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SHERRY—Fine pale dry,	per Case	1 doz.	Rs. 25 00
do	do	1 do	21 00
HOCK—Sparkling, quarts	do	1 do	30 00
MOSELE do	do	1 do	30 00
CHAMPAGNE—de Lossy's	do	1 do	30 00
do quarts	do	1 do	31 00
do do	do	1 do	31 00
do Select Cuvée	do	1 do	31 00
CLARET—Saint Pierre	do	1 do	31 00

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The claret
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The

BEING WINES,
FROM P. J. VALCKENBERG,
WORMS ON RHINE.

Rs. 1 00

Niersteimer in 1 doz. Cases Qts. @ 11 00
Do " " " Pints " 21 00

Hockheim r.	"	"	"	Q's.	"	25.50	"	"
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Berz	"	"	"	Q's.	"	28.75	"	"
Do	"	"	"	Pints	"	30	"	"
Sparkling	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mosello	"	"	"	"	"	35	"	"
Sparkling	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
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FOWLIE, RICHMOND & Co.

Colombo, 15th December, 1874.

FOR SALE.

DRY CONCENTRATED SEWAGE MANURE

ANALYSIS.

Moisture.....	13'00	percent
* Organic Matter.....	35'81	
Alumina and Iron.....	11'43	
Phosphates.....	7'06	
Alkaline Salts.....	1'13	

Furthy Matters **28-85**

N. B.—The Manure must not be mixed with lime
nor should it be put on land recently limed.
For further particulars apply to,
A. & R. CROWE & Co.,
Columbo.

NOTICES.

TO PLANTERS.

WANTED. A man of good character, an ASSISTANT to the OFFICE ESTABLISHED AT THE PLANTERS' EXHIBITION, TATE. Has had no previous experience and wishes to learn Coffee Planting with a view of purchasing an Estate should the work be profitable to him. No salary expected. Addressed, Mr. C. H. CRYLON, TIMES, Colombo.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in accordance with the announcement made by the **CEYLON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, the undermentioned **BANKS** will be **CLOSED** from the 25th inst. to 2nd January, 1875, both days inclusive.

For the Oriental Bank Corporation,
R. V. DUNLOP.

For the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India London and China, J. ROBERTSON, Manager.	For the Bank of Madras, J. L. DUFFIELD, Manager. Acting Agent.
QUEEN'S HOTEL, KANDY.	

THIS HOTEL is situated in the best position in Kandy commanding a view of the beautiful Lake, the Maligawa, and Bund. It is entirely under EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT and conducted on a scale of liberality commensurate with the extensive resources of the Establishment.

The Carriage Department is the largest and best in the Island.

Visitors to the Island can secure Rooms and Carriages by a Rupee Telegram to the Manager who will then arrange for their seeing all the

beverages of the Mountain Capital.
Wines and Liquors are imported direct to ensure
purity.
A carriage waits the arrival of each train with
a responsible man to take charge of luggage, &c.
ICE-FREE.
G. FREDERIC GIBSON.
Manager.

QUEEN'S HOTEL, KANDY.

THE Current year expiring on the 31st instant,
the Proprietors beg to give notice that all
ACCOUNTS UNSETTLED on that DATE
will be placed in the hands of their Proctors.

G. FREDERIC GIBSON.
Manager.

December 11, 1874.

QUEEN'S HOTEL, KANDY.

CHRISTMAS DAY.
THE Manager **BEGS to ANNOUNCE** to his
 Customers that he will have the pleasure of
 providing a **DINNER in the OLD ENGLISH**
FASHION, on the above day for which **NO**
CHARGE will be made.
G. FREDERIC GIBSON,
 Manager.
 December 11, 1874.

WANTED, a BERTH, in a Merchant's Office, or elsewhere, by a **EUROPEAN GENTLEMAN**, who has had several years' local experience in business, and can give good references. For further particulars, apply to "G," care of MAITLAND and Co., Colombo.

WANTED, to LEASE for a TERM of YEARS an ESTATE in whole or PARTIAL BEARING in Dimbula, Dickoya, Maskeliya, or Quah. Address, with full particulars, to "M. D.," care of CANTON, Travancore.

WANTED

A WORKING or Sleeping Partner with a capital of about Rs. 8,000 to take shares in some good paying **COFFEE PROPERTY**, ten miles from Kandy, interest on the above, and profits guaranteed. This is a good opportunity for any one who wishes **EMPLOYMENT** on a Coffee Estate near Kandy, and to have his money safely invested.

For further information, apply to J. T., by letter to care of Manager, Queen's Hotel, Kandy.

THE CEYLON COMPANY (LIMITED) is prepared to undertake the RECEIVING and FORWARDING of Coffee, Rice, Manures and other Goods at NAWALAPITIYA, GAMPOLA, and KANDY. Arrangements to be made with the Manager in Colombo.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.)

LONDON, DEC. 14.

Arrival.—*Clara*.
Consols 92.
Cotton Market in favour of buyers.
Coffee quiet, Middling Plantation Ceylon.
100s.
Good Ordinary Native 83s. 6d.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE COLOMBO ATHLETIC CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CEYLON TIMES.

SIR,—It is an acknowledged axiom of the *lex non scripta* which governs Clubs, that no member has a right to make the Club affairs public property until he has failed to obtain redress for any grievance through the office-bearers of that Club. Your correspondent, "A Member," in your issue of this morning has ignored this rule in making complaints through your columns of the non-receipt of prizes won at the recent Athletic Sports in Colombo, for the only representations I have received on the subject have been from one who had not only placed himself out of Court by refusing to pay up his subscription for the current year (and had therefore *ipso facto* ceased to be a member of the Club) but he had also neglected to pay his entrance fees for the various events he had contested at the Sports, and had therefore no claim whatever in respect to them. I must decline to discuss the Club's business in the columns of a newspaper, but its books are open to the inspection of any member, and its funds are at the disposal of the Committee whose executive officer he is. Permit me, however, to take this opportunity of expressing my regret to the prize-winners that I have been unable to distribute the Cups owing to the non-payment of a very large proportion of the current year's subscriptions, which had been calculated upon as an available asset, when fixing the value of the prizes.

ARNOLD GLANVILLE JONES,
Hony. Secy. C. A. C.
Colombo, December, 15th 1874.

CRICKET: A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CEYLON TIMES.

SIR,—A grand match has long been talked of between the Colombo Club and those of Dinubala and Dickana, and January is spoken of as the time, and the Dinubala ground as the scene. Will you allow me to suggest that these long Christmas holidays afford an excellent opportunity for Colombo men to get up-country, and I don't suppose it makes much difference to the players. We know that the up-country team is remarkably strong, and if any of our best men are thrown out it will be a very hollow affair. If, in fact, the fortunes of Colombo are to depend upon the eleven that may be able to go at any time and not upon the eleven chosen by the Captain it is all over, except the shouting. Will the hon. Secretary kindly take the hint?

C. C. C.

CANGANY REGISTRATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CEYLON TIMES.

SIR,—An excellent idea of that cool or rather canny registration, that you for a moment suppose that our present Governor with his progressive tendencies and the fear of the irrepressible Ferdinands, the obstinate Ondaatje, and the eloquent Dehigama (not to mention that great gun, Sir Richard) before his eyes, would come to the rescue of the planters? Not a bit of it. Even if he did venture mildly to moot the question as a sop to European planters we know that there would be such a howl of indignation against class legislation, and the oppression of the poor to land-trodden native that the scheme would be certain to fail. *The Observer* would let the tip to let the Governor down easy, and he should be told as an expression of independent public opinion, that the time had not arrived, that the plan was not practicable in its present form, that revolutionary changes are always objectionable among eastern people, and eventually it would come to this, that though the Governor was most anxious for the measure, yet circumstances were too many for him and it must stand over. Are we not pretty well used to this kind of thing in our days, when, too much-needed in all remedial public works in the planning districts must give way to a Morotto line to bring Mr. Soyva's coffee casks and Jucy Appu's arack pipes. Yes the proud boast that the British Government knows no distinction of caste, colour or creed has become utter bosh here in Ceylon, where one sees more clearly every day that black is the winning colour.

ONE OF THE WRONG TINT.

Colombo, December 16.

LOCAL.

BRIGADE OFFICERS.—(16th December) Lieutenant and Adjutant de Burch, 59th Regt., is granted leave of absence from the 19th December, 1874 to the 19th January 1875 on medical grounds. Captain M. D. Wade 57th Regt. is granted leave of absence from the 19th December, 1874, to the 14th January, 1875, on private affairs.

KURUNEGALA.—The Government Agent during the last week was engaged in seeing to the gratuitous distribution of Rice to the distressed people of the Wani Hat Pattu towards Nivkervetia, i.e., 24 miles or so from town. He took, I am told, 3 cart loads of Rice along with him, so that the last meeting of the Relief Fund Committee has been productive of some good after all. I think if such measures were adopted by the Agent of the Western Province, there would not have been ground for the loud complaints in the Times.—*Examiner*.

COLOMBO YOUNG LADIES' INSTITUTION.—His Excellency the Governor distributed prizes to the pupils of this Institution on Tuesday, the 15th inst. at 3 p. m. Sir Richard and Lady Morgan were also present on the occasion. The distribution was very pretty, and everybody appeared pleased and satisfied. His Excellency addressed a few words of encouragement and advice to the children. A list of names of those who received prizes will appear in to-morrow's paper.

S. S. "SULTAN".—The following passengers are expected to arrive per s. s. *Sultan*, from London, due at Colombo about the 18th inst.—*For Colombo*, Mr. & Mrs. Bayles & child, Mr. & Mrs. Elton, Miss Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Miss Orchard, Mr. & Mrs. Dr. & Mrs. Van der Meer, Mr. & Mrs. Misses (two) Schrader, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Levana, Miss Hall & sister, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Mangall Mr. Baker. *For Madras*, 16 passengers first class, 4 do. second class. *For Calcutta*, 19 passengers first-class, & 6 do. second class.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—A Tamil cart-driver named Rayappa on his way to Negombo from Colombo with his double-bullock cart, was met by some highway robbers near Katunayake, one of whom presented himself with a knife in his hand and threatened to kill him in case he should refuse to give him anything. The poor cartman preferring to give what he had rather than lose his life, gave what he had, i.e. about Rs. 6 in cash, and some jewellery.—*Messenger*.

NEW VERNACULAR MANUAL FOR OFFICIALS.—The hand book of instructions to Headmen, by Mr. Lionel F. Lee the Police Magistrate of this place has been supplied a long felt desideratum by the publication in the Sinhalese language of a pamphlet entitled "Vyavastha Sangrahaya" containing 89 pages of much useful information. A large number of copies have been printed and are now being circulated amongst the headmen. We hope they will peruse it carefully and discharge the important duties required of them as faithfully as they have hitherto done. This should in our opinion be made a text book for examination of candidates for Police Headmanships, Vidana Aratchipis, &c. Apart from being a "guide to the Headmen" it would be a help to the natives in general, as the majority of them are totally unacquainted with the laws of the country. The author really deserves credit for the trouble he has taken in getting up the work.—*Ibid*.

comprise only sacred music, chiefly solos and choruses from the Messiah and Creation, sustained by Amateur Vocalists and the Chorists of the Cathedral. The second part will consist of what is called sacred music. The proceeds of the concert are to be devoted towards paying off the remaining debt on the Cathedral organ amounting, we believe, to about £50. Full particulars will be found announced in our advertisement columns.

IN THE POLICE COURT yesterday, a woman named Anno Hany urged one Madah of Billingwame having on the previous day stolen two combous and one sithday (a girl's cloth) valued at Rs. 5. Defendant pleaded not guilty. The complainant deposed as follows:—My child said defendant coming out of my house yesterday with some of my clothes. My brother seized defendant afterwards whilst gambling. He admitted having taken and sold the cloth. I knew defendant before, he walks about the neighbourhood. I have recovered some of my property. The next witness was one Matthes, he stated that the complainant was his mother. Yesterday she went away leaving me and another in the house. I went in search of my brother and on my return I found defendant running away from the house. Wellon Appu next entered the box. His evidence was to the following effect: complainant is my sister, on hearing of this theft I went in search of the defendant whom I found gambling I seized him and gave him over to the Police. Defendant admitted the theft, and said he would recover the property. He denied all knowledge of it at the Police Station. The Magistrate found him guilty and sentenced him to be imprisoned at hard labour for 3 months and to pay a fine of Rupees 50.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE C. LOMBO PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.—A very enjoyable afternoon was spent yesterday by the scholars of the above school in the house and schools of the Young Ladies Institution at Marandah. The occasion was the 200th anniversary of the birth of the late Rev. Mr. John Wesley. The programme opened with the singing of hymns, followed by races, jumping, and Aunt Sally for both boys & girls. Many of the races were very good; the girls who ran races did capitally. From four o'clock the Police Band played several pieces, which added considerably to the amusement of the afternoon. This, we believe, is the first occasion on which the Sanly School Anniversary has been celebrated in this fashion, and the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Brodie deserve great praise for the manner in which the whole went off. During the afternoon there was unfortunately a heavy shower of rain which stopped the sport for a short time; the weather happily cleared up and the children commenced again rolling in the wet grass. The distribution of prizes will take place at Wolfendhal Church on Sunday next at 2 p. m., when several special addresses will be delivered to the children. We understand also that the evening service on that day will be a special one on behalf of the Sunday Schools.

CEYLON LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The Council met yesterday afternoon. There were present:—H. E. the Governor, the Colonial Secretary, the Queen's Advocate, the Auditor General, (Hon. Mr. Douglas), the Treasurer, the Government Agent, W. P. the Government Agent, C. P. the Surveyor-General, the Collector of Customs, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ferdinands, Mr. Ondaatje, Mr. Bowden Smith, Mr. White.

PAPERS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid the following papers on the table:—
The last portion of the Administration Report—Judicial branch.

Return of expenditure on additional accommodation for Railway Stations.

The correspondence with reference to the supply of water to Colombo, in 1874, moved for by Mr. White.

PETITION FROM TEMPLE LANDS TENANTS.

Mr. ONDAATJE presented a petition from certain tenants of Temple lands situated in Sabaragamuwa, setting forth their grievances, and praying for a reconsideration of certain clauses of Ordinance 4 of 1870. The petition was ordered to lie on the table.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ORDINANCE.

The QUEEN'S ADVOCATE moved the third reading of "An Ordinance to amend the Administration of Justice Ordinance, 1858."

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

The bill was read a third time.

THE MOROTUWA RAILWAY.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the second reading of "An Ordinance to apply a portion of the surplus Revenue of past years to the extension of Railway Communication," and laid on the table plans, reports, &c., connected therewith.

The QUEEN'S ADVOCATE seconded.

The Ordinance was referred to the following Sub-Committee:—The Colonial Secretary, the Auditor General, the Surveyor-General, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ondaatje, and Mr. White.

THE GALLE AND KANDY WATERWORKS BILL.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the second reading of "An Ordinance for making provisions for the advance of a sum of money, by way of loan, for the construction of water-works for the Municipality of Galle and Kandy."

The AUDITOR-GENERAL seconded.

The bill was referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Colonial Secretary, the Auditor-General, the Surveyor-General, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Ondaatje, and Mr. White.

FINAL SUPPLEMENTARY CONTINGENT CHARGES, 1873.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the second reading of "An Ordinance for making final provision for the Supplementary Contingent charges for the year 1873."

The AUDITOR-GENERAL seconded.

The Council resolved itself into a committee to consider the measure, and after passing the clauses without alteration, the bill was read a third time.

THE EXTENSION OF TOLLS.

The consideration of this measure, "An Ordinance to establish further tolls," was postponed for a week, as application having been made to the Government Agent, W. P., for another toll in addition to those mentioned in the bill.

THE COFFEE-STEALING ORDINANCE.

The Council then went into committee to resume consideration of "An Ordinance to check Coffee-stealing."

The COLONIAL SECRETARY proposed that the following be clause 8 of the Ordinance:—

"8. It shall not be lawful for any one to purchase or take in barter or exchange coffee from any carrier, or for any person to sell or give in barter or exchange any coffee, unless the person so purchasing or taking in barter or exchange shall be making the entry required by the seventh section of this Ordinance also enter, or cause to be entered in the book in the last seventh section of this Ordinance mentioned, the names, if any, on the bags or other packages in which such coffee may be contained, and unless the entry required by this and the seventh section of this Ordinance be also correctly signed by such carrier in his own name, and attested by a Police Inspector or Sergeant or by any Headman of the District within which the transaction takes place."

Before putting the clause to the Council, H. E. the President asked whether it would be necessary to prove, in case the question came before the Courts, whether such coffee had been purchased, or taken in barter or exchange?

From the replies of the Queen's Advocate, Mr. Ferdinands, and Mr. Ondaatje, it appeared that that was a question that would have to be decided by the Courts.

The clause was then adopted.

The following new clause was also adopted:—

"18. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be deemed to extend to any officer or servant of any Government Railway receiving, delivering, or carrying any coffee in the course of his employment on such Railway."

On the motion of Mr. BOWDEN SMITH, seconded by Mr. WHITE, the first line of clause 3, which provides that coffee shall not be loaded or unloaded for any purpose whatever between the hours of six in any public place and five in the morning, was altered to "half-past six in the evening," &c., on the ground that such alteration would be a convenience to all concerned without impairing the efficiency of the bill.

The Ordinance was then referred to the Law Officers of the Crown.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTINGENT CHARGES, 1874.

The Sub-Committee brought up the Report, and the Council went into Committee on "An Ordinance for making provision for the Supplementary Contingent charges for the year 1874."

The COLONIAL SECRETARY stated that since the report had been received two items had been added, namely, for Relief Works in the North-Western

Rs. 5,000 had previously been paid on the latter account, bringing the total additional amount to Rs. 14,000.

The following is the report which was read by the CLERK OF THE COUNCIL:—

Under the head of "Establishments" there is only one item of opinion of your Committee, calls for any special explanation, viz., the vote for 3,000 rupees for extra watchers at the Customs premises, which appears to the Sub-Committee large; but the additional expenditure has been found necessary from the exposal state of the premises since the destruction of the Leyden Bastion, and from the preparation of the new Customs House.

The correspondence shows that the system of paying sweepers in the Customs warehouses in the place of allowing them the perquisites of the sweeping has worked satisfactorily to the public, and the Sub-Committee recommends that the system be continued.

A recent telegram from the Government Agent explains that the Pearl Fishery accounts have not been closed, and that 1,500 rupees must be added to this vote; and a vote is also required of 1,500 rupees to meet the expense of purchasing salt. This amount has been more than refunded by the sale of a vote is necessary to pay the account. A large additional provision is required for the hospitals in the Southern Province, partly owing to the opening of the new hospital at Galle, and partly to the enlargement of the Matara hospital for accommodation of Paranghi patients.

Your Sub-Committee question the advantage of constructing buildings and for the storage of sugar at Galle, and they recommend that this vote be omitted from the Supplementary Schedule until further explanations are received.

Your Sub-Committee regret to observe the large increase in Jail expenditure, but they believe the expenditure, as provided for, is necessary, and they recommend that the account of Singapore convicts in final settlement of that account up to 31st December, 1873.

The large advance to the travelling allowance in the North-Western Province has been necessary from the extra travelling required to inspect the villages on the coast, and to advise in the matter of the repair of such village tanks as should be commenced at once.

The Sub-Committee note the large additional votes required for building at Anuradhapura; they find that the amount of Rs. 100,000 is excessive, and they recommend on reference to the Supply Bill that the total expenditure for house accommodation at this station exceeds 17,000 rupees for 1875.

The necessity for further jail accommodation admits of no question, and your Committee agree in the advantage of a central jail at Galle.

Your Sub-Committee find that the votes for "minor roads" have been in nearly every instance commenced as relief works for the people suffering from the extreme drought in the Northern districts. They trust that while the roads have been given temporary relief, they will also prove of permanent advantage in opening up those districts.

The item of 47,380 rupees for continuing the improvement on the Central Road to Jaffna, and that of 32,538 rupees for continuing the improvement of the road to Trincomalee, are approved by your Sub-Committee. It was found that the Pioneers at these roads go on much expeditiously than was at first expected; and as they were on the spot, and the money was available, it was more economical to retain them at their respective places than to withdraw them, to be sent back when funds should be available.

The item of 25,000 rupees procuring that last mentioned provides for shortening and improving the Central road between Elephant Pass and Kanakarayankulam.

The item of 31,350 rupees for opening the road from Mankulam on a new track to Mullativu is in reality a re-creation of the same road made for the Coast road from the latter place towards Jaffna. It has been found more advantageous to improve the former road than to spend the money as was originally intended.

The proposed works for the bridges over the Chelikkulam A'u and the Maha Oya on the Mannar and Negombo Districts, have been given priority, been explained in the address of His Excellency the Governor at the opening of the present Session.

With respect to the several votes proposed for irrigation works, it may be observed that they are chiefly required for old works, originally begun, some without surveys, and others which have been given temporary relief, and are perhaps not fully understood; these works, which have been productive of good, must have money spent on them to make them efficient. The last item in this list—40,715 rupees—is for a new bund for the Denagana tank, which unfortunately burst in February last; its repair is urgently pressed by the Government Agent, and apart from the undoubted usefulness of the tank, the work of repair will give relief to 11,000 people, who depend on this source mainly for water-supply.

With respect to the item of 1,022 rupees for cost of sample timber from North Wales, your Sub-Committee will be glad to learn that this expenditure is a permanent one.

The vote of 6,132 rupees for the Nuwara Elyia Lake will, your Sub-Committee trust, complete that work.

Under the head of "Miscellaneous Services" there are only a few items which appear to call for any remark. The item of 200 rupees for the purchase of Military land on either side of the new entrance to the Fort of Galle, is taken under the arrangements connected with the Barrack Reconstruction Fund. The amount will be appropriated for the completion of the Officers' Mess House at Colombo.

The item of 8,020 rupees is the Government contribution towards a survey connected with Mr. Bateman's report on waterworks for Colombo.

With regard to the item of 4,672 rupees for expenses incurred in the repatriation of ancient inscriptions at Anuradhapura, &c., your Sub-Committee trust that these special expenditures must tend to preserve the monuments in form, such of these inscriptions as prove to be valuable in elucidating the history or customs of ancient Ceylon.

The item of 3,872 rupees at 188 cents for cost of postage stamps, &c., may be transferred from "Treasurer" to "Crown Agents," who pay this charge, and the subsequent vote of 15,000 rupees in their favour be reduced to 14,000 rupees.

An item of 10,482 rupees and 17 cents has been inserted for expenses of dies and printing the new stamps for foreign bills.

The vote of 2,000 rupees for deepening the Nodumkulam tank is in aid of a contribution made by the residents in Putalam for improving the water supply of that town, a work urgently required.

The large vote for registration of marriages in the North-Western Province is caused by the number having availed themselves of the benefit of the new Marriage Acts. The vote of 40,000 rupees towards the brick-making establishment at Nuwara Elyia has been partly recovered by sale of bricks. Your Sub-Committee are glad to learn that the works are now to be placed on a more permanent and satisfactory footing, in the hands of the Public Works Department, and as the order appears to be large, your Sub-Committee trust that the manufacture will prove as remunerative as it is valuable.

The sum of 228 rupees and 75 cents is the exact value of a lump of gold discovered among the ruins at Anuradhapura, and this payment has been made to the Public Works Department, and as the order appears to be large, your Sub-Committee trust that the manufacture will prove as remunerative as it is valuable.

The sum of 4,000 rupees, extra remuneration to surveyors on the Railway track, is recommended by your Sub-Committee, as the work is one of a special character, and has proved more than usually expensive and arduous to the officers engaged on it.

From a recent report made by the Colonial Storekeeper it appears that it will be necessary to increase the vote of 36,000 rupees for the difference between the purchase and sale amounts of rice, to 44,000 rupees.

The vote of 10,000 rupees for the improvement of the Kew Barracks; but the Sub-Committee trust that the present is the last expenditure for this purpose, as it appears from the correspondence that the labour employed on the work has been largely supplied by men of the Police Force with leave from stations; so that this item does not show the total cost incurred.

The Sub-Committee are glad to observe that the state of the revenue justified the final payment on account of the Navalapitiya extension being met from current revenue.

In the list of additional items appearing in the Bill, which has been placed before the Sub-Committee, the most noteworthy are that for the foreign bill stamps, above-mentioned, and the following:—

An amount of 11,112 rupees and 61 cents for the cost of Plate-layer's house, coolies, P. W. Magazine, and tools and materials taken from the Government stores, in aid of the contract for the maintenance of the Railway line between P. Igahave la and Kandy.

The measure passed through committee, and after being amended in accordance with the recommendations contained in the report, was advanced a stage.

THE SUPPLY BILL, 1875.

The Sub-Committee brought up their report on the following bill, "An Ordinance for making provision for the Contingent services of the year 1875."

The consideration of the Ordinance in committee was deferred till Monday next.

The Council then adjourned till that day.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The Council met yesterday morning at the early hour of 7 o'clock, the following gentlemen being present:—Mr. C. P. Layard (Chairman) Dr. Loos, Dr. Vangeyzel, Mr. V. Dunlop, Mr. S. Grenier and Mr. Ludovici, the Secretary.

1. The first business taken up were the Reports of the Standing Committees:—

(1) The Finance Report:—The Committee considered a letter from Mr. W. Dunlop, the Auditor-General, recommending that the termination of the contract for the maintenance of the Municipal Accounts in official form, when they will have every consideration from the Council. The Secretary, has of course, no power to make alterations in the accounts without express authority.

The Committee having considered the report of the Deputation appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor of opinion that the amounts therein given as derivable from certain proposed taxation are likely to be realized. They see no reason why the Municipal tax on Imports and Exports should not be levied, and they recommend that the measure be referred to the Council. The Secretary, has of course, no power to make alterations in the accounts without express authority.

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allowed the Liberal Commission at present paid and furnished with necessary powers, the revenue would be largely increased. The provision in the By-laws which gives time till 31st March in every year for payment of the tax should be abolished. If householders could be made responsible for the payment of the tax due from their employees, a great benefit would accrue to the Municipality, and it should be impressed on the public that payment is by no means conditional on the application of the Collector.

The funds available from these sources will exceed the Dep. taxes estimate, and if the Government are prepared to give the assistance still indispensable there is no reason why operations should not at once be commenced to furnish the much desired Water Supply.

This Report was carried.—Dr. Vangeyzel alone dissenting, and he was referred to a special committee consisting of the Chairman, Dr. Vangeyzel, Mr. R. V. Dunlop, and Mr. Grenier to carry out its recommendations.

(II). The next report considered was that of the Gas Committee, which is to the following effect:—They considered the Manager of the Gas Company's letter No. 18 of 18th November, explaining that lamp No. 117 was extinguished (after being lighted) by some mischievous person. As the lamp is opposite Mr. Grinlinton's residence the Committee think he should be able from his own knowledge to say if the lamp was lighted on the night in question, and they avail their report thereon.

The report of the Manager of the Gas Company's letter of 1st November. It appears that the lamps indicated by the Municipal Gas Committee were extinguished at 4 A.M. instead of 4.30 A.M., and unless his statement can be rebutted the necessary deduction should be made from the Company's account.

Three or four other complaints of lamps being lighted after the proper hour being submitted, the Committee think that, in view of the probability of the witnesses being mistaken as to the exact time and the certainty that many of the lamps are lighted before the time specified, the Company should merely be cautioned on the present occasion.

Considered estimate for lighting the new Butchers Market with Gas for Rs. 1773-06. The Committee recommend that if the Butchers are prepared to use and pay for the Gas the estimate be adopted, unless it can be done more economically, a point on which the Inspector's report suggests.

Considered Gas Company's charge for removing a Gas Lamp in Norris Road, which the Inspector considers too high. Recommended that Mr. Laurie point out the particular item in the account which is excessive.

The report was adopted, and the same Committee was appointed to see that the lighting of the Market is, however, not to exceed Rs. 1400.

(III). The report of the Sanitary Committee was also adopted.

2.—A letter from the Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary, referring to the Council a petition from certain owners of licensed carriages complaining of the stringency of the carriage bye-laws, to which, however, they would except rule 5, and expressing His Excellency's opinion that the petitioners have a strong case for the modification of the rules, was not considered, and it was referred to the Committee who prepared the bye-laws.

3.—A petition applying for the number of carriage stands to be increased, for properly constructed stands, and the suspension of the carriage bye-laws until such arrangements are carried out, was also referred to the same Committee.

4.—A claim of Rs. 75-50 from the Manager of the Gas Company for a Reflecting Lamp for the Bridge of Boats, was considered and referred to the Gas Committee.

5.—A letter from the Inspector-General of Police, proposing the removal of the Gas Lamps at Kew and an allowance out of the saving of their cost towards the erection of two hand-some lamps substituted for them, and undertaking to supply a third light at the station, the Council paying the Gas Company the same for their two lamps, was next considered. It was arranged that the Council should pay for the Gas lighting, and interest on the value of the two lamps removed.

6.—Certain letters from Messrs. Stevenson & Sons, complaining of the state of the road to the T. Matucay Mills were then taken into consideration, and the matter was referred to Mr. Grenier.

7.—An application for a few Gas lights from the end of Flower Road towards the Museum was next before the Council, to which it was directed every attention should be paid.

8.—A specification for the Scavenging Contract 1875 was considered, and it was resolved that there should be a fine of Five Rupees for every act of neglect.

9.—A number of minor petitions and correspondence were then considered, which are of no public interest.

ADDITIONAL RAILWAY ACCOMMODATION.

The following Sessional Paper has been laid upon the table of the Legislative Council.

Expenditure on account of additional accommodation 1874 to 1874.

	Amount of Annual Vote.	Amount of Annual Expenditure.	Unexpended Balance.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1868	103,000	96,650	3,350
1869	100,000	92,370	7,630
1870	100,000	52,654	47,346
1871	4,000	14,486	25,514
1872	40,000	15,612	24,388
1873	40,000	8,629	31,371
1874	20,000	111	19,889
Rs.	440,000	285,112	159,488

