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Controller, Ceylon, for the Fourteenth
Year of Restriction, April 1, 1946, to
March 31, 1947

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT OF THE TEA CONTROLLER, CEYLON,
FOR THE FOURTEENTH YEAR OF RESTRICTION,
APRIL 1, 1946, TO MARCH 31, 1947.

Introduction.—This report covers the fourth year of the extended period of Control under the Tea Control (Extension) Ordinance, No. 3 of 1943.

2. *Exportable Quota.*—The exportable quota was fixed at 314,485,015 lb. representing 125 per cent. of the Standard Quota of 251,588,012 lb. The previous year's quota was the same.

3. *Acreage Under Tea.*—At the end of the year the acreage registered and assessed under the Tea Control Ordinance was—

	Wholly planted with Tea.	Inter-planted with Tea.	Total
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Estates ..	482,633 ..	7,062 ..	489,695
Small Holdings ..	46,252 ..	16,906 ..	63,158
	528,885	23,968	552,853

4. Table I. of Appendix A to this report gives the distribution of this acreage by revenue districts.

5. The registered acreage at the end of the previous year was—

	Wholly planted with Tea.	Inter-planted with Tea.	Total
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Estates ..	480,820 ..	7,150 ..	487,970
Small Holdings ..	45,010 ..	16,906 ..	61,916
	525,830	24,056	549,886

6. *Assessment of Estates.*—There was no change in the method of assessment of estates.

7. The number of estates in the register was 2,367 as against 2,315 in the previous year.

8. The assessed standard crop of all estates for the period was 278,243,118 lb. as against 278,344,068 lb. in the Control year 1945-46.

9. *Assessment of Small Holdings.*—There was no change in the method of assessment of small holdings. The number of small holdings in the register at the end of the year was 77,668 as against 76,258 in the previous year.

10. The assessed standard crop of all small holdings for the year under review was 18,903,807 lb. as against 18,516,389 lb. in 1945-46. A statement showing the distribution of the Standard Crop according to revenue districts is published as Table II. of Appendix A.

11. *Exports.*—The total quantity of tea exportable during the year under review was 314,485,015 lb. The total quantity of tea exported was 272,124,106 7/8 lb. leaving a balance of 42,360,908 1/8 lb. 635,668 lb. of imported Green Tea were re-exported during the period under review.

12. The monthly exports of tea on licences during the year 1946-47 were as follows:—

1946.	Lb.	1946.	Lb.
April ..	16,701,551 3/16	September ..	20,453,718 19/32
May ..	22,597,618 1/2	October ..	16,821,726 1/2
June ..	24,987,707 7/8	November ..	24,540,697 1/4
July ..	32,502,650 3/4	December ..	28,899,628 3/16
August ..	30,004,292 1/2		
1947.	Lb.	1947.	Lb.
January ..	17,215,852 3/32	March ..	21,121,606 12/16
February ..	16,277,057 3/16		

13. Appendix B to this report gives the exports of tea during the year 1946-47 as derived from the "Ceylon Customs Returns".

14. *Tea Exported as Ships' Stores, by Parcel Post, &c.*—The total quantities of tea exported as Ships' Stores and by Parcel Post during the year were 134,238 lb. and 228,809 9/16 lb. respectively. 3,515 lb. were exported as Gift Tea to British, Imperial, Indian or Allied Troops.

15. *Tea Nurseries.*—Thirteen licences were issued during the year for an area of 12 acres 0 roods 01 perches for the planting of nurseries on virgin land.

16. *Planting of New Areas.*—The International Tea Committee allowed Ceylon 15,803 acres for new planting of tea with the extension of the period of control from April 1, 1943. Out of this acreage 6,361 acres 1 rood 07 perches were set apart to be allotted to participants of the Rubber Capital Compensation Scheme in respect of slaughter tapped rubber areas, and the balance extent, viz., 9,441 acres 2 roods 33 perches was fully allocated by December 31, 1945, to applicants desirous of planting new tea. A number of permits issued to these applicants had to be cancelled due to the inability of the permit holders to comply with the requirements of the Tea (New Planting) Regulations, 1943, and the acreage thus made available was re-allocated to other applicants.

17. The number of permits issued up to the end of the period under review was 2,924 for an extent of 10,480 acres 1 rood. The total acreage planted was 3,627 acres 2 roods 23 perches while planting on 1,855 acres was nearing completion. Owing to adverse weather conditions and labour difficulties, many permit holders were unable to complete planting and their permits have been extended.

18. *Replanting.*—Ten permits were issued for replanting 85 acres 2 roods 20 perches.

19. *Tea Prices.*—The monthly average *ex Warehouse* prices for High, Medium and Low Grown Tea paid to Estates during the period under review were as follows:—

1946.	High Grown.	Medium Grown.	Low Grown.
April	130 cents ..	120 cents ..	114 cents
May	127 ..	118 ..	114 ..
June	126 ..	117 ..	114 ..
July	124 ..	115 ..	112 ..
August	127 ..	116 ..	112 ..
September	130 ..	118 ..	114 ..
October	128 ..	117 ..	114 ..
November	128 ..	118 ..	116 ..
December	128 ..	118 ..	116 ..

1947.	High Grown.	Medium Grown.	Low Grown.
January	130 cents ..	120 cents ..	116 cents
February	130 ..	120 ..	116 ..
March	130 ..	120 ..	116 ..

20. The average price per lb. of tea shipped to the United Kingdom and to Outmarkets were as follows:—

1946.	United Kingdom.	Outmarkets.
April	129·46 cents ..	132·92 cents
May	129·10 ..	136·17 ..
June	129·43 ..	130·0 ..
July	128·69 ..	129·67 ..
August	127·88 ..	128·83 ..
September	126·44 ..	129·87 ..
October	127·69 ..	132·88 ..
November	128·40 ..	132·10 ..
December	127·17 ..	132·12 ..

1947.	United Kingdom.	Outmarkets.
January	126·77 cents ..	129·82 cents
February	128·31 ..	126·48 ..
March	152·91 ..	128·49 ..

21. *Legislation.*—With the rescission of the Defence (Control of Tea Sales) Regulations, 1943, which contained provision for calling from the proprietors of Estates or Small Holdings or Manufacturers, particulars regarding figures of production for compilation of statistics required by the International Tea Committee, it became necessary to revive sections 11A and 32A of the Tea Control Ordinance, which were suspended by the Defence (Tea Control) (Suspension) Regulations, 1942, to enable the continuation of the collection of statistics in regard to production. Accordingly the Defence (Tea Control) (Suspension) Regulations, 1942, were amended reviving sections 11A and 32A, and Regulations, cited as the Tea (Registration of Manufacturers) Regulations, 1947, were made enforcing the registration of all manufacturers of tea and empowering the collection of statistics in regard to production.

22. *Tea Control Fund.*—There was no change in the Tea Control cess of 5 cents per 100 lb. of made tea exported.

23. The total income during the year under review was Rs. 186,484.32. The total estimated expenditure for the year was Rs. 256,955 and the actual expenditure was Rs. 256,650.78 showing a saving of Rs. 304.22. The cash balance at March 31, 1947, was Rs. 43,918.48. In addition a sum of Rs. 1,200,000 continued to be invested in the Ceylon Government 3 per cent. National Loan, 1954.

24. The following statements are printed to Appendix C to this report:—

- (1) Statement of Receipts and Payments.
- (2) Statement of Estimated and Actual Expenditure.
- (3) Balance Sheet.

25. The Auditor-General continued to be responsible for the audit of the income and expenditure of the Tea Control Fund.

26. *Tea Advisory Board.*—The following members formed the Tea Advisory Board:—Messrs. R. P. Gaddum, P. M. Menon, S. F. H. Perera, D. C. Wilson, N. H. Wykeham-Dulling and the Tea Controller, ex-officio Chairman of the Board. Mr. D. C. Wilson resigned his seat in February, 1947, and Mr. G. K. Newton was appointed in his place.

27. *Tea Appeal Board.*—The following members formed the panel of the Boards of Appeal:—Messrs. George E. de Silva, M.S.C.; George R. de Silva, M.S.C.; W. P. H. Dias; W. H. Gourlay; F. H. B. Koch, K.C.; Sir John Tarbat; Sir Gerard Wijeyekoon; and Mr. E. A. P. Wijeratne.

28. No meetings of the Board of Appeal were held during the year under review.

29. *International Tea Committee.*—Mr. G. C. S. Corea, the Ceylon Government Representative in London, took the place of Mr. E. B. Alexander, C.M.G., as Ceylon's representative on the Committee, and the latter continued as alternative member. The others representing Ceylon are Sir Clifford Figg, Messrs. Andrew Young and A. C. Matthews.

30. *Staff.*—Mr. P. Saravanamuttu, C.C.S., the permanent Controller, went on leave with effect from September 1, 1946, preparatory to retirement when the writer was appointed Acting Tea Controller in addition to his duties as Acting Tea Commissioner. Mr. U. L. L. Perera continued in the capacity of Assistant Controller. In addition to the two Staff Officers, 7 Inspectors, 30 clerks and 9 minor staff were employed by the Department at the end of the year.

31. *Acknowledgments.*—My grateful thanks are due to the members of the Tea Advisory Board and the various Heads of Departments who have always ungrudgingly assisted me in the various matters referred to them.

V. PARAMANATHAN,
Acting Tea Controller.

Colombo, September 5, 1947.

Appendix A.

TABLE I.

Acreage under Tea as at the end of the Fourteenth Year of Control, 1946-47, classified according to Revenue Districts.

Revenue Districts.	Estates.			Small Holdings.			Total.				
	No. of Estates	Wholly planted	Inter-planted	Total	No. of Small Holdings	Wholly planted	Inter-planted	Total	Wholly planted	Inter-planted	Total
		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.		Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Kandy	768	162,847	1,476	164,323	39,576	25,260	7,772	33,032	188,107	9,248	197,355
Matale	81	18,361	—	18,830	1,161	862	250	1,112	19,223	719	19,942
Nuwara Eliya	275	102,216	—	102,216	6,756	5,417	—	5,426	107,633	9	107,642
Badulla	295	87,065	218	87,283	5,088	6,086	4	6,090	93,151	222	93,373
Ratnapura	271	51,367	906	52,273	3,605	2,997	765	3,762	54,364	1,671	56,035
Kegalla	141	20,699	—	21,928	9,322	2,041	4,273	6,314	22,740	5,502	28,242
Galle	262	13,934	1,513	15,447	5,132	1,732	1,747	3,479	15,666	3,260	18,926
Matara	218	16,715	562	17,277	1,560	1,527	317	1,844	18,242	879	19,121
Hambantota	1	17	—	17	—	—	—	—	17	—	17
Colombo	8	692	149	841	260	63	112	175	755	261	1,016
Kalutara	40	7,957	488	8,445	5,142	246	1,625	1,871	8,203	2,113	10,316
Kurunegala	7	763	52	815	66	21	32	53	784	84	868
	2,367	482,633	7,062	489,695	77,668	46,252	16,906	63,158	528,885	23,968	552,853

Table II.—Assessed Standard Crop for the Fourteenth Year of Control, 1946-47, Classified according to Revenue Districts.

Revenue Districts.	Estates		Small Holdings		Total	
	Lb. of made Tea.					
Kandy	83,405,014	—	9,450,143	—	92,855,157	—
Matale	10,151,979	—	327,027	—	10,479,006	—
Nuwara Eliya	62,812,600	—	1,778,003	—	64,590,603	—
Badulla	53,170,090	—	1,966,799	—	55,136,889	—
Ratnapura	33,060,945	—	1,209,102	—	34,270,047	—
Kegalla	12,511,920	—	1,900,773	—	14,412,693	—
Galle	8,507,978	—	1,054,266	—	9,562,244	—
Matara	8,814,024	—	595,725	—	9,409,749	—
Hambantota	5,538	—	—	—	5,538	—
Colombo	351,264	—	50,982	—	402,246	—
Kalutara	5,205,686	—	555,357	—	5,761,043	—
Kurunegala	246,080	—	15,630	—	261,710	—
	278,243,118	—	18,903,807	—	297,146,925	—

Appendix B.

Export of Tea for the period April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947, as derived from the "Ceylon Customs Returns".

lb.

Quantity of tea shipped as per Customs Returns from April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 272,261,450 14/16

Deduct.

Ships' Stores—April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 134,238

Gift Tea—April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 3,515

137,753

272,123,697 14/16

Add.

Exports through Army Base Post Office on licences not included in Customs Returns—April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 409

Total exports subject to licences—April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947 272,124,106 14/16

Unexported balance of Quota at March 31, 1947 42,360,908 2/16

Export Quota Promulgated (125 per cent. of Standard Quota) 314,485,015

Appendix C.

TABLE I.

Tea Control Fund

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Period April 1, 1946, to March 31, 1947.

RECEIPTS.	Rs. c.	PAYMENTS.	Rs. c.
To Balance brought forward	18,720 11	By 1 Personal Emoluments—	
Transferred from Gratuity Scheme	35,000 0	Staff Officers	18,427 51
	53,720 11	Clerks	55,341 74
Fixed Deposit transferred to current account	40,000 0	Inspectors	31,425 48
Tea Cess	147,759 43	Minor Employees	6,468 27
Miscellaneous Receipts	2,724 89	Extra Clerical assistance, overtime fees and payment for employment of minor employees	1,074 96
Interest on money invested in Ceylon Government National Loan	36,000 0	Rent allowance	11,177 94
Deposits received	34 85	Pensionary contribution	1,112 73
Advances recovered	520 0	Holiday warrants and concessionary season tickets	971 20
		Orderly allowance to Inspectors	1,971 0
		Allowances to staff	5,085 20
		War allowance	34,895 97
			167,952 0
		2 Travelling	12,334 51
		3 Rents	3,083 30
		4 Electric supply and lighting	1,448 77
		5 Stationery, office furniture, office requisites and transport charges	3,159 26
		6 Postage, &c.	2,789 54
		7 Printing and advertising	678 36
		10 Contribution towards expenses of London Committee	43,484 29
		11 Audit fees—Government	1,210 42
		12 Legal Expenses	10 50
		13 Contribution towards Tea Control Department Gratuity Scheme	15,000 0
		14 Incidental expenses	5,499 83
		Deposits refunded	34 85
		Advances allowed	520 0
		Balance	23,553 65
	280,759 28		280,759 28

Gratuity Scheme Fund.

Rs. c.	Rs. c.
To Balance brought forward	44,321 67
Contribution for 1946/47	15,000 0
Receipts from Tea Commissioner	301 25
	By Payments
	Balance (in current account) 20,364 83
	(invested in Government National Loan 1954) 35,000 0
	55,364 83
	59,622 92

TEA CONTROL FUND.

Table II.—Statement of Sanctioned and actual Expenditure for period April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947.

Sub-head.	Sanctioned Expenditure.	Actual Expenditure.
1. Personal emoluments	136,595 0	167,952 0
2. Travelling	18,450 0	12,334 51
3. Rents	3,600 0	3,083 30
4. Electric supply and lighting	1,600 0	1,448 77
5. Stationery, &c.	5,000 0	3,159 26
6. Postage, &c.	4,150 0	2,789 54
7. Printing and advertising	15,000 0	678 36
8. Assessors fees	1,000 0	—
9. Fees to members of Board of Appeal	1,000 0	—
10. Contribution towards expenses of London Committee	46,560 0	43,484 29
11. Audit fees	2,500 0	1,210 42
12. Legal expenses	1,000 0	10 50
13. Contribution towards Tea Control Department gratuity scheme	15,000 0	15,000 0
14. Incidental expenses	5,500 0	5,499 83
	256,955 0	256,650 78

Table III.

TEA CONTROL FUND

Balance Sheet as at March 31, 1947.

LIABILITIES	Rs. c.	Rs. c.	ASSETS.	Rs. c.	Rs. c.
1. <i>Sundry Creditors.</i>			1. <i>Furniture.</i>		
Bills outstanding ..	1,227 28		As per last balance sheet ..	6,947 0	
Contributions in the Tea Control Department gratuity scheme ..	55,364 83		Additions during the year ..	150 0	
		56,592 11			7,097 0
2. <i>Surplus Assets.</i>			<i>Less amount realised by sale of furniture..</i>	77 81	
As at March 31, 1946 ..	1,288,252 82		2. <i>Office Requisites.</i>		7,019 19
<i>Deduct</i> Excess Expenditure over Income for period 1946-47 ..	78,770 81	1,209,482 1	As per last balance sheet ..	3,050 22	
			Additions during the year ..	722 75	
				3,772 97	
			<i>Less amount realised by sale of articles ..</i>	308 25	
			3. <i>Cash.</i>		3,464 72
			Bank balance in current account ..	39,370 89	
			Postal orders, money orders and cheques paid into the Bank but not credited till after March 31, 1947 ..	8,791 22	
			Petty Cash Imprest ..	100 0	
				48,262 11	
			<i>Deduct.</i>		
			Cheques drawn but not presented to Bank for payment till after March 31, 1947 ..	4,343 63	43,918 48
			Ceylon Government 3 per cent National Loan, 1954 ..		1,200,000 0
			Balance meter reading of Postal Franker ..		695 40
			4. <i>Sundry Debtors.</i>		
			Tea Export Cess for March 1947 ..	10,804 34	
			Miscellaneous dues out standing ..	21 99	
			Advances outstanding ..	150 0	
		1,266,074 12		10,976 33	
				1,266,074 12	

Appendix D.

Regulations framed under the Tea Control Ordinance (Cap. 299).

Notification No.	Date of Publication in Gazette.	Section of the Ordinance under which Regulations are framed.	Subject Matter.
80A ..	September 13, 1946 ..	2 ..	Appointment of Mr. V. Paramanathan to act as Tea Controller
81 ..	January 24, 1947 ..	37 (1) (c) and 42 (2) ..	Amendment of Regulations relating to Tea Control Department Gratuity Scheme
82 ..	January 31, 1947 ..	42 ..	The Tea (Registration of Manufacturers) Regulations, 1947
83 ..	March 14, 1947 ..	42 (7) ..	Ratification by Governor of Regulations published by Notification No. 81
84 ..	Do. ..	do. ..	Ratification by Governor of Regulations published by Notification No. 82