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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

MUNICIPALITY OF COLOMBO.

Minutes of Proceedings of a General Meeting of the Municipal Council of Colombo held at the Town Hall on Friday, October 9, 1896.

The Council met this day at 3 P.M., pursuant to notice dated October 3, 1896.

Present :—Mr. F. H. Price, Chairman; Hon. W. R. Kynsey, C.M.G.; Major L. F. Knollys, C.M.G.; Mr. A. Forsyth; Brigade-Surgeon Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke; Mr. R. D. Ormsby; Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne; Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa; Mr. C. Perera; Hon. P. Coomaraswamy; Mr. C. P. Dias; Mr. Walter Pereira; Mr. R. H. Morgan; Mr. C. M. Fernando; and Mr. A. Alvis.

The Minutes of September 11, 1896, having been printed, and a copy thereof having been sent to each Member of the Council, were taken as read.

Resolved,—That the Minutes of September 11, 1896, be confirmed.

1. Mr. H. I. M. Haniffa's motion to present a petition from Kona Mohamed Kanny and others, praying that the Municipal Council may be pleased to recommend the Government to continue water service at the Mosque, No. 4, Second Cross street, Pettah, without charging for the same, and to move that the said petition be considered, was, by leave of Council, withdrawn.

2. Pursuant to notice Mr. C. Perera moved "That the Government be requested to be good enough to furnish to this Council a statement of the conditions by which the supply of water service to houses is at present regulated; and also that definite information be given as to the nature of the 'classification for water service of dwelling-houses' instituted by the Director of Public Works, and as to the extension of water service granted to houses which already had a service, and referred to in his Administration Report for the year 1895."

Mr. Haniffa seconded.—Carried unanimously.

3. Pursuant to notice Mr. C. Perera moved "That the Government be requested to be good enough to furnish a return of the applications for water service for domestic purposes during the years 1894, 1895, and 1896 (up to 30th ultimo), specifying the premises by assessment number for which such applications were made, and distinguishing the premises for which water service was allowed, and those for which it was refused, and in case of refusal, stating the reasons for such refusal; also a return of the houses with their assessment number in which water service has been cut off altogether during the above years, or in which the taps have been reduced in number (stating such number), or in which the taps have been altered by lowering the same, &c., and showing the quantity of water, if any, saved thereby."

Mr. C. P. Dias seconded.—Carried unanimously.

4. The following recommendations from the Standing Committee of October 1 and 2, 1896, were laid before the Council :—

October 1, 1896.

- (2) Applications for post of Secretary.—Resolved that Mr. R. Dunville be recommended to the Council for the post of Secretary.
- (3) Draft by-laws on bakeries prepared by Attorney-General.—Resolved that the draft by-laws proposed by the Attorney-General be recommended to the Council.
- (4) Tenders for the lease of the Grandpass Market, 1897.—Resolved that the tender of J. G. G. Abey-singhe for Rs. 5,523 per annum be recommended to the Council.
- (5) Tenders for the lease of the Edinburgh Vegetable Market, 1897.—Resolved that the tender of W. Francisco Fernando for Rs. 3,900 per annum be recommended to the Council.
- (6) Report from Medical Board about the state of Shroff's health.—Resolved that the Council be recommended to allow the Shroff, Mr. M. C. Corea, to retire on a pension of Rs. 180 per annum.
- (10) Estimate for Polwatta ditch improvement : Rs. 12,000.—Resolved that the Council be recommended to transfer, under section 114 of Ordinance No. 7 of 1887, the following moneys from the Budget for 1896 for expenditure under Supplemental Budget No. 2 of 1896 :—

	Rs.	
Vote 169.—Reserved for improvement of Polwatta ditch	...	12,000
Vote 171.—New latrine, Dean's road	...	5,750

October 2, 1896.

- (10) Letter from Government Agent regarding acquisition of land at Hettiyawatta.—Resolved (Mr. C. Perera dissenting) that the Council be recommended to apply for a loan of (say) Rs. 100,000, in pursuance of its resolution of February 8, 1896, for the purpose of acquiring Hettiyawatta.

[Mr. Walter Pereira here left the meeting.]

With reference to the recommendation contained in paragraph 2 of the foregoing Minutes of the Standing Committee of October 1, 1896, Mr. Alvis moved "That a Special Committee of this Council be appointed to select three of the candidates for the post of Secretary, and to submit the names of such three candidates for election by the Council by ballot."

Mr. Morgan seconded.

Hon. P. Coomaraswamy moved as an amendment that the Council do go into Committee to discuss the appointment.

Mr. C. P. Dias seconded.

The Council divided on the amendment :—

<i>Ayes.</i>		<i>Noes.</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. C. P. Dias 2. Hon. P. Coomaraswamy 3. Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa 4. Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne 5. Mr. R. D. Ormsby 6. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke 7. Mr. A. Forsyth 8. Major L. F. Knollys 9. Hon. W. R. Kynsey 10. The Chairman 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. A. Alvis 2. Mr. C. M. Fernando 3. Mr. R. H. Morgan 4. Mr. C. Perera

Whereupon the amendment was carried, and the Council went into Committee accordingly.

In Committee Mr. Morgan moved that all candidates be balloted for. Mr. Alvis seconded.

Hon. P. Coomaraswamy moved as an amendment that Mr. R. Dunville be appointed to the post of Secretary. Mr. Dias seconded.

The Council divided on the amendment :—

<i>Ayes.</i>		<i>Noes.</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. C. M. Fernando 2. Mr. C. P. Dias 3. Hon. P. Coomaraswamy 4. Mr. C. Perera 5. Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa 6. Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne 7. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke 8. Major L. F. Knollys 9. Hon. W. R. Kynsey 10. The Chairman 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. A. Alvis 2. R. H. Morgan 3. Mr. R. D. Ormsby 4. Mr. A. Forsyth

Whereupon the amendment was carried, and the original motion in Committee was lost.

The Council having resumed, Hon. P. Coomaraswamy moved the adoption of the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that Mr. R. Dunuville be appointed to the post of Secretary. Mr. Dias seconded.

The Council divided on the motion :—

Ayes.

1. Mr. C. M. Fernando
2. Mr. C. P. Dias
3. Hon. P. Coomaraswamy
4. Mr. C. Perera
5. Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa
6. Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne
7. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
8. Major L. F. Knollys
9. Hon. W. R. Kynsey
10. The Chairman

Noes.

1. Mr. A. Alvis
2. Mr. R. H. Morgan
3. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
4. Mr. A. Forsyth

Whereupon the motion was carried.

With reference to the recommendation contained in paragraph 3 of the foregoing Minutes of the Standing Committee of October 1, 1896, Mr. C. P. Dias moved the deletion of the words "within 30 ft. of any cesspit or latrine, nor" in by-law 3. Mr. Haniffa seconded.

Mr. Morgan moved as an amendment that the draft by-laws be adopted. Hon. P. Coomaraswamy seconded.

The Council divided on the amendment :—

Ayes.

1. Mr. A. Alvis
2. Mr. C. M. Fernando
3. Mr. R. H. Morgan
4. Hon. P. Coomaraswamy
5. Mr. C. Perera
6. Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne
7. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
8. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
9. Mr. A. Forsyth
10. Major L. F. Knollys
11. Hon. W. R. Kynsey
12. The Chairman

Noes.

1. Mr. C. P. Dias
2. Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa

Whereupon the amendment was carried, and the original motion was lost.

Hon. W. R. Kynsey moved that the recommendations contained in paragraphs 4, 5, 6, and 10 of the foregoing Minutes of the Standing Committee of October 1, 1896, be adopted.

Hon. P. Coomaraswamy seconded.—Carried unanimously.

Hon. P. Coomaraswamy moved the adoption of the recommendation contained in paragraph 10 of the foregoing Minutes of the Standing Committee of October 2, 1896.

Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne seconded.—Carried unanimously.

5. A Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from January 1 to September 30, 1896, and a Progress Report of Work done during September, 1896, were laid on the table.

6. A Report dated September 28, 1896, of the Special Committee on Tramways was laid before the Council, having been previously printed and circulated.

Mr. C. Perera moved that the Council do go into Committee to consider the question. Mr. C. P. Dias seconded.

The Council divided on the motion :—

Ayes.

1. Mr. A. Alvis
2. Mr. C. M. Fernando
3. Mr. C. P. Dias
4. Hon. P. Coomaraswamy
5. Mr. C. Perera
6. Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa
7. Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne
8. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke

Noes.

1. Mr. R. H. Morgan
2. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
3. Mr. A. Forsyth
4. Major L. F. Knollys
5. Hon. W. R. Kynsey
6. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion was carried, and the Council went into Committee accordingly.

Mr. A. Forsyth moved "That the report of the Special Committee, dated September 28, 1896, be not adopted, but that the draft agreement, dated September 11, 1896, prepared in pursuance of the Council's resolutions of July 10, 1896, and September 11, 1896, be modified by the insertion in article 7 of a proviso to the effect that the width of the groove in the rail shall be the width approved by the Council on July 10, 1896, namely 1½ in., unless Mr. Preece shall advise otherwise, in which case the dimension of the groove shall be such as is recommended by Mr. Preece; further, that application be made for the sanction of His Excellency the Governor to the agreement so modified; further, that the agreement when so modified be signed as soon as the Council's lawyers advise that it may be signed; and further, that after the agreement has been signed application be made for the issue of the statutory Proclamation.

Hon. W. R. Kynsey seconded.

Mr. C. M. Fernando moved as an amendment that the recommendations of the Tramways Committee be considered one by one. Mr. Alvis seconded.

The Council in Committee divided on the amendment :—

Ayes.

1. Mr. A. Alvis
2. Mr. C. M. Fernando
3. Mr. C. P. Dias
4. Mr. C. Perera
5. Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa
6. Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne

Noes.

1. Mr. R. H. Morgan
2. Hon. P. Coomaraswamy
3. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
4. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
5. Mr. A. Forsyth
6. Major L. F. Knollys
7. Hon. W. R. Kynsey
8. The Chairman

Whereupon the amendment was lost.

The original motion was then put:—

Ayes.

1. Mr. R. H. Morgan
2. Hon. P. Coomaraswamy
3. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
4. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
5. Mr. A. Forsyth
6. Major L. F. Knollys
7. Hon. W. R. Kynsey
8. The Chairman

Noes.

1. Mr. A. Alvis
2. Mr. C. M. Fernando
3. Mr. C. P. Dias
4. Mr. C. Perera
5. Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa
6. Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne

Whereupon the motion was carried.

The Council having resumed, Hon. P. Coomaraswamy moved that Mr. Forsyth's motion carried in Committee be adopted. Mr. Ormsby seconded.

Ayes.

1. Mr. R. H. Morgan
2. Hon. P. Coomaraswamy
3. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
4. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
5. Mr. A. Forsyth
6. Major L. F. Knollys
7. Hon. W. R. Kynsey
8. The Chairman

Noes.

1. Mr. A. Alvis
2. Mr. C. M. Fernando
3. Mr. C. P. Dias
4. Mr. C. Perera
5. Mr. M. I. M. Haniffa
6. Hon. A. de A. Seneviratne

Whereupon the motion was carried.

7. The papers relating to the creation of the appointment of an Inspector of Private Buildings were laid before the Council, having been previously circulated.

Mr. C. Perera moved the adoption of the recommendation contained in paragraph 4 of the Minutes of the Standing Committee of September 7, 1896, as follows:—

(4) Resolved that the Council be recommended to create the appointment of an Inspector of Private Buildings on a salary of Rs. 2,000 per annum.

Mr. R. H. Morgan seconded.—Carried.

8. An application for leave from Mr. Inspector Arndt was laid before the Council.

Resolved,—That the leave applied for from October 2 to 16, 1896, be sanctioned.

9. An application for leave from the Chief Clerk, Mr. Raffel, was laid before the Council.

Resolved,—That the leave applied for from September 30 to October 7, 1896, be sanctioned.

10. An application for leave from the Recordkeeper, Mr. Nelson, was laid before the Council.

Resolved,—That the leave applied for from October 5 to November 4, 1896, be granted.

11. The Auditor-General's remarks for June, 1896, received with letter No. 108 of October 5, 1896, were laid on the table.

12. The City Analyst's report on the town water for September, 1896, was laid on the table, having been previously printed and circulated.

13. Reports of Inspectors on licensed carriages, and on shops used for the sale of kerosine, poisons, and gun-powder, for October, 1896, were laid on the table.

The following documents were laid upon the table:—

Return of Committees of Municipal Council.

Proceedings of Committees.

Diaries of the Superintendent of Works and of the Sanitary Officer.

Volunteer Band Programme for October, 1896.

Return of average daily supply and consumption of water during September, 1896.

Confirmed on November 13, 1896.

F. H. PRICE,

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MR. CHARLES PERERA'S DISSENT.

I object to this motion. In my humble judgment it is based upon misconceptions, is tainted with inconsistency, and will lead to consequences nothing less than disastrous both to the Council and the public. So strongly do I feel in the matter that I will be at the pains to explain at some length the grounds of my objection. In doing so I shall at least have done all in my power to avert the commission of what I cannot but regard as a grave blunder, entailing results which we are sure to deplore. Nor is the task a difficult one. In two previous dissents I have set forth with some fulness my attitude towards this tramway question, and I cannot do better now than repeat those portions of my arguments that are material to the present issue.

Let me first set out my general attitude to the tramway scheme as embodied in the concessions granted to Messrs. Boustead Brothers.

In my opinion these concessions are too large, and of a character likely to prove inconvenient to the Council. They involve, and are sure to cause, much pecuniary loss to the Council; and while they will not materially advance the convenience of the general public, they will in some important respects seriously abridge and endanger it.

A glance at the history of the proposal for the construction of a tramway in Colombo will sufficiently prove my position. Mr. Mathews, it will be remembered, was the first to tender. We have the draft of the concessions proposed to be made to him, and I cannot see how it is possible for any one who considered those concessions *too liberal* to agree to the concessions now proposed to be granted to Messrs. Boustead Brothers.

To pass over other differences, the 9th clause of the draft concessions, in the case of Mr. Mathews, provided for the purchase by the Municipal Council of the tramways and things connected therewith after the expiration of twenty-one years, but in the case of the present grantees the term is extended to twenty-six years. Then, again, in the former case an amount was indicated that should be paid to the grantees after allowance for wear and tear, depreciation, &c. In the present concessions this provision is altogether omitted, and to that extent at least they are obviously far too liberal to the grantees and proportionately disadvantageous to the Council.

Moreover, a very important concession has been made to the grantees in the present case, for they may lay a double line of rails along routes intended for passenger traffic, provided that where the roadway (exclusive of the footway) narrows to 21 ft. the cars shall not be allowed to pass each other. Accordingly, along roads like Maradana road (near Mariakada corner) and Main street a double line may now be constructed. The confusion and trouble that the running of a double line along Main street during such times as the Christmas holidays for instance, and along the Maradana road, in the neighbourhood of Mariakada, on the occasion of funeral processions to the cemetery that are of almost daily occurrence, will cause a species of grievance that is better imagined than told. I may mention that, as I read this clause, it gives the grantee the absolute right of constructing a *single line* on any road in Colombo; and I need hardly add how dangerous to passengers, and especially to children, using the roads the exercise of such a right might become, seeing that most of our streets are narrow and are unprovided with footways. Yet, with all this increased liberality on the part of the Council, Messrs. Boustead Brothers show no disposition to accede to any of the suggestions made by the Council, but are pushing on their plans and specifications for the approval of Council, and are evidently anxious to close, as soon as may be, a contract of almost one-sided character, and so highly advantageous to themselves. The Council should, in my opinion, pause before they conclude an arrangement so one-sided, and conceding so much to the grantees. Among other evil results such a step will be disastrous, in that for twenty-six years at least it will deprive the Council of the power of introducing better means of locomotion should any be found—will in fact for that period be fatal to all plans of advancement. What Mr. MacBride said of the concessions to Mr. Mathews applies with double force to the concessions in the present case, and it is incumbent on the Council to give the most careful and anxious deliberation to the course they are going to adopt before finally “committing themselves to the mercies of an individual concern.” The loss to Municipal revenue that these concessions will entail is another matter that, in the present state of their finances, and with so many works of urgent and undeniable importance claiming their attention, the Council cannot afford to be indifferent to. Nor would it be of trifling amount or doubtful occurrence. One certain and immediate consequence of the construction of a tramway will be a reduction in the number of vehicles and animals that now ply daily for hire. Much of the revenue the Council derives therefrom in the way of license fees—and for that matter much that the Government derives in the way of Customs dues too—will be lost, and the following table will show that the amount is in no way inconsiderable:—

Fees paid for Hiring Vehicles and Animals in 1896 registered up to June 30.

	Rs.	c.
245 First class carriages, at Rs. 10 each	2,450	0
245 Horses, at Rs. 2.50 each	612	50
32 Second class carriages, at Rs. 10 each	320	0
32 Horses, at Rs. 2.50 each	80	0
1,187 Jinrickshaws, at Rs. 10 each	11,870	0
178 First class hackeries, at Rs. 5 each	890	0
178 Bulls, at Re. 1 each	178	0
464 Second class hackeries, at Rs. 5 each	2,320	0
464 Bulls, at Re. 1 each	464	0
7,328 Bulls, at Re. 1 each	7,328	0

Fees paid for Vehicles and Animals kept for Private use in 1896 up to June 30.

	Rs.	c.
272 Carriages, at Rs. 2.50 each	680	0
216 Carriages, at Rs. 5 each	1,080	0
98 Carts, at Rs. 2 each	198	0
1,546 Carts, at Rs. 4 each	6,184	0
82 Rickshaws, at Re. 1.25 each	102	50
93 Rickshaws, at Rs. 2.50 each	232	50
253 Horses, at Re. 1.25 each	316	25
472 Horses, at Rs. 2.50 each	1,180	0
104 Bulls, at 50 cents each	52	0
7,982 Bulls, at Re. 1 each	7,982	0

But it may be said that the Council are prepared to suffer a loss in case the public interest is thereby advanced. Doubtless that is an object not too dearly bought at any price. But are we sure that with all the sacrifice we are making we shall really secure the object we all have at heart? It is not pretended by those who support the present proposal that the wealthier and well-to-do classes will be benefited by the introduction of tramways. Benefit to the masses is what they reckon upon. Will the construction of tramways prove a benefit in this respect? To my mind it is perfectly clear, not only that the masses will derive from such construction no benefit worth speaking of, but that their convenience will be greatly lessened and otherwise interfered with. They will not reap the advantages that are fondly anticipated, while they will be exposed to positive hardships of a trying character such as they are now exempt from. The tires of the wheels of most of the vehicles in use are only $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in width,—in rickshaws they are less,—and even if the grooves of the tramway rails do not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ in., the difficulty of locomotion will be so great as very considerably to diminish vehicular traffic. Even the better classes will suffer by such diminution, for even at present it is not seldom a matter of complaint that the number of carriages available is not adequate to the demand. Carriage builders, cart makers, and smiths, and those who do horse-shoeing will suffer, too, from this cause. Owners of carriages or horses that ply for hire will have to sell them at a sacrifice. But it is on the poorer classes of the general public that this diminution in the number of available vehicles will chiefly tell. What advantage will the tramway afford them? None in convenience, for they cannot go where they will, but only where the tramway route will take them. And none in cost, for the tramway fares, however low, cannot be as cheap as those payable for the present modes of conveyance. At present a first class carriage charges 50 cents for the first half hour, and during that period about 3 miles can be traversed. Now, if four persons occupy such a carriage, the cost is only 12½ cents each for the 3 miles, and be it remembered they can go in any direction they will and stop where they please. For six hours the charge is only Rs. 2, that is 50 cents a piece. Hackeries charge 15 cents the first half hour, that is about 4 cents a piece for at least 3 miles. For a whole day a hackery costs Re. 1.50, that is about 37½ cents each if four persons occupy it. With these facts before him one hardly sees the necessity for any cheaper mode of locomotion, if a cheaper were possible. And in a country like this, how will any falling off in the number of carriages affect the daily recurring requirements in connection with weddings and funerals, religious festivals and demonstrations, races and cricket matches; how grievously will it tell on sightseers from outstations or from foreign countries, on those who have to attend church or temple, and on young children who have to find their way to school? How about those who may attend concerts, theatres, and other places of amusement at night and have to return at hours when the tramcars cannot be expected to run? What about people who now get their monthly or weekly stock of provisions taken

home by carts? What of the conveyance of firewood, of straw, of grass, and of building timber now done by carts? What even of the carriage of metal, gravel, &c., for municipal use? Then, there is the certainty of the overhead wires and posts forming a disfigurement of the streets, and the only too great probability of their proving a fertile source of danger. There is also the consideration, by no means unimportant, of the impediment the tramcars will offer to scavenging carts, to carts that are used in the flushing of drains, to grass carts and rubbish carts, and in the cases of those sewers the manholes of which open between the rails of the tramway, the obstacle will be almost insuperable.

From what took place at the Tramway Committee Meeting of September 4, 1896, and at the meeting of Council wherein their suggestion was adopted with such unanimity, I thought (nor was I alone in so thinking) that the whole question would be referred to Mr. Preece. That was the natural impression produced by these proceedings. I even thought that, in order to put our Consulting Engineer more completely in a position to arrive at a right opinion, copies would be submitted to him of the concessions granted in towns like Madras, Bombay, &c.

I must remark that there would have been nothing inconsistent or unreasonable in so referring the entire question to the Engineer whom we had decided to consult. There was as yet no agreement, nor for that matter is there one now. Messrs. Boustead Brothers themselves more than once obtained modifications of the concessions granted to them, as will appear on reference to the Tramway Committee reports (February 13, 1896, February 17, 1896, May 13, 1896, June 10, 1896), and the resolutions of Council thereon.

My motion in Committee on Article 1—that the question of the routes be referred to Mr. Preece, and that information be given him regarding the width of the streets and the traffic thereon—was made with the object of ascertaining whether Mr. Preece would recommend a double line, or even a single line, running through the principal streets in the very heart of Colombo, the streets being in most parts so narrow and the traffic so large. And there was manifest reason for this. Mr. Kincaid himself, the Engineer of the grantees, was of opinion, having studied the conditions of the traffic along the streets on the Maradana and Grandpass routes, that the amount of traffic would be too great to enable the service of cars to be carried on along a single line of tramway. (See his letter to Council of February 15, 1896.)

I moved to modify Article 3, because it seems to me curious that a double line should be allowed in a roadway 21½ or 22 ft. in width when a single line could not be run on any road which was not 24½ ft. wide; for 24½ ft. is the width of the road referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 3 when it speaks of a road “which does not give a clear width of 9 ft. available for traffic on each side of the cars.” That is to say, 9 + 9 = 18, add breadth of car 6½ = 24½ ft. It was an explanation of this anomaly that I sought. Nor must it be forgotten that though paragraph 2 of Article 3 has fixed upon 9 ft., it was only by a majority of one that that limit was carried, the original suggestion being that the roadway should be 30 ft. wide for a single line, *i.e.*, 11 ft. 9 in. + 11 ft. 9 in. + 6 ft. 6 in. (See Minutes of Council of 13th December, 1895.)

I think, though I did not move in that respect, that even Article 5 requires modification, and that it would be well to ascertain whether Mr. Preece would suggest some safer and less objectionable way of working electric trams than that by the system of overhead wires.

With regard to Article 7, and Mr. Ormsby's proposal thereupon, the amendment that was moved—and that happily was carried—was induced by the feeling that to have carried the original motion would, besides being extremely unbusinesslike, have looked as though we were merely adopting Messrs. Boustead Brothers' proposal. It is curious indeed that the terms of Mr. Ormsby's proposal are word for word the same as those contained in Messrs. Boustead Brothers' letter of 19th September, 1896.

As to the last paragraph of Article 8 also I have great misgivings. I cannot see how the Municipal Council can, in the event referred to in that paragraph, effect the construction of other tramways than those mentioned in clause 1, if the tramways of the grantees run through all the principal streets and the Council cannot have running powers over or use in any way (*e.g.*, not even cross) the tramways constructed by the grantees. The virtual effect—and it is an effect that will be disastrous—of this clause would be, to my mind, to give the grantees the power to prevent the Council from constructing other tramways, even in streets in which the grantees refuse to construct or maintain any.

I think Article 9 is objectionable, because, first, it makes no provision for a reduction on account of loss by depreciation, wear and tear, &c.; and secondly, because, in case the Council do not see their way to buy the tramways, the grantees are able under clause 10 to retain them practically for ever. Very different was the method adopted in the case of the Gas Company. There the agreement was only for a term of years, at the end of which the Council could continue or cancel the agreement without payment. What makes it necessary to have different terms—and terms so very much less advantageous to the Council—in the matter of tramways? For disadvantageous the terms undoubtedly are. In the event—in these days of rapid scientific progress no unlikely event—of a new and better system of locomotion being invented, the Council and the public will find themselves prevented from benefiting by the improvement.

In Article 15 I suggested the insertion of the word “omission” before the words “carelessness, neglect, or misconduct.”

Article 19 I consider superfluous in view of section 11 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1873. Besides, it is liable to abuse. If the object of the grantees be only to prevent other persons from running on their lines, that is already secured to them by the Ordinance. Nor are the grantees unaware of this. When the insertion of a penalty in the agreement was proposed, the lawyers on both sides were agreed that that was unnecessary, because the Ordinance had made due provision. How comes it that the grantees should now in this article seek the insertion of a provision already contained in the Ordinance?

As to Article 21, the fare of 5 cents a mile will, it seems to me, fall hard on the poorer classes—indeed, it is unjust to them, for with their present means of locomotion, which the tramcars will render impossible of use, they can travel at the charge of 2 cents per mile. This provision seems to me to be not without a touch of irony in a system of locomotion said to be designed especially for the benefit of the poorer classes. We are periodically reducing carriage, rickshaw, and hackery fares; and yet when it comes to a Tramway Company, we are not only debarring ourselves from introducing improved modes of locomotion when they should be invented, but committing ourselves to an irreducible rate of 5 cents!

In Article 24 after the words “for the first 8 miles” the words “or part thereof” should be added.

In supporting Mr. Alvis' proposal to insert the words “and of the Municipal Council” in Article 27, I was anxious that the Municipal Council, who give the concessions, should provide that no assignment or mortgage be made without their consent. In this way only could the interests of the public be safeguarded, just as the interests of the Government have been by the Ordinance.

As to Mr. Ormsby's proposal of the terms in which reference should be made to Mr. Preece. Had that been carried, the only impression given to Mr. Preece would have been that we had already decided upon the adoption of a kind of rail—an impression that would have unduly fettered his judgment. The proposal was in fact but an echo of Messrs. Boustead Brothers' statement, and that, too, an echo but of a part and not of the whole; for in their letter

of June 26, 1896, they go on to say: "such a groove would not be large enough, that it would be unsafe and not practicable." Hence the amendment.

Mr. Ormsby's second motion on this article is, in my opinion, a gratuitous inducement to the grantees to say, with some show of plausibility, that we have perfected an agreement; for they may well point out that we have gone even the length of getting it proclaimed, and that, too, before Messrs. Boustead Brothers could sign, or Mr. Money for them. In this connection I must confess that I am at a loss to understand how some of the members, who have all along justified their votes by the plea that they were voting according to the advice of the Council's lawyers, should in this case have felt themselves free to vote in the teeth of their lawyers' opinion, for the lawyers advise the Council not to apply for an issue of the Proclamation until the agreement should be signed by all the parties. (See letter of September 26, 1896.)

With regard to paragraph No. IV. of the Special Committee's report of September 28, 1896, that the Council be recommended not to sign the agreement till both Mr. Money and Messrs. Boustead Brothers are in a position to sign, I am only astonished that there should have been any the slightest dissent from it. To sign the agreement now—if there can be said to be an agreement to sign—would be to go out of our way to allow Messrs. Boustead Brothers time and discretion till December 31, 1896. In other words, the Council is to bind itself before getting Mr. Preece's opinion, while Messrs. Boustead Brothers are to be privileged to accept or reject. This, too, is a species of action for which lawyers' advice is pleaded. But the plea cannot stand. It is not right to say that our lawyers either advised or even approved of it. All that they have said is that as regards the legal aspect of the matter they see no objection to it. Even so, they add that the agreement would be incomplete. And can anybody who is familiar with the history of this question, and who sufficiently realizes the situation of the Council, say that, under present circumstances, it is advisable to sign it in the manner indicated? Besides, what present necessity is there for the Proclamation? That is a thing which will take but a day or two in the doing. How would the Council look if after the Proclamation shall have been made the agreement were to fall through, and we have to go to Government to get the Proclamation cancelled? What liabilities may we not have incurred in the interval?

It is very significant that those who voted for the tramway made no attempt whatever to reply to the objections of those who are opposed to them, or even attempt to discuss the report of September 28, 1896, or the reasons given by me in my memorandum to the report. They moved on the ground that delay should be avoided, and insinuated or implied that the delay was on the part of the Council. On this point I am distinctly at issue with them. I maintain that there has been no delay whatever on the part of the Council, and a glance at the history of the transactions bears out my position. Messrs. Boustead Brothers tendered in October, 1895. In November following the Council accepted the tender and granted the concessions. Then Messrs. Boustead Brothers desired to make certain modifications, and for that purpose a Special Committee was re-appointed in January, 1896. Since then they submitted, one after another, proposals and modifications which the Council accepted, even although they refused to agree to an alteration of the 9th clause of the concessions when the Chairman made a suggestion to that effect. I can see no delay and no obstruction at all on the part of Council, but rather the reverse. But when the Committee on May 13, 1896, inquired of Messrs. Boustead Brothers regarding the annual sum for the maintenance of roads referred to in the 13th clause of the concessions, these gentlemen who speak of delay on the part of Council did not choose to make answer to the inquiries of Committee until August 20, 1896, after an interval of no less than three months. On the very next day after receiving their reply, the Council resolved that the draft agreement, together with all the correspondence, be referred back to the Special Committee, in order that the Committee might confer with Messrs. Boustead Brothers as to terms of agreement and might report to the Council. Then on September 11, 1896, the Committee agreed that time should be granted to Messrs. Boustead Brothers to commence work within eighteen months from the date of the agreement, and that Mr. Preece be appointed Consulting Engineer. The Council was at the same time informed that the Council's lawyers were of opinion that Mr. Boustead's power of attorney does not authorize an attorney to sign the agreement. After that, on September 28, 1896, the Committee passed certain resolutions, from some of which it will be seen it was only the Chairman that dissented. The whole of the Committee's report was ignored at the last meeting, and Mr. Forsyth read out a written motion which he had brought with him, which was carried by the narrow majority of two, although it was admitted that the agreement could only be signed on December 31, 1896, and Messrs. Boustead Brothers had applied for time till then. The Chairman attempted to justify his action by the plea of consistency. As the Council had granted the concessions he did not wish to go back upon them. But he ignored the Council's resolution of August 21, 1896, and somewhat gratuitously assumed that the Council were infallible and had not been seriously misled on the question of grooves.

To sum up. I oppose this motion on the following grounds:—

1. Having resolved to consult Mr. Preece it is commonsense that we should consult him on the whole question, not only on the bare question of groove, but also on the question of the advisability of single and double lines in such narrow streets as ours, unprovided as they are with footways. To fail of doing so is to my mind a wanton waste of the taxpayers' money.
2. In consulting him in regard to the groove we ought to tell him what is the width of the tires of the wheels of the vehicles in ordinary use among us. It is the practice in England to submit all such particulars to the Board of Trade, who then consider and decide, on the particulars submitted, what are the dimensions of groove to be adopted. (See extract of letter from Messrs. Kincaid, Waller, and Manville to Mr. Boustead of July 8, 1896.)
3. The 9th clause of the concessions should be altered so that the adoption of this tramway may not be a perpetual bar to our profiting by the introduction of any better mode of locomotion that may come into use.
4. The signing of the agreement and the obtaining of the Governor's sanction should stand over until we shall have heard from Mr. Preece.

I may add that clause 14 speaks of the "Engineer to the Municipal Council" when there is no such office or officer. Also, that the Council has not at the last meeting agreed to the form of the reference, and the resolution of the Special Committee is opposed to the motion that was carried in Council as to the form of reference.

In order to facilitate reference I annex the Report and Minutes of the Special Committee on Tramways of September 28, 1896.

CHAS. PERERA.

Report of Special Committee re-appointed on January 17, 1896, to consider the Question of Tramways.

September 28, 1896, 3 P.M.

Present:—F. H. Price, Esq., Chairman; Captain F. Bayley; Brigade Surgeon Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke; R. D. Ormsby, Esq.; C. Perera, Esq.; C. M. Fernando, Esq.; and A. Alvis, Esq.

I.—A majority of the Committee recommends the Council to modify the draft agreement dated September 11, 1896, in the following particulars:—

- (1) By the insertion in Article 7 after the word "agreement" in the third line of the first paragraph of the words "except as to the question of the dimensions of the groove, the decision regarding which is to stand over till Mr. Preece shall have advised the Council thereon."

- (2) By the addition to Article 11 of the following proviso: "Provided that before steps shall be taken by the Municipal Council for the acquisition of such lands it shall be lawful for the Municipal Council to demand of the grantees the payment of a sum which, in the opinion of the Municipal Council, shall be sufficient to cover the price to be paid for such lands so to be acquired."
- (3) By the insertion in Article 15 after the words "written guarantee to the satisfaction of the Municipal Council" of the words "or at the option of the said Municipal Council deposit such sum of money as the Council shall deem sufficient."
- (4) By the insertion in Article 16 after the words "beyond the control of the grantees" of the words "for which purpose the want of funds shall not be considered a circumstance beyond their control."
- (5) By the insertion in the concluding sentence of Article 17 after the words "by reason of" of the words "the existence of such deposit or of," and after the words "nor shall" of the words "the existence of such deposit or."
- (6) By the deletion of Article 19.
- (7) By the addition to Article 27 after the words "colony" of the words "and of the Municipal Council."

NOTE.—The insertion in Article 27 of the words "mortgage or hypothecate" after the words "assign" is agreed to unanimously.

II.—A majority of the Committee recommends that all the plans and specifications be referred to Mr. Preece, and that his opinion be solicited in the first instance as to the dimension of groove he would recommend for approval of this Council.

III.—A majority of the Committee recommends the Council to apply for the sanction of His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with section 12 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1890, and for the issue of the Proclamation required under sub-section (2) of section 2 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1873.

IV.—A majority of the Committee recommends the Council not to sign the agreement till both Mr. Money and Mr. Boustead are in a position, either personally or by attorney, to sign the same.

V.—The Minutes of the Proceedings of September 28, 1896, are annexed.

F. H. PRICE.
F. BAYLEY.
A. W. DUKE.
R. D. ORMSBY.
CHAS. PERERA.
CHAS. M. FERNANDO.
ARTHUR ALVIS.

Proceedings of the Special Committee re-appointed on January 17, 1896, to consider the Question of Tramways.

Minutes of September 28, 1896, 3 P.M.

Present.—F. H. Price, Esq., Chairman; Captain F. Bayley; Brigade-Surgeon Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke; R. D. Ormsby, Esq.; C. Perera, Esq.; C. M. Fernando, Esq.; and A. Alvis, Esq.

I. The draft agreement dated 11th September, 1896, is submitted.

Article 1.—Mr. C. Perera proposes that the question of the routes, especially of those numbered (1) and (4), be referred to Mr. Preece, and that information be given to him regarding the width of the streets and the traffic thereon.

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. C. M. Fernando	1. Mr. A. Alvis
2. Mr. C. Perera	2. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
3. Captain F. Bayley	3. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
	4. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion is lost.

Article 3.—Mr. C. Perera proposes that Mr. Preece be asked whether he recommends a double line on a road as narrow as 22 ft.

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. C. M. Fernando	1. Mr. A. Alvis
2. Mr. C. Perera	2. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
3. Captain F. Bayley	3. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
	4. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion is lost.

Article 7.—Mr. Ormsby proposes the insertion of a proviso to the effect that the width of the groove shall be the width decided upon, namely $1\frac{1}{8}$ in., unless Mr. Preece shall advise otherwise, in which case the dimension of the groove shall be such as is recommended by Mr. Preece.

Mr. Alvis proposes an amendment, namely, the insertion after the word "agreement" in line 3 of paragraphs, of the words "except as to the question of the dimensions of the groove, the decision regarding which is to stand over till Mr. Preece shall have advised the Council thereon."

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. A. Alvis	1. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
2. Mr. C. M. Fernando	2. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
3. Mr. C. Perera	3. The Chairman
4. Captain F. Bayley	

Whereupon the amendment is carried, and the original motion is lost.

Article 9.—Mr. C. Perera moves that the Council be recommended to modify this article.

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. C. Perera	1. Mr. A. Alvis 2. Mr. C. M. Fernando 3. Mr. R. D. Ormsby 4. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke 5. Captain F. Bayley 6. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion is lost.

Article 11.—Mr. C. Perera proposes to add after the word “grantees” the following proviso: “Provided that before steps shall be taken by the Municipal Council for the acquisition of such lands, it shall be lawful for the Municipal Council to demand of the grantees the payment in advance of a sum which, in the opinion of the Municipal Council, shall be sufficient to cover the price to be paid for such lands so to be acquired.”

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. A. Alvis 2. Mr. C. M. Fernando 3. Mr. C. Perera 4. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke 5. Captain F. Bayley	1. Mr. R. D. Ormsby 2. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion is carried.

Article 15.—Mr. C. Perera proposes the insertion after the words “written guarantee to the satisfaction of the Municipal Council” of the words “or at the option of the said Municipal Council deposit such sum of money as the Municipal Council shall deem sufficient.”

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. A. Alvis 2. Mr. C. M. Fernando 3. Mr. C. Perera 4. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke 5. Captain F. Bayley	1. Mr. R. D. Ormsby 2. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion is carried.

Article 16.—Mr. C. Perera proposes the insertion after the words “beyond the control of the grantees” of the words “for which purpose the want of sufficient funds shall not be considered a circumstance beyond their control.”

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. A. Alvis 2. Mr. C. M. Fernando 3. Mr. C. Perera 4. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke 5. Captain F. Bayley	1. Mr. R. D. Ormsby 2. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion is carried.

Article 17.—Mr. C. Perera proposes the insertion in the concluding sentence after the words “by reason of” of the words “the existence of such deposit or of,” and after the words “nor shall” of the words “the existence of such deposit or.”

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. A. Alvis 2. Mr. C. M. Fernando 3. Mr. C. Perera 4. Mr. R. D. Ormsby 5. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke 6. Captain F. Bayley	1. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion is carried.

Article 19.—Mr. C. M. Fernando moves the deletion of this article.

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. C. M. Fernando 2. Mr. C. Perera 3. Mr. R. D. Ormsby 4. Captain F. Bayley	1. Mr. A. Alvis 2. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke 3. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion is carried.

Article 27.—It is agreed that the words “mortgage or hypothecate” be inserted after the word “assign.” Mr. Alvis proposes that after the word “colony” the words “and of the Municipal Council” be inserted.

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. A. Alvis 2. Mr. C. M. Fernando 3. Mr. C. Perera 4. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke 5. Captain F. Bayley	1. Mr. R. D. Ormsby 2. The Chairman

Whereupon the motion is carried.

II.—Mr. Ormsby proposes that reference be made to Mr. Preece in the following terms: "The Engineers of the grantees, namely, Messrs. Kincaid, Waller, and Manville, have in their plans and specifications adopted a rail having a $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. groove, being of opinion that this width of groove is advisable for the safety of the electric cars running on a line of 3 ft. 6 in. gauge. Some members of the Council have expressed doubts as to the necessity for so wide a groove, and are of opinion that a narrower groove (possibly one of $\frac{3}{4}$ in.) would be equally safe for use and less objectionable on the roadways of Colombo. Messrs. Kincaid, Waller, and Manville will be prepared to produce copies of the plans and specifications."

Mr. Alvis proposes as an amendment that all the plans and specifications be referred to Mr. Preece, and that his opinion be solicited in the first instance as to the dimensions of groove he would recommend for approval of this Council.

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. A. Alvis	1. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
2. Mr. C. M. Fernando	2. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
3. Mr. C. Perera	3. The Chairman
4. Captain F. Bayley	

Whereupon the amendment is carried, and the original motion is lost.

III.—Mr. Ormsby proposes that the Council be recommended to apply for the sanction of His Excellency the Governor, in accordance with section 12 of Ordinance No. 26 of 1890, and for the issue of the Proclamation required under sub-section (2) of section 2 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1873.

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. A. Alvis	1. Mr. C. M. Fernando
2. Mr. R. D. Ormsby	2. Mr. C. Perera
3. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke	
4. Captain F. Bayley	
5. The Chairman	

Whereupon the motion is carried.

IV.—A letter marked "a," and dated September 19, 1896, from Messrs. Boustead Brothers, is submitted. Mr. C. Perera moves that the Council be recommended not to sign the agreement till both Mr. Money and Mr. Boustead are in a position, either personally or by attorney, to sign the same.

The Committee divides on the motion :—

<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1. Mr. A. Alvis	1. Mr. R. D. Ormsby
2. Mr. C. M. Fernando	2. Brig.-Surg. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Duke
3. Mr. C. Perera	3. The Chairman
4. Captain F. Bayley	

Whereupon the motion is carried.

F. H. PRICE,
Chairman, and Mayor of Colombo.

**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements on account of the Municipal Fund from January 1 to
October 31, 1896.**

REVENUE.	Estimated Revenue for 1896.		Receipts to Oct. 31, 1896.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Expenditure for 1896.		Disbursements to Oct. 31, 1896.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Commutation tax	57,000	0	59,583	0	Salaries, fixed	39,076	0	30,547	9
Tax on vehicles and animals (under section 128 of Ordinance 7 of 1887)	19,800	0	20,465	75	Salaries, provisional	7,167	16 ¹	5,627	54
Do. costs	—	—	39	53	Office contingencies	300	0	250	0
Dog tax	2,800	0	3,181	34	Allowances	4,038	0 ¹	3,337	90
Do. costs	—	—	13	38	Pension account	3,630	10 ²	2,886	58
<i>Licenses.</i>					Stationery	2,250	0	2,097	98
Carriages for hire	11,200	0	14,231	0	Furniture	300	0	287	0
Passenger hackeries	3,250	0	3,196	75	Audit of accounts	1,445	0	1,365	0
Cart and coach, issued by Govern- ment Agent	6,000	0	6,168	0	Inspectors' uniform and transport	430	0 ¹	400	0
Boat, issued by Government Agent	100	0	115	90	<i>Commutation Account.</i>				
Boat, issued by Master Attendant	3,800	0	2,610	60	Commission	5,000	0	4,598	70
Gun, issued by Government Agent	150	0	169	14	Refunds	100	0	17	80
To sell intoxicating liquors, issued by Government Agent	12,658	75	15,176	25	<i>Tax on Vehicles and Animals Account.</i>				
Butchers'	118	0	152	0	Commission	100	0	—	—
Coal-depots, tanneries, &c.	490	0	570	0	Tin plates and painting	100	0	94	30
To slaughter cattle, sheep, and pigs (special)	50	0	75	83	Refunds	30	0	1	25
To sell meat (special)	200	0	225	0	<i>Dog Tax Account.</i>				
To sell fish (do.)	265	0	275	0	Commission	40	0	—	—
Opium	25,000	0	3,550	0	For capture and destruction of dogs and for dog collars	1,000	0	834	53
Petroleum	1,160	0	1,130	0	Refunds	15	0	—	—
Guides	240	0	204	0	<i>Palanquin Carriage License Account.</i>				
Poison	28	0	—	—	Tin plates and painting	80	0	76	47
Auctioneers and brokers	2,500	0	3,420	0	Badges and fare tables	350	0	342	43
<i>Judicial Fines.</i>					<i>Hackery License Account.</i>				
By Municipal Magistrate	12,500	0	17,232	18	Tin plates	40	0	27	0
By Police Magistrate	100	0	50	5	Badges and fare tables	210	0	154	11
<i>Tolls.</i>					<i>Printing Account.</i>				
Victoria bridge, Grandpass	64,285	0	64,285	0	Salary of printers	1,051	0	875	21
Bambalapitiya	40,700	0	40,700	0	Advertisements	800	0	544	67
Mutwal ferry	1,233	0	1,233	0	Cost of new type	750	0	632	68
Lock-gate	1,100	0	1,050	0	<i>Market Account.</i>				
Stamp duty on advocates', proctors', and notaries' certificates and articles of clerkship	4,000	0	3,253	75	Edinburgh markets, coolies' wages	240	0	200	0
<i>Markets.</i>					Do. market-keeper's salary	300	0	250	0
Edinburgh, fruit and vegetable	2,880	0	2,400	0	Do. lighting	1,560	0	1,156	98
Edinburgh, meat	3,400	0	3,144	0	St. John's market, overseer's salary	120	0	100	0
Do. lighting charges	600	0	514	94	Do. coolies' wages...	120	0	100	0
paid by stall-holders	540	0	520	0	Do. lighting	600	0	266	35
St. John's fish mart	540	0	520	0	Kollupitiya market, coolies' wages	120	0	100	0
Do. market, fruit and vege- table	500	0	560	0	Do. lighting	12	0	4	59
Do. boutiques	1,620	0	1,180	49	Dean's road market, coolies' wages	240	0	200	0
Do. fish market	2,400	0	2,000	0	Do. market-keeper's salary	198	0	165	0
Dean's road market	3,900	0	3,582	26	Do. lighting	700	0	431	28
Grandpass market	5,403	0	4,502	50	Gintupitiya street market, lighting	500	0	105	74
Kollupitiya market	500	0	436	0	Do. cooly's wages	120	0	100	0
Mohammedan meat market, Dho- bies' pond	720	0	600	0	Slave Island market, coolies' wages	120	0	100	0
Gintupitiya street market	1,500	0	1,420	0	Do. market-keeper's salary	180	0	—	—
Do. lighting	150	0	142	0	Do. lighting	500	0	228	24
Slave Island market	4,000	0	3,107	0	Cost of tools, &c., for markets	100	0	39	31
<i>Slaughter-houses.</i>					<i>Slaughter House Account.</i>				
Dematagoda, slaughtering fees	12,000	0	10,788	89	Dematagoda, salary of superin- tendent	1,761	10 ²	1,438	88
Do. feeding fees	12,500	0	11,028	37	Do. clerk	300	0	250	0
Do. sale of blood	210	0	210	0	Do. coolies' wages	720	0	592	24
Do. sale of manure	100	0	60	62	Do. feeding charges, grass and poonac	2,000	0	2,537	91
					Do. do. coolies	360	0	300	0
					Do. oil, carbolic acid, &c.	200	0	104	93

¹ See Supplemental Budget No. 1.² See Minutes of Council of March 13, 1896.

REVENUE.	Estimated Revenue for 1896.		Receipts to Oct. 31, 1896.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Expenditure for 1896.		Disbursements to Oct. 31, 1896.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Madampitiya, slaughtering fees ...	3,000	0	2,727	49	Madampitiya, salary of keeper ...	360	0	300	0
Do. feeding fees ...	3,200	0	2,748	26	Do. salary of watcher ...	180	0	150	0
Do. rent of trees and grass ...	192	0	180	0	Do. cooly's wages ...	120	0	100	0
Do. sale of manure ...	15	0	15	0	Do. oil and feeding charges ...	420	0	125	32
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>					Cost of tools, &c. ...	160	0	136	49
Rent of grass lands ...	2,800	0	2,263	97	Dematagoda slaughter-house, extension of quarters ...	530	0 ²	—	—
Racquet court fees, &c. ...	700	0	1,443	0	Do. live fence and gates ...	247	0 ²	—	—
Do. lease of New Floral Hall ...	1,500	0	1,750	0	Do. shed for slaughtering sheep ...	1,080	0 ²	—	—
Galle Face grazing fees ...	500	0	436	95	<i>Sanitary Account.</i>				
Slave Island esplanade grazing fees ...	75	0	34	56	Expenses of disinfection, &c. ...	2,000	0	1,307	42
Victoria park grazing fees ...	600	0	708	25	Cost of disinfectants ...	500	0	—	—
Campbell's park grazing fees ...	84	0	107	89	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>				
Fees for testing and stamping weights and measures ...	250	0	192	48	Library ...	1,500	0	82	41
Conservancy of private latrines (cross entry) ...	432	0	140	0	Expenses incurred by Govt. Agent on account of cart and boat licenses ...	200	0	—	—
Fees from tennis court, Victoria park ...	40	0	19	50	Contribution to Law Library ...	500	0	500	0
Interest ...	2,400	0	1,693	94	Costs in legal proceedings ...	500	0	387	75
Miscellaneous ...	—	—	1,184	37	Rent of site of Graudpass latrine ...	10	0	10	0
Sale of stores ...	—	—	—	—	Do. do. arrears of 1891 ...	10	0	10	0
Mulct ...	—	—	2,252	89	Guides' coats ...	60	0	10	0
Town Hall fees ...	—	—	—	—	Maintenance of level crossing, Dematagoda ...	250	0	250	0
Overplus at sales ...	—	—	—	—	Contribution on account of Volunteer band ...	3,500	0	2,625	0
Sale of tender and specification forms ...	1,500	0	33	75	Refund of fines ...	200	0	51	0
Sale of scavenging rubbish ...	—	—	—	—	Do. value of guides' badges ...	21	0	1	50
Deposits made by tenderers ...	—	—	—	—	Expenses of bookbinding ...	200	0	156	81
Sale of timber ...	—	—	—	—	Subscription to newspapers ...	96	0	96	0
Sale of disinfectants, &c. ...	—	—	18	40	Cost of making peons' belts ...	35	0	—	—
Guides' badge account ...	3	0 ¹	3	0	Assistant clerk, vehicles and animals tax department (two months) ...	40	0	40	0
Refund of value of latrine buckets for private service ...	500	0	720	50	Refund of guides' license fees ...	12	0	—	—
General cemeteries account ...	3,500	0	2,769	0	Refund of value of grazing tickets ...	10	0	0	25
Lease of land opposite bridge-of-boats ...	600	0	500	0	Supervision of guides ...	720	0	540	0
Trunk roads account (cross entry) ...	27,500	0	27,500	0	Conservancy of private latrines (cross entry) ...	432	0	—	—
Sale of boats and materials belonging to bridge-of-boats ...	6,281	18 ²	6,281	18	Refund of rents ...	60	0	9	0
Sale of quarry, Elie lane ...	160	0 ²	160	0	Cost of grazing tickets ...	130	0	121	80
Cost of new latrine, St. John's road, refunded by Government ...	5,031	50 ²	5,031	50	Postage ...	100	0	10	0
Balance of deposit account on December 31, 1895 ...	3,367	50 ²	—	—	Improvement of Slave Island esplanade ...	75	0	17	44
Balance on trunk road account on December 31, 1895 ...	281	56 ²	—	—	Gratuity to Inspector ...	1,870	0	1,870	0
Do. do. 1894 ...	81	71 ²	—	—	Miscellaneous ...	900	0	574	7
Lease of land, Layard's Broadway ...	100	0 ¹	100	0	Cost in land acquisition case No. 2,111, D. C., Colombo ...	1,129	63 ²	1,129	63
Rent of Superintendent's quarters, bridge-of-boats ...	192	50 ¹	192	50	Uniform for fire engine keepers and assistants ...	120	0 ²	120	0
Rent of dynamite magazine ...	50	0 ¹	50	0	Fish benches for markets ...	100	0 ²	11	90
Refund by house owners of cost of Doulton pipes ...	26	60 ¹	26	60	Refund of security and other deposits, 1892 ...	205	64 ²	—	—
Fees for testing, &c., petroleum ...	2,991	50 ¹	2,991	50	Do. 1893 ...	375	9 ²	—	—
Proceeds sale of materials of Kollupitiya and Dean's road latrines ...	319	21 ¹	319	21	Do. 1894 ...	89	67 ²	20	0
					Do. 1895 ...	3,367	50 ²	960	0
					Address to His Excellency Sir J. West Ridgeway ...	100	0 ²	100	0
					<i>Conservancy of General Cemeteries.</i>				
					General Cemetery, Kanatta, salary of keeper ...	1,000	0	853	30
					Do. salary of sexton ...	450	0	384	0
					Do. wages of six coolies at Rs. 11-25 each ...	810	0	638	51
					Improvement of general cemetery, Kanatta ...	10,000	0	—	—
					General cemetery, Madampitiya, salary of sexton ...	625	0	533	30
					Do. wages of two coolies at Rs. 11-25 each ...	270	0	225	0
Carried forward ...	391,925	1	373,149	21					

¹ Not in Budget.² See Supplemental Budget No 1.

REVENUE.	Estimated Receipts, Revenue to Oct. 31, for 1896.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Expenditure for 1896.		Disbursements to Oct. 31, 1896.	
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.		
Brought forward...	391,925	1 373,149 21	Contingencies ...	760	0	87	99
			Repair of boundary wall, Kanatta cemetery ...	50	0	49	93
			<i>Victoria Bridge.</i>				
			Reserved for contribution payable to Government on account of Victoria bridge ...	8,000	0	8,000	0
			Contribution payable to Govern- ment on account of Victoria bridge for 1895 from May 24 to December 31 ...	4,865	75	4,865	75
			PUBLIC WORKS.				
			<i>Estimates.</i>				
			General upkeep of roads ...	6,000	0	6,479	54
			Lighting metal and gravel heaps at night ...	1,000	0	1,475	11
			Amount reserved for road repairs upon sub-estimates ...	49,640	0	34,827	58
			Trunk roads (cross entry) ...	27,500	0	24,600	4
			Salaries of overseers ...	3,160	0	3,619	62
			Upkeep of Victoria park ...	5,000	0	3,663	80
			Upkeep of Racquet court and Jubilee fountain ...	1,200	0	560	7
			Upkeep of Gordon Gardens ...	900	0	554	94
			Do. Galle Face esplanade...	295	0	156	49
			Do. Campbell's park ...	1,300	0	1,006	82
			Do. carriage stands ...	175	0	30	71
			Do. filter beds, Dean's road ...	60	0	15	2
			Reserved for conservancy of lake ...	3,800	0	1,269	61
			Do. dredging lake ...	6,500	0	5,284	27
			Do. dredging St. Sebas- tian canal ...	4,500	0	2,550	41
			Conservancy of sewers and drains ...	2,500	0	1,904	1
			Reserved for watering streets ...	5,000	0	3,858	14
			Urgent repairs ...	2,500	0	1,258	7
			Purchase of tools ...	500	0	814	42
			Repair of tools ...	500	0	952	61
			Pay of watcher and coolies ...	497	0	386	0
			Salaries of head overseers ...	2,709	75	2,258	9
			<i>Upkeep of Public Buildings.</i>				
			Conservancy of Town Hall ...	250	0	155	45
			<i>Markets.</i>				
			Repair of Dean's road market ...	390	0	106	50
			Do. Slave Island market ...	270	0	28	73
			Do. Grandpass market ...	80	0	—	—
			Do. Kollupitiya market ...	130	0	13	78
			Do. Gintupitiya street mar- ket ...	300	0	28	64
			Do. Cramer's lane market ...	220	0	—	—
			<i>Public Latrines.</i>				
			Repair of Gasworks street latrine ...	23	0	—	—
			Do. St. John's latrine ...	20	0	1	47
			Do. St. Thomas's latrine ...	52	0	51	47
			Do. Cramer's lane latrine ...	20	0	2	32
			Do. St. Sebastian latrine ...	50	0	3	20
			Do. Hulftsdorp street la- trine ...	57	0	56	59
			Do. Kew latrine ...	30	0	2	69
			Do. Glenie street latrine ...	130	0	121	12
			Do. Kollupitiya latrine ...	30	0	26	52
			Do. Fort latrine ...	15	0	4	22
			Do. Dean's passage latrine ...	10	0	0	28
			Do. Dean's road market la- trine ...	17	0	0	28
			Do. Grandpass latrine ...	35	0	5	24
			Do. Lock-gate latrine ...	12	0	—	—
			Do. Kochchikade latrine ...	30	0	—	—
			Do. Modara latrine ...	62	0	—	—
			Do. urinal, landing jetty ...	20	0	4	75
			Quarterly whitewashing, &c., latrines (tender) ...	640	0	320	0
Carried forward ...	391,925	1 373,149 21					

REVENUE.	Estimated Revenue for 1896. Rs. c.	Receipts to Oct. 31, for 1896. Rs. c.	EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Expenditure for 1896. Rs. c.	Disbursements to Oct. 31, 1896. Rs. c.
Brought forward ...	391,925	1 373,149 21			
			<i>Slaughter Houses, &c.</i>		
			(By tender.)		
			Repair of Dematagoda slaughter-house ...	210 0	105 0
			Quarterly whitewashing do. ...	355 0	177 50
			Repair of Madampitiya do. ...	84 0	42 0
			Quarterly whitewashing do. ...	38 0	19 0
			Repair of ambulance cooly lines ...	22 0	—
			Do. cart shed ...	16 0	—
			Do. Municipal stables ...	25 0	—
			Do. dog pound ...		
			<i>Toll Houses, &c.</i>		
			Repair of bridge-of-boats toll-house	35 0	—
			Do. Wellawatta do. ...	30 0	—
			Do. Naranpitiya do. ...	20 0	—
			Do. Bambalapitiya do. ...	68 0	1 0
			Do. Lock-gate do. ...	10 0	4 36
			Do. Drawbridge do. ...	25 0	—
			Do. Urugodawatta do. ...	25 0	—
			Do. Dematagoda do. ...	50 0	—
			Do. Welikada do. ...	47 0	—
			Do. St. John's road boutiques	25 0	22 89
			Do. guides' shelter ...	35 0	—
			Do. gas testing room ...	85 0	—
			Do. printing office ...	45 0	—
			Do. Municipal store ...	50 0	3 36
			Do. workshop ...	128 0	23 29
			Do. old workshop ...	160 0	2 50
			Do. fire engine stations and cooly lines ...	335 0	43 50
			Do. of flushing tank ...	27 0	—
			Pay of firemen and fire engine coolies ...	2,113 0	1,766 70
			Scavenging and conservancy of latrines ...	41,900 0	32,293 24
			Rent of night soil dépôt ...	360 0	270 0
			Salary of overseer at night soil dépôt ...	360 0	300 0
			Repair of tools, &c., scavenging ...	1,000 0	892 31
			<i>Drains.</i>		
			Kachcheri gardens drainage, Sea-beach road to Main street ...	10,250 0	6,861 41
			Do. Main street to 5th Cross street ...	5,080 0	—
			Do. 5th Cross street to Kachcheri gardens	4,600 0	—
			Reserved for improvement of Polwatta ditch ...	12,000 0	—
			Reserved for drainage of Campbell's park ...	3,000 0	—
			<i>Buildings.</i>		
			New latrine, Dean's road market...	5,750 0	—
			<i>New Roads and Bridges.</i>		
			Retaining wall at Maradana junction ...	4,000 0	68 35
			Two bridges, new road, Maradana to North and South base line road	6,000 0	4,428 25
			Gravelling new road, Maradana ...	2,000 0	—
			Reserved for wall of workshop yard, Gasworks street ...	2,004 0	948 0
			Repair of workshop roof ...	270 0	234 96
			Reserved for enclosures ...	6,550 0	—
			Surveys and tracings ...	1,000 0	684 65
			Widening Cramer's lane ...	1,000 0	—
			Reserved for side drains to serve existing barrel drains in Mutwal	2,500 0	—
			Bandstand, Victoria park ...	1,000 0	—
Carried forward ...	391,925	1 373,149 21			

REVENUE.	Estimated Receipts		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Disbursements	
	Revenue for 1896.	to Oct. 31, 1896.		Expenditure for 1896.	to Oct. 31, 1896.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs. c.
Brought forward ...	391,925	1 373,149 21			
			Metalling Old Moor street ...	4,593 0 ¹	804 32
			Reserved for new road, Maradana junction to Base line road ... 1,348 0	6,859 0 ¹	—
			Reserved for cooly lines on new road, Maradana junction to Base line road ... 5,511 0		
			Repair of Totawatta bridge ...	163 0 ¹	147 46
			Wekanda road ...	5,000 0 ¹	—
			Balance on trunk road account for 1894-95 ...	363 27 ¹	351 7
			<i>Drains.</i>		
			Drain and ventilator, Dam street	60 0 ¹	12 42
			Gratings for catchpits, Chekku street ...	30 0 ¹	—
			Reserved for drain, Prince street ...	7,670 0 ¹	—
			Sewer, Dam street ...	4,200 0 ¹	1,900 51
			Reserved for drain, Malay street ...	5,650 0 ¹	—
			<i>Buildings.</i>		
			New latrine, St. John's road ...	5,031 50 ¹	5,031 50
			<i>Miscellaneous.</i>		
			Merryweather's hose for watering streets ...	200 0 ¹	226 94
			Four carts for deposit of rubbish by householders ...	150 0 ¹	—
			Two bathing ghauts (Galle Face and opposite Public Hall) ...	4,000 0 ¹	3,899 56
			Wooden palings, Church street, Fort ...	1,110 0 ¹	440 20
			Silchar cinerator ...	1,200 0 ¹	368 19
			Drawing materials ...	400 0 ¹	377 50
			<i>Est. Re-votes.</i>		
			of 1895.		
			163 Drain, Elie House road ...	17 89 ¹	3 89
			164 Reserved for drain, Ferry street to Prince's gate ...	407 59 ¹	405 28
			165 Mutwal drainage ...	2,463 3 ¹	2,449 20
			172 Reserved for new road through Silversmithstreet quarry ...	361 81 ¹	27 68
			176 York street improvement	187 20 ¹	184 64
			187 Model cart for private night soil service ...	23 91 ¹	23 55
			190 Madampitiya bridge ...	1,719 93 ¹	1,552 67
			191 New latrine at Beira ...	1,444 0 ¹	1,130 0
			254 Latrine for Mutwal fishers ...	500 0 ¹	500 0
			255 Widening Cramer's lane ...	9,500 0 ¹	—
			258 New road, Maradana junction to Base line road ...	11,076 64 ¹	4,751 4
			259 Raising a section of Blo-mendahl street ...	2,000 0 ¹	1,400 0
			262 Railings in front of Town Hall ...	32 96 ¹	—
			267 Boundary wall, Gordon Gardens ...	818 0 ¹	428 0
			268 Repair of wall and fence, Madampitiya cemetery ...	340 0 ¹	—
			271 Reserved for drain, 2nd Division, Maradana ...	249 60 ¹	248 90
			272 Footpath from Colombo abutment of Victoria bridge to Ferguson's road ...	280 74 ¹	268 70
			273 Repair of Madampitiya slaughter-house ...	80 97 ¹	38 4
			280 Cutting drain and setting back fence at Skinner's road ...	156 77 ¹	84 20
			281 Gully opposite No. 65, Dam street ...	40 75 ¹	11 40
			282 Repairs to St. Joseph's lane ...	199 52 ¹	185 6
Carried forward ...	391,925	1 373,149 21			

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REVENUE.	Estimated Revenue for 1896.		Receipts to Oct. 31, 1896.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Expenditure for 1896.		Disbursements to Oct. 31, 1896.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
Brought forward	...	391,925 1	373,149 21						
					Est. of 1895.				
					283 Laying planks for wheel tracks, Fort fire station	51 69 ¹		5 0	
					285 Water service, Madampitiya slaughter-house	343 0 ¹		250 0	
					287 Fence, night soil depôt	86 91 ¹		54 37	
					288 Making five hydrant keys	7 4 ¹		7 0	
					290 Drain, Dean's road	720 0 ¹		—	
					297 Gravelling Madampitiya cemetery road	643 12 ¹		570 79	
					299 Gravelling New Hospital road	38 6 ¹		37 78	
					300 Quarters for slaughter-house keeper, Madampitiya	750 0 ¹		630 0	
					302 Cesspit and pump, Fishers' Hill latrine	164 0 ¹		160 30	
					303 Jetty, Hendala ferry	1,500 0 ¹		—	
					304 Widening Wall's lane	2,100 0 ¹		—	
					Est. of 1894.				
					281 Sewer near police headquarters	237 36 ¹		236 96	
					285 Paving hackery stand	420 34 ¹		404 33	
					Estimate A.—Recreation ground, Kachcheri grass garden	95 56 ¹		73 1	
					Estimate B.—Recreation ground, Kachcheri grass garden, building invert, St. John's main drain	4,500 0 ¹		1,081 59	
					Estimate C.—Recreation ground, Kachcheri grass garden	1,260 69 ¹		1,048 10	
					Est. of 1895				
					189 Reserved for Slave Island market	16,000 0 ¹		275 80	
						479,035 24		270,967 10	
					Balance	—		102,182 11	
						479,035 24		373,149 21	

¹ See Supplemental Budget No 1.

ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

REVENUE.	Receipts to Oct. 31, 1896.	EXPENDITURE.	Disbursements to Oct. 31, 1896.
	Rs. c.		Rs. c.
Advance account
Balance
	74,155 72		79,682 32
	5,526 60		79,682 32
	79,682 32		79,682 32

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.

	Receipts to October 31, 1896.
	Rs. c.
Deposit account	...
Security deposits	...
Security by overseers of quarries	...
Deposit account, unpaid wages	...
Do. grazing tickets	...
Do. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	...
Do. Police Reward Fund	...
	231 24
	2,378 0
	240 0
	8 61
	50 50
	85 0
	57 50
	3,050 85

ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT, ADVANCE ACCOUNT.

	Disbursements to Oct. 31, 1896.
	Rs. c.
Advance account	...
	398 33

EXPENDITURE on Estimate of Rs. 49,640, amount reserved for Road Repairs upon Sub-Estimates.

EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Expenditure for 1896.		Disbursements to Oct. 31, 1896.		EXPENDITURE.	Estimated Expenditure for 1896.		Disbursements to Oct. 31, 1896.	
	Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.		Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
<i>Metal Roads.</i>					<i>Gravel Roads.</i>				
Fourth Cross street, from Main street to Norris road	619	70	543	7	Molawatta road ...	170	0	120	11
Bankshall street, from St. John's road to Main street ...	883	41	786	91	Flagstaff street, from Prince street to Queen street ...	326	64	323	81
Fifth Cross street, from Main street to Norris road ...	339	55	322	48	Queen street side roads ...	98	8	93	51
Front street, from Main street to Bankshall street ...	280	2	205	62	Hospital street, York street to Chatham street ...	174	79	173	43
Prince street, from 4th Cross street to Front street ...	480	82	—	—	Hospital lane, Queen street to Hospital street ...	42	56	40	88
Dam street, from New Moor street to St. Sebastian street ...	346	10	345	93	Canal row, York street to Hospital street ...	95	76	94	43
Saunders' place, from Dam street to St. Sebastian hill ...	518	23	450	21	York street, Prince street to the Jetty ...	891	20	—	—
St. Sebastian street, from Dam street to St. Sebastian hill ...	400	75	399	40	Norris canal road, Regent street to Dean's road ...	239	76	229	68
Beach road, from Sea street to Seabeach road ...	69	58	—	—	Temple road, Maradana to Dematagoda road ...	743	40	16	28
Green street, from Jampettah street to Barber street ...	595	85	573	67	North and South Base line road, Jail road to railway crossing ...	953	85	363	31
Seabeach road, from St. John's road to Kochchikade street ...	1,207	25	1,042	14	School lane, from Dematagoda road to railway line ...	108	56	—	—
Blomendahl street, from Berawamulla to Skinner's road North	1,984	75	1,896	13	Turret road, Green path to Baptist Chapel ...	1,093	18	129	18
Ferguson's road, from Nagalagam street to Church road ...	1,307	45	1,268	70	Cambridge place, Flower road to Albert crescent ...	262	30	260	55
Kelani-ganga Mill road, from Church road to the end ...	236	64	220	74	Maitland crescent, Torrington place to Horton place ...	276	48	274	94
Madampitiya road, from Bridge to Nagalagam street ...	1,154	60	1,153	73	Buller's road, from Cemetery road to Canal road ...	674	98	—	—
Mattacooly Church road, from Ferguson's road to Kelani-ganga Mill road ...	403	96	401	41	Lake road, Union place to Park street ...	552	56	—	—
St. James' street, from Mutwal road to Blomendahl street ...	508	38	—	—	Bridge street, Malay street to railway crossing ...	140	36	139	2
Layard's Broadway, from Barber street to St. Joseph street ...	2,878	65	2,717	3	Staples' street, Union place to Braybrooke street ...	134	6	129	62
Armour street, from Barber street to Silversmith street ...	823	98	657	39	Braybrooke street, Park street to Staples' street ...	85	92	—	—
Silversmith lane (portion) ...	66	71	—	—	Saunders' court, Rifle street to Church street ...	123	88	123	93
Panchikawatta road, from Maradana to Skinner's road South ...	1,745	50	1,624	1	Kew lane, Kew road to Akbar's gate ...	50	54	7	65
Baillie street, from York street to Queen's street ...	236	5	207	62	Churchyard lane, Rifle street to The Mews ...	92	56	14	38
Parson's road, from Kew road to Norris road ...	1,840	65	1,693	16	Ditch lane, Churchyard lane to Malay street ...	23	14	—	—
Union place, from Rifle street to Darley road	3,117	45	2,980	57	Java lane, Ingham street to Malay street ...	38	83	—	—
Union place, from Darley road to Regent street	3,117	45	2,980	57	Ferry lane, Malay street to Java lane ...	15	96	2	44
Vauxhall street, from Dawson's road to Kew road ...	589	55	589	32	Wekanda lane, Church street to railway line ...	26	60	—	—
Serpentine road, from Laurie's road to Alexandra place ...	3,104	85	2,621	29	Java lane, Malay street to Churchyard lane ...	27	13	3	6
Laurie's road, from Kollupitiya road to Serpentine road ...	634	73	631	2	Chapel lane, from Church street to railway station ...	41	96	—	—
Torrington place (portion) ...	228	77	—	—	Leechman's lane, Glenie street to Java lane ...	22	94	—	—
Sutherland road, from 2nd Division, Maradana, to Darley road	609	21	572	45	Cafferman's lane, from 1st Fishers' lane to Norris road ...	69	6	55	18
Symonds' road, from 2nd Division, Maradana, to Dean's road ...	305	6	268	97	Cross road from China street to Butcher's street ...	38	99	38	62
Vuystwyk road, from St. Mary's road to Totawatta road ...	353	36	345	2	Fishers' lane, 1st Front street to Cafferman's lane ...	33	42	30	10
Skinner's road South, from Armour street to Maradana road ...	1,641	30	1,572	78	Fishers' lane, 2nd Front street to Cafferman's lane ...	33	42	32	84
Barber street, from Green street to Layard's Broadway (portion)	709	7	520	62	Maliban street, from 4th Cross street to Second Cross street ...	71	28	—	—
Keyzer street, from Fourth Cross street to Front street ...	1,058	23	986	47	Maliban street, from Second Cross street to Front street ...	363	9	—	—
Wolfendahl street, from Cheku street to Main street ...	234	60	234	37	Market street, Bankshall street to Reclamation Road ...	44	68	19	16
Kew road, from Mosque to Parson's road ...	1,012	95	1,009	79	Mitcho's lane, Front street to Cafferman's lane ...	53	47	52	19
Alutmawata road (portion) ...	124	50	—	—	St. John's road footways ...	25	6	—	—
					Kayman's gate footways ...	26	78	25	83

EXPENDITURE.	Estimated	Disbursements	EXPENDITURE.	Estimated	Disbursements
	Expenditure	to Oct. 31,		Expenditure	to Oct. 31,
	for 1896.	1896.		for 1896.	1896.
	Rs. c.	Rs. c.		Rs. c.	Rs.
St. John's footways, under verandah	44 56	43 64	Ferguson's road, Church road to Vuystwyk road	293 21	—
Bonjean's road, from Skinner's road North to St. Lucia's Church	159 74	—	Madampitiya road, Daniel's road to river	693 31	679 26
Gintupitiya street, Cheku street to Hill street	325 12	—	Marshall street, Alutmawata road to Cross drain near sea	303 26	—
Hill street, Wolfendahl street to Jampettah street	552 96	—	Mattacooly Church road, Kelaniganga Mill to Farm road	79 48	—
Mosque lane, Old Moor street to Wolfendahl street	100 14	—	Mattacooly centre road, Ferguson's road to Farm road	374 97	—
New Chetty street, Barber street to Jampettah street	460 80	55 92	Totawatta road, Farm road to river	401 13	—
Serepina lane, Kuruwe street to Mosque lane	84 48	—	Silversmith lane, Hulftsdorp street to Vincent street	92 16	—
Wolfendahl street, Wolfendahl lane to Barber street	154 11	—	Old Urugodawatta road, St. Joseph's street to new Urugodawatta road	296 96	—
Pickering's road, Korteboam street to Kotahena street	508 16	202 21	Lock-gate lane, Cross drain to Skinner's road South	161 79	—
Road round Grandpass market	87 55	86 27	Piachaud's lane, Maradana road to Skinner's road South	174 8	—
Santiago street, Pickering's road to College street	199 6	—	North and South Base line road, Urugodawatta road to Base line	514 4	501 30
Shoemakers' lane, Jampettah street to Galpotta street	229 63	—	Bridge street, Railway crossing to Galle Face	169 15	166 28
Bonjean's road footway	31 23	—	Jafferson street, Union place to Lake road	91 82	—
Do.	38 40	—	Hyde Park corner, Union place to Park street	271 32	266 34
Kochchikade street footway	49 76	—	Dawson street, Vauxhall street to Park street	219 9	208 38
Do.	49 76	—	Buller's road, Canal road to Banyan tree, Lunatic Asylum	411 75	408 93
Korteboam street footway	28 16	—	Arab lane, Maradana road to private garden	56 16	53 45
Do.	28 16	—	Roads round Town Hall	151 5	27 15
Cemetery road, College street to Wall street	183 24	—	Mosque lane, Kollupitiya road to Mosque	85 58	—
Alutmawata road, Cathedral Gate to Ferguson's road	591 74	—	Queen street, Church street to Prince street	409 39	396 15
Berawamulla road, Wall street to Blomendahl street	98 75	96 15			
College street, Alutmawata road to Cemetery road	226 80	—			
Kotahena street, College street to Skinner's road North	213 84	—			
Elie House road, Elie House to Fishers' Hill	215 78	—			

The Municipal Office,
Colombo, November 10, 1896.

F. H. PRICE,
Chairman, and Mayor of Colombo.

Progress Report of Works for the Month of October, 1896.

THE following is a general statement of work done under the various votes:—

No. of Estimate.	Service.	Commenced.	Completed.	Vote. Rs. c.	Probable Expenditure. Rs. c.
88	General upkeep of roads: patching roads, lopping branches, cutting sides and drains, clearing weeds, &c.	Jan. 1	—	{ 6,000 0 } { 3,000 0 }	7,376 87
89	Lighting metal and gravel heaps at night: keeping light on metal and gravel heaps at night and watching	do.	—	{ 1,000 0 } { 250 0 }	1,493 75
90	Amount reserved for road repairs upon sub-estimates	—	—	49,640 0	—
91	Trunk roads (cross entry) Rs. 27,500:—				
	Trunk road from Fort to Wellawatta toll	Jan. 2	—	7,542 0	7,486 2
	Trunk road from Fort to Grandpass	do.	—	6,420 0	5,995 18
	Trunk road from Town Hall to Mattakkuliya	Jan. 18	—	4,920 0	4,910 6
	Trunk road from Customs Wharf to Kotte toll	Jan. 9	—	8,618 0	8,465 3
92	Salaries of overseers	Jan. 1	—	{ 3,160 0 } { 2,000 0 }	4,068 32
93	Upkeep of Victoria park	do.	—	5,000 0	3,897 16
94	Upkeep of Racquet Court and Jubilee fountain: sweeping, weeding, &c.	do.	—	1,200 0	681 3
95	Upkeep of Gordon Gardens: sweeping, weeding, cutting grass, &c.	do.	—	900 0	688 63
96	Upkeep of Galle Face esplanade: sweeping, weeding, destroying ant hills, repairing and painting benches	do.	—	295 0	214 87
97	Upkeep of Campbell's park: sweeping, weeding, pruning, repairing roads and enclosures, &c.	do.	—	1,300 0	1,109 78
98	Upkeep of carriage stands	Jan. 25	—	175 0	135 82
99	Upkeep of filter beds, Dean's road	do.	—	60 0	15 2
100	Reserved for conservancy of lake: repairing and oiling sluices	Jan. 1	—	3,800 0	1,017 6

No. of Estimate.	Service.	Commenced.	Completed.	Vote.		Probable
				Rs.	c.	Expenditure.
						Rs. c.
101	Reserved for dredging lake : dredging and removing mud, &c. ...	Feb. 3	—	7,300	0	6,112 65
102	Reserved for dredging St. Sebastian canal ...	Jan. 1	—	3,700	0	3,343 19
103	Conservancy of sewers and drains : clearing and deepening sewers and drains ...	do.	—	2,500	0	2,105 57
104	Reserved for watering streets : watering streets and repairing carts ...	do.	—	5,000	0	4,201 20
105	Urgent repairs : repairing bridges, culverts, drains, &c. ...	Jan. 2	—	2,500	0	1,693 87
106	Purchase of tools ...	Jan. 21	—	500	0	1,226 60
107	Repairs of tools : repairing pickaxes, jumpers, carts, &c. ...	Jan. 1	—	500	0	
108	Pay of watcher and coolies ...	do.	—	500	0	
109	Salaries of head overseers ...	do.	—	500	0	
110	Conservancy of Town Hall : generally kept clean	Jan. 2	—	2,709	0	2,258 9
111	Repair of Dean's road market ...	Jan. 3	—	250	0	169 38
112	Repair of Slave Island market ...	March	—	390	0	336 90
113	Repair of Grandpass market ...	—	—	270	0	216 53
114	Repair of Kollupitiya market ...	April 27	—	80	0	—
115	Repair of Gintupitiya street market ...	Feb. 3	—	130	0	64 70
116	Repair of Cramer's lane market ...	Oct. 14	—	300	0	50 88
117	Repair of Gasworks street latrine ...	Oct. 21	—	220	0	118 45
118	Repair of St. John's latrine ...	June	—	23	0	10 0
119	Repair of St. Thomas's latrine ...	Feb. 21	—	20	0	1 47
120	Repair of Cramer's lane latrine ...	June	—	52	0	51 47
121	Repair of St. Sebastian latrine ...	March	—	20	0	2 32
122	Repair of Hulftsdorp street latrine ...	Feb. 9	—	50	0	3 20
123	Repair of Kew latrine ...	July	—	57	0	56 59
124	Repair of Glenie street latrine ...	Jan. 30	—	30	0	2 69
125	Repair of Kollupitiya latrine ...	April 13	—	130	0	121 12
126	Repair of Fort latrine ...	February	—	30	0	26 85
127	Repair of Dean's passage latrine... ..	Sept. 21	—	15	0	5 24
128	Repair of Dean's road market latrine ...	do.	—	10	0	1 20
129	Repair of Grandpass latrine ...	March	—	17	0	1 28
130	Repair of Lock-gate latrine ...	—	—	35	0	5 24
131	Repair of Kochikade latrine ...	—	—	12	0	—
132	Repair of Modara latrine ...	Oct. 17	—	30	0	—
133	Repair of urinal, landing jetty ...	July 15	—	62	0	9 63
134	Quarterly whitewashing, &c., latrines (tender) (on contract) ...	—	—	20	0	4 75
135	Repair of Dematagoda slaughter-house (on contract)	—	—	640	0	480 0
136	Quarterly whitewashing do. (do.)	—	—	210	0	515 25
137	Repair of Madampitiya do. (do.)	—	—	355	0	
138	Quarterly whitewashing do. (do.)	—	—	84	0	
139	Repair of ambulance cooly lines (do.)	—	—	38	0	
140	Repair of ambulance cart shed (do.)	—	—	22	0	
141	Repair of Municipal stables (do.)	—	—	16	0	
142	Repair of dog pound (do.)	—	—	25	0	
143	Repair of bridge-of-boats toll-house ...	Sept. 21	—	35	0	21 86
144	Repair of Wellawatta toll-house... ..	do.	—	30	0	3 28
145	Repair of Narampitiya toll-house ...	—	—	20	0	—
146	Repair of Bambalapitiya toll-house ...	Sept. 21	—	68	0	27 7
147	Repair of Lock-gate toll-house ...	June	—	10	0	4 36
148	Repair of drawbridge toll-house ...	—	—	25	0	—
149	Repair of Urugodawatta toll-house ...	Oct. 2	—	25	0	22 78
150	Repair of Dematagoda toll-house ...	Sept. 21	—	50	0	39 15
151	Repair of Welikada toll-house ...	do.	—	47	0	13 8
152	Repair of St. John's road boutiques ...	Feb. 2	—	25	0	24 9
153	Repair of guides' shelter ...	—	—	35	0	—
154	Repair of gas testing room ...	—	—	85	0	—
155	Repair of Printing office ...	—	—	45	0	—
156	Repair of Municipal store ...	Jan. 16	—	50	0	3 36
157	Repair of workshop ...	Jan. 6	—	128	0	25 16
158	Repair of old workshop ...	—	—	160	0	—
159	Repair of fire engine stations and cooly lines...	January	—	335	0	265 56
160	Repair of flushing tank ...	Oct. 15	—	27	0	10 25
161	Pay of firemen and fire engine coolies ...	Jan. 1	—	2,113	0	1,689 93
165	Repair of tools, &c., scavenging : repairing latrine buckets, &c. ...	Jan. 16	—	1,000	0	983 53
166	Kachcheri gardens drainage, Seabeach road to Main street : cutting and laying foundation of the drain, &c. ...	March	—	10,250	0	9,365 8
167	Kachcheri gardens drainage : Main street to Fifth Cross street ...	—	—	5,080	0	—
168	Kachcheri gardens drainage : Fifth Cross street to Kacheheri gardens ...	—	—	4,600	0	—
169	Reserved for improvement of Polwatta ditch ...	—	—	12,000	0	—
170	Reserved for drainage of Campbell's park ...	—	—	3,000	0	—
171	New latrine, Dean's road market (cancelled) ...	—	—	5,700	0	—

No. of Estimate.	Service.	Commenced.	Completed.	Vote.		Probable Expenditure.	
				Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
172	Retaining wall at Maradana junction	May 19	—	4,000	0	591	60
173	Two bridges, new road, Maradana to North and South Base line road	March 7	—	6,000	0	4,358	25
174	Gravelling new road, Maradana	—	—	2,000	0	—	—
175	Reserved for wall of workshop yard, Gasworks street (on contract)	—	—	2,004	0	948	0
176	Repair of workshop roof	May 13	—	270	0	234	96
177	Reserved for enclosures	—	—	6,550	0	—	—
178	Surveys and tracings: pay of coolies engaged with the surveyor, &c.	Jan. 7	—	1,000	0	988	75
179	Widening Cramer's lane	—	—	1,000	0	—	—
180	Reserved for side drains to serve existing barrel drains in Mutwal	Sept. 16	—	2,500	0	500	0
181	Bandstand, Victoria park	—	—	1,000	0	—	—
182	Metalling Fourth Cross street	Sept. 7	—	608	15	544	58
183	Metalling Bankshall street	Jan. 20	—	883	41	865	17
184	Metalling Fifth Cross street	Feb. 24	April 28	339	55	320	86
185	Metalling Front street	July 30	—	306	15	231	49
186	Metalling Prince street	June 8	—	470	6	392	87
187	Metalling Dam street	March	July 7	346	10	345	93
188	Metalling Saunders' place	May 30	June 8	518	23	483	86
189	Metalling St. Sebastian street	Jan. 25	Feb. 13	400	75	399	39
190	Metalling Beach road	Sept. 14	—	69	58	66	40
191	Metalling Green street	Sept. 4	—	563	0	560	13
192	Metalling Seabeach road	June 23	Aug. 22	1,244	12	1,042	14
193	Metalling Blomendahl street	July	Aug. 16	1,984	75	1,896	13
194	Metalling Ferguson's road	Feb. 10	March 31	1,307	45	1,268	70
195	Metalling Kelani-ganga Mill road	Feb. 24	April 15	236	64	220	74
196	Metalling Madampitiya road	March 13	—	1,154	60	1,153	73
197	Metalling Mattakkuliya Church road	March 4	April 30	403	96	401	41
198	Metalling St. James's street	March 2	—	508	38	408	10
199	Metalling Layard's Broadway	Jan. 20	March 18	2,878	65	2,717	3
200	Metalling Armour street	April 21	July 15	823	98	657	39
201	Metalling Silversmith lane	—	—	66	31	—	—
202	Metalling Panchikawatta road	Jan. 21	May 16	1,745	50	1,624	1
203	Metalling Baillie street	April 15	April 20	236	5	207	63
204	Metalling Parson's road	Jan. 17	April 11	1,840	65	1,693	16
205	Metalling Union place, from Rifle street to Darley road	do.	March 28	3,117	45	2,980	57
205	Metalling Union place, from Darley road to Regent street	do.	March 28	3,117	45	2,980	57
206	Metalling Vauxhall street	March 31	—	589	55	493	69
207	Metalling Serpentine street	March 5	July 21	3,104	85	2,625	4
208	Metalling Laurie's road	March 6	—	634	73	631	6
209	Metalling Torrington place	—	—	226	30	—	—
210	Metalling Alexandra place	—	—	1,340	25	—	—
211	Gravelling Molawatta road	March 16	—	170	0	120	11
	Repair of Kanatta cemetery wall	Feb. 20	February	50	0	49	93
	Opening new road to Upland latrine	March 24	—	212	0	206	47
	Removing outerverandah of a house for widening Hulftsdorp street	do.	—	113	0	112	1
	Making a new dog cart for the seizer of dogs	May 15	—	140	50	128	84
	Repair of Gasworks street latrine	April 15	—	100	0	72	26
217	Making fish benches	July 30	—	100	0	96	20
225	Metalling Old Moor street	July 23	—	4,593	0	987	29
226	Reserved for new road, Maradana Junction to Base line road	Rs. 1,348	—	—	—	—	—
	Reserved for cooly lines on new road, Maradana Junction to Base line road	Rs. 5,511	—	—	—	—	—
227	Drain and ventilator, Dam street	February	—	6,859	0	—	—
228	Gratings for catchpits, Cheku street	—	—	60	0	12	42
229	Reserved for drain, Prince street	—	—	30	0	—	—
230	Sewer, Dam street: cutting and laying foundation of the sewer	Oct. 12	—	7,670	0	250	67
231	Reserved for drain, Malay street	June	—	4,200	0	4,198	51
232	New latrine, St. John's road (on contract)	—	—	5,650	0	—	—
233	Repair of Tottewatta bridge	Jan. 10	March 9	5,031	50	5,031	50
234	Merryweather's hose for watering streets	—	—	163	0	147	46
235	Four carts for deposit of rubbish by householders	—	—	200	0	—	—
236	Two bathing ghauts (Galle Face and opposite Public Hall)	April 15	—	150	0	—	—
237	Wooden paling, Church street, Fort	March 10	—	4,000	0	3,958	77
238	Silchar cinerator	—	—	1,110	0	1,110	0
239	Drawing materials	—	—	1,200	0	385	19
242	Gravelling Flagstaff street	March 25	May 30	400	0	377	50
243	Gravelling Queen street	March 24	May 12	326	64	323	81
244	Gravelling Hospital street	March 25	June 26	98	8	93	51
245	Gravelling Hospital lane	do.	April 28	174	79	173	43
246	Gravelling Canal row	do.	May 6	42	56	40	88
247	Gravelling York street	—	—	95	76	94	43
248	Gravelling Norris Canal road	March 24	June 27	851	20	—	—
				239	76	229	68

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				Rs.	c.	Rs.	c.
249	Gravelling Temple road	March 25	—	743	40	583	29
250	Gravelling North and South Base line road	July	—	953	85	785	11
251	Gravelling School lane	—	—	99	36	—	—
252	Gravelling Bambalapitiya road	—	—	1,007	42	—	—
253	Gravelling Cambridge place	March 25	June 10	262	30	260	55
254	Gravelling Maitland crescent	March 24	May 29	276	48	274	94
255	Gravelling Buller's road	—	—	588	75	—	—
256	Gravelling Lake road	—	—	547	22	—	—
257	Gravelling Bridge street	June	Aug. 4	140	36	139	2
258	Gravelling Staple's street	March 24	April 21	134	6	129	62
259	Gravelling Braybrooke street	—	—	85	12	—	—
260	Gravelling Saunders' court	March 24	June 26	127	68	123	93
261	Gravelling Kew lane	Aug. 20	—	50	54	47	55
262	Gravelling Churchyard lane	do.	—	92	56	87	46
363	Gravelling Ditch lane	do.	—	23	14	21	7
264	Gravelling Java lane, Ingham street to Malay street	Aug. 20	—	38	83	37	43
265	Gravelling Ferry lane	do.	—	15	96	15	4
266	Gravelling Wekande lane	—	—	26	60	—	—
267	Gravelling Java lane, Malay street to Churchyard lane	Aug. 20	—	27	13	24	49
268	Gravelling Chapel lane	—	—	41	96	—	—
269	Gravelling Leechman's lane	—	—	22	94	—	—
270	Gravelling Cafferman's lane	May 29	—	69	6	67	95
271	Gravelling Cross road, China street to Butcher street	May	July 30	38	99	38	62
272	Gravelling Fishers' lane, 1st	do.	Sept. 24	33	42	30	10
273	Gravelling Fishers' lane, 2nd	May 29	Aug. 4	33	42	32	84
274	Gravelling Maliban street, 4th Cross street to 5th Cross street	May 7	—	71	28	70	17
275	Gravelling Maliban street, 2nd Cross street to Front street	—	—	363	9	—	—
276	Gravelling Market street	June	—	44	68	19	16
277	Gravelling Mitcho's lane	June 23	Sept. 10	53	47	52	19
278	Gravelling St. John's road footway	—	—	22	94	—	—
279	Gravelling Kayman's gate footway	June	July 30	26	73	25	83
280	Gravelling St. John's footway	June 23	Aug. 20	44	56	43	64
—	Gravelling Brassfounder street	—	—	149	76	—	—
281	Gravelling Bonjean's road	—	—	159	74	—	—
282	Gravelling Gintupitiya street	—	—	325	12	—	—
283	Gravelling Hill street	—	—	552	96	—	—
284	Gravelling Mosque	—	—	100	14	—	—
285	Gravelling New Chetty street	May 6	—	460	80	415	92
286	Gravelling Siripana lane	—	—	84	48	—	—
287	Gravelling Wolfendahl lane	—	—	154	11	—	—
288	Gravelling Pickering's road	May 6	—	508	16	495	85
289	Gravelling road round Grandpass	May 29	Aug. 21	87	55	86	27
290	Gravelling Santiago street	—	—	199	6	—	—
291	Gravelling Shoemakers' lane	—	—	229	63	—	—
292	Gravelling Bonjean's street footway	—	—	31	23	—	—
293	Do. do. do.	—	—	38	40	—	—
294	Gravelling Kochchikade street footway	—	—	49	76	—	—
295	Do. do. do.	—	—	49	76	—	—
296	Gravelling Korteboam street footway	—	—	28	16	—	—
297	Do. do. do.	—	—	28	16	—	—
298	Gravelling Cemetery road	July 23	—	183	24	143	16
299	Gravelling Alutmawata road	June 4	—	591	74	471	68
300	Gravelling Berawamulla road	May 29	Sept. 16	98	75	96	15
301	Gravelling College street	—	—	226	80	—	—
302	Gravelling Kotahena street	—	—	213	84	—	—
303	Gravelling Elie House road	—	—	215	78	—	—
304	Gravelling Ferguson's road	July 4	—	293	21	285	77
305	Gravelling Madampitiya road	May 6	Oct. 5	693	31	679	26
306	Gravelling Marshall street	—	—	303	26	—	—
309	Gravelling Mattakkuliya Church road	—	—	79	48	—	—
308	Gravelling Mattakkuliya Centre road	—	—	374	97	—	—
307	Gravelling Tottewatta road	—	—	401	23	—	—
310	Gravelling Silversmith street lane	—	—	92	16	—	—
311	Gravelling Old Urugodawatta road	—	—	296	96	—	—
312	Gravelling Lock-gate lane	—	—	161	79	—	—
313	Gravelling Piachaud's lane	—	—	174	8	—	—
314	Gravelling North and South Base line road : Urugodawatta road to Base line	May 6	July 18	514	0	501	30
315	Gravelling Bridge street	June 2	Aug. 4	169	15	166	25
316	Gravelling Jafferson street	—	—	90	97	—	—
317	Gravelling Hyde park corner	June 15	July 26	271	32	266	34
318	Gravelling Dawson street	do.	Aug. 2	219	9	208	38
319	Gravelling Buller's road	do.	—	411	75	407	23
320	Gravelling Arab lane	June 15	July 13	56	16	53	45
321	Metalling Vuistwyk road	July 15	Aug. 3	353	36	345	2
322	Metalling Skinner's road South	July	Aug. 12	1,641	30	1,583	43

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323	Metalling Barber street	July 15	—	709 7	707 32
324	Metalling Keyzer street	July 14	Aug. 25	1,034 53	987 69
325	Metalling Wolfendahl street	July	July 3	234 60	234 37
—	Metalling Kew road	June 27	—	1,012 95	922 89
—	Gravelling Turret road	June 29	—	1,093 18	991 52
—	Gravelling Queen street	July 9	Sept. 28	409 39	396 15
—	Gravelling roads round Town Hall	Aug. 6	—	151 5	147 83
163 of 1895	—Drain, Elie House road	April	—	17 89	3 89
164 of 1895	—Reserved for drain, Ferry street to Prince's gate	Jan. 2	April 15	407 59	405 28
165 of 1895	—Mutwal drainage	do.	May 13	2,463 3	2,449 20
172 of 1895	—Reserved for new road through Silversmith street quarry	April 30	—	361 81	26 93
176 of 1895	—York street improvement	Jan. 2	May 11	187 20	184 64
187 of 1895	—Model cart for private night soil service	Jan. 2	April 30	23 91	23 55
190 of 1895	—Madampitiya road bridge	do.	April 18	1,719 93	1,552 69
191 of 1895	—New latrine at Beira (on contract)	—	—	1,444 0	1,130 0
254 of 1895	—Latrine for Mutwal fishers (on contract)	—	—	500 0	420 0
255 of 1895	—Widening Cramer's lane	—	—	9,500 0	—
258 of 1895	—New road Maradana junction to Base line road (on contract)	—	—	11,076 64	—
259 of 1895	—Raising a section of Blomendahl street (on contract)	—	—	2,000 0	1,400 0
262 of 1895	—Bailings in front of Town Hall	—	—	32 96	—
267 of 1895	—Boundary wall, Gordon Gardens (on contract)	—	—	818 0	428 0
268 of 1895	—Repair of wall and fence, Madampitiya Cemetery	—	—	340 0	—
271 of 1895	—Reserved for drain, 2nd Division, Maradana...	Jan. 2	Feb. 24	249 60	248 90
272 of 1895	—Footpath from Colombo abutment of Victoria bridge to Ferguson's road	do.	May 27	280 74	268 70
273 of 1895	—Repair of Madampitiya slaughter-house	do.	—	80 97	56 44
280 of 1895	—Cutting drain and setting back fence at Skinner's road	May	—	156 77	105 21
281 of 1895	—Gully opposite No. 65, Dam street	Jan. 2	—	40 75	11 40
282 of 1895	—Repairs to St. Joseph's lane	February	—	199 52	185 6
283 of 1895	—Laying plank for wheel tracks, Fort fire station	Jan. 2	—	51 69	5 0
285 of 1895	—Water service, Madampitiya slaughter-house (on contract)	—	—	343 0	250 0
287 of 1895	—Fence, night soil depôt	Jan. 2	May 9	86 91	54 37
288 of 1895	—Making five hydrant keys	do.	February	7 4	7 0
290 of 1895	—Drain, Dean's road	—	—	720 0	—
897 of 1895	—Gavelling Madampitiya Cemetery road	January	—	643 12	570 79
299 of 1895	—Gravelling New Hospital road	do.	Jan. 27	38 6	37 78
300 of 1895	—Quarters for slaughter-house keeper, Madampitiya (on contract)	—	—	750 0	630 0
302 of 1895	—Cesspit and pump, Fishers' Hill latrine	Feb. 17	—	164 0	160 30
303 of 1895	—Jetty, Hendala ferry	July 22	—	1,500 0	150 0
304 of 1895	—Widening Wall's lane	—	—	2,100 0	—
281 of 1894	—Sewer near Police Headquarters	Jan. 2	Feb. 29	237 36	236 96
285 of 1895	—Paving hackery stand	April 21	—	420 34	410 30
	A.—Recreation ground, Kachcheri grass garden	—	—	95 56	73 1
	B.—Recreation ground, Kachcheri grass garden, building invert, St. John's main drain (on contract)	—	—	4,500 0	1,081 59
	C.—Recreation ground, Kachcheri grass garden	Jan. 2	—	1,260 69	1,103 11
189 of 1885	—Reserved for Slave Island market	—	—	16,000 0	—
—	Wekande road	—	—	5,000 0	—
—	Balance on Trunk Road Account for 1894-95	March	—	363 27	351 7
				162,224 97	

Colombo, November 13, 1896.

F. J. PIGOTT,
Acting Superintendent of Works.

ROAD COMMITTEE NOTICES.

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 construction of the under-mentioned road, the Provincial Road Committee, acting under the provisions of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1874," will on December 12, 1896, at 1 o'clock P.M., at the Kachcheri, Badulla, proceed to assess the under-mentioned estates to make up the private contributions:—

PASSARA-NAMUNUKULA ROAD EXTENSION.			
Government moiety	... Rs.	24,182	
Private contribution	... Rs.	24,182	
Proprietors or Agents.	Estates.	Acreage.	
1st and 2nd section, 1 mile.			
The Namunukula Tea Com- pany (G. K. Deaker)	... Namunukula	... 234	
1st to 4th section, 2 miles.			
The Namunukula Tea Com- pany (G. K. Deaker)	... Kanaverelle	... 839	
R. P. Macfarlane	... East Gowarakele...	355	
The Namunukula Tea Com- pany (G. K. Deaker)	... Maussagolle	... 360	

And at the same time and place the Committee will take evidence, if necessary, receive and consider objections and suggestions if any, and adopt, alter, modify, or confirm the report furnished by the Committee acting for and in place of the Local Committee.

F. BOWES,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Badulla, November 21, 1896.

I HEREBY give notice, in terms of "The Branch Roads Ordinance, 1874," of my intention to hold a general meeting of the proprietors or resident managers of estates interested in the Rangalla-Nitre Cave road, within the districts of Rangalla, Nitre Cave, &c., for the purpose of electing a Local Committee to perform the duties imposed upon such committee by the said Ordinance. The meeting will be held at Leangapella at 2 P.M. on Tuesday, the 29th instant.

C. S. VAUGHAN,
for Chairman.

Provincial Road Committee's Office,
Kandy, December 5, 1896.

LOCAL BOARD NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given to persons residing within the limits of the Local Board of Puttalam that the Board, acting under the provisions of section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1887, has imposed an annual tax, payable in six days' labour, upon all persons residing within the limits of the Board who would have been liable, under the provisions of Ordinance No. 10 of 1861, to the performance of labour for the maintenance of

roads or other public means of communication by land or by water, if the Ordinance No. 7 of 1876 had not been passed.

Such labour may be commuted by money payment of Re. 1.50 on or before February 28, 1897.

Local Board Office, G. A. BAUMGARTNER,
Puttalam, December 5, 1896. Chairman.