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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF GALLE.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Galle, held at the Municipal Office
on August 6, 1898, at 1.30 p.m.

Present:—The Chairman; Dr. P. D. Anthonisz, C.M.G.; Dr. W. G. Keith; D. G. Goonewardena, Esq.;
N. Dias Abeyesinha, Esq.; C. P. Hayley, Esq.; C. L. M. Abdul Carim, Esq.

1. Read and confirmed Minutes of last Meeting.

2. Submitted a memorandum from the Chairman dated July 24, 1898, on work required for the improvement
of the sanitation of the town.

After consideration it was agreed that the Council deems it desirable to carry out—

- (1) The alterations and improvements in the Fort Ward described in the Chairman's memorandum, in order
to secure the better sanitation of that part of the Fort and permit of the enforcement of the
dry-earth conservancy system.
- (2) To complete the building of the Pettigala-ela on the present design as far as junction with
Moragoda-ela.
- (3) To complete the embankment of the Keppu-ela from the railway bridge at present termination of
Havelock road as far as the point where the Matara railway crosses the Wakwella road.
- (4) To construct a cart road 20 ft. wide between the said embankment and the adjoining gardens.
- (5) To acquire land at a sum not exceeding Rs. 5,000 for construction of model cottages for accommodation
of labourers and artisans.

It was thereupon moved by the Chairman "that the Chairman be authorized to apply to Government for a
loan of Rs. 60,000 chargeable on the security of the rates and taxes of the Municipal Council for the acquisition of
the land required to carry out the improvements in the Fort Ward proposed by the Chairman, and for the execution
of the other projects specified above."

Seconded by Mr. C. P. Hayley.—Carried unanimously.

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

Resolved,—That it be recommended to the Council that transfers be made from the following heads of expenditure to head “Improving Drainage and Sanitation Suburbs” :—

	Rs.
From upkeep of bridges	1,200
From additional latrines	150
From upkeep of Municipal buildings	100
From clearing canals	150
From Victoria park	100

Resolved,—That the recommendation be approved.

4. The vacancy in the Standing Committee caused by the retirement of Dr. J. Attygalle was filled up by the election of Dr. W. G. Keith.

5. The following documents were laid on the table :—

- (1) Chairman's Administration Report for the year 1897.
- (2) Auditor's Report for May and June, 1898.
- (3) Accounts for July, 1898.
- (4) Progress Report of Works for June, 1898.

Resolved,—That the Administration Report be circulated among the Members of the Council, and brought up at a Meeting to be held on the 20th instant.

Confirmed :

H. WACE,
Chairman.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of Galle, held at the Municipal Office on August 20, 1898, at 2 p.m.

Present.—The Chairman; C. L. M. Abdul Carim, Esq., Dr. W. G. Keith; W. E. de Vos, Esq., Dr. P. D. Anthonisz, C.M.G.; D. G. Goonewardena, Esq.; and C. P. Hayley, Esq.

1. Read and confirmed Minutes of last Meeting.

2. Submitted, in terms of section 115 of the Municipal Councils' Ordinance, the Chairman's Administration Report for 1897.

Proposed by Dr. P. D. Anthonisz “that the Chairman's Administration Report be adopted and submitted to the Governor in Executive Council.”

Seconded by Mr. W. E. de Vos.—Carried.

3. Submitted a memorandum from the Chairman on cemeteries and burial grounds within the Municipal limits dated August 6, 1898.

Resolved,—That in accordance with the recommendations made by the Chairman, the Governor in Executive Council be requested to order that the following cemeteries be closed :—

- The Mohammedan Cemetery at Kaluwella.
- The Roman Catholic Cemetery at Kuluwella.
- The Mohammedan Cemetery at Kachchiwatta.
- The Mohammedan Cemetery at Katugoda.

Resolved,—That a cemetery-keeper be appointed to take charge of the general and the pauper cemeteries at Dadella at a salary of Rs. 22.50 per mensem from the Municipal fund.

Submitted a petition from C. L. Mader Saibo and four others, dated August 20, 1898, praying that the land called Puchiwatta at Katugoda, chosen by the Mohammedan community of Katugoda as a suitable site for a cemetery for the Mohammedans living on the south-eastern part of the Municipality, be approved by the Council.

The consideration of the question was deferred until the Chairman had inspected the place.

Confirmed :

H. WACE,
Chairman.

The Sanitary Officer's Report for the Quarter ended June 30, 1898.

The General Health.—Chickenpox and measles prevailed in a mild epidemic form throughout the quarter. Influenza was prevailing towards the end of the quarter. Typhoid fever occurred in some houses at Minuwangoda, Kumbalwella, and Kaluwella—two or three members of the family falling victims at the same time. There was an outbreak of typhoid fever in the Fort. The victims, numbering about twelve, were chiefly Moormen in Church and Leyn Baan streets. I believe that the leaky cesspits and defective drains, about which I have written at length in my quarterly reports, and which have infected the Fort soil, were the cause of the outbreak. The standpipe water is not generally used for drinking, but is generally used for cooking, washing, &c. Water pipes have been laid through sewage-sodden soil, and contamination of the water through a leaky joint is quite possible.

The by-laws for the supervision and regulation of dairies should be enforced, as milk vendors are responsible for a large number of isolated cases of typhoid fever, dysentery, &c., which frequently occur. Should any case of infectious disease occur in the milk vendor's house, the milk, which is liable to become infected in different ways, will be sold to customers in different localities and communicate the disease to them. Each milk vendor should give a list of the houses he regularly supplies to the Municipal Office, so that any cases of typhoid fever, dysentery, &c., can be easily traced if due to milk, or milk as a source of infection could be eliminated. Cow sheds are, as a rule, kept in a very filthy state, and these can be kept under strict sanitary supervision and control if a register of the names and addresses of milk vendors is kept in the Municipal Office. Besides any disease occurring among cattle, and which may render the milk unfit for use, could be readily detected by regular inspection.

The dry-earth system is gradually being extended to all houses with back or side entrances, but unless it is extended to all the houses in the Fort the sanitary condition will not be much improved. The want of back or side entrances to the majority of houses is certainly a great drawback, and affords reasonable cause for complaint against the working of the dry-earth system. To meet this difficulty I have suggested the opening up of cross roads and lanes,

so that, if privies with trap doors are constructed along these roads and lanes, buckets could be removed and clean buckets supplied without the slightest disturbance or annoyance to the inmates. The opening up of these roads and lanes will also supply to some extent the means of light and ventilation, which are very badly wanted where houses are built back to back or adjoining each other. The dry-earth system is not free from danger. There should be two sets of buckets to each house, and a clean bucket should be supplied as the previous day's one is removed. Buckets should bear the number of the house, and should not be changed from one house to another, as this will be the means of spreading infection. The occurrence of any infectious disease in a house should be promptly notified to the Municipal Office, and the contents of the buckets should be thoroughly disinfected and burnt without mixing with the night soil. The lids should be close fitting, and no buckets should be washed in the Fort. They should be taken out and washed in the sea outside the harbour at a spot appointed by the Chairman.

Laundries.—The by-laws for the supervision and regulation of laundries should be enforced, and copies of the by-laws should be circulated among dhobies.

There are several objectionable places in which dhobies wash, and which should be put a stop to. Washing should be prohibited in the drain along Elliott road. During rainy weather there is a free flow of water, but at other times dhobies wash in stagnant pools at different spots. The canal is within easy reach, and is the best place for dhobies of this quarter to wash in. Bathing should be prohibited at any spot below. At Minuangoda several dhobies-wash in wells, the filthy water finding its way into the side drains and soaking into the ground. The branch of Keppu-ela, which runs parallel with Wakwella road, is within easy reach, and this should be set apart to dhobies, washing at wells being prohibited. Dhobies in other quarters can wash in the Moragodella-ela and its branches.

Between the Colombo railway line and Wakwella road there is an extensive swamp, which should be drained, filled in, and levelled by the owners. All other places of low elevation within the Municipality should be treated the same way.

China Garden is very badly drained. The necessity of having a complete drainage system for China Garden is apparent. There are several blocks belonging to different owners. After taking levels, drains should be put up at the expense of the owners and under the supervision of the Superintendent of Works, both for drainage of premises as well as for the preservation of boundaries of the different blocks. The same system should be extended to other crowded localities.

Overcrowding exists in green market, Fowl street, Sea street, China Garden, Kaluwella, Dangedara, Pettigala, and in mud and cadjan huts occupied by the poorest classes. The evils of overcrowding are well known. It is the chief factor in the propagation of plague and other zymotic diseases. Since overcrowding invariably exists in mud and cadjan huts which are unfit for human habitation, there should be no hesitation in demolishing them. Before doing this, a model dwelling for the working classes should be built at Municipal expense, and blocks of land should be acquired and sold to capitalists for the purpose of erecting similar dwellings for the working classes within a prescribed time. All houses with walls and roof of cadjan or inflammable materials should be put into a wholesome condition or demolished (*vide* amendment of section 176 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887 and section 177).

According to the by-laws all wattle-and-daub houses should be properly plastered so as to be whitewashed.

CHARLES E. DE SILLA, M.B., M.R.C.S., &c.,
Sanitary Officer.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund from January 1 to August 31, 1898.

No. 1.—GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.		DISBURSEMENTS.	Estimated Amount.		Disbursements.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	2,600	0	1,213	93½	Salaries and pensions ...	12,247	19	8,144	18
Taxes ...	16,650	0	14,380	61	General office expenses ...	975	0	523	69
Tolls ...	13,694	85	8,891	75	Revenue services ...	1,397	0	233	13
Stamp duties and fees ...	16,771	50	314	50	Lighting ...	4,204	0	2,331	59
Market licenses ...	8,033	0	5,264	19	Sanitary charges ...	9,649	50	8,715	37
Slaughter-house licenses ...	1,095	0	715	16	Market charges ...	1,100	0	921	68
Miscellaneous licenses ...	255	0	229	0	Slaughter-house charges ...	710	0	444	92
Judicial fines ...	1,000	0	554	0	Miscellaneous ...	7,283	60	4,317	72
Rents ...	440	0	91	0	Public works ...	22,754	0	13,559	11
Miscellaneous ...	613	0	5,463	5					
			37,117	19½					
Balance due to Treasurer ...	—		2,074	19½					
			39,191	39					39,191 39

No. 2.—ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	Estimated Amount.		Receipts.		DISBURSEMENTS.	Estimated Amount.		Disbursements.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	900	0	4,596	19	Police bill for 1st half of 1897 ...	—		4,309	66
Assessment tax arrears for 1897... Do.	889	0	1,807	77	Do. for 2nd half of 1897 ...	4,320	0	4,377	81
Do. 1898...	10,615	0	5,706	56	Pay of rural constables ...	960	0	540	0
					Assessment clerk ...	480	0	320	0
					Stationery and printing ...	180	0	54	75
					Commission to collectors ...	560	0	387	90
								9,990	12
					Balance ...	—		2,120	40
			12,110	52				12,110	52

No. 3.—WATERWORKS ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Estimated Amount.		Total.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Amount.		Total.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Balance on December 31, 1897 ...	1,000	0	932	2½	Pay of overseer, watcher, and coolies ...	416	0	555	76
Water-rate from Government for 1898 ...	4,503	0	960	40	Repairs ...	120	0	43	50
Water-rate from householders for 1898 ...					1,713	86	Interest on Waterworks loan ...	3,500	0
Water-rate from Government for 3rd and 4th quarters, 1897 ...	1,400	0	480	20	Commission to collectors ...	265	0	72	52
Water-rate from householders for 3rd and 4th quarters, 1897 ...					1,312	52	Balance ...	—	—
			5,399	0½				1,227	22½
								5,399	0½

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

Progress Report of Work done brought up to August 31, 1898.

	Amount of Vote.	Payments in July and August, 1898.		Payments up to August 31, 1898.		Balance.		
		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	
Upkeep of roads ...	10,000	0	1,897	51	5,804	77a	4,195	23
Upkeep of bridges ...	1,600	0	5	58	679	19b	920	81
Upkeep of Municipal buildings ...	500	0	60	50	147	21c	352	79
Clearing canals ...	1,148	0	341	38	750	85d	397	15
Improving drainage and sanitation, Fort ...	1,000	0	—	—	57	59e	942	41
Do. do. suburbs ...	4,656	0	613	14	3,594	21f	1,061	79
Minor works and improvements ...	1,500	0	169	14	1,114	27g	385	73
Victoria park and planting trees ...	1,363	0	137	87	727	94h	635	6
Whitewashing markets ...	160	0	35	50	115	0	45	0
Carts, new and repair of old ...	450	0	—	—	398	95j	51	5
New road and improvement of old ...	600	0	294	23	514	8k	85	92

(a) Metalled 106½ lines of road; used 435 cubes of metal; gravelled 55 lines of road; repaired superficially 183 squares of road; cleared side drains 555½ lines; trimmed and lowered sides of road 564½ lines; spread gravel 74 cubes; cut new drains 111 lines; cleared jungle on sides of roads 75 lines.

(b) Repaired Hall road bridge, Milidowa bridge, Hirimbura road bridge, Hirimbura cross road bridge, Talapitiya bridge, and Bope bridge; renewed bridge on Jail road; value of 59 bridge planks.

(c) Repaired floor of fruit market; repaired Talbot town bathing wells; supplied a padlock to slaughter-house; supplied tats for green market; thatched three sheds.

(d) Cleared Moragoda-ela and Kepu-ela.

(e) Repaired drains in Pedlar, Chando, and Rampart streets.

(f) Built retaining wall, Kepu-ela; repaired Jail road drains and fish market drains; built a drain round green market; filling low ground at Pettigala; paid moiety of cost of China Garden drains; cleared drains in private lands; built a drain from the esplanade to the China Garden new drains.

(g) Erected two market sheds at Dewatta; built cooly lines at Talbot town; demolished police barracks; fenced Ettiligoda burial ground; made 5 garden seats; built a room for ambulance.

(h) Upkeep of Park and Tennis court; built a boundary wall.

(j) Repaired five water carts, two latrine carts, and one iron hand cart; built two scavenging carts and purchased two iron hand carts.

(k) Built a culvert on Kitulanpitiya road and raised approaches to it; widened a portion of Middle street.

J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

KANDY MUNICIPALITY.

Minutes of Proceedings of a Meeting of the Municipal Council of Kandy, held in the Town Hall on Saturday, August 20, 1898, at 8.30 a.m., in accordance with notice dated August 15, 1898.

Present:—E. Beven, Esq.; J. H. Sproule, Esq.; W. D. Gibbon, Esq.; C. Vanderwall, Esq.; Alex. Philip, Esq.

1. On motion by Mr. E. Beven, seconded by Mr. C. Vanderwall, it was resolved that Mr. Sproule do take the chair.—Agreed to.

2. The Minutes of Proceedings of the Meeting held on July 16, and of the Special Meeting on August 6, were read and confirmed.

3. The following documents were laid on the table:—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements from close of 1897 to July 31, 1898, on account of General Revenue, Police Assessment, and Water-rate Accounts; Progress Report of Work done brought up to the same date; Return of Cases instituted by the several Inspectors during the month of July; and Health Officer's Report.

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

4. The return of police employed for Municipal purposes during the month of July was submitted.

It was proposed by Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. E. Beven, "that with reference to the return of Municipal police submitted, it be pointed out that additional columns are necessary to show—

- (a) The numbers of the constables respectively (that is the numbers the men bear).
- (b) The hours (not merely four hours each) specified by the clock on which each constable is on duty.
- (c) What is meant by patrolling the town at night.
- (d) In what way the services of a sergeant are required to seize stray dogs.

The motion, on being put to the Meeting, was carried.

5. Correspondence submitted :—

- (a) Letter No. 36 of July 16, from the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, intimating that the Governor in Executive Council has confirmed the lease of the strip of land forming part of the parsonage ground.
- (b) Letter No. 1,388 dated July 27, from the Chairman of the Municipal Council of Colombo, forwarding copy of letter from the Colonial Secretary respecting the proposals regarding provision to be made in the Cattle Branding Ordinance.

6. Referring to the resolutions adopted at the Special Meeting on August 6, it was resolved, on motion of Mr. E. Beven, seconded by Mr. Gibbon, that the following Members be appointed a Special Committee for the following purposes :—

Sewerage II. (b).—To frame by-laws as recommended in report of Committee on sanitary condition of Kandy.

Laundries VI. (b).—To consider question of building houses for laundrymen.

Water Supply.—By-laws to prohibit persons entering the catchment area of reservoir.

Scavenging.—By-laws for paving and grading of back yards, alleys, courts, clearing away undergrowth on vacant lands, and removal of temporary structures.

Regulations for bakeries and dairies.

Messrs. Sproule, Creasy, Vanderwall, and Philip.

7. The report of the Special Committee appointed to consider section No. 26 of chapter II. of the schedule of Ordinance No. 10 of 1896, with connected papers, and to report to the Council whether Government should be asked to re-consider it, was submitted and read. (Appendix A.)

Proposed by Mr. Philip, seconded by Mr. W. D. Gibbon, "that the report be adopted, appended to the Minutes, and transmitted to Government for consideration as early as possible."

Mr. Beven voted against the motion; the other Members voted in its favour. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

8. Mr. Philip drew attention to the resolution of the Municipal Council passed at the General Meeting on May 28, 1898, in regard to the conditions of the sides of the Katugastota road at the first milepost and onwards to the railway viaduct, and moved that any further correspondence be read and action taken, if necessary, thereon.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Vanderwall, and on being put to the Meeting carried.

Reply.—A letter was sent on June 6 to the Director of Public Works, annexing copy of the resolution and of Mr. Murray's report, but no reply had been received.

Attention had been invited by letter No. 1,261 of August 15—correspondence submitted.

The Secretary was instructed to enter the matter on the Agenda Paper for consideration at the next Meeting, and to submit correspondence.

9. Mr. Philip, in inviting attention to the report of the Special Committee of the Municipal Council, Kandy, appointed to arrange, in conference with the Health Officer, for additional night soil depots conveniently situated for the different wards, adopted at the General Meeting of the Municipal Council on January 17, 1898; inquired when the Special Committee re-appointed will report progress; also, at what hours the night soil carts are allowed to pass along the principal thoroughfares, Trincomalee street, Katugastota road, and moved for papers.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gibbon, and on being put to the meeting carried.

Reply.—(a) The Special Committee on additional night soil depots has not met, as no place suitable for such depots has been found. The Health Officer is still making inquiries. (b) One cart leaves the lines at 8.30 P.M., and the rest after 10.30 P.M. daily.

The Chairman read memoranda by Scavenging Inspector dated August 5.

10. Mr. Philip, in accordance with notice, inquired if the Inspectors' reports on dairies and laundries referred to in the Chairman's report dated February 19, 1898, and adopted at the General Meeting of the Municipal Council on February 19, have been received, and moved that they be read.

With leave of the Council, Mr. Philip altered the resolution by deleting the last word "read" and adding "laid on the table."

Mr. Gibbon seconded the resolution, and in doing so remarked that the Health Officer, in his report for July, reported an improvement in dairies and laundries.

The reports by the several Inspectors on laundries and dairies were submitted.

11. Mr. Philip, in accordance with notice, asked what progress can be reported in giving effect to the resolution No. 21 in the Minutes of Proceedings at the General Meeting on March 9, and moved for papers.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Beven and carried.

Reply.—No progress has been made in respect of widening the bridge near the library.

The Chairman read letter No. 1,208 dated August 4, to the Provincial Engineer, inquiring if an estimate had been made for the work, and if so, the amount of estimate—No reply had been received—The Secretary was instructed to invite attention.

Mr. Philip, in drawing attention to the report of the Special Committee of the Municipal Council appointed to consider how certain improvements can best be effected in regard to the convenience of Members, adopted at the General Meeting on November 20, 1897, inquired what room is now kept and reserved in the Municipal Office for the Members of the Municipal Council in which they can peruse documents, correspondence, &c., which they are entitled to see, and moved that any necessary action be taken.

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. D. Gibbon and carried.

Reply.—The first room to the right on approaching the Municipal Office has been so reserved.

13. Mr. Philip inquired whether a letter of acknowledgment is received from Government regularly of the Minutes of Proceedings of General Meetings, and of various documents forwarded monthly, and moved that all correspondence relating thereto be laid on the table.

The motion was seconded by Mr. C. Vanderwall and carried.

Reply.—No letters acknowledging receipt of Minutes and other papers had been received.

Letters forwarding Minutes, &c., and dated April 21, May 24, June 21, and July 19, were read.

The Secretary was instructed, when the Minutes were forwarded, to add a paragraph to the covering letter requesting acknowledgment of their receipt.

14. Mr. Philip asked when the Minutes of Proceeding of the General Meeting held on July 16 were duly forwarded to the newspapers, and moved for papers.

The motion was not seconded.

Reply.—The Minutes were approved by the Chairman on 19th, copied on that day and 20th, and forwarded on latter date to five papers.

15. Mr. Philip inquired how much of the following votes for public works to be executed during 1898 have been actually expended, *i.e.*, completed and paid for at date:—

Est.			Rs.	c.
18	...	Survey of Lady Anderson's roads	...	400 0
		Improvement and widening Lady Anderson's roads (on account)	...	1,200 0
19	...	Building concrete drains on Railway approach road	...	1,172 75
21	..	Cost of eight latrines	Rs. 2,160 0	
		Painting twelve latrines	" 360 0	
			2,520 0	
		Four concrete platforms and drains	1,200 0	3,720 0
			2,000 0	
		Drainage scheme, balance due for survey	200 0	
		Cost of plans	...	2,200 0
24	...	Opening pits at Katugastota for night soil	...	1,000 0

and moved for papers.

Replies to questions of Mr. Philip.

Estimate 18.—Survey of Lady Anderson's road made; not paid for.

Improvement of Lady Anderson's—

For a length of 12 chains from Katugastota road, road widened, side drains opened, gradient altered in places, culvert built, roadway gravelled	...	697 19
Clearing of water-course, removing rock, planting bamboos	...	74 34
Opening boundary of lands acquired for new road	...	23 32

794 85

Opening side drains and barrelling road from 12 chains to 38 chains during July

160 28

955 13

Balance unexpended ... 244 87

1,200 0

Report and estimate submitted.

Estimate No. 19.—Completed.

Building concrete drains, Railway approach road:—	...	1,139 83
New culvert, &c. unexpended	...	32 17
		1,172 0

Estimate No. 21.

Cost of latrines purchased and erecting	...	2,537 20
Cost of platforms erected	...	468 6
		3,005 26

Voted Rs. 3,720.

A latrine to be erected in Katugastota road as soon as site acquired. The latrines have yet to be painted this year.

	Rs.	c.
<i>Estimate No. 24.</i> —Opening pits, Katugastota, for night soil, expended	...	184 46
Pits now in course of being opened.		

Drainage Scheme.

Paid the Surveyor-General for plans	...	200 0
Paid Mr. Robins for survey	...	2,000 0
Paid on Supplement Budget	...	3,407 91
		5,407 91

16. Mr. Philip, in drawing attention to the following extract from the Water Supply Sub-Committee's report dated February 15, 1897.—“The Sub-Committee recommend that a considerable number of additional standposts be without delay placed along Trincemalee 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”—inquired what progress can now be reported in giving effect to the above recommendation as regards each particular road mentioned, and moved for papers.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gibbon, and on being put to the Meeting carried.

Reply.—Pipes laid and standpost erected on Asgiriya road. Standpost fixed in Malabar street, near junction of Lady Longden's road.

Mains extended and standpost fixed on Katugastota road. Mains extended in Cross street. Mains to be shortly extended and standposts erected in Castle Hill street. Standposts recently received from England.

In answer to a question it was explained that along Peradeniya road the end standpost was about 50 yards from the water-rate limits.

17. Mr. Philip, in pursuance with notice, asked—If application has been made to the proper authority for the monthly programme of music by the public band during August; if so, why it has not been published in the newspapers, as determined by the Municipal Council, and moved for papers.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Vanderwall and carried.

Reply.—A letter had been written to the Honorary Secretary, Volunteer and Public Band, and his reply, dated August 18, was read stating that the band plays on Tuesday and Saturdays of every week, and asking if monthly programmes are required.

It was explained that what is required are periodically programme of the music. It was suggested that boxes for collection of donations should be placed at the hotels.

18. Read report by Health Officer recommending that cesspits be closed and dry-earth closets substituted on the following premises:—Nos. 24 and 25, Brownrigg street; No. 10, Pavilion street; Nos. 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 34, 40, 216, 217, 248, 250, 252, Colombo street; Nos. 37, 39, 83, 91, 92, 96, 97, 99, 41, 128, 127, 126, 125, 124, 123, 122, 120, 116, 115, 107, 30, 31, Castle Hill street.

Proposed by Mr. Beven, seconded by Mr. Vanderwall, "that the Chairman be specially empowered, in accordance with section 209 of the Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, as amended by section 33 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1896, to require the several owners or occupiers of the premises enumerated to close the cesspits on the said several premises respectively, and to substitute dry-earth closets therefor."

The motion, on being put to the Meeting, was carried.

19. In connection with the foregoing, the Secretary submitted a letter written by him pointing out the necessity for additional clerical aid in the office to enable him to devote the time that will be necessary in supervising the carrying out of sanitary improvements in private premises when notices are reported to be "not attended to" work was in progress on several premises.

Resolved,—That the letter be submitted to the Chairman and circulated.

Confirmed this 17th day of September, 1898.

ALLANSON BAILEY,
Chairman.

APPENDIX A.

The Special Committee having carefully considered section 26, chapter II., of the Schedule to Ordinance No. 19 of 1896, "An Ordinance to declare certain By-laws to be in force within the Municipality of Kandy," with connected papers, are unanimously of opinion that the said by-law, as adopted and printed by the Municipal Council of Kandy, and which it was desired should be in force within the Municipality of Kandy, was as follows:—

"26. It shall be competent for any Member who is in the minority to record in a concise form the reasons substantially stated of his dissent from the opinion of the majority, and the same shall be sent to the Secretary within one week, and shall be entered by the Secretary at the end of his Minutes of the day's proceedings."

The Special Committee accordingly recommend that Government be asked to re-consider section No. 26 of chapter II. of the schedule of Ordinance No. 19 of 1896, and to substitute for the words in the last sentence, to wit, "shall be filed by the Secretary" (which are vague and unsatisfactory), the following, viz., "and shall be entered by the Secretary at the end of the Minutes of the day's proceedings."

These words occur in the Rule No. 38 of the Legislative Council, in the by-laws of the Municipal Council of Colombo and Galle, and it is submitted are essentially necessary in connection with the context.

The by-law which the Special Committee would advise the Council to adopt and to forward to Government would therefore read as follows:—"It shall be competent for any Member who is in the minority to record in a concise form the reasons substantially stated of his dissent from the opinion of the majority, and the same shall be sent to the Secretary within one week, and shall be entered by the Secretary at the end of the Minutes of the day's proceedings."

J. H. SPROULE,
C. VANDERWALL
RICHARD JONKLAAS.
A. PHILIP.

Kandy, August 15, 1898.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements to July 31, 1898.

REVENUE.	Estimated Receipts.		EXPENDITURE.	Disbursements.		
	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	
Balance from 1897	...	30,252	73			
Arrears	...	2,378	6	Arrears	137 50	
Cemetery account—fees	900	0	330	50	Cemetery account—wages and tools	641 35
Commutation rate	9,250	0	9,600	0	Commutation rate—commission and sundries	574 45
Interest	300	0	177	48	Judicial account—salaries and printing	1,011 40
Judicial account—fines	2,350	0	2,690	5	Licenses—printing	10 75
Licenses	6,585	0	6,199	25	Miscellaneous charges	598 90
Miscellaneous receipts	431	25	513	11	Office charges—salaries and sundries	3,384 46
Public Works—Government contribution	850	0	—		Public works	29,734 14
Recreation ground—rents	250	0	172	0	Public market—wages, lighting, &c.	975 57
Public market—rents	10,400	0	6,333	23	Rents—expenses on account Town Hall, &c.	157 29
Rents	680	0	787	25	Sanitation and scavenging	16,577 9
Scavenging	600	0	533	75	Slaughter-houses—wages, feeding cattle, &c.	798 40
Slaughter-houses—fees	4,425	0	2,399	40	Stamp duties	6 5
Stamp duties	10,265	0	—		Taxes—charges on account dogs, vehicles, and animals	163 44
Taxes	1,225	0	264	75	Time charges—wages, powder, &c.	288 30
Tolls	25,251	0	10,504	70	Volunteer and public band	700 0
Estimate No. 17 of 1897	—		500	0	Pension account Rs. 572-90, interest paid to Government Rs. 800	1,372 90
Suspense Rs. 785-22, stores Rs. 5,646-48	—		6,431	70	Petty cash 34 cents, suspense Rs. 602-23	602 57
Guides' deposits Rs. 22, sundry debtors Rs. 108-13	—		130	13	Stores Rs. 8,396-61, manure Rs. 194-20	8,590 81
Securities Rs. 1,208-50, dog collars 31 cents	—		1,208	81	Sundry debtors Rs. 415-78, dog collars 31 cents	416 9
Manure	—		97	6	Estimate No. 17 of 1897	717 38
Assessment tax arrears—tax and costs	—		1,084	79	Legal expenses Rs. 21, refund of securities Rs. 80	101 0
Assessment tax, 1898	21,690	55	7,938	20	Assessment tax arrears—charges	4 6
Interest	100	0	142	0	Assessment tax, 1898—salaries, commission, &c.	1,493 18
Costs on account of 1898	—		13	59	Street lighting Rs. 1,311-45, extra clerk Rs. 29-50	1,340 95
Water-rate arrears—rate and costs	—		1,222	73	Refund of overplus Rs. 14-15, street names Rs. 5-69	19 84
Water-rate, 1898	24,060	34	9,075	70	Costs on account, 1898	33 30
Interest	100	0	128	45	Water-rate arrears—charges	6 4
Sale of grass	500	0	118	29	Water-rate, 1898—salaries, commission, &c.	1,464 39
Waterworks extension	3,500	0	—		Waterworks maintenance	2,703 59
Sundry debtors Rs. 10, water sold Rs. 27-58	—		37	58	Waterworks extension	2,250 33
House service—work done	—		813	12	House service—materials	623 90
Bricks used Rs. 70, costs on account 1898 Rs. 17-19	—		87	19	Extra clerk Rs. 29-50, Fairieland estate Rs. 1,157-93	1,187 43
					Land acquisition Rs. 250, costs on account 1898 Rs. 33-30	283 30
					Interest and sinking fund	6,250 0
						85,220 15
					Balance	16,945 45
						102,165 60
		123,713	14	102,165	60	

Kandy, August 10, 1898.

L. VANDERSTRAATEN,
Accountant.

Progress Report of Work done brought up to July 31, 1898.

Est. No.	Heads of Expenditure.	Amount voted for the Year.		Expenditure up to June 30, 1898.		Expenditure in July, 1898.		Total Expenditure.		Unexpended Balances.	
		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
1	Pavement and drains ...	1,308	46	1,249	36	24	33a	1,273	69	34	77
2	Town streets ...	4,315	0	2,095	22	921	15b	3,016	37	1,299	63
3	Alutgantota and Lady Anderson's roads ...	734	30	328	50	13	63c	342	13	392	17
4	Udawattakele roads ...	1,213	50	697	69	32	14d	729	83	483	67
5	Halloluwa, Slaughter-house, Bahirowekanda, Hospital, and Huduhumpolaroads	1,193	50	489	27	153	34e	642	61	550	89
6	Municipal buildings ...	880	0	365	32	87	40f	452	72	427	28
7	Watering streets ...	300	0	146	68	100	0g	246	68	53	32
8	Market buildings and roads ...	598	83	311	33	263	23h	574	56	24	27
9	Ornamental plants and trees ...	200	0	199	64	—	—	199	64	0	36
10	Tools ...	400	0	160	35	142	61j	302	96	97	4
11	Ferry approaches ...	225	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	225	0
12	Bathing tank ...	100	0	58	8	—	—	58	8	41	92
13	Lady Longden's, Lady Gordon's, and Lady MacCarthy's roads	853	36	222	87	58	13k	281	0	572	36
14	Ferry boats ...	300	0	85	26	—	—	85	26	214	74
15	Fountains ...	66	0	43	28	—	—	43	28	22	72
16	Recreation ground ...	830	0	528	60	48	91l	577	51	252	49
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	1,600	0	794	85	160	28m	955	13	644	87
19	Building concrete drains, railway approach road ...	1,172	75	1,139	83	—	—	1,139	83	32	92
20	Dormer windows to verandahs of Town Hall ...	118	50	85	81	—	—	85	81	32	69
21	Cost of latrines, painting 12 latrines, 4 concrete platforms, drains, &c.	5,720	0	1,366	20	1,639	6n	3,005	26	2,714	74
22	Repairing Gonawatta boat ...	1,036	0	470	42	419	50o	889	92	146	8
23	Open drain, Palace square ...	440	0	436	21	—	—	436	21	3	79
24	Opening pits at Katugastota for night soil	1,000	0	106	43	78	3p	184	46	815	54
25	Drainage scheme ...	—	—	12,254	83	363	28q	12,618	11	—	—
26	Miscellaneous ...	300	0	866	66	—	—	866	66	—	—
27	Market fountain ...	365	0	132	72	—	—	132	72	232	28
28	Culvert and new fire bars ...	1,690	0	952	44	39	26r	991	70	698	30
29	Double canoe, ferry ...	420	0	286	78	—	—	286	78	133	22

(a) 12 lineal feet of pavement in Trincomalee street repaired; repaired 7 manhole covers in Trincomalee street; 110 lineal yards of barrel drains cleared of silt.

(b) 147 lines of sides of roads and drains cleared and reducing sides; 3 cubes landslips and silt removed from drains; 82 cubes of metal getting; 72 cubes of metal transported; 77 cubes of gravel transported; 19.14 lines of roadway metalled, Castle Hill street; 13 lines of sides of road gravelled.

(c) 3 cubes of landslip and silt removed from drains.

(d) 44 lines of sides of roads and drains cleared and reducing sides; 6 cubes of landslips and silt removed from drains.

(e) 60 lines of sides of roads and drains cleared and sides of road reduced; 10 lines of side drains deepened; 3 cubes of landslips and silt from drains removed; 62 cubes of gravel transported; 6 lines of roadway gravelled.

(f) 21 squares of whitewashing slaughter-house and cattle exposing shed; 20 squares of whitewashing public latrines; 39 squares of whitewashing toll-houses; 29 squares shifting tiles, toll-houses.

(g) Value of six leather boxes purchased.

(h) 48 squares of whitewashing market buildings; 15 squares of whitewashing market latrine, cleaning and painting ironwork of market roof, clearing side drains; cutting down fences; removing trees and roots; filling in hollows in market grounds.

(j) Purchase of mamoties, pickaxes, buckets, &c.

(k) 24 lines of sides of roads and drains cleared and sides reduced; 6 cubes of landslips and silt from drains removed; proportion of cost of repair of tools.

(l) Hire of bullocks to draw meadow mower at recreation ground.

(m) 200 lineal feet of earth-cutting along banks of channel; 24 lines of side drains of Lady Anderson's road deepened; 24 lines of roadway barrelled, and hollows filled up along Lady Anderson's road.

(n) 2 squares of cement concrete platform constructed; purchase of 5 latrines; constructing 2 wooden boxes for dry-earth.

(o) Renewal of timber of Gonawatta ferry boat (by contract).

(p) 46.50 cubes of earth excavated in forming pits for night soil; covering in pits; clearing away vegetation on waste land.

(q) 7 cubes of excavation for removing barrel drain in Colombo street; 40 lineal feet of barrel drain renewed in cement concrete with brick arch; 20 lineal feet of curbing re-laid; building cistern.

(r) 31 cubes of earth-cutting; forming roadway; transport; and planting of bamboo roots.

H. BYRDE,
Superintendent of Works.

Health Report for July, 1898.

Water Supply.—The water supply of Kandy remains open to sources of contamination; such will be the case till all the catchment area is bought up and the necessary precautions taken to keep all the catchment area free from being polluted, as it is at present the case.

The water in the reservoir is very low. I have noticed great waste taking place from many stand pipes during the month, notably in the Deyannewella part of the town and along Peradeniya road, as the supply of water to the inhabitants is restricted. I am of opinion that more attention should be paid to the condition of the stand pipes than at present appears to be the case.

Drainage.—The general drainage of Kandy is extremely bad; many drains remain in an appalling state.

Alleys.—The general sanitary state of the Kandy alleys is extremely bad.

Cooly Lines.—The Municipal cooly lines at Castle Hill and Mahaiyawa were kept in a very insanitary condition during the month. I reported the matter to the Chairman, and a few days ago pointed out the condition of the lines at Mahaiyawa personally to him.

Scavenging.—The scavenging of the town has been done fairly well during the month. I am of opinion that depôts for the deposit of refuse should be acquired at once at the end of Malabar street, and also at the end of Peradeniya road. It is simply impossible for the scavenging carts to go the distances they have now to go to Katugastota and carry out their work in an efficient manner. The carts are not kept in proper repair, and the condition of some of the bulls is very bad.

Removal of Night Soil.—As far as I can find out where this work is undertaken by the Municipal carts it has been efficiently done. I have passed the carts working in the public streets during the daytime whilst the perahera was going on, and never noticed any offensive smell. If plenty of dry-earth and antiseptics are used in all the dry-earth latrines, there never ought to be the slightest smell; and if the coolies in emptying the latrines only use suitable buckets, the work of the removal of night soil ought never to be a nuisance to the inhabitants. When dry-earth latrines on a sanitary plan are built by a skilled sanitary engineer, and the night soil is properly removed from them, I am of opinion that Kandy will be in a far more sanitary condition than is at present the case, the ground being at present well saturated with sewage from the filthy cesspits.

Night Soil Depôt.—The old pits require to be properly filled in. I pointed out their condition to the Chairman. A well requires to be sunk to supply water for washing the night soil carts and buckets.

Dairies have been kept fairly clean, or are being made so.

Bakeries are in a fair state of sanitation.

Native Eating Houses.—Have most of them been cleaned up, but much remains to be done to improve their drains and filthy cesspits.

Fish Boutiques.—Owners still occasionally sell rotten fish; punishments for doing so are getting more severe.

Public Markets.—Jungle in its vicinity has been cleared away; much remains to be done to improve its drains. The same old tats, gunny bags, and old boxes are still in existence. All the stalls in the market require to be either painted or colourwashed.

Slaughter Houses.—The roof of the large slaughter-house requires repairing; blood and offal is not properly removed from either of the slaughter-houses. The drainage of the sheep slaughter-house is very defective.

Cattle Inspection Shed has been kept in a sanitary state during the month.

Railway Approach Road.—A large amount of undergrowth exists on the bank on the right-hand side of this road, into which all sorts of filth and refuse are casted. I have several times asked the Chairman to order all this undergrowth to be cut down. Or all occasions I mentioned it the Chairman informed me he had given the necessary orders. The undergrowth as yet has not been touched, and daily the place gets more and more insanitary.

Laundries.—Many buildings in use are quite unsuitable as such. I have frequently reported about the insanitary condition of the laundries, and the pressing need there is of buildings more places for the dhobies to wash in.

Cattle.—sheep, a few goats, and cattle, all in good condition, were passed by me as fit to be slaughtered for human food during the month. I rejected many animals.

Infectious Diseases.—A few cases of chickenpox occurred during the month.

W. HALLARAN, Captain, Royal Army Medical Corps,
Health Officer.

Kandy, August 12, 1898.

Report on the Sanitary Condition of Kandy.

Referred to in Minutes of Special Meeting held on August 6, 1898.

To His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir J. WEST RIDGEWAY, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., Governor.

YOUR EXCELLENCY,—We have the honour to inform Your Excellency that in accordance with the terms of our appointment as a Committee to inquire into the sanitary condition of Kandy, and the instructions contained in your letter dated May 21, we have inspected the town of Kandy, and inquired into the measures being taken by the Municipal Council to remedy existing evils.

For this purpose we proceeded to Kandy on the 5th instant, made the inspection and inquiry referred to above on the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th instants, and submit the following report:—

Water Supply.—The public water supply is obtained from a stream flowing down the hills to the south of the town.

A reservoir having a capacity of about 42,000,000 gallons has been constructed on this stream at an elevation of about 1,820 ft. above mean sea level, or approximately 140 ft. above the level of the top water of the lake.

The water is conveyed to the town in a 9-in. cast iron pipe pointed with lead, from which branches varying in size from 2 in. to 6 in. diameter are laid conveying water to the more important streets of the town.

Private services have been granted in some instances, about 250 in number, but the greater portion of the inhabitants derive their supply from standposts in the streets.

The greater part of the catchment area is cultivated with tea, and portions of it manured with the town refuse. The disturbance of the soil has led to the necessity of diverting the waters of the catchment area during periods of heavy rainfall from the reservoir, owing to its being heavily charged with silt during such periods.

A bungalow and some cooly lines still exist within the catchment area, the drainage from which is discharged into that area.

The cultivation of the soil and the existence of buildings for human habitation within the catchment area are sources of danger, and liable to lead to serious contamination of the public water supply.

The disturbance of the soil and consequent diversion of the water from the stream during periods of heavy rainfall leads to a considerable loss of water which might otherwise be used, and the periodical introduction of the intermittent system of water supply with its attendant evils, which are rendered all the more serious by the general insanitary condition of the town, avoided.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—The Municipal Council have recently acquired the estate known as "Faireland," situated within the catchment area of the reservoir, and are taking steps for the purchase of the remaining portion of the catchment area.

Recommendations.—(a) All lands and buildings situated in the catchment area should be acquired by the Municipal Council.

(b) All available land in such area should be planted with trees, shrubs, or grass, and the surface in future should be carefully protected from disturbance.

(c) All access of the public to the catchment area should be prevented.

(d) By-laws detailing the manner and method in which private services are to be laid and the materials to be used therein, and the manner in which water is to be drawn from public standposts, should be made and rigidly enforced.

Sewerage.—Underground sewers, varying in size from 3 ft. 6 in. in diameter to 7 ft. by 5 ft. 6 in., exist in the public streets of the more crowded native portions of the town situated between Trincomalee street and Brownrigg street.

The outfall sewer commences at the junction of Cross street with Trincomalee street, continues in an easterly direction down Cross street to Brownrigg street, here it turns down Brownrigg street and crossing private property to the north of the buildings in Ward street, used as a police barracks, discharges into the open ditch to the north of the railway station, the waters of which ultimately discharge into the Mahaweli-ganga near Peradeniya gardens.

In the remaining portions of the town no system of sewerage can be said to exist, the ditches or side drains of the roads, in many cases mere excavations unpaved and overgrown with weeds, being utilized for the disposal of on sewerage.

These discharge in various directions: some into the lake, some into the overflow channel from the lake, some on to the hill sides or low-lying ground.

The underground sewers are constructed of brickwork, for the most part one brick in thickness, and become the receptacles of deposit of various kinds.

The absence of the use of proper mortar in the construction of the brickwork causes serious leakage into the subsoil. Some of these sewers have been recently rendered in cement, and from what we saw of this work it has no doubt considerably improved their condition.

We however consider that owing to the size, nature of construction, and grading of these sewers receiving as they do the fouled water supply from a large portion of the town, they constitute a serious danger to the public health.

The use of the lake and its overflow channel and the unpaved or badly paved side drains of the roads for the reception of sewage is so obviously insanitary as to need no further comment.

Intimately connected with and of even greater sanitary importance is the subject of house drainage or the drainage of private premises.

The results of our investigations into this subject are simply appalling.

The few attempts that have been made to construct drains for the purpose of leading the fouled water supply from the backs of houses, courts, yards, areas, alleys, &c., are most imperfect in extent, and radically defective in construction.

The drains are roughly constructed, and no serious attempt appears in the majority of cases to have been made to render them impervious. The areas in the immediate vicinity of houses upon which slops are thrown are neither graded nor covered with impervious material.

Where underground drains have been constructed no attempt has been made "to trap" them, consequently sewer air readily gains access to the houses and their immediate vicinity.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—Steps have been taken by the Municipal Council to compel owners of houses and alleys to pave the areas and provide improved drainage, but the absence of a specially qualified officer and staff to lay out such works and supervise from start to finish their construction has apparently prevented any very marked improvement being affected.

The Municipal Council have applied to Government for a loan to meet the cost of improving the sewerage and drainage of the town, and have asked Government for the services of the Public Works Department in connection with the carrying out of such projects.

Recommendations.—We are of opinion—

(a) That a complete project for the re-sewering of Kandy should be prepared by and carried out under the supervision of a competent Sanitary Engineer and staff, and that the existing sewers where not required for the conveyance of storm water only should be opened up and filled in.

(b) That definite by-laws should be drawn up dealing with the mode and manner in which the drainage of private premises is to be carried out and connected with the sewerage system.

(c) The Municipality should have power to enforce the construction of efficient drainage of private premises in accordance with such by-laws, and the concreting or paving of all alleys, back yards, areas, &c., upon which slops are liable to be thrown.

Public Latrines.—The absence in many instances of latrines accommodation on private premises, and the lack of suitable sites in some of the crowded portions of the town, necessitates the provision of this nature being provided to meet the requirements of the resident native population by the Municipality.

There are at present 19 public latrines consisting of 95 seats. These are arranged for the use of males and females in the proportion of 3 to 2. The type adopted is that known as the Horbury latrine, the dry-earth system being used. The buckets are emptied daily by the employes of the Municipal Council. The latrines appear to be substantially erected and adequately provided with drains and the necessary accessories, and maintained in a sanitary condition.

The absence of an efficient and complete system of public sewerage necessitates the drains conveying the washings discharging into ditches and other objectionable places referred to under the heading Sewerage.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—The steps recently taken by the Municipal Council have been to improve the drainage in the immediate vicinity of the latrines and to increase the number of latrines, nine having

been erected within the last nine months. One latrine is in course of construction, and the erection of another is to be undertaken immediately.

Recommendations.—(a) It appears desirable, in the absence of the Municipal Council being able to compel owners of property to erect suitable and adequate latrine accommodation for the use of their tenants, to increase the number of public latrines.

(b) Wherever practicable, the owners of private premises should be compelled to erect suitable permanent latrines for the use of their tenants on a plan and in a position approved by the Health Officer, adopting the dry-earth system.

The latrines should be provided with the necessary accessories and maintained in a cleanly condition, and the excreta removed daily to the night soil depôt.

Scavenging.—Under the term scavenging is included the removal of garbage and rubbish (not including night soil, which is dealt with under a separate heading) from the public streets and private premises.

The scavenging of the public streets is done under the general supervision of Municipal Inspectors. This, considering the nature of the roads, side drains, and footpath, is fairly well done, but the numerous temporary encroachments, broken surface of the footpaths, and imperfect construction of the side drains, of necessity render the result of the endeavours of the Municipality less satisfactory than we have reason to believe they would otherwise be.

We would however call attention to the imperfect scavenging and washing of the carriage stand near the Queen's Hotel.

The scavenging of private premises is far less satisfactory; in nearly every court, back yard, alley, and vacant ground accumulations of rubbish in varying states of decomposition is to be found.

The occupiers or tenants to some extent bring out rubbish into the streets to be removed by the contractor, but a great deal more attention is necessary in respect of this important sanitary operation.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—The Municipal Council are enforcing the provisions of Ordinance No. 15 of 1862. Estimates for improving the street paving have been prepared, but no further steps have been taken owing to the insufficiency of funds available.

Recommendations.—(a) The stringent enforcement of the by-laws referred to in paragraph 27 regarding the paving and gardening of back yards, alleys, courts, &c.

(b) The clearing of undergrowth on vacant lands in the vicinity of houses and removal of all temporary structures in back yards, alleys, court, &c.

Alleys.—Numerous alleys exist throughout the native quarters of the town.

These are for the most part in a very insanitary condition, deficient in light and air, devoid of proper drainage, insufficiently scavenged, and obstructed by temporary hovels and other structures.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—In most instances notices have been served on the owners to effect sanitary improvements, but little progress, comparatively speaking, has been made.

The Municipal Council are taking steps to remove the contents of cesspits, fill them up, and substitute latrines on the dry-earth system.

The subject of the improvement of alleys was considered by a Sub-Committee of the Municipal Council in May, 1897, and a report dealing with the subject laid on the Council table, but insufficiency of funds precluded further action.

Recommendations.—(a) By-laws respecting the construction of houses abutting or fronting on alleys, their drainage and sanitary maintenance, should be made and rigidly enforced.

(b) Many houses in these alleys are unfit for human habitation, and owing to the numerous owners concerned, and the difficulty of affecting material improvement without demolition of buildings, the Committee further recommend the consideration of the practicability of introducing into the Legislature an Ordinance on the lines of the "Imperial Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890," and empowering the Municipality to acquire insanitary areas, demolish the buildings, lay out building sites for sale, retaining the land required for the necessary streets and lanes. Private streets, lanes, and alleyways should be taken over by the Municipality, who should in future be responsible for their sanitary maintenance.

Laundries.—The laundries are mainly situated on the Peradeniya road and at Ampitiya to the east of the lake. The premises occupied as laundries are, generally speaking, cramped, ill-ventilated, badly lighted, and unprovided with suitable drains, and apparently several persons pass the night in them. No laundry has yet been registered.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—Notices have been served to carry out improvements, and legal proceedings instituted for failure to comply with the order of Council; so far the maximum penalty imposed has been Rs. 2-50.

Recommendations.—(a) By-laws should be drawn up specifying in detail the sanitary requirements in respect of premises used as laundries.

(b) It further seems desirable that the erection of laundries at the public cost should be considered. Such laundries to be two stories in height, providing laundry accommodation on the ground floor, and residences for the laundrymen and their families on the upper floor.

Dhobies' Washing Places.—Intimately connected with laundries are washing places for dhobies. At present only one such public washing place exists immediately below the spill of the lake. This is quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the population; the supply of water was inadequate at the time of our inspection, and no suitable drying ground exists in connection with it.

Numerous dhobies use the stream discharging into the lake from Ampitiya, the water after use by those situated on the upper part of it returns to the stream and is again used by those lower down.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—No steps are being taken owing to the insufficiency of funds, though the extension of the washing places has received the attention of the Municipal Council, and plans and estimates have been considered.

Recommendations.—The number of public washing places should be increased and provided with an adequate supply of water and drying ground. A suitable site appears to exist near the present washing place.

Cooly Lines.—The cooly lines near the Railway Station road, Reservoir road, and at Mahaiyawa are deficient in light and ventilation, unprovided with drains, and the surroundings are generally in an insanitary condition.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—New lines of a permanent nature have been erected, but the insufficiency of funds preclude the Municipal Council from proceeding further in this direction at present.

Recommendations.—(a) The existing lines other than those of a permanent nature should be demolished and suitable permanent buildings provided with adequate drainage, latrine accommodation and water supply should be erected.

(b) The adequate drainage of all lines should receive attention.

Bakeries.—The baking as a rule are in fair condition, but sufficient attention has not been paid to the efficient drainage of premises used as such. We found open drains in "direct communication" with the many sewers existing even in premises used as bakeries.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—The partial enforcement of the by-laws.

Recommendations.—The efficient drainage of all premises used as bakeries.

Dairies.—Dairies exist in various parts of the town. The drainage of the premises is defective, the areas in front of the cow sheds unpaved, and the surroundings generally unwholesome. The water supply is inadequate. Sufficient care, that the utensils used for dairy purposes are only used for such purposes, does not appear to be taken.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—Notices are being issued to dairy owners to remedy defects.

Recommendations.—(a) The efficient drainage of premises and paving of areas in front of cow sheds.

(b) The enforcement of scrupulous cleanliness throughout the premises.

(c) The provision of an adequate water supply.

(d) The abolition of all dairies in courts, alleys, and back yards attached to dwelling-houses in the thickly populated portion of the town.

(e) Special care should be taken that receptacles used for dairy purposes should be exclusively so used.

Cattle Sheds and Gala Stands.—The cattle sheds and gala stands are all privately owned, and their condition is far from sanitary. The sheds and areas in front are insufficiently paved and drained.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—Frequent notices have been issued and legal proceedings taken against 17 of the occupiers. In one instance the occupier has been fined six times, the maximum penalty imposed being Rs. 30; notice still unattended to.

Recommendations.—The efficient drainage and paving of all sheds and the area in front of same.

Legislative power should be granted to the Municipal Council, upon order of the Magistrate, to enter the premises and carry out the necessary works at the cost of the owners.

The Slaughter House.—The Municipal slaughter-house is situated in Slaughter-house road, and appears to be a suitable building for the purpose. The drainage runs into an open stream near the railway.

Recommendations.—That the interception of this drainage be considered in connection with the re-sewering of the town.

The above remarks equally apply to the slaughter-house for goats and sheep situated in Market road.

Cattle Inspection Shed.—The cattle inspection shed is situated on the Peradeniya road, the accommodation is somewhat cramped and the drainage defective.

The surroundings are in an insanitary condition.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—The land in the immediate vicinity of the shed has been leased for cultivation with a view to preventing its improper use.

Recommendations.—The provision of efficient drainage and maintenance of the surroundings in a sanitary condition.

Public Market.—The public market is situated at Bogambara, and the building appears in every way adapted to the requirements of the town.

The fittings of the stalls, consisting in many cases of rough woodwork, old sacking, &c., leave much to be desired.

The area round the market is unpaved, and a considerable amount of vegetation is allowed to grow in close proximity to the building.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—Arrangements have been made to clear the vegetation in the vicinity of the markets. Insufficient funds prevent further improvements being effected.

Recommendations.—(a) The improvement of the fittings. (b) The paving or concreting of the area round the market. (c) The clearing of vegetation in close proximity to the building.

Night Soil Dépôt.—The night soil dépôt is situated off the Katugastota road, about two miles from the Kacheheri. To this dépôt is removed the rubbish of the town, the offal and blood from the slaughter-houses, and the night soil. The two last are buried in pits, and the first is tipped in heaps and burnt when practicable.

The site is on hilly ground, and consequently leaves much to be desired for such a purpose, but on the whole the work appears to be carried out with fairly satisfactory results.

Measures taken by the Municipal Council.—Arrangements are being made to extend the area available for use.

Recommendations.—That endeavours should be made to extend the area used for this purpose, to use pits of less depth and cover them over when full with at least one foot of earth.

General.—Generally speaking, we are of opinion—

(a) That the sanitary condition of Kandy is bad.

(b) That the Municipal Council have apparently, with the means at their disposal, made attempts to improve the sanitary condition of the town; but owing to the insufficiency of staff and the funds at their disposal, and the lack of power to enter into premises and abate nuisances at the cost of the owner or occupier, their endeavours have only met with partial success.

(c) That the provisions of the Ordinances and by-laws made thereunder are not stringent enough to enforce the efficient sanitation of private premises.

(d) That it is necessary to place the construction of the sanitary works required under the immediate supervision of a competent officer and staff who can devote the whole of their time to the work.

(e) That further legal powers are necessary to enforce the erection of sanitary buildings and regulate the material used in the construction thereof.

(f) That the Sanitary Inspectors should report direct to the Health Officer, who should have authority to institute proceedings for the abatement of nuisances.

In conclusion, we desire to record our thanks to the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Allanson Bailey; the Secretary, Colonel Byrde, C. V.; and the Officer of Health, Surgeon, Captain Hallaran, for the assistance they have given us in this inquiry; Captain Hallaran accompanying us on all our inspections.

We have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient Servants,

FRANCIS A. COOPER, Director of Public Works.

G. E. HALE, Surgeon-Major, A.M.S.

J. H. SPROULE, M.M.C.

GALLE MUNICIPALITY.

IN terms of section 4 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1893, and section 5 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1889, notice is hereby given that licenses, as enumerated below, for the retail sale of opium for the year commencing January 1, 1899, will be put up for sale by public auction at the Municipal Office, Galle, on Monday, October 17, 1898, at 1 o'clock P.M., and they will be issued in accordance with the provisions of the said Ordinance:—

1	License to retail opium at a place to be approved by the Chairman in	High street Bazaar
1	Do.	Pettigalawatta
1	Do.	China Garden
1	Do.	Kaluwella

Conditions of Sale.

1. That the place licensed shall not be open to the public before 6 A.M. or after 9 P.M.
 2. That the place licensed shall be subject to inspection, and that no disorderly conduct be permitted therein.
 3. That the place licensed be always kept clean.
 4. That the place licensed have no internal communication with other rooms or passages, and that the interior thereof be open to public view.
 5. That no opium be sold to any woman or any child under the age of 15, or to any intoxicated person.
 6. That no opium be consumed on the premises, whether by swallowing, chewing, smoking, or in any other manner whatsoever.
 7. That the licensee shall affix in some conspicuous part of his shop a board with his name, the number of the shop, and the words "Licensed to Sell Opium by Retail" painted on it.
 8. That no person other than the licensee shall sell or expose for sale any opium under his license, either as agent or servant of the licensee, unless the name of such agent or servant be first registered in the Municipal Office.
- Wholesale licenses will be issued only to retail dealers.

The Municipal Office,
Galle, September 22, 1898.

By order of Chairman,
J. E. ANTHONISZ,
Secretary.

ROAD COMMITTEE NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, having agreed to grant the sum of Rs. 21,500 for the construction of the under-mentioned road, the Provincial Road Committee of Uva, acting under the provisions of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1896," have assessed the proportion due by each estate in the district interested in the construction of the said road, as follows:—

BANDARAWELA-LEYANGAHAWELA ROAD.

Assessment of Estates.

Cost of the first 2½ mile sections from Windy corner.

Construction	...	Rs. 21,540-55
Moiety	...	" 10,770-27½

Total acreage, 1,489—Rate per acre, Rs. 7-23323.

Proprietors, Agents, &c.	Estates.	Acreage.	Rs.	c.
H. C. Richmond	Ballagala-ela	312	2,256	76
G. C. Anderson	Leangahawela	692	5,005	40
W. F. Reid	Broughton	485	3,508	11½
		1,489	10,770	27½

Cost of 3rd and 4th sections (one ½ a mile, the other 2,250 ft.).

Construction	...	Rs. 21,459-45
Moiety	...	" 10,729-72½

Total acreage, 1,177—Rate per acre, Rs. 9-11616.

G. C. Anderson	Leangahawela	692	6,308	39
W. F. Reid	Broughton	485	4,421	33½
		1,177	10,729	72½

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	Rs.	c.
Ballagala-ela	2,256	76
Leangahawela	11,313	79
Broughton	7,929	45
	21,500	0

Which sums the proprietors, managers, or agents of the several estates are hereby required to pay into the Colonial Treasury, Colombo, on or before November 15, 1898.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Badulla, September 27, 1898.

G. A. BAUMGARTNER,
Chairman.

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

PUNDALU-OYA ROAD (between Tavalantenna and Pundalu-oya).

Government moiety	...	Rs. 1,815
Tolls	...	Rs. 1,220
Private contributions	...	Rs. 595

1st to 4th section, 4 miles.

Total acreage, 6,750—Moiety of cost, Rs. 253'64—
Sectional rate, '0376c.—Total rate, '0376c.

Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.	Rs.	c.
W. P. Metcalfe	... Rockside	250	9	41
Mrs. R. Brown	... Meddetenna	100	3	77
Mackwood & Co.	... Pallerakele	70	2	64

1st to 7th section, 7 miles.

Total acreage, 6,330—Moiety of cost, Rs. 190'23—
Sectional rate, '0300c.—Total rate, '0676c.

W. P. Metcalfe	... Hurimaru, Rolleston	100	6	77
W. P. Metcalfe	... Choisy	365	24	68
R. E. Prance & J. R. Hughes (Mackwood & Co.)	... Wevehena	140	9	47

1st to 8th section, 8 miles.

Total acreage, 5,725—Moiety of cost, Rs. 63'41—
Sectional rate, '0111c.—Total rate, '0787c.

J. P. Green & Co.	... Eton	233	18	35
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1st to 10th section, 9½ miles.

Total acreage, 5,492—Moiety of cost, Rs. 79'22—
Sectional rate, '0144c.—Total rate, '0931c.

Geo. Steuart & Co.	... Pundalu-oya North and Mausawa	847	78	87
Geo. Steuart & Co.	... Dunsinane	1,787	166	38
J. M. Robertson & Co.	... Pandalu-oya South	791	73	65
A. S. Reeves (J. M. R. & Co.)	... Sheeu	873	81	29
The Heirs of R. B. Downall (W. Harman)	... Harrow	260	24	22
J. P. Green & Co.	... Fernlands	271	25	24
The Heirs of R. B. Downall (W. Harman)	... Kallu-oya	253	23	57
Cumberbatch & Co.	... Kaipugalla	410	38	19
			586	50

Which sums the proprietors, managers, or agents of the several estates are hereby required to pay into the Colonial Treasury, Colombo, on or before October 21, 1898.

N.B.—Planter's moiety	...	Rs. 595	0
Deduct bank interest	...	8	50
		586	50

F. J. SMITH,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, September 29, 1898.

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RAILWAY GORGE ROAD (between Caledonia Gap and the Railway Gorge).

Government moiety	...	Rs. 480
Private contributions	...	Rs. 480

From 1st to end of 2nd section, 1 mile.

Total acreage, 3,835—Moiety of cost, Rs. 155'23—
Sectional rate, '0405c.—Total rate, '0405c.

Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.	Rs.	c.
Geo. Beck	... Henfold	305	12	35
F. A. and W. N. Fairlie	... Khowlahena	389	15	75
Geo. Beck	... St. Regulas	269	10	89
Whittall & Co.	... Glencagles	222	8	99

From 1st to end of 3rd section, 1½ miles.

Total acreage, 2,650—Moiety of cost, Rs. 77'61—
Sectional rate, '0293c.—Total rate, '0698c.

A. G. Yeates	... Maria	297	20	73
K. C. MacIver (H. E. W. Cooper)	... Lippakelle	206	14	38

From 1st to end of 6th section, 3 miles.

Total acreage, 2,147—Moiety of cost, Rs. 232'84—
Sectional rate, '1084c.—Total rate, '1782c.

Aitken, Spence & Co.	... Macduff	221	39	38
Bois Brothers	... Vellekelly	184	32	79
Ceylon Tea Plantations Company, Limited	... Tangakelly	910	162	16
G. A. Dick & P. L. Johnson (Bois Brothers)	... Ovahkellie	297	52	93
G. H. D. Elphinstone and C. B. Lutyens (J. D. Forbes)	... Elgin	291	51	86
Do.	... Kellyhill	158	28	15
Bois Brothers	... Bromley	86	15	32

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Which sums the proprietors, managers, or agents of the several estates are hereby required to pay into the Colonial Treasury, Colombo, on or before October 21, 1898.

N.B.—Planter's moiety	...	Rs. 480	0
Deduct unexpended balance	...	11	32
Bank interest, 2nd half-year, 1897	...	3	0
		14	32
		465	68

F. J. SMITH,
for Chairman

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, September 29, 1898.

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NORTON-CAROLINA ROAD (from Carolina estate, 11th mile, Ambagamuwa to Norton bridge).

Government moiety	...	Rs. 1,200
Private contributions	...	Rs. 1,200

1st and 2nd sections, 1 mile.

Total acreage, 5,380—Moiety of cost, Rs. 222.09—
Sectional rate, .0413c.—Total rate, .0413c.

Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.	Rs.	c.
Clairmont Estate Company, Ltd. (Baker & Hall)	... Clairmont	... 336	... 13	87

1st to 3rd section, 1½ mile.

Total acreage, Rs. 5,044—Moiety of cost, Rs. 111.04—
Sectional rate, .0220c.—Total rate, .0633c.

W. Megginson (Leechman & Co.)	... Dotiagalla	... 181	... 11	46
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1st to 5th section, 2½ miles.

Total acreage, Rs. 4,863—Moiety of cost, Rs. 222.09—
Sectional rate, .0457c.—Total rate, .1090c.

Scottish Ceylon Tea Company, Limited (D. Kerr)	... Lonach and Benachie	... 759	... 82	73
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1st to 8th section, 4 miles.

Total acreage, Rs. 4,104—Moiety of cost, Rs. 333.14—
Sectional rate, .0812c.—Total rate, .1902c.

H. T. G. A. More Gordon Killin	... 307	... 58	39
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1st to 9th section, 4½ miles.

Total acreage, Rs. 3,797—Moiety of cost, Rs. 111.04—
Sectional rate, .0292c.—Total rate, .2194c.

E. A. Bowles	... Comar	... 254	... 55	72
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1st to 10th section, end of road, 5½ miles.

Total acreage, Rs. 3,543—Moiety of cost, Rs. 166.59—
Sectional rate, .0470c.—Total rate, .2664c.

Alliance Tea Co. (Whittall & Co.)	... Aberdeen	480	127	87
R. A. Galton, C. J. Inglis, and R. Aspland	... Norton	336	89	51
Ceylon Hills Tea Estates Company, Ltd. (Bosanquet & Co.)	... Hardenhuish	258	68	73
Do.	... Lammermoor	187	49	81
Do.	... Ella-oya	210	55	94
Do.	... Laxapanagalla	342	91	10
T. J. Grigg (Bosanquet & Co.)	... Theberton	201	53	55
R. A. Galton	... Elfindale	640	170	49
Ceylon Hills Tea Estates Company, Ltd. (Bosanquet & Co.)	... Gallawatta	176	46	88
E. H. Skrine, Cox, Fuller, and Campion (A. Campion, agent)	... Exmouth	191	50	88
Do.	... Mitford	184	49	2
R. Fenwick	... Glengariffe	338	90	4
			1,165	99

Which sums the proprietors, managers, or agents of the several estates are hereby required to pay into the Colonial Treasury, Colombo, on or before October 21, 1898.

	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
N.B.—Planter's moiety	—	—	1,200	0
Deducted unexpended balance	2	74		
Bank interest, first half-year, 1897	23	46		
Bank interest, second half-year, 1897	7	81		
			34	1
			1,165	99

F. J. SMITH,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, September 29, 1898.

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PUPURESSA ROAD (between Delpitiya and Pupuressa).

Government moiety	... Rs. 3,340
Tolls	... Rs. 1,425
Private contributions	... Rs. 1,915

1st section, 1 mile.

Total acreage, 10,423—Moiety of cost, Rs. 189.81—
Sectional rate, .0182c.—Total rate, .0182c.

Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.	Rs.	c.
S. R. M. S. Supramanien Chetty	... Godamaditiya-watte	45	0	81
Somanpillai	... Angamone	270	4	90
Mrs. T. Macarthy	... Melbourne	40	0	72
A. L. French	... Ascot	151	2	74

1st to 3rd section, 3 miles.

Total acreage, 9,917—Moiety of cost, Rs. 379.62—
Sectional rate, .0383c.—Total rate, .0565c.

S. R. M. S. Supramanien Chetty	... Mount Havana	170	9	60
Don Simon	... Don Simon's estate	30	1	69

1st to 5th section, 5 miles.

Total acreage, 9,717—Moiety of cost, Rs. 379.62—
Sectional rate, .0391c.—Total rate, .0956c.

S. R. M. S. Supramanien Chetty	... Wariagoda	70	6	69
South Wanarajah Company and A. F. White	... Dartry & Lemagastenne	500	47	80
Do.	... Blackburn	220	21	3
H. J. Charsley and H. F. de Silva	... Pussatenne	290	27	72
W. D. Ranasingha	... Antanidenna	43	4	11
A. R. L. Sinniya Chetty	... Grove Hill	160	15	29
T. N. Christie and J. M. Christie	... Moolgama	287	27	43

1st to 10th section, 10 miles.

Total acreage, 8,147—Moiety of cost, Rs. 949.05—
Sectional rate, .1165c.—Total rate, .2121c.

Oriental Estates Company and A. F. T. Dobree	... Stellenberg	589	124	90
J. M. Robertson & Co. and A. F. T. Dobree	... Whyddon	314	66	59
Bosanquet & Co. and A. L. French	... Delta	1,700	360	55
Ceylon and Oriental Estates and A. J. Denison	... Rajatalawa	316	67	2
Do.	... Le Vallon Group	1,700	360	55
Cumberbatch & Co. and Alex. Wardrop	... New Forest	429	90	90
Ceylon Proprietary Estates Co. and H. M. Picken	... Beaumont	356	75	50
Do.	... Laurawatta	300	63	60
Do.	... Rosalie	62	13	15
Do.	... Temple Land	60	12	72
Do.	... Winsley	44	9	33
Do.	... Heatherley	22	4	66
Mackwood & Co. and H. J. Charsley	... Castlemilk	310	65	70

Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.	Amount.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
E. D. Padwick	Yarrow Group	600	127 20	N.B.—Planter's moiety	—	—	1,915	0
Lipton, Limited, and R. S. Duff Tytler	Pooprassie Group	1,345	285 20	Deduct bank interest, 1st half-year	6	30		
			1,898 10	Do. 2nd do.	10	60	16	90
							1,898	10

Which sums the proprietors, managers, or agents of the several estates are hereby required to pay into the Colonial Treasury, Colombo, on or before October 24, 1898.

F. J. SMITH,
for Chairman.

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

LOCAL BOARD NOTICES.

THE following Resolution passed by the Local Board, Trincomalee, at the meeting held on September 31, 1898, as required by Rule 1, Chapter I., under Schedule D, of the Ordinance No. 13 of 1898, is published for general information:—

Resolved,—That the ordinary monthly meetings of this Board be held at the Local Board Office, Trincomalee, on the second Tuesday of every month, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Local Board Office,
Trincomalee, September 20, 1898.

C. A. MURRAY,
Chairman.

UNOFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Koshena Coconut Estate Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held within the registered office of the Company, No. 5, Prince street, on Tuesday, the 18th October, 1898, at 3.30 P.M., to receive the report and accounts and to elect Directors and Auditor.

By order of the Directors,
C. E. H. SYMONS,
Secretary.

Colombo, September 29, 1898.

The Petroleum Storage Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth 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, 21st October,

1898, at 2 o'clock P.M., to receive the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September, 1898.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company are closed until 24th October, 1898.

By order of the Directors,

BAKER & HALL,
Agents and Secretaries.

The Ferlands Tea Company, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the postponed Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the registered office of the Company, No. 24, Chatham street, Fort, Colombo, at 12 noon on Saturday, the 22nd instant.

J. P. GREEN & Co.,
Agents and Secretaries.