

THE TRAITOR DISPOSED OF.—We have no doubt that our readers will join in the satisfaction we feel on learning from an Indian cotemporary that a letter received from a lady residing at Versailles states that Marshal Le Boeuf was shot as a traitor; but that the execution was kept secret, because Madame Le Boeuf was an intimate friend and countrywoman of the Empress Eugénie.

THE FREEDOM OF THE SUEZ CANAL.—We read in recently received papers of the passage of the Prussian Prize Frigate "Hertha" through the Suez Canal after capture by the French Frigate "Belliqueuse." It appears that the French Consul at Suez lodged a protest against the passage of the prize through the Suez Canal. Reference was made to Constantinople, where the foreign ambassador declared that the Suez Canal being a free passage to ships of all nations, the Porte could not comply with the demand of the Prussian consul.

RAILWAY COLLECTIONS.—Abstract of Traffic for the week ended 23rd October, 1870.

Passengers	545 13 11
Horses	7 8 7
Cattle	0 0 0
Dogs	2 17 0
Live Stock	5 0 0
Mails	24 9 3
Parcels	34 4 7
Merchandise	2829 6 1
Total for the week	3448 19 5
Do. corresponding last year	3668 16 7
Increase	219 17 2
Decrease	
Train Mileage	3744

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.—SURVEY DEPARTMENT.—Land Sales.—The reaction which took place in the money market last year had a beneficial effect on Land sales, and the Revenue derived from them was considerably in excess of that obtained in any year since 1866.

During the year 1869, 4,420 lots, containing 28,311 acres, 959 perches, were sold for £48,249 6s. 9d., or at the rate of £11 13s. 5d. per acre, exclusive of survey fees, which amounted to £6,560 5s. 18s. 10d. containing 5,991 acres, 3 rods, 2 perches, were sold for £1,409 8s. 0d. grants, &c., the fees for which realized £1,409 8s. 0d. The fees received for Temple Land Title Plans amounted to £120 16s., but there remains due to the Department the sum of £901 12s. 7d. for Title Plans issued between May, 1865, and December, 1869.

Preliminary Temple Land Plans.—representing an extent of 68,527 acres and 30 perches, and for which the moiety fees received amounted to £2,451 4s. 5d. were also forwarded to the Temple Land Commission between April, 1866, and December, 1869; and I await their return before the issue of Title Plans.

Fees to the amount of £1,500, have been received from the Municipality of Colombo for the survey and plans of a portion of the Town; and the fees for tracings &c., prepared at this Office, amounted to £134 16s.

The total number of lots alienated from the Crown was 6,338, containing 38,833 acres, 1 rod, 35s. 9 perches; and the total sum realized both by land sales and fees, amounted to £57,964 10s. 9d. During the previous year the number of lots alienated was 5,832, the extent 27,368 acres, 10s. 6 perches, and the amount realized £35,514 14s. 1d.

In 1867 the amount was £45,955 10s. 6d. During the year 1868 lots containing 10,311 acres, and 33 perches, were purchased by Europeans for £14,752 8s. 5d., against 118 lots containing 6,484 acres, 3 rods, 25 perches, for £12,764 12s. 1d. in the year 1868; and 6,053 lots, containing 25,512 acres, and 2s. 9 perches, were purchased by Natives for £4,466 10s. 4d., against 5,553 lots, containing 16,028 acres, and 2s. 3 perches, for £23,702 10s. 10d. in the year 1868.

Western Province.—2,388 lots, containing 11,196 acres, 1 rod, 14 perches, were sold for £18,074 4s. 4d., or at the rate of £11 13s. 4d. per acre, exclusive of fees, which amounted to £2,607 10s. Certificates were given for 1,612 lots, including 6,063 acres, 3 rods 3s. perches, the fees for which amounted to £1,164 10s.

The total number of lots alienated from the Crown was 4,000, the acreage 17,260, and the amount realized, including fees, £25,537. In the previous year the number of lots was 3,636, the acreage 9,521, and the sum realized £13,310 9s. 6d. The sales in the Western Province this year have exceeded those in any other Province by £2,683; the result is important, as it shows that paddy cultivation has been sold, suitable for the restoration of Irrigation works.

Central Province.—324 lots, containing 7,462 acres, and 37 perches, were sold for £11,025 17s. 2d., or at the rate of £14 9s. 6d. per acre, exclusive of fees, which amounted to £1,268. Certificates were given for 2 lots, containing 8 perches, were given for 2 lots, containing 8 perches, the fees for which amounted to £25 5s.

The total number of lots alienated was 377, the acreage 7,793, and the total sum realized £12,293; against, in the previous year, 309 lots, 8,240 acres, and £13,185 6s. 6d. The principal sales in this Province during the year were of lands in the Makkalaya Oya and Dik Oya, where 4,595 acres sold for £2,449 8s. 5d. a good sale in the Badulla District, where one lot of 323 acres realized £1,200.

Southern Province.—301 lots, containing 799 acres, 1 rod, 22s. 2 perches, were disposed of for £2,944 18s. 3d., or at the rate of £3 24s. 2d. per acre, exclusive of fees, which amounted to £228 12s. 10d. Certificates were given for 6 lots, containing 1 rod, 17 perches, the fees for which amounted to £1 10s. The total number of lots alienated from the Crown was 303, the acreage 805, and the sum realized, including fees, £2,150; against, in the previous year, 348 lots, 1,319 acres, 3 rods, 6s. 7 perches, and £3,684 4s. 6d.

Eastern Province.—1,188 lots, containing 7,550 acres, and 22s. 2 perches, were sold for £12,825 16s. 6d. or at the rate of £11 13s. 11d. per acre, exclusive of fees, which amounted to £1,944 13s.

Certificates were given for 76 lots, including 333 acres, 3 rods, and 33 perches, the fees for which amounted to £39 9s.

The total number of lots alienated was 1,264, the acreage 7,288, and the sum realized £14,869; against, in the previous year, 1,056 lots, 5,454 acres, 3 rods, and 8 perches, and £27,771 9s. 6d.

The increase was undoubtedly in consequence of the terms on which lands in the vicinity of Irrigation works can be purchased, and of the number of works being repaired in the Eastern Province.

North-Western Province.—197 lots, including 1,764 acres, 2 rods, and 2 perches, were sold for £2,685 15s. 6d., or at the rate of £11 6s. 9d. per acre, exclusive of fees, which amounted to £429 5s.

Certificates were given for 75 lots, containing 267 acres, 1 rod, and 16 perches, the fees for which amounted to £70 10s.

The total number of lots alienated from the Crown was 272, the acreage 2,021, and the sum realized £2,315; against, in the previous year, 513 lots, 2,087 acres, 3 rods, and 21 perches, and £3,771 10s.

Northern Province.—22 lots, containing 88 acres, 3 rods, and 5 perches, were sold for £1,018, or at the rate of £11 6s. 6d. per acre, exclusive of fees, which amounted to £17. Making the total sum realized £1,190; against in the previous year, 28 lots, 70 acres, 2 rods, and 20 perches, and £99 10s.

Triangulation.—Although the results will not be apparent for another year or two, yet very considerable progress has been made in the preparatory arrangements for carrying the triangulation across the Island from the Mountain Zone, and northwards from the Southern Province, to connect with base line measured at Batticaloa. All the principal stations in the intervening space have been occupied, and an observer has been despatched this year (1870) to take the necessary observations to enable the trigonometrical distances to be computed and the exact relative positions of the several places to be laid down on the General Map.

The progress of the triangulation in the North-Western and Northern Provinces (in connection with the Survey of Temple Land) has been highly satisfactory. No less than 27 new points having been erected and trigonometrically fixed by Mr. Synonds and the two Officers employed under him on the examination of the Temple Land Contract Surveys. A large number of points has also been erected by the Contractor's Staff.

The computations in connection with the triangulation have progressed very favourably; but the great increase of work of this kind, and the falling health of Mr. Price, who has exerted himself to the utmost, have caused me to add a second computer to the Department.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

Wednesday, 26th November, 1870.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. WILSON.—To move that it be resolved that all cases of arrears as regards the furnishing of Title Deeds to the purchasers of Crown Lands should be cleared off with as little delay as possible; and that, if possible, all Title Deeds shall be deliverable at certain Offices named, within 3 months from the payment of the last instalment of purchase money.

Mr. WILSON.—To move that it would be very advantageous to the Members of the Legislative Council to have easy access to the Imperial, Indian, and Island Blue Books and other works containing information, likely to be useful to them in their official capacity. That it is therefore desirable, that such Books, &c., should be arranged, in Ornamental Cases, in the Verandah of the Council Chamber, instead of being buried as at present in a hot dark room, called the Record Office in which it is quite impossible for any person to sit and study such works; also that the Legislative Council Chamber instead of being closed as is ordinary the case, should always be open during official office hours to the members of Council, as a reading and writing room, a Bank being at the same time in attendance, therefore move, that the gracious sanction of His Excellency the Governor and of the Legislative Council be sought to such a valuable concession.

Mr. HARRISON.—To move for a Return of all applications made for Exclusive Privileges to Inventors, under Ordinance No. 6 of 1869; giving Dates on which applications were received at the Colonial Secretary's Office, dates on which the applications were laid before the Governor and Executive Council, and dates on which orders to file specifications were issued to applicants—and in cases where such orders have not been issued, the reasons why they have not been issued.

Mr. COOMARA SWAMY.—To move that a compilation be made of all the Bye-Laws, Regulations, Proclamations, and Minutes, having now force of Law in this Colony, and made either by His Excellency the Governor, the Executive Council, or other public bodies or Offices in pursuance of the authority vested in them by the Ordinances enacted by this Council from year to year.

The Queen's Advocate to move the second reading of the following Bills:—

"An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the Law of Insolvency." (Proposed to be referred to a Sub-Committee.)

"An Ordinance to amend in certain respects the Law of Mortgage and Hypothec." (Proposed to be referred to a Sub-Committee.)

"An Ordinance to amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees." (Proposed to be referred to a Sub-Committee.)

DICK OYA ROAD—EXTENSION.—The following appeared in the last Gazette:—

Notice is given that the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, having agreed to grant a moiety of £8,058 for a further extension of the Dickoya road, from the present terminus at Dunbar Store to the 4th mile on the Glencairn Estate, a distance of 4 miles in the District of Dickoya and Makkalaya Valley, the Provincial Road Commission, have assessed the proportion due by each Estate interested in the District towards the extension of the said road as follows:—

Proprietor of Agents.	Estate.	Total.
Messrs. Mackwood & Co.	Dunbar	4029 8 34
Do. Leo, Hedges & Co.	Mr. Selby's Lot.	10 2 3
Do. Do.	Dickoya	72 15 9
Do. Do.	Daravalla	47 10 2
Do. W. Ferdinands, Esq.	Berongalla	18 19 7
Do. Do.	Battagalla	33 1 4
Do. Do.	Manikwala	38 8 8
Do. Do.	Baliford	16 15 9
Do. W. Ferdinands, Esq.	Lot No. 4,866	9 7 8
Do. R. Edley, Esq.	Lot No. 4,967	30 11 1
Do. C. Anderson, Esq.	Lot No. 4,868	(Anfield)
Do. J. M. Knight, Esq.	Lot No. 4,869	10 5 6
Do. J. R. Corbet, Esq.	New Wassa Raja	23 8 6
Do. Messrs. Geo. Stewart & Co.	Somerville	46 14 1
Do. L. H. Kelly, Esq.	Lot No. 74,222	(Sunderhill)
Do. Do.	Lot No. 4,868	32 10 7
Do. Alexander Brown, Esq.	Lot No. 48,678	20 12 2
Do. Frank Garry, Esq.	Blair Athol	21 11 6
Do. Messrs. Mackwood & Co.	New Wassa Raja	43 16 0
Do. Do.	Carmilly	47 10 2
Do. Ceylon Company Limited.	Wana Raja	121 6 11
Do. Ceylon Company Limited.	Wana Raja	40 12 8
Do. Do.	Goethel	76 18 1
Do. R. Cunningham, Esq.	Glencairn	102 7 6
Do. C. Tatham, Esq.	Do.	72 12 3
Do. Messrs. Geo. Stewart & Co.	New Valley	119 2 0
Do. Do.	Portree	71 8 0
Do. Ceylon Company Limited.	Lot No. 61,310	(Norwood)
Do. Do.	Do.	113 8 0
Do. Messrs. J. M. Robertson & Co.	Elboddie	219 3 8
Do. C. Fetherstonhaugh, Esq.	Kirkswald	228 7 5
Do. W. Brice, Esq.	Do.	78 14 11
Do. Messrs. J. M. Robertson & Co.	St. John Del-Rey	190 6 1
Do. Do.	Tien-Tien	101 1 2
Do. Messrs. Geo. Stewart & Co.	Bagwanawala	256 2 0
Do. C. Tatham, Esq.	Lot No. 62,535	81 12 7
Do. Do.	Lot No. 62,536	122 5 5
Do. Do.	Lot No. 62,537	58 9 6
Do. J. T. White, Esq.	Stantford	60 2 7
Do. W. Marshall, Esq.	Glen Tiel	57 18 7
Do. Do.	Do.	70 6 1
Do. Do.	Do.	82 13 8
Do. Geo. Johnston, Esq.	Makkalaya	77 3 6
Do. Do.	Quintanilla	73 16 2
Do. F. R. Sutherland, Esq.	Do.	82 6 5
Do. S. Agar, Esq.	Lot No. 74,557	67 4 0
Do. Do.	Lot No. 4,861	122 12 7
Do. Messrs. J. M. Robertson & Co.	(Kintyre)	74 10 5
Do. J. S. Laidlaw, Esq.	Lot No. 74,558	75 10 2
Do. H. J. Bodman, Esq.	Lot No. 4,944	67 9 2
Do. Messrs. J. M. Robertson & Co.	Mocha	126 5 0
Do. Do.	Lot No. 4,992	42 4 6
Do. Do.	Lot No. 4,993	45 11 2
Do. A. M. Carr, Esq.	Lot No. 4,994	40 18 3
Do. Wm. Mackenzie, Esq.	Lot No. 4,995	61 1 8
Do. Do.	Lot No. 4,996	50 13 2
Do. Wm. Mackenzie, Esq.	Lot No. 4,997	69 16 11
Do. S. Agar, Esq.	Lot No. 4,998	33 6 7
Do. Do.	Lot No. 4,999	32 5 5
Do. W. Robinson, Esq.	Lot No. 5,000	25 9 1
Do. W. F. Proctor, Esq.	Do.	25 9 1

which sums the Proprietors, Agents, or Managers of the several Estates are required to pay into the Colonial Treasury, Colombo, on or before the 15th day of November, 1870.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

SOMBERLOOM, &c.

SIR,—Can any of your numerous Planting correspondents, R. B. T. or the Planter's Association inform me what effect Somberloom has on Grub? The South-Western Province is still in force, with copious showers, it is impossible to say on the 22nd of the month last, everything is so very about. I am obliged to put up with weather pumps, to keep the mist out of the Bangalore.

Always so,

Grubby Watte

RAKMANE.

THE PILGRIM CASE.

DEAR SIR.—Having taken some interest in the "Pilgrim Case" on the personal of that admirable letter of your correspondent, admirable in temper and spirit, for the most part at least, and having read other criticisms, all of which were forwarded to me, I have looked forward to what your contemporary had to say with considerable interest, if not curiosity; and I can't say whether or not I should be surprised on finding his version to be so totally different: this was perhaps to be expected, but I did not contemplate so thorough a validation for the Government as he has been led into. If there was any partiality elsewhere, there is quite an absence of it here. Never did I find a more blindly button-hole "the Emperor," but I should not have cared for this had he not gone out of his way to lecture Mr. Dias whom every Englishman is grateful to, for his able, his disinterested and noble advocacy of his unfortunate client. If latitude is not allowed to special pleading and to such very special circumstances, I have done my best to say exactly what I believe that Mr. Dias's speech exactly reflected his opinion, and if further sincerity need be answered for it will be found in his having as I have understood, caused a large sum to be transferred from his own to Mr. P's Bank account to enable the latter to escape the threshold and scope of his persecution. Mr. Dias is a friend of mine, though I have not met him for some time, and I don't like to see a man of his excellence and worth so ruthlessly assailed.

Yours in haste,

AN ENGLISHMAN.

November 1st, 1870.

SHADE FOR COFFEE.

DEAR SIR.—I have just read a letter signed "Van Tromp" in one of your late issues headed "Shade for Coffee." Now as I have been several years in India and have some little knowledge of Coffee, both in the open and under shade—perhaps I may be allowed to make a few remarks. Van Tromp says that he is "no advocate for Shade." Now, the letter would lead to the supposition that though he may have seen "Shade for Coffee" he has never seen "Coffee under Shade" he merely goes in for shading "young plants" which I should think is scarcely necessary in India—putting out young plants is more precarious, but so far from the Castor Oil plant being a new idea, I know it to have been tried as a means of shade by a few Planters, some 7 or 8 years ago, and found to be perfectly useless and utterly discarded.

Planting under Shade is a totally different matter, and Coffee once so planted is meant to be so always, and a very pleasant and profitable way of planting it is too for those who understand it, inasmuch as the cost of planting and upkeep is certainly not more than half of what it would be in the open, though the crops are, perhaps, not so heavy, still I know one Estate which gave 14 cwt. per acre for this year. Coffee under shade also lasts longer, if I may judge from two Estates, now about 40 years old and still giving their 14 cwt. and 5 cwt. per acre.

I do not think shade is suitable for all localities, but there are thousands of acres in Ceylon which, sooner or later, when "planting under shade" is better understood, will all be under Coffee, and people will then wonder how it was that they were not wise enough to plant it sooner. October 29th, 1870.

MODEL FARMING.

DEAR SIR.—I am, with many others interested in the development of the Model Farm, and every one who has an interest in this Colony at heart must feel that such an undertaking is necessary for the improvement and upkeep of the many valuable products of the Island, which must and will deteriorate without the aid of proper culture—based on scientific principles.

We are all aware of the ill-effect of in-breeding, and with all species, be it man, beast or vegetable, the same rule holds, a fixed line of change, without which decay by some vital disease commences, until utter prostration or even extermination ensues. To arrest this, and to prove to the natives of Ceylon the benefits arising from high cultivation, I presume is the aim of the promoters of the Alfred Model Farm.

It will no doubt be the aim to express the value of teaching the minds of so apathetic and listless a race as the Cingalese generally, but with an institution at all times open to the public the evidence of the startling results, which must follow high cultivation, will, I have no doubt, rouse agriculturalists to the value of proper based at it will be on positive proof.

The small yield of the land in Ceylon, and consequently the necessity of introducing foreign seed, and the results of this first experiment of Colombo seed has been variable, dependant on locality, climate or other causes, with which we are unacquainted, and many doubts have arisen as to whether the right seed has been imported or not. I know nothing of the merits and demerits of Carotia seed, but I am convinced that whatever seed is introduced, that better results will be obtained by sowing a mixture of our present stock with any fresh importation, and by following up this until total reproduction follows by inbreeding, for which nature has provided most aptly.

The Cingalese have several sorts of Paddy, viz. Marvoo, Davederil-Hunuraval, Damahala, Dives, Tuddece and others, all of which are of different purposes, and are grown at distinct seasons, and I feel that to induce them to cast aside their prejudices in favor of a new seed will be impossible, but a gradual improvement of the sort in use would be appreciated, while a total change would be repudiated as unserviceable for purposes to which their present supplies are devoted.

The same rule is applicable to the whole of the vegetable creation, and the nature in any degree falls short in the inopportune power, science comes to her aid—man has discovered the art of grafting and budding by which the virus or sap of strange families is imparted to the weaker ones invigorating them by degrees to perfection.

With regard to the Live Stock now in the Island, I regard their condition as most lamentable, and it is to be hoped that the Government have passed over our heads, we shall see the immediate introduction of new blood to this country. Immediate results cannot be expected, but by care and attention a gradual improvement must take place. I have formed these conclusions after much thought, and if you consider them of any value you have my permission to make whatever use of them you please.

Yours truly,

DRA.

Central Province, 28th October, 1870.

HALDAMULLE.

SIR.—The Revd. Mr. Clarke of the C. M. S. preached here a fortnight ago, owing to the unfavorable state of the weather this day, the attendance was very scanty. Mr. Clarke is to be stationed here for a couple of years. This is just as it should be,—we have everything that is necessary here, excepting a Clergyman and a Doctor. Of course, we have Dr. Moss here, but his services cannot be secured. Deeply as we regret the removal of this very popular and universally liked and esteemed by all, yet it is with infinite pleasure we learn of his promotion. We do not as yet know who his successor will be—in fact we are strongly inclined to the belief, that for some time, nobody will be sent up to fill his place.

As regards the Police, of whom we have but a small force, if a force it can be called, as it is composed of four in the morning the Sergeant and an old emaciated constable, is removed, the better. If the superior authorities were to transfer him from this place, I fancy it may be a good riddance.

Under the heading "Judicial" I may remark that we are to have a new Magistrate in the person of Mr. Harshorne, who, I sincerely trust, he will be as good as our Ex-Magistrate Mr. Byrd, who, I need not remark that Mr. Byrd's loss is felt by all classes of the community. Mr. Byrd laboured with us for a period of three years, during the whole of which period he conducted himself in such a manner as to win the unqualified approbation of all. As a Judge, he was straightforward, upright, and impartial, as a gentleman, kind and obliging. The Officers of the Court and the Proctors will miss I trust him in Mr. Harshorne, who will find as good a gentleman. On perusing the last number of your valuable journal, I was astonished to find an article from this quarter of the globe, headed "Unofficial Relations of the Peace" evidently penned by some villainous unscrupulous non-descript. The same article, I verily trust, appeared in your contemporary, the "Economist." As the subject has been broached, I think it right and just to allow me an explanation. About two weeks back, Mr. Dick of Oodapussavala in his capacity of J. P. issued a warrant for the apprehension of some runaway coolies, upon an affirmation made before him, to the effect that the attendance of the accused could not possibly be secured by means of an ordinary Summons—under and by virtue of that warrant two coolies were apprehended, and taken before him, where Complainant (Affirmant) moved to drop proceedings, in consequence of which the Accused were discharged; now, had the Informant insisted on proceedings being taken, we are perfectly sure that Mr. Dick would have sent up the parties before him. Fisher of Newera, Elipitiya, whose jurisdiction Mr. Dick is a J. P., for we know that Mr. Dick is not competent to try a P. C. case, although he can take J. P. proceedings, and need we say that Mr. Dick knows that well too—Some of the Planting fraternity are dubbed "Justices of the Peace," we know, and many of them stationed in places so remote from the Magistrate's quarters, hence to avoid unnecessary trouble and delay, and for convenience sake, those who have resort to legal measures, repair to the nearest place for redress. I have been nearly three years in this District, and can testify to the solemn fact that this is the first time, to my knowledge, Mr. Dick issued a warrant to apprehend people in this place. How true and truly have you remarked in your contemporary, "I have done as I saw fit." Still the question remains, as to whether an official J. P. can issue a warrant for runaway coolies under the Labor Ordinance No. 11 of 1866? He cannot and dare not. The powers under that Ordinance are conferred only on Police Magistrates. So that, as your correspondent says, "It is a very simple question, but a serious matter."

Yours in haste,

TAY.

Haldamulle, Oct. 29th, 1870.

PLANTING NOTES.

"What awful weather!" is the exclamation in every one's mouth. This last month has been something frightful. Not the like of it has been experienced for many a day. Thunder and lightning roaring winds and rushing waters have been everywhere: work has been almost at a stand, and green berries got black on the ends of the branches, while some half ripe split and dropped off. A good deal of Coffee in places where it was quite ripe must in their condition have fallen off and been lost. Nor did such weather bring on but rather retarded the ripening. We require two kinds of weather for that: a sun-dry and a shower, and we had only one of them. It seems now more settled and it is hoped better weather will be ours for a time.

Crops, as before noticed, will not be heavy; and many who hugged the pleasing delusion that previous prognostications were unfounded, are coming back to the fact.

The old Cane, he said to be all away. It has happened the million and that is all. How many years have we waited for it? However, better late than never.

The health of the coolies on Estates, and in fact of all classes, is generally good. Food for the million too is cheaper than it has been for years. Coffee has been low in the European markets, and the Planter at home, while the buyer here finds prices too high, 9s. 3d. per Bushel of Garden Parchment is now the ruling rate in Kandy while for Native 33s. 6d. can be got. Long live Sir Hercules Robinson for projecting and promising us the Rail to Navellapittia. To the dwellers on that side the Mahawallagala the boon is of immense importance. Then for the Wire Tramway if it will work, and our communications will soon be complete.

Manuring, has been carried on this year to a considerable extent and the more this system extends the more fertile will old Estates become.

AGRICULTURE.

HAPPUTATA, October 26th, 1870.
Curious weather up here. About the end of the first week in this month, the North East monsoon came on. We had rain regularly every day with thunderstorms. This continued till the 17th or 18th when the North West monsoon returned, and has remained with a steady up to date. Will the gentlemen who advocate the wire Tramway have the goodness just to tell us how they intend getting 35 horse-power engines, boilers and cylinders to their sites? By balloons?

There is a story going about that someone in the district has been experiencing some of the delights of the "Head Cane" system. It is said that a Superintendent administered to a coolie a box on the ear, because he had the impertinence to refuse to cut firewood. Whereupon Head Cane gave notice that the whole of the coolies on the Estate would after the legal interval, take their departure. You, or any other person with brains in his head, will naturally remark "serve him right" to the Superintendent for putting himself in the position of subservience to Tamil coolies, or our friend Head Cane; but unfortunately in this case I believe the Superintendent is new and did not originate the system. The former Superintendent who I presume did originate it, is said to have been seen on one occasion with tears in his eyes—humiliatingly beseeching said "Head Cane" not to leave the Estate with him!

I hear that some three or four of these fellows (Head Cane again) are in the habit of meeting on Sundays like "Witches on a Sabbath" on

THE WAR.

NOW READY.

A MAP OF THE RHENISH PROVINCES, &c.

MAY BE OBTAINED at the office of the "Ceylon Times" a lithographed Map of the Rhinish Provinces of Prussia, including adjacent sections of Luxembourg, France, &c., with the fortified towns on the Rhine, the lines of Railway, roads &c. distinctly printed on good paper.

Price One Rupee.

Application should be made at once. Up-country residents are requested to enclose postage stamps of the above amount with their orders. The Maps can be obtained at the Oriental Hotel, Galle, and at the Oriental Hotel, Kandy.

Copies of Letter to the Editor of the "Ceylon Times."—August 16th, 1870.

DEAR SIR,
Be good enough to send me two of your "Maps of the Seat of War; I have seen one and like it much. I had one from the Observer office which was quite illegible—in fact it was a complete imposition."

Yours &c.
See the Observer for the following foot-note to the advertisement of its WAR MAP.
[Some portions of the above map having been rather indistinctly printed, we have prepared a small map of the Country between Metz, Nancy and Strasbourg, which is given as a Supplement (Gratis) to all purchasers of the above.]
Observer Office: 18th August, 1870.

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30th June, 1869.

Real Property owned by the Company..... £219,571 11 3
Mortgages on Freehold Property..... 33,200 0 0
£250,000 Reduced 3 per Cent. Consols..... 28,085 1 3
India Government 5 per Cent. Debentures..... 100,000 0 0
English Railway Debenture Bonds..... 55,000 17 7
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United States Government Stocks..... 101,350 0 0
Canada Bonds and Canada Dominion Stock..... 31,106 11 6
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