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ROAD COMMITTEE NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the meeting for assessment of private contribution regarding the Dehiowita-Algoda Branch Road, convened to be held on April 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., and published in the *Government Gazettes* Nos. 5,767 and 5,768 of March 8 and 15, 1901, is postponed for Saturday, May 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M.

W. A. WEEREKOON,
Secretary.
Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Ratnapura, March 22, 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the meeting for assessment of private contribution regarding the Glenalla-Havilland Branch Road, convened to be held on April 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., and published in the *Government Gazettes* Nos. 5,767 and 5,768, of March 8 and 15, 1901, is postponed for Saturday, May 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M.

W. A. WEEREKOON,
Secretary.
Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Ratnapura March 22, 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the meeting for alteration of limits of district and for assessment of private contribution regarding the Yatiyantota-Polata-gama Branch Road, convened to be held on April 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., and published in the *Government Gazettes* Nos. 5,767 and 5,768 of March 8 and 15, 1901, is postponed for Saturday, May 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M.

W. A. WEEREKOON,
Secretary.
Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Ratnapura, March 22, 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the meeting for assessment of private contribution regarding the Gewilipitiya-Hatgampola Branch Road, convened to be held on April 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., and published in the *Government Gazettes* Nos. 5,767 and 5,768 of March 8 and 15, 1901, is postponed for Saturday, May 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M.

W. A. WEEREKOON,
Secretary.
Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Ratnapura, March 22, 1901.

NOTICE is hereby given that the meeting for assessment of private contribution regarding the Parakaduwa-Hemmingford Branch Road, convened to be held on April 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M., and published in the *Government Gazette* Nos. 5,767 and 5,768 of March 8 and 15, 1901, is postponed for Saturday, May 4, 1901, at 2.30 o'clock P.M.

W. A. WEEREKON,
Provincial Road Committee's Office, Secretary.
Ratnapura, March 22, 1901.

Amended Assessment.

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 1900, the Provincial Road Committee, acting under the provisions of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1896," have assessed the proportion due by each estate in the district interested in the said road, as follows:—

KADUGANNAWA-ALLAGALLA ROAD.

Maintenance.

Government moiety	Rs. 2,250
Private contributions	" 2,250

Survey.

Government moiety	Rs. 450
Private contributions	" 450

1st section, 1 mile.

Total acreage, 3,579—Moiety of cost, Rs. 450—
Sectional rate, 1257c.—Total rate, 1257c.

Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.	Rs. c.
Lady de Soysa	Maligatenna	28	3 54
W. C. Dias	do.	50	6 31

1st to 3rd section, 3 miles.

Total acreage, 3,501—Moiety of cost, Rs. 900.—
Sectional rate, 2570c.—Total rate, 3827c.

Amonapura Herat Mudi- yanselage Punchi	Land	25	9 59
Vidane and Ballany	Amonapura	80	30 64
Duraya	...	...	...
Delankepedegedera Uk- ku's	Land	90	34 47
Felix Dias	Kumaragala	102	39 6
Katacumbure Sarana's	Land	30	11 51
Makadawaragedera Kiri baya's	Land	23	8 83

1st to 4th section, 4 miles.

Total acreage, 3,151—Moiety of cost, Rs. 450—
Sectional rate, 1428c.—Total rate, 5255c.

R. Piction Warlow	Anditenna	70	36 81
Do.	Tismodde	260	136 66
Kandapalata Korala	Land	60	31 56
Mudianse's	...	...	...
Widow of Tismadde	Land	25	13 16
Waddawa's	...	...	...
Totagodawatte Udaha- gedera Ukku Banda's...	Land	25	13 16
H. P. and L. R. Rudd	Beltoff	135	70 97
Jas. Piachaud	Seafield	95	49 95
Herat Mudiyanseleyage Punchi Banda Ara- chohi's	Land	50	26 30
Polwattagedera Kalu Banda's	Land	22	11 59

1st to 5th section, 5 miles.

Total acreage, 2,409—Moiety of cost, Rs. 450—
Sectional rate, 1867c.—Total rate, 7122c.

Cumberbatch & Co.	Allagalla and Dekande	900	641 2
Yattegama Ukku Banda Arachchi's	Land	40	28 52
Colombo Commercial Company	Volanakanda	490	349 1
Waddiagedera Ukku Banda's	Land	40	28 52

Proprietors or Agents. Estates. Acreage. Rs. c.
1st to 6th section, 5½ miles.

Total acreage, 939—Moiety of cost, Rs. 450—
Sectional rate, 4792c.—Total acreage 1-1914c.

Eastern Produce and Estates Company, Limited	Kirimettiya and Peak	909	1,083 3
K. B. Kobbekaduwa's	Land	30	35 79
			2,700 0

Which sums the proprietors, managers, or agents of the several estates are hereby required to pay forthwith into the Colonial Treasury, Colombo.

R. A. G. FESTING,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, March 27, 1901.

Nugawela-Riverside Road.

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 above road:—
Messrs. Geo. Benzie, Shelton Agar, George Christie. Mr. Geo. Benzie to be the Chairman of the Committee under section 15 of the Ordinance.

R. A. G. FESTING,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, March 27, 1901.

THE report of the Local Committee on the Ulapanne-Riverside Branch road having been received, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of section 19 of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1896," the Provincial Road Committee will on Thursday, April 25, 1901, at 3 o'clock P.M., at their office in Kandy, after hearing objections, if any, proceed to assess in the manner prescribed by the said section the proportion due by each estate on account of the moiety of the cost of construction of the said road.

The Local Committee have recommended that the following estates should be assessed for the sections and on the acreage stated opposite to each:—

1st and 2nd sections, 1 mile.

Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.
E. Ware	Ulapanne	200
Fernando	Pitadeniya	20

1st to 3rd section, 1½ mile.

Geo. Benzie	Mahawilu	321
Shelton Agar	Derby	157
Mell, Mendis & Co.	Halgolla	35

1st to 6th section, 3 miles.

George Christie	Kanapediwatta	400
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1st to 9th section, 4 miles and 20 chains.

G. G. Westland	Riverside	390
G. Simon	Dambagalla	45
M. Bowle Evans	Nugawela	181

Amount of Government moiety ... Rs. 35,910
Private contributions ... " 35,910

R. A. G. FESTING,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, March 27, 1901.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF KANDY.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Kandy held in the Town Hall, Kandy, on Saturday, January 19, 1901, at 8.30 o'clock a.m., in accordance with Notice dated January 15, 1901.

Present:—Hon. Mr. H. Wace, Chairman; J. H. Sproule, Esq.; E. Beven, Esq.; W. D. Gibbon, Esq.; C. Vanderwall, Esq.; R. W. Jonklaas, Esq.; L. Creasy, Esq.; Dr. J. Craib; C. M. Fernando, Esq.

1. The Minutes of Proceedings of the Meeting held on December 15, 1900, and of an adjourned Meeting on December 19, and of the adjourned Special Meeting on December 19, were read, confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

2. The following documents were submitted:—Statements of Receipts and Expenditure from close of 1899 to December 31, 1900, on account of the Municipal Fund, comprising the (No. 1) General Revenue, (No. 2) Consolidated Rate (Police and Lighting), and (No. 3) Water-rate Accounts; Progress Report of Works done brought up to the same date; Health Officer's Report for, and Statement of Cases instituted by the several Inspectors during, the month of December.

Resolved,—That the several statements, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of this Meeting, as required by section 90 of the Municipal Councils' Ordinance, No. 7 of 1887, and the Health Officer's report, be forwarded to the Colonial Secretary for publication in the *Government Gazette*, and that they be previously circulated.

3. The following papers were laid on the table:—Reports by the several Inspectors on laundries inspected during December and register.

4. Return of burials in the general cemetery, Mahaiyawa, during the second half-year of 1900, was laid on the table.

5. The following reasons of their dissent from the opinion of the majority by the Chairman and Mr. Beven, to the resolution proposed by Mr. Beven on December 15, that the recommendation of the Special Committee appointed to consider questions connected with the water supply, that the proposed by-laws in respect of meters be adopted in lieu of by-laws 20 and 21, chapter XII, of Ordinance No. 19 of 1896, were read. (Appendix A.)

6. Before proceeding with the business on the Agenda Paper, the Chairman, with consent of the Meeting, brought forward the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Beven:—

"That the Council has learnt with great pleasure of the intended visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York to Kandy, and beg to assure His Excellency the Governor of their desire to co-operate to the utmost with the Government in ensuring Their Royal Highnesses a suitable welcome and reception at Kandy.

"Further, that a Special Committee consisting of the Chairman, the Provincial Engineer, Messrs. Gibbon, Sproule, and Fernando be appointed to consider what arrangements should be made on behalf of the Council on this occasion to report to the Council at its next session."

On being put to the Meeting the resolution was unanimously adopted.

7. The following correspondence was submitted and read:—

(a) Letter No. 1, dated January 11, from the Colonial Secretary, conveying the sanction of His Excellency the Governor to the levy of a 6 per cent. police and lighting rate during 1901.

(b) Letter No. 2, dated January 11, from the Colonial Secretary, conveying the sanction of His Excellency the Governor to the levy of certain proposed taxes during 1901.

(c) Letter No. 3, dated January 12, from the Colonial Secretary, intimating that by-law 21a, chapter XII, of Ordinance No. 19 of 1896, had been confirmed by His Excellency the Governor, but requires a verbal alteration.

Resolved,—That the suggested amendment be accepted as follows:—

21a. The sums recoverable under either of the two next preceding by-laws shall be recovered in the manner provided by sections 281 and 282 of "The Municipal Councils' Ordinance, 1887," as if the sums were expenses directed to be paid by the said Ordinance.

(d) Read letter dated January 12 from Mr. L. Vanderstraaten, Accountant, stating that his letter of October 15, asking for increased remuneration, was not submitted to the Standing Committee or the Council.

Resolved,—That Mr. Vanderstraaten be informed that his application of October 15 was considered by the Standing Committee.

8. In accordance with notice Mr. Fernando put the following questions:—

(a) Whether the new storekeeper has been given charge of the Municipal stores?

Reply.—He has not. The verification of stores has only been recently completed. On the list being signed the new storekeeper will be given charge.

(b) When and by whom the Municipal stores were last verified?

Reply.—The stores have recently been verified by the outgoing and incoming storekeepers and a list prepared. They were previously verified in 1896.

(c) Is it true that a report on the electric lighting of Kandy has been obtained from Mr. Cockerill?

Reply.—It is not true that any such report was applied for or obtained on behalf of the Municipal Council.

(d) For what periods, if any, the present Members of the Council have served on the Standing Committee?

Reply.—Mr. Sproule from January, 1888; Mr. Beven from January, 1891; Mr. Vanderwall from January, 1900; Mr. Creasy from March, 1900.

None of the other Members have served on the Standing Committee.

9. In pursuance of notice Mr. Fernando moved and Mr. Jonklaas seconded,—That tenders be called for the building of the new cooly lines.

On the Chairman stating that tenders for timber required had been obtained, and materials for the building ordered, and the site cleared, Mr. Fernando, with permission, withdrew his motion.

10. The following Supplemental Budget was considered :—
 Supplemental Budget No. 2 (submitted to and approved of by the
 Standing Committee).

	Amount, Rs. c.	Total. Rs. c.
Estimated revenue	—	92,258 6
Receipts not estimated and amounts received in excess of estimates	—	4,480 0
		<hr/> 96,738 6
Less not realized (Ampitiya tolls)...	—	370 0
		<hr/> 96,368 6
Amounts voted (Budget)	89,165 62	
Amounts voted (Supplemental Budget No. 1)...	5,279 70	
		<hr/> 94,445 32
		<hr/> 1,922 74
Probable receipts in excess of estimated amounts	—	5,930 24
Unexpended amount; Illukmodara ferry	—	820 0
		<hr/> DISBURSEMENTS. 8,672 98
Plague precautions, putting up huts	44 2	
Expenses connected with cholera outbreak, Katugastota	1,581 38	
Celebration of Pretoria Day	142 60	
Scavenging in excess of estimates for carts and drums, &c.	3,805 75	
		<hr/> 5,573 75
		<hr/> 3,099 23

H. WACE,
 Chairman.

Kandy, December 14, 1900.

Proposed by Mr. Sproule, seconded by Dr. Craib,—That the Supplemental Budget be sanctioned. The motion was carried *nem. con.* on being put to the Meeting.

11. Resolved, on motion of Chairman, that the following recommendation of the Standing Committee be adopted.

That the following transfers from savings under certain heads be made to cover overexpenditure under other heads during the year, as provided for under section 112 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887 :—

Savings from	To cover overexpenditure under following heads.	Rs. c.
Arrears	... Tax on Dogs	... 50 0
Cemetery, Rs. 160	... } Miscellaneous, connected with	
Feeding cattle, Rs. 80	... } Fire Engine chiefly	... 240 0
Legal expenses	... Stamp Duties	... 180 0
Public works charges	... Sanitation	... 125 0
Town Hall	... Cattle Sheds	... 110 0
Market lighting	... } Market Sundries	
Steam boat	... }	... 225 0

No. 2.—CONSOLIDATED RATE (POLICE AND LIGHTING).

Commission	... } Establishment	... 375 0
Street lighting	... } Books and Returns	... 225 0
Street names	... } Writing Receipts	... 17 0

No. 3.—WATER RATE.

Fairieland upkeep	... } Interest to Bank	... 700 0
	... } Establishment	... 375 0

12. It being necessary to appoint a Standing Committee under section 88 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Beven, seconded by Mr. Sproule, that the Members of the Standing Committee, exclusive of the Chairman, be fixed at four.

The ballot was then taken, and after scrutiny of the votes the Chairman declared the following Members to have been elected :—Members of the Standing Committee for 1901 : Messrs. Beven, Vanderwall, Fernando, and Creasy—three to form a quorum.

13. Proposed by Mr. Beven, seconded by Mr. Fernando, that the following Members be appointed a Special Committee to consider and deal with questions connected with the water supply :—The Chairman, Messrs. Sproule, Gibbon, Jonklaas, and Creasy—three to form a quorum.

14. Resolved,—That the following Members be re-appointed a Special Committee to consider proposed rules and regulations regulating water service :—Messrs. Sproule, Beven, Gibbon, and Vanderwall ; Mr. Sproule being convener.

15. Resolved,—That Messrs. Gibbon and Fernando be nominated to represent the Council on the Committee of the Volunteer and Public band.

16. Read letter forwarded by the Health Officer, from the Inspector of the District, reporting that a soda water manufactory had been established on premises No. 138, Colombo street, and that water was being used for other than domestic purposes.

Resolved,—That a suitable meter be fixed on the premises No. 138, Colombo street.

Confirmed this 16th day of February, 1901 :

H. WACE,
 Chairman.

APPENDIX A.

WATER METERS.

CHAIRMAN'S REASONS OF DISSENT FROM OPINION OF THE MAJORITY.

Resolution 7.—Meeting of December 15, 1900.

1. I desire to enter my protest against the resolution adopted upon Mr. Beven's motion at the Meeting of the Council on the 15th ultimo.

It is desirable to place on record the history of this question.

2. In February, 1890, a Sub-Committee reported on the subject of fixing meters, and recommended that a charge be made for their use, and fixed the proposed charge, and also the rate for water to be used in excess of allowance and for trade purposes. This recommendation was accepted by the General Meeting on September 13, 1890.

There were then in hand a few meters obtained with the other plant for construction of the waterworks, and these were fixed without protest, and have been in use ever since. No charge appears to have been made for their use.

3. No further action appears to have been taken until 1897 (February) when a Sub-Committee (Messrs. Sproule and Philip) appointed to consider applications for water service to be laid on to buildings made on February 15 the following recommendation:—

Meters.—It is essential that a supply of these be obtained immediately, and one or more affixed to each and every house where water is laid on. These meters to be regularly inspected monthly, and bills sent out to all consumers of water in excess of allowance at the rates fixed by the Council.

This report was accepted by the Standing Committee on the 20th February, and it was recommended that a Special Committee be appointed to control and supervise all matters relating to the water supply.

4. This Special Committee was appointed on March 20, 1897, and consisted of the Chairman, Mr. Alexander Murray, Provincial Engineer, Dr. Keyt, and Mr. Philip.

5. In 1898 (January 29) this Special Committee (the Chairman, Dr. Keyt, and Mr. Philip) discussed the question of obtaining a supply of meters to be put on every building having a private supply, and an estimate, amounting to Rs. 32,365 for cost of meters, was submitted. It was further then resolved that a charge should be made for meters in use during 1897, and also for water used in excess of allowance where ascertained.

6. On March 7, 1898, it was decided by the Special Committee (Present:—The Chairman, Dr. Keyt, Messrs. Gibbon and Philip) to recommend the Council to order a necessary supply of meters at the estimated cost of Rs. 32,365.

7. At a Special Meeting of Council held on March 19, 1898, at which the Chairman, Dr. Keyt, the Provincial Engineer, and Messrs. Beven, Vanderwall, Jonklaas, and Philip were present, this recommendation was, on the motion of Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. Jonklaas, approved, and the order for the supply of meters was authorized.

8. Correspondence then ensued between the Council and the Director of Public Works as to the best kind of meters for use, and this point having been settled in July, 1898, the order for the supply of meters was placed with Messrs. Lord of Birmingham. They were received at the end of 1898, and the fixing of meters in certain houses commenced early in 1899.

9. On April 8, 1899, the Secretary reported that 26 meters had been fixed up to that date, and he was directed to report at each Meeting the number of meters fixed.

10. On June 17, 1899, a petition was received from residents protesting against the fixing of meters, and was referred to a Special Committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. Sproule, Beven, Gibbon, and Vanderwall, who reported on September 16, 1899, to the Council, who, upon the motion of Mr. Sproule, seconded by Mr. Beven, adopted the report which was in the following terms (Annexure A). A copy of this report was sent to the Chairman of the Committee which submitted the petition.

11. In reply to a further representation from the Sub-Committee of rate-payers, dated November 14, the Council resolved to ask Government to amend by-law 20 of chapter XII. to increase the allowance of water from 1,000 to 2,000 gallons for each rupee of water rate paid per quarter, but declined to waive the charge for use of meter.

All Members were present at this Meeting with the exception of Mr. Gibbon.

12. On December 10, 1899, the Standing Committee resolved to cut off the supply of water for all houses which had not paid the charge for excess of water consumed.

13. A further petition dated January 13, 1900, from certain resident rate-payers in Kandy, was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Messrs. Gibbon, Beven, Sproule, Vanderwall, and Fernando, whose report, dated March 2, 1900 (Annexure B), was adopted by the Council on the motion of Mr. Sproule, seconded by Mr. Vanderwall, on May 19.

14. The Council further approved at this Meeting a list of houses in which meters have been fixed, and ordered recovery of charges for excess consumption of water therein.

15. In October, 1900, the Special Water Committee, at which the Chairman and Messrs. Beven and Fernando were present, on the motion of Mr. Beven, adopted (Mr. Fernando dissenting) the following amendment to by-law No. 20 of chapter XII. (Appendix C), which was duly brought before the Council on the 16th ultimo and was rejected by four to three, the majority consisting of Messrs. Creasy, Fernando, Vanderwall, and Sproule. The following Members were absent from this Meeting, Messrs. Gibbon and Jonklaas.

16. In view of the recommendations of the various Committees quoted above, it is difficult to understand how any opposition can be reasonably offered to Mr. Beven's proposed amendment which practically embodies the resolution of the Sub-Committee of July 15, 1897, which was adopted by this Council, and it must be remembered that since that date the allowance of water has been doubled to private services, and that Mr. Beven proposes now to waive entirely the charge of rent when there is no excess consumption, an indulgence which the Committee referred to above never recommended.

17. The inception of the meter system was due to the decision to conserve available supplies by checking preventable waste, and the object sought was not to increase the revenue, but to effect a general economy and to deal with rate-payers on an equitable basis. The fact of a meter being used prompted the consumer to act as his own Inspector and stop any dribbling waste which should occur in his premises.

18. The amendment proposed by Mr. Beven merely ensures what the Council has an undoubted right to secure, viz., the prevention of waste of water and the power to recover the charge for excessive consumption.

It is idle to compare the Kandy water supply with the copious supply from the Labugama Wakoya reservoir for Colombo, and to maintain that there is an unlimited supply of water in the reservoir. If such were the case, it would not have been necessary to restrict the supply from the commencement to eight hours only each day. It is, moreover, notorious that the supply does fail in the dry season and has to be carefully watched.

19. The claim for unlimited and unchecked use of water on the part of a few rate-payers merely ensures the restriction of its extension and use by the poorer classes in other parts of the town who have no house service. The Council has many claims before it for extension of water to these localities along the Peradeniya and Ampitiya roads, and it is in their interest that I protest against a resolution which permits the wealthy rate-payers to continue to waste water while it denies the Council the right to control waste, and thereby the means of providing water to others. I am satisfied that if every house had a meter, the Council would not only be in a position to extend the hours during which the water was available, but at the same time to provide further the extensions so much desired.

20. The contention that the cost of the upkeep of the meters will be a continual burden upon the Council is disproved by the figures of 1900 only—when a sum of Rs. 699-50 was recovered for rent and excess consumption against a charge of Rs. 331-49 for maintenance within the same period. This fact abundantly proves the utility of the meters, though no doubt it explains the opposition to them.

21. There is at the present time an amount of Rs. 2,598-98 outstanding from rate-payers for excess water consumed by them during 1899, although the following conditions have been always attached in each case where a house service has been allowed:—

“1,000 gallons of water for every rupee of water-rate. Any quantity in excess charged for at the rate of 50 cents per gallon. A charge will be made for use of meter when fixed.”

It is this charge that those who accepted the house service now repudiate.

December 23, 1899.

H. WACE,
Chairman.

ANNEXURE A.

Use of Meters.

The Special Committee of the Municipal Council of Kandy, appointed the 17th June to consider and report on the petition of rate-payers, dated June 15, protesting against the fixing of meters, beg to report that, from inquiries made and information obtained, they find that the Special Committee appointed to consider questions connected with the water supply having ascertained that there was an excessive consumption of water, recommended the purchase of a necessary supply of meters, the Special Committee being of opinion that a meter should be fixed in each house having private supply.

The Council at their Meeting in March, 1898, sanctioned the recommendation of that Special Committee, and the requisite number of meters were ordered under authority of the Council. A number of them have been fixed in various houses by order of the Special Committee on water supply, that Committee being of opinion that the terms of their appointment empowered them to do so.

Your Committee is however of opinion that no meters should have been fixed except by order of the Council, and recommend that in future each case in which it is proposed to fix a meter should be submitted to the Council for instructions. The Council have paid the cost of the meters. The charge which is made to the occupants of houses to which meters have been affixed in proportion to the size of meter fixed is by way of rent for their use and to cover cost of repairs, &c. The Council is empowered by by-law No. 21, chapter XII., to make this charge.

Your Committee recommend that no charge be made for use of a meter if there is found to be no excess of consumption of water above the allowance during the quarter, and even then that no charge be made should that excess of consumption not exceed 1,000 gallons during the quarter. Under these conditions the fixing of meters will be no hardship.

The Council will remember that during last year the supply of water in the reservoir was very considerably diminished owing to the long and unprecedented drought, and that at one time there was an apprehension that the supply would be entirely exhausted. This may occur again, and as long as the supply of water is limited as at present, in dry weather, it is necessary to prevent any waste or undue or excessive consumption of water.

Your Committee are informed that the water is turned on daily for eight hours and not for six only as stated by the petitioners, but even in this limited time meter readings show that sixty-six per cent. of the houses that have a private supply exceed the allowance.

Kandy, September 16, 1899.

ALLANSON BAILEY.
J. H. SPROULE.
EDWIN BEVEN.
C. VANDERWALL.
W. D. GIBBON.

ANNEXURE B.

Report of the Committee appointed to consider the petition dated January 13, 1900, from certain residents of Kandy *re* water meters.

The petitioners are right in contending that the fixing of water meters in their premises was illegal. By-law No. 20, chapter XII., regulates the law on the subject. In no case under consideration did the Council authorize that a meter be fixed. In looking into the proceedings of the Water Committee we find that this Committee resolved on March 7, 1898, that the Council be recommended to order the necessary supply of meters. This recommendation was adopted by the Council on March 19, 1898. It was presumably on this supposed authority that 275 meters were ordered at a great cost and some of them fixed in private premises. The fixing of the meters being illegal, it follows that a levy of a charge for meters so fixed is equally illegal. Under the circumstances we recommend (1) that no charge be levied for the use of meters already fixed; (2) that where such charges have been recovered, they be refunded on application; (3) that in future by-law No. 20, chapter XII., be strictly observed, and that each case in which it is proposed to fix a meter be submitted to the Council for its inquiry and order.

As regards meters that may be fixed in future in accordance with the by-law previously referred to, we recommend that the annual charge should not exceed 10 per cent. of the value of the meter, and when the charges paid aggregate the cost of the meter, there should be no further charge; repairs of meters to be borne by the Council except such as are caused willfully or negligently by the person or persons resident in the premises wherein such meters are placed.

EDWIN BEVEN.
C. VANDERWALL.
CHAS. M. FERNANDO.
J. H. SPROULE.

March 2, 1900.

ANNEXURE C.

20. It shall be lawful for the Council to fix a meter on the pipe for private supply of water to every house or premises, and the owner or occupier shall be liable to pay at such rates as may from time to time be determined by the Council for all water shown by the meter to have been consumed in excess of two thousand gallons for every rupee of water-rate assessed in respect of such house or premises. It shall be lawful for the Council to agree with any person to supply water for other than domestic purposes on such terms, and subject to such conditions as to the Council shall seem fit.

The Council shall, however, have the right, to suspend by resolution the operation of this by-law, so far as it relates to the charges herein authorized to be made, when the supply of water in the reservoir justifies such a course.

21. The Council shall provide and fix all meters and may charge for the use of any such meter such rent as the Council may deem reasonable, but no such rent shall be charged if the consumption of water shall not be in excess of the allowance mentioned in the preceding by-law.

MR. BEVEN'S REASONS OF DISSENT FROM OPINION OF MAJORITY.

Resolution 7.—Meeting of December 15, 1900.

The principle that the consumption of water should be controlled has been recognized by Council. The existing by-laws which provide for payment if the consumption exceeds a certain allowance, the installation of meters in some houses, and the rule adopted for the last year that no application for service pipes shall be granted unless meters are fixed on them, all establish that owing to a limited water supply the Council insists that the use of water should be so regulated as to prevent wastage. The means of ascertaining the quantity used is thus a principle that the Council has long assented to. The object of my resolution was to make this principle apply to all who enjoy the privilege of drawing their supply of water by service pipes. At present about 80 householders have the quantity of water consumed by them checked. The rest can practically use any quantity of water they please. This distinction is invidious and has created a grievance.

As the law now stands all are liable to pay for water who consume in excess of the allowance. But liability of those only can be ascertained and the amount due by them recovered who have meters. The others escape liability and payment, in consequence of the refusal to give the Council the right to fix meters in all cases. The existing by-law which makes the consumer of a certain quantity of water liable to pay for it, but which does not provide the mode of ascertaining that quantity is a dead letter. My amendment would have made it a working by-law. There is thus at present, in all probability, money due to the Council which it cannot recover because the Council is refused the means of obtaining information as to how much is due to it.

For these reasons I beg to file my dissent from the opinion of the majority of this Council on my resolution considered in December 15 last.

EDWIN BEVEN,
Member for Ward No. 1.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of Kandy held in the Town Hall, Kandy, on Wednesday, January 30, 1901, at 5 o'clock p.m., summoned in accordance with Notice dated January 28, for purpose of the Chairman moving a Vote of Grief and Condolence on the Occasion of the lamented Death of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress.

Present:—Hon. H. Wace, Chairman; J. H. Sproule, Esq.; E. Beven, Esq.; C. Vanderwall, Esq.; R. W. Jonklaas, Esq.; Dr. J. Craib; C. M. Fernando, Esq.

In accordance with notice the Chairman moved,—That this Council do place on record its profound grief at the death of Her late Majesty the Queen of precious memory and its deep sense of the loss suffered thereby by the whole British Empire, and at the same time most respectfully and dutifully tenders its sympathy to His Most Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor and all Members of the Royal Family in their irreparable loss.

The motion was unanimously carried in solemn silence, all the Members standing with heads bowed.

Confirmed this 16th day of February, 1901:

H. WACE,
Chairman.

No. 3.—WATER-RATE ACCOUNTS.

REVENUE.	Estimate.		Receipts.		EXPENDITURE.	Disbursements.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.
Arrears ...	1,200	0	2,289	73	Arrears ...	...	44 29
Water-rate for 1900 ...	25,300	0	24,070	67	Water-rate for 1900—establishment, commis- sion, &c. ...	...	3,550 82
Sale of grass ...	1,000	0	970	11	Interest and sinking funds ...	...	18,462 48
Water in excess ...	1,000	0	441	96	Waterworks maintenance ...	...	5,051 49
Rent of meters ...	300	0	257	54	Interest ...	...	729 54
Receipts from Fairieland and Roseneath ...	31,120	0	21,060	83	Disbursements on account Fairieland and Roseneath ...	...	22,771 98
Transfer from 1899 ...	—	—	1,103	80	House service—materials and wages ...	...	596 90
Profit for 1899 from Fairieland and Roseneath...	—	—	7,552	83	Meters—maintenance ...	...	386 1
House service—work done ...	—	—	463	95	Waterworks extension ...	...	342 15
Sale of extension materials ...	—	—	366	35	Costs Rs. 34.05, plan of water mains and electric cable Rs. 100 ...	...	134 5
Sale of bricks ...	—	—	48	0	Refund of meter rents ...	...	13 89
Rent of Hermitage bungalow ...	—	—	270	0			
Costs ...	—	—	34	88			
Bamboos and piping sold ...	—	—	48	0			
	59,920	0	58,978	65			52,083 60
Balance carried to 1901 ...	—	—	11,583	22	Balance from 1899 ...	...	18,478 27
	59,920	0	70,561	87			70,561 87

Kandy, January 19, 1901.

L. VANDERWRAATEN,
Accountant.

Health Officer's Report for the Month of December, 1900.

Scavenging.—The scavenging of the town fairly satisfactory ; showed a lack of supervision.

Drains.—In much the same condition as they were last month ; little or nothing has been done.

Water Supply.—Good.

Alleys.—Just as they were ; only perhaps kept a little cleaner by constant supervision.

Bakeries.—Fairly well kept.

Market.—Well kept.

Food Supply.—Inspected daily by myself ; good. Number of cattle slaughtered 497, buffaloes 110, sheep 126, goats 244.

Slaughter House.—Clean and well kept.

Boutiques.—Fairly well kept.

Fish Boutiques.—Nos. 62, 64, 65, 67, 68, and 78, Colombo street, were fined for selling rotten fish.

Public Latrines.—Well kept.

Cooly Lines.—Permanent lines good, temporary lines most unsatisfactory.

General Health.—Good. No epidemics, a few cases of chickenpox and measles reported.

Kandy, January 18, 1901.

ANDERSON SMITH,
Health Officer.

Progress Report of Works done brought up to December 31, 1900.

Est. No.	Heads of Expenditure.	Amount voted for the Year.		Expenditure up to November 30, 1900.		Expenditure in December, 1900.		Total Expenditure.	Balance.
		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs. c.	
1	Upkeep of pavements ...	2,635	50	2,034	9	599	60a	2,633 69	1 81
2	Town streets ...	4,331	50	4,059	12	207	16b	4,320 97	10 53
3	Alutgantota and Lady Anderson's roads ...	716	87	714	56	—	—	714 56	2 30
4	Udawattekele roads ...	1,700	0	1,671	45	27	30c	1,698 75	1 25
5	Halloluwa, Slaughter-house, Deyanne-wela, &c. ...	1,121	92	955	10	141	29d	1,096 39	24 53
6	Municipal buildings ...	1,250	0	1,183	12	51	19e	1,234 31	15 69
7	Watering streets ...	701	11	535	23	79	63f	614 88	86 25
8	Market buildings and premises ...	1,242	85	1,215	74	17	85g	1,233 59	9 26
9	Ornamental plants ...	200	0	156	89	40	75h	197 64	2 36
10	Tools ...	400	0	216	1	17	94	233 95	166 5
11	Maintenance and improvement, bathing tank ...	130	0	38	0	43	66j	81 66	48 34
12	Recreation ground ...	1,185	0	1,035	89	98	62k	1,134 51	46 49
13	Miscellaneous ...	900	0	866	85	16	42l	883 27	16 73
14	Repairs to cemetery-keeper's house ...	127	20	112	15	—	—	112 15	15 5
15	Peradeniya culvert ...	294	80	178	61	84	58m	263 19	31 61
16	Public privy ...	285	65	157	67	48	50n	206 17	78 83
17	Katugastota drains ...	191	75	185	96	—	—	185 96	5 79
18	Opening side drains ...	327	78	325	49	—	—	325 49	2 29
	Vellatte bridge ...	—	—	—	—	61	6o	61 6	—
A	Sanitation account ...	1,000	0	900	87	90	47p	991 34	8 66
B	Clearing side drains of town streets ...	800	0	643	64	120	32q	763 96	36 4
C	Opening pits and covering, opening road ...	3,434	49	3,152	61	242	54r	3,395 15	41 34
D	Ferry approach ...	565	89	104	58	162	57s	267 15	297 85
E	Ferry boat, repairing ...	578	60	351	58	185	26t	543 75	34 85
F	Renewing ferry boat, Gonawatta ...	451	0	441	65	—	—	441 65	9 35
G	Renewing ferry boat, Ilukmodara ...	820	0	—	—	—	—	—	820 0
H	Clearing lake silt ...	1,319	94	1,159	8	132	97u	1,292 5	27 89
	Dharma line ...	—	—	138	54	30	40v	168 94	—

(a) 32 lineal feet of pavement repaired, Rs. 16·86; 10 lineal feet of barrel drains rebuilt, Rs. 19·78; 33 squares of cement concrete laid in Colombo street, Rs. 517·59; removing old pavement, &c., Rs. 25·21; levelling pavement, Rs. 5·16; repairing sluice door, Rs. 5; 7 cubes of earth removed, Rs. 10.

(b) 5½ miles sides of road and drains cleared and sides reduced, Rs. 129; 4 miles of jungle cut back, Rs. 29·98; landslips, Rs. 31·35; 8·50 cubes of gravel transported, Rs. 10·71; 8·50 cubes gravel spreading, Rs. 2·12.

(c) 1 mile sides reduced, jungle cut back, clearing drains, Rs. 27·30.

(d) Repairs to road, Rs. 13·95; 1 mile sides reduced, clearing drains, and cutting jungle, Rs. 23·50; landslips, Rs. 30·34; 18 cubes of gravel transported, Rs. 28·08; 18 cubes of gravel spreading, Rs. 8·96; 4·50 cubes metal transported, Rs. 8·43; 28 lines of drains deepened, Rs. 28·66; superintendence, Rs. 10.

(e) Whitewashing Town Hall, Rs. 9·72; fixing down pipe store, Rs. 4; 27 squares whitewashing slaughter-house and cattle exposing shed, Rs. 7·88; 10 squares whitewashing public latrine, Rs. 3; shifting tiles, Town Hall, Rs. 26·59.

(f) Hire of bullocks, Rs. 4·80; repairs to water cart, Rs. 21·95; purchase of new barrel, Rs. 52·88.

(g) 12 squares whitewashing market building and privy, Rs. 3·88; wages of cooly sweeping grounds, Rs. 11·47; repairs to spout, Rs. 2·50.

(h) Cutting trees.

(j) Clearing drains, removing jungle round tank, removing silt from tank, Rs. 33·66; superintendence, Rs. 10

(k) Hire of bullocks for machine, Rs. 45·46; weeding grounds, Rs. 53·16.

(l) Removing stones from racecourse, Peradeniya, Rs. 2·98; repairs to wire fence and wooden railings, Rs. 13·44.

(m) 1½ cube of rubble masonry wall constructed, Rs. 19·56; paving drain 1 cube, Rs. 20·60; clearing jungle and deepening drain, Rs. 39·42; superintendence Rs. 5.

(n) 10 squares painting, Rs. 16·30; repairs to iron work, Rs. 22·20; superintendence, Rs. 10.

(o) Clearing jungle, opening temporary path, cutting drains, Rs. 13·51; fitting temporary bridge over Meda-ela, Rs. 38·55; superintendence, Rs. 9.

(p) Clearing jungle, removing rubbish, removing silt, Rs. 83·47; superintendence, Rs. 7.

(q) Clearing silt from side drains of town streets, Rs. 110·32; superintendence, Rs. 10.

(r) 124 cubes of excavation from pits, Rs. 111·07; covering on pits, Rs. 120·67; superintendence Rs. 10.

(s) 2 cubes of metal transported, Rs. 6·62; clearing side drains and cutting jungle, Gonawatta, Kundasale, Ilukmodara ferries, Rs. 19·16; 6 cubes of metal spreading, Rs. 26·08; 5 cubes of filling in sides of road, Rs. 7·56; 3 cubes of gravel transported, Rs. 5·99; repair of tools, Rs. 37·25; proportion of store, line watcher, Rs. 49·91.

(t) Repairs to Ilukmodara ferry boat, Rs. 169·76; repairs to Lewella ferry boat, Rs. 15·50.

(u) 53 cubes of silt removed from lake, Rs. 91·03; painting dredger and barge, Rs. 15·48; caulking and pitching deck of dredger, Rs. 16·46; superintendence, Rs. 10.

(v) Wages of watcher, Rs. 12·50; 3 new latrine boxes, Rs. 18.

H. BYRDE,
Superintendent of Works.

UNOFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Palmerston Tea Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of this Company will be held at the registered office, No. 11, Queen street, Fort, Colombo, on Saturday, the 20th April, 1901, at 12 noon, to discuss the Circular issued by the Special Joint Committee of the Indian Tea Association and Ceylon Association, dated 14th ultimo, and, if approved, to pass the following resolution:—

“That this Company approves of the proposals entertained in the Circular issued by the Special Joint Committee of the Indian Tea Association and Ceylon Association, dated 14th February, 1901, and hereby empowers the Directors to give the Company's adhesion to the scheme proposed therein.”

By order of the Directors,
BOIS BROTHERS & Co.,
Colombo, March 22, 1901. Agents and Secretaries.

The Roeberry Tea Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of this Company will be held at the registered office, No. 11, Queen street, Fort, Colombo, on Saturday, the 20th April, 1901, at 12.30 p.m., to discuss the Circular issued by the Special Joint Committee of the Indian Tea Association and Ceylon Association, dated 14th ultimo, and, if approved, to pass the following resolution:—

“That this Company approves of the proposals entertained in the Circular issued by the Special Joint Committee of the Indian Tea Association and Ceylon Association, dated 14th February, 1901, and hereby empowers the Directors to give the Company's adhesion to the scheme proposed therein.”

By order of the Directors,
BOIS BROTHERS & Co.,
Colombo, March 22, 1901. Agents and Secretaries.

St. Heliers Tea Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of this Company will be held at the registered office, No. 11, Queen street, Fort, Colombo, on Saturday, the 20th April, 1901, at 11 a.m., to discuss the Circular issued by the Special Joint Committee of the Indian Tea Association and Ceylon Association, dated 14th ultimo, and, if approved, to pass the following resolution:—

“That this Company approves of the proposals entertained in the Circular issued by the Special Joint Committee of the Indian Tea Association and Ceylon Association, dated 14th February, 1901, and hereby empowers the Directors to give the Company's adhesion to the scheme proposed therein.”

By order of the Directors,
BOIS BROTHERS & Co.,
Colombo, March 22, 1901. Agents and Secretaries.

The Doomoo Tea Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the registered office, No. 6, Prince street, Fort, Colombo, on the 9th April, 1901, at 11 o'clock a.m., to consider the desirability or otherwise of signing the undertaking attached to the Circular of the Indian Tea Association (London) and the Ceylon Association in London relative to the reduction of output dated 14th February, 1901.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. M. ROBERTSON & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Uvakellie Tea Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the registered office, No. 6, Prince street, Fort, Colombo, on the 9th April, 1901, at 11.30 a.m., to consider the desirability or otherwise of signing the undertaking attached to the Circular of the Indian Tea Association (London) and the Ceylon Association in London relative to the reduction of output dated 14th February, 1901.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. M. ROBERTSON & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Templestowe Estate Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the registered office, No. 6, Prince street, Fort, Colombo, on the 9th April, 1901, at noon, to consider the desirability or otherwise of signing the undertaking attached to the Circular of the Indian Tea Association (London) and the Ceylon Association in London relative to the reduction of output dated 14th February, 1901.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. M. ROBERTSON & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Mocha Tea Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the registered office, No. 6, Prince street, Fort, Colombo, on the 11th April, 1901, at noon, to consider the desirability or otherwise of signing the undertaking attached to the Circular of the Indian Tea Association (London) and the Ceylon Association in London relative to the reduction of output dated 14th February, 1901.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. M. ROBERTSON & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Eila Tea Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the registered office, No. 6, Prince street, Fort, Colombo, on the 17th April, 1901, at 3 p.m., to consider the desirability or otherwise of signing the undertaking attached to the Circular of the Indian Tea Association (London) and the Ceylon Association in London relative to the reduction of output dated 14th February, 1901.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. M. ROBERTSON & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Great Western Tea Company of Ceylon, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the registered office, No. 6, Prince street, Fort, Colombo, on the 17th April, 1901, at noon, to consider the desirability or otherwise of signing the undertaking attached to the Circular of the Indian Tea Association (London) and the Ceylon Association in London relative to the reduction of output dated 14th February, 1901.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. M. ROBERTSON & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.

