalow at 3 P.M. on February 26, 1898.

R. W. BYRDE,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, February 3, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that, under the provisions of section 12 of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1896," the following gentlemen have been elected to form a Local Committee for the Maskeliya District in respect of the Maskeliya to Cruden, Brownlow-Luccombe, Norwood Bridge to Maskeliya, Moray and to Upcot roads:—Messrs.

C. Fraser, R. Cotesworth, C. O. Bell, and C. H. Hood. Mr. C. H. Hood to be Chairman of the Committee under section 15 of the Ordinance.

R. W. BYRDE,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, February 9, 1898.

IT is hereby notified that under the provisions of section 12 of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1896," the following gentlemen have been elected to form a Local Committee in respect of the Deltota road:—Messrs. L. St. G. Carey, A. K. Leitch, E. R. Walker, G. F. Deane, and R. B. Roberts. Mr. L. St. G. Carey to be Chairman of the Committee under section 15 of the Ordinance.

ALLANSON BAILEY,
Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, February 10, 1898.

I HEREBY give notice, in terms of the 11th section of "The Branch Roads Ordinance," No. 14 of 1896, of my intention to hold a General Meeting of the proprietors or resident managers of estates interested in the extension of branch road from Anningkanda to Hayes Estate Factory, within the Morawak korale of the Southern Province and Kolonna korale of the Province of Sabaragamuwa, for the purpose of electing a Local Committee to perform the duties imposed upon such Committee by the said Ordinance.

The meeting will be held at the Deniyaya Resthouse on March 24 next, at 1 P.M.

E. B. ALEXANDER,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Galle, February 12, 1898.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, having agreed to grant the under-mentioned sum for the maintenance of the under-mentioned road for 1898, the Provincial Road Committee of Sabaragamuwa, acting under the provisions of section 23 of the Ordinance No. 14 of 1896, will on Monday, February 21, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., at their office in Ratnapura, proceed to assess the under-mentioned estates to make the private contribution:—

GEVILIPITIYA-HATGAMPOLA ROAD.

Government moiety ...	Rs. 400
Private contribution ...	Rs. 400

Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.
J. R. Collinson and H. Whitham ...	Yellangowrie	678
W. L. Strachan ...	Debatgama	513
E. G. Mainsty and W. C. Whitham ...	Kalugalla	693
		<u>1,884</u>

And at the same time and place the Committee will take evidence, if necessary, and receive and consider objections and suggestions.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Ratnapura, February 8, 1898.

R. G. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, having agreed to grant the under-mentioned sum for the maintenance of the under-mentioned road for 1898, the Provincial Road Committee of Sabaragamuwa, acting under the provisions of section 23 of the Ordinance No. 14 of 1896, will on Monday, February 21, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., at their office in Ratnapura, proceed to assess the under-mentioned estates to make the private contribution:—

PARAKADUWA-HEMMINGFORD ROAD.

Government moiety ...	Rs. 425
Private contribution ...	Rs. 425

1st and 2nd sections.			
Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.		Acreage.
James Watson ...	Hemmingford ...	...	450
L. M. L. Markar ...	Alnoor ...	...	512
James Watson and E. J. Weatherall ...	Pathberiya ...	...	230
Sir Cecil Domville, W. H. Evans, and Mrs. Butt ...	Bovillae ...	...	198
			<u>1,390</u>

And at the same time and place the Committee will take evidence, if necessary, and receive and consider objections and suggestions.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Ratnapura, February 8, 1898.

R. G. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, having agreed to grant the under-mentioned sum for the maintenance of the under-mentioned road for 1898, the Provincial Road Committee of Sabaragamuwa, acting under the provisions of section 23 of the Ordinance No. 14 of 1896, will on Monday, February 21, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., at their office in Ratnapura, proceed to assess the under-mentioned estates to make the private contribution :—

YATIYANTOTA-POLATAGAMA ROAD.

Government moiety ...	Rs. 750
Private contribution ...	Rs. 750

1st section.			
Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.		Acreage.
Kelani Valley Tea Estate Company, Limited ...	Weragolla ...	...	268
1st and 2nd section.			
C. L. Davies ...	Kelani ...	...	588
1st to 3rd section.			
Kelani Valley Tea Association, Limited ...	Parusella ...	...	275
We-oya Tea Company, Limited ...	We-oya ...	...	290
Yatiantota Tea Company, Limited ...	Polatagama ...	...	1,440
We-oya Tea Company, Limited ...	Abamalla ...	...	211
			<u>3,072</u>

And at the same time and place the Committee will take evidence, if necessary, and receive and consider objections and suggestions.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Ratnapura, February 8, 1898.

R. G. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, having agreed to grant the under-mentioned sum for the maintenance of the under-mentioned road for 1898, the Provincial Road Committee of Sabaragamuwa, acting under the provisions of section 23 of the Ordinance No. 14 of 1896, will on Monday, February 21, 1898, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., at their office in Ratnapura, proceed to assess the under-mentioned estates to make the private contribution :—

DEHIOWITA-ALGODA ROAD.

Government moiety ...	Rs. 250
Private contribution ...	Rs. 250

Proprietors or Agents.			
	Estates.		Acreage.
Lord Chelmsford and G. C. Ingles ...	Densworth ...	...	537
The Sunnigama Ceylon Tea Estate Company, Limited ...	Pambegama ...	...	938
The Panawala Tea Company, Limited ...	Ernan and Glassel ...	...	931
The Nahalma Tea Estate Company, Limited ...	Nahalma ...	...	692
C. Blair and A. M. Blair ...	Woodend and Range-gama ...	...	513
H. A. Hayes and J. P. Anderson ...	Maldeniya ...	...	369
W. Forsythe and S. L. Harries ...	Yogama ...	...	1,232
			<u>5,212</u>

And at the same time and place the Committee will take evidence, if necessary, and receive and consider objections and suggestions.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Ratnapura, February 8, 1898.

R. G. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

LOCAL BOARD NOTICES.

IT is hereby notified that the Local Board of Ratnapura has, in terms of section 27 of the Local Board Ordinance, No. 7 of 1876, made and assessed for the year 1898 a rate of 4 per centum on the annual value of all houses and buildings of every description and all lands and tenements whatsoever within the said town of Ratnapura.

Local Board Office,
Ratnapura, February 8, 1898.

H. L. MOYSEY,
Chairman.

Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Local Board of Batticaloa for the Year 1897.

REVENUE.	Amount. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.	EXPENDITURE.	Amount. Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.
Balance on December 31, 1896 ...	—	151 68	Market loan ...	—	722 0
<i>Rents.</i>			Establishment ...	—	1,840 0
Green market ...	877 77		<i>Revenue Services.</i>		
Fish market ...	855 0		Commission to division officers ...	289 15	
Meat market ...	79 25		Commission to assessment tax collectors ...	97 74	
Grain shed ...	291 25		Law expenses ...	—	
Boutique ...	435 0		Auditing accounts ...	—	
Pasture ...	75 0		Medical Lady ...	360 0	
Kalladi ferry toll ...	625 0		Tin plates and office contingencies ...	232 72	
Croquet green ...	1 0		Assessment tax on Local Board property ...	145 83	
Paddy land ...	30 0	3,269 27	Remuneration to assessors ...	123 64	1,249 8
<i>Taxes.</i>			Miscellaneous ...	—	545 56
Assessment ...	1,602 56		<i>Public Works.</i>		
Commutation ...	2,965 50		Market boutiques ...	127 27	
Miscellaneous ...	15 0	4,583 6	Markets ...	185 84	
<i>Licenses.</i>			Road maintenance ...	2,456 98	
Boats ...	273 60		Public grounds ...	721 66½	
Butchers ...	33 25		Cemetery ...	1,810 10	
Carts ...	2,433 90		Infectious diseases hospital ...	46 50	
Guns ...	19 25		Lighting of streets and value of twenty lamps ...	1,213 14½	
Liquor ...	285 0		Uppodai pond ...	122 0	6,683 50
Notaries and proctors ...	200 45		Sanitary charges... ..	—	2,535 28
Opium ...	355 0	3,600 45	Refund ...	—	225 0
<i>Fines.</i>			Diamond Jubilee celebration ...	—	131 23
Fines on cemetery watchers and lamplighter ...	—	2 27	Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	—	13,960 15
Miscellaneous ...	—	2,860 27			506 85
		14,467 0			14,467 0

I, Colin Alexander Murray, do hereby swear that the above is a true and correct account of all moneys received and paid by me during the year 1897 on account of the Local Board, Batticaloa, and that the balance was in the hands of the Government Agent, Batticaloa, on December 31, 1897.

Sworn to on the 9th day of February before me:

M. S. PINTO,
Additional Police Magistrate.

C. A. MURRAY, Chairman and Treasurer.
W. T. WAMBEEK, Member.

Assets and Liabilities of the Local Board of Health and Improvement for the Year 1897.

ASSETS.	Rs. c.	LIABILITIES.	Rs. c.
Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	506 85	Market loan ...	1,752 0
Arrears of rents ...	783 8	Revenue service ...	923 22
Do. assessment tax ...	736 96	Public works ...	1,841 86
Do. licenses ...	303 52	Sanitary charges ...	67 50
		Miscellaneous ...	1,678 89
	2,330 41		6,263 47

I, Colin Alexander Murray, do hereby swear that the above is a true and correct account of all the assets and liabilities of the Local Board of Health and Improvement of Batticaloa on December 31, 1897.

Sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1898:

M. S. PINTO,
Additional Police Magistrate.

C. A. MURRAY, Chairman and Treasurer.
W. T. WAMBEEK, Member.

BOARD OF IMPROVEMENT, NUWARA ELIYA.

Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the Year 1897.

		REVENUE.				REVENUE.	
		Amount.	Total.			Amount.	Total.
		Rs. c.	Rs. c.			Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Balance brought forward on January 1, 1897	...	—	2,311 34	Chairs	...	123 80	
<i>Refund of Stamp Duty on Licenses.</i>				Hearse	...	35 0	
Opium	...	200 0		Lines	...	12 0	
				House	...	14 0	
Carts and coaches	Rs. c. 801 0			Fines by Police Magistrate	...	—	384 30
Carriages and rickshas	280 0			Fines, cattle trespass	...	—	23 50
Hackery	8 0			Taxes, vehicles, &c.	...	—	770 75
Butchers	35 0			Taxes, commutation	...	—	2,476 0
Gun	13 75			Taxes, assessment	...	—	4,116 7
Hotel	1,500 0			Compensation in lieu of local rates	...	—	650 0
Liquor	450 0			<i>Miscellaneous.</i>			
Beer and porter	20 0			Sale of four bulls belonging to the Board	...	200 0	
Poison	10 0			Sale of materials of two houses and part of another house pulled down by the Board	...	147 75	
Proctors	60 0			Petty items	...	222 40	570 15
	3,177 75			<i>Market Revenue and Upkeep.</i>			
Less 5 per cent. on above	158 88			Rent of stalls	...	—	2,170 0
		3,018 87	3,218 87	Loan from Government on account Waterworks	...	—	78,061 13
Licenses, fishing	165 0						98,605 7
Rent of streams	50 0			<i>EXPENDITURE.</i>			
				Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
				Rs. c.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Licenses, shooting	—		215 0	<i>Market.</i>			
Slaughter-house fees	—		117 0	Pay of coolies	...	180 0	
Grazing fees and royalty on grass	—		1,454 25	Constructing drains, repairs, and upkeep	...	512 83	692 83
Royalty on gravel, sand, and stone	—		626 24	<i>Carriage Roads.</i>			
			127 97	Widening Roman Catholic Church road	...	280 0	
<i>Rents.</i>						Upkeep of roads	682 18
Lands	119 75			On account street names	...	363 70	1,325 88
Boardroom	79 75			Bridle roads : general upkeep	...	—	305 55
				Waterworks	...	—	45 87

Assessment tax collector's commission for 1896	92 79			Bridges, culverts, and side drains : upkeep and repairs	...	—	274 2
Assessment tax collector's commission for 1897	171 84			Planting trees, weeding, and removing parasites	...	—	50 57
Commutation tax collector's commission for 1897	242 60			Cemeteries	...	—	216 74
Translating by-laws into Sinhalese and Tamil	30 0			Stores	...	—	813 60
Audit fees for 1894, 1895, and 1896	458 23			Building new latrines	...	—	361 57
Audit fees for half-year, 1897	75 0			Erection of street lamps	...	—	706 87
Refund of commutation tax paid	8 0			Lighting street lamps	...	—	987 44
Tom-tom beater publishing notices	4 50			Buildings : repairs and upkeep	...	—	279 7
Assessment clerk's allowance, 1897	30 0			Time signal gun	...	—	271 25
Advertisements	3 0			Esplanade improvements	...	—	214 33
Sanitary charges	—		1,421 2	Sewage farm construction and upkeep	...	—	850 29
			3,191 49	Bathing-places	...	—	41 50
<i>Government Loan Account.</i>				Hill Club-Grand Hotel connecting road	...	—	624 87
Interest on loan of Rs. 14,000	470 40			Carriage allowance to District Engineer	...	—	600 0
Do. Rs. 5,000	240 0			Rifle range	...	—	29 37
			710 40	New house	...	—	991 9
<i>Sinking Fund Account.</i>				Painting roofs	...	—	69 57
Sinking fund on loan of Rs. 14,000	280 0						
Do. Rs. 5,000	600 0						
			880 0				

	Amount.	Total.		Amount.	Total.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Thinning trees ...	—	88 89	<i>Establishment.</i>	Pay of inspector and secretary ...	999 96
Law expenses ...	—	100 0		Pay of clerks ...	562 50
Jubilee celebration at Nuwara Eliya	—	146 33		Pay of peons ...	406 71
				Pay of slaughter-house and cemetery keeper ...	240 0
					2,209 17
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>					19,125 28
Balance amount paid after deducting expenses on account two houses and part of another house pulled down by the Board ...	127 16		Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	—	79,479 79
Petty items ...	182 16	309 32			98,605 7
<i>Police Charges.</i>					
Destruction of stray dogs ...	—	4 39			

Board of Improvement,
Nuwara Eliya, January 24, 1898.

S. M. BURROWS,
Assistant Government Agent.

UNOFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Bristol Hotel Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held within the registered office of the Company on Friday, the 25th February, 1898, at 4 P.M., to receive the report by the Directors and the statement of accounts for the half-year ending 31st December, 1897.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 15th to 28th instant.

By order of the Directors,

JOHN GUTHRIE,
Secretary.
Colombo, February 15, 1898.

The Tonacombe Estates Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at Ambewatte House, Slave Island, Colombo, on Tuesday, March 1, 1898, at 12 noon.

Business.

To receive the Directors' report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1897.

To declare a dividend.

To appoint an Auditor for the current year, and for such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from February 20 to March 1.

By order of the Directors,

CUMBERBATCH & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Claremont Estate Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's office, No. 4, Queen street, Fort, Colombo, on Friday, March 4, 1898, at 2 P.M., to receive the report of the Directors and statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1897.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from February 17 until March 4, 1898.

By order of the Directors,

BAKER & HALL,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Rayigam Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's offices, No. 20, Baillie street, Fort, Colombo, on Tuesday, 1st March, 1898, at 1 P.M.

Business.

To receive the report of the Directors and the statement of accounts for the year ending December 31, 1897; to elect a Director and Auditor; and to transact any other competent business.

By order of the Directors,

MACKWOOD & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Uvakellie Tea Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at the registered office, No. 6, Prince street, Fort, Colombo, at noon on Saturday, the 5th March, 1898.

Business.

To receive the Directors' report and accounts to 31st December last.

To declare a dividend.

To elect a Director.

To appoint an Auditor for 1898, and transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 19th February to 5th March, 1898, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. M. ROBERTSON & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Kandyan Hills Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at 3 P.M. on Monday, February 28, 1898, at the registered office of the Company, No. 21, Baillie street, Colombo.

1. To receive the report of the Directors and accounts to 31st December, 1897.

2. To elect a Director.

3. To appoint an Auditor, and transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Directors,

CARSON & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

Colombo, February 17, 1898.

Knavesmire Tea Estates Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Second Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at noon on Saturday, the 26th February, 1898, at the registered office of the Company, No. 14, Queen street, Colombo.

To receive the report of the Directors and statement of accounts to 31st December, 1897.

To declare a dividend.

To elect a Director, appoint an Auditor, and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Directors,

GEO. STEUART & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Galle Face Hotel Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company will be held in the private dining room of the above Hotel on Saturday, the 26th February, 1898, to receive the report of the Directors and the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1897.

WM. WYLIE,
Secretary.

The Donnybrook Tea Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of this Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, No. 19, Upper Chatham street, Fort, Colombo, on the 7th day of March, 1898, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Business.

To receive the report of the Directors and accounts for the past year.

To transact any other business that may duly be brought before the meeting.

By order of the Directors,

CHARLES CAMPION,
Secretary.

February 15, 1898.

MR. ROBERT FARQUHAR SPOTTISWOOD HARDIE has this day been admitted a partner in our Firm.

LEECHMAN & Co.

Colombo, February 10, 1898.

I, BHALTAIR RUARIDH ALUINN DOMH-NUILL MACGREGOR STODDART, presently of Morar estate, Bogawantalawa, in the Central Province of the Island of Ceylon, do hereby give notice that from and after the 12th instant I shall add the name of MacLellan to that of Stoddart, and that from and after that date I shall sign my name as under.

W. STODDART MACLELLAN.

Morar, Bogawantalawa,
February 10, 1898.

I, CHARLES JOHANNES JANSZ, Clerk, Ceylon Government Railway, Rambukkana, hereby give notice that on and after 10th March, 1898, my full name will be Charles Stephen de Jansz Abeysekera, and that I shall sign myself as Chas. Abeysekera.

CHAS. J. JANSZ,
Clerk, Ceylon Government Railway.

Rambukkana, February 2, 1898.

I HEREBY give notice that from the 1st January, 1898, I have signed my name, and will continue henceforth to sign, as C. P. Mathew instead of C. Peris.

C. PERIS *alias* C. P. MATHEW.

7, Canal Row, Fort, Colombo.