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## JAFFNA CO-OPERATIVE CENTRAL BANK LTD.

At the fifteenth annual general meeting of the above Bank held on July, 29, Mudaliyar V. Ponnambalam, the President, said, in moving the adoption of the report, that the Bank's turn-over during the year ending April, 30, 1944, had risen from 4 to 84 millions, while the net profit increased by a negligible amount only, showing that profit-making was not the aim of the Bank. The business of the Bank had rapidly increased owing to the opening of several Co-operative Stores in the peninsula, and it had given a great fillip to the war effort. The gradual rise in deposits was proof of the confidence investors had in the stability of the institution.

The total amount of loans to societies during the year had more than doubled and overdue loans and dues from liquidated societies had been substantially reduced. The statutory reserve fund and other permanent funds were being built up rapidly. Out of the Bank's investments amounting to Rs 487,248, no less than Rs 470,845 was invested in Ceylon Government Security Bills.

The President also referred to the great loss sustained by the Bank by the death of Mr. C. Arulambalam, J. P., who worked so ungrudgingly and efficiently as Secretary for ten years from the inception of the Bank until the present Manager Mr. Lewis Subramaniam began to do the Secretary's work in addition to his own duties. Mr. C. Ragnathan's transfer to Colombo also was a great loss but the present Asst. Registrar Mr. F. A. Sandrasegara's help was of great assistance.

Mudaliyar V. Ponnambalam was again re-elected President for the current year.

## RESULTS OF D. R. O. EXAMINATION

The following candidates have been selected for appointment as Probationers in the Scheme of Divisional Revenue Officers in the administrative areas noted against their names, on the results of the examination held in February:—

• Maritime Area: Messrs. P. A. Silva, L. E. Wijeratne and H. A. de Silva.

Kandyan Area: Messrs. K. Wijeratne, P. Aluwihare, D. Aluwihare and S. M. Samarakoon.

Tamil-speaking Area: Messrs. T. Chinniah, S. Sivagnanam, S. M. Theophilus, S. Suppramaniam and B. S. Richard.

## EDGE OF A VOLCANO

### Half the Country Served by Co-operative Stores

### Registrar's Advice and Warning

"IN another place, down South, at a Co-operative Conference, a prominent gentleman took a bet that out of the 663 Co-operative stores now existing 67 would not last after the war. Well, he was an old teacher of mine, but I will try and make him lose his bet," said Mr. G. de Soya, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, addressing the Co-operative Conference held in Jaffna on the 27th July with the Hon. Mr. G. C. S. Corea in the chair.

#### Two Great Personalities

They would all agree, he said, that that session was the most important since the time the conferences were inaugurated, for two reasons. The first reason was that it was opened by the Hon. Mr. Corea who was in charge of a department that was going to play a super part in the development of the country and the vehicle he had to use for that development was the co-operative movement. For that work the Co-operative department very humbly offered its services.

The other gentleman incorporated into the service was the first Jaffnese Government Agent of Jaffna. He was an indigenous product and a distinguished son of Jaffna. The most precious product of Jaffna was the Co-operative movement. They would safely entrust the movement to the Government Agent for safeguarding and they knew that the movement would flourish.

#### Federation

The Co-operative Federation in Jaffna was no more an infant. It was standing up to its responsibilities. The Societies must see that the Federation was strengthened. The Stores had not yet joined the Federation. Perhaps they thought that it was meant only for credit societies. If so, it was an erroneous impression. The purpose of the Federation was to look after the interests of the entire movement. He hoped that the new Stores Societies would soon join the Federation. It cost only Rs. 2.00.

#### Mushroom Societies

Last year was an *Annus Mirabilis*, i.e. a year of wonders throughout Ceylon. The progress made in Jaffna was the wonder of wonders. As the Minister reminded them two years ago they had only 2000 societies in the Island with a work-

ing capital of 7 millions. To-day they had 6000 societies with a working capital of 16 millions. As Registrar he should take a pride but he would assure them that his feelings were very different. He felt like a man walking on the edge of a volcano. Most of the Co-operative Stores appeared like mushrooms. They were his special responsibility and he had to give them special attention. They had now 3700 stores throughout the Island and the ration books attached to them were 3,300,000, which meant that half the population of the country were served by the stores. They all knew that there was no mass conversion of the people to co-operative movement. People had joined the movement not through co-operative spirit but owing to pangs of hunger. That was why some were pessimistic. People felt the need for the movement and came into it. The time-serving element was very strong in the new movement. He did not blame the people. They could not be expected to realise the significance of the movement all at once. They must see that the time-serving element was kept within the movement, by putting co-operative ideas into their heads. They had had a lot of criticism, but they did not care for them. They could not but rouse the opposition from interests injured. There were interests stronger than the movement, and which were in the field longer for centuries. The movement should fight them by its moral strength. It had no financial strength. It should not be misled by calumny and propaganda. It should understand their motives and disregard what they said.

At the same time, the speaker continued, he did not say that the societies were blameless. Out of the 3,700 stores a vast majority of them were doing a great service. Some of them had defects. They were genuine defects which could be corrected. There were also black sheep wilfully doing wrong. They were dealing in black market. But the number of such societies was limited. True co-operators should suppress such actions, and a good example must be set. The Unions must correct the bad societies. Committees could be changed and employees dismissed. Their standards must be high and pure.

## HEALTH WEEK AT KARAINAGAR.

A Food, Agricultural and Health exhibition organised by Mr. N. Aruliah, Sanitary Assistant, Karainagar, with the assistance of Mr. S. Ponnampalam, the Chairman. V. C., Karainagar, Mr. A. Kanagasabai, Principal, Hindu College, teachers and members of the general public, was declared open by Dr. S. F. Chellappah, D. M. S. S. on Sunday, the 23rd of July, 1944 at 4-30 p. m. at Karainagar Hindu College. He was accompanied by Dr. S. C. Thurairajah, M. O. H. Jaffna and Mr. Sam J. C. Kathirgamar. There was a large gathering present.

Advocate A. R. Subramaniam presided at the public meeting. He referred to the urgent necessity for midwives for the place and also for a Maternity Home.

Dr. Chellappah said that it was very difficult to find trained midwives now, but advocated more Tamil girls taking to midwifery. Regarding the Maternity Home, he said that a citizen of that place had offered a piece of land and Rs. 10,000/- for a Maternity Home. He thought that the time was inopportune for construction as labour and materials were difficult to obtain.

He commended the Sanitary Assistant Mr. N. Aruliah for bringing the V. C. and the people together in his short term of service. Mr. Sam. J. C. Kathirgamar advocated Food Production drive in the Wannai District. The exhibition was open throughout the following day. In addition to the Health Exhibits, there were demonstrations in coir work and cloth-weaving. Poultry was exhibited by the Farm School, Tinneveli.

At the public meeting on Monday the 24th, the Principal, Hindu College, presided and the speaker was Dr. S. Ariaratnam who spoke on "School Health Work". Mr. Kanagasabai distributed the prizes for sports which were held on Saturday.

School concerts followed the public meeting and later on War pictures were screened by the Information Department. There was a record crowd on the second day which was estimated to be about four to five thousand.—Cor.

## PERSONAL

The Government of Ceylon has arranged with the Government of India to provide its officers advanced training and carry out petrological and mineral research in India. In pursuance of the scheme Mr. K. Kularatnam, M. A. Asst. to the Government Mineralogist has left for Bangalore to work in the University geology laboratories. He will also do field work and study mining under the auspices of the State Department of Geology and Mines, Mysore.



## Hindu Organ.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1944.

### CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVES

JUDGING FROM THE SPEECHES of the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce, the Government Agent of Jaffna and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, delivered at the Co-operative Conference in Jaffna last week, and published in full elsewhere as well as in our last issue, there is undoubtedly great apprehension in responsible quarters in regard to the future of the four thousand Co-operative Stores, wholesale and retail, that have of late sprung up in the country overnight as war-babies, and which are being nursed and nurtured by the Defence Regulations. Unfortunately the authorities have been, for the last thirty-two years, devoting their attention to the development of credit societies, producers' societies and a few transport and sales societies, and, therefore, the people have had generally little experience of consumers' societies, except from what was gained from one or two stores societies which were started a few years ago and failed. To work a credit society successfully requires only local knowledge and influence and the ability to assess the creditworthiness of the villager, whereas the running of a Sales-society requires qualifications of a different type, viz. a thorough knowledge of the trend of outside markets, the needs of the local inhabitant and up-to-date business methods. Besides, unlike in the credit society movement, the success of consumers' societies will depend much on organization and operation from the apex rather than on their expansion from the village upwards. This is where, we fear, the movement, as an emergency measure, has started from the wrong end; and it now requires the help of great experts of experience, official and non-official, to consolidate it and to tender responsible advice for guiding government and co-operative action.

The chief speakers at the Conference have given timely warning about the disaster ahead. In normal peace times the societies cannot depend for their business upon controlled commodities generously supplied to them by the Government. They will be left to stand on their own feet and compete against experts and vested interests. They, bereft of the protection now given by the Government under the Defence Regulations, will have to withstand the stress of

merciless and uncontrolled competition in the post-war world. But we are surprised that the Minister of Labour and the Registrar have only appealed to the people to spread the gospel of co-operation and drive co-operative ideas into the heads of the time-serving element, without giving any practical idea to the hundreds of co-operators assembled before them as to how to set about the task. Mere preaching will not do, nor will even honest and sincere service rendered now bind the wartime customers to the societies when powerful influences will be at work to wean them away.

A glance at the proceedings of the Second Madras Provincial Conference of Consumers' Co-operative Stores, held in Madras a fortnight ago, will provide ample food for thought and practical guidance. The problems facing the future of the stores movement were fully discussed by three great authorities, viz. the President of the Conference, Sir N Gopalaswami Iyengar, the famous retired Dewan of Kashmir, Mr. Austin, Adviser to the Governor and formerly Dewan of Travancore, and Mr. W. R. S. Sathianathan, Registrar of Co-operative Societies. All the three great students of the subject dealt with the problems from different points of view; and co-operators, we have no doubt, have been greatly benefited. Sir Gopalaswami Iyengar suggested that to undertake the onerous task of guiding the Government and co-operative action a competent machinery might be set up. He considered the future of these societies as social organisations *par excellence*, and suggested that village credit societies might be transformed into multi-purpose institutions. Although this idea is supported by the experts of the Reserve Bank also, it is subject to difference of opinion. However, his main idea of the socialisation of the rural trade is a fundamental principle which will be accepted by all. Mr Austin emphasised at the Madras conference the need for the societies improving the range and depth of their activities. They should deal, he said, not only in controlled commodities, but also in goods which were locally in demand; their business methods should be modernised; they must make purchases in the proper season and build up storage, warehousing, processing and other facilities; as well as pay attention to the manufacture of articles based on local raw materials. Mr. Sathianathan said that his department was now concentrating its attention upon consolidation rather than reckless expansion. He was for increasing share capitals and building up substantial reserves treating their stores as strictly business institutions; and for providing regular and up-to-date marketing intelligence. He suggested

that each store should issue a questionnaire to a selected number of its clients about their monthly requirements and that they should base their planned programmes on the replies received.

These are all ideas worth considering by our co-operators as well with advantage.

## Letters to the Editor

### Home Minister and the Tamil Congress

Sir,—Whilst we do not desire to enter into an unnecessary controversy with the Hon'ble Mr. Mahadeva, we cannot in the interest of the public and of truth leave unchallenged certain allegations made in a letter of his which appeared recently in the local press. He states that the brief summary of the proceedings of the preliminary meeting of All Tamils which we communicated to the Press has given "an incomplete and misleading picture of the proceedings.....from which the Press was excluded". He further protests that an unjustifiable aspersion has been cast on him by his being "painted as one defying representative Tamil opinion".

Firstly, it was on Mr. Mahadeva's own motion and ardent pleading that the Press was excluded (on a count) in spite of our voiced opposition. It was decided that a summary of the report of the proceedings should be sent to the Press.

Secondly, you will agree that no half column summary of the proceedings (which lasted for four hours) could possibly be full and complete.

You will admit Sir, that brevity, always a virtue, is today a necessity especially in newsprint, because a paper (not "The Hindu Organ") was constrained (no doubt from pressure of space) to condense even our brief summary in two places.....Thus our opening sentence "a large and representative gathering of Tamils met....." was rendered by it as "a meeting of Tamils was held...". Again it was obliged to abridge the wording of our main resolution even at the cost of deleting the two most fundamental words "democratic equality".

Thirdly, Mr. Mahadeva says that our Press summary was "misleading" but he has not been able to point to one single word or sentence in our statement as being incorrect...Will Mr. Mahadeva even now please oblige?

It is a well-known fact that Mr. Mahadeva was elected to the Jaffna seat on the basis of an election pledge that he would work for the attainment of a constitution in which no single community would be in a position to outvote or dominate all the others. This was the proposition to which Mr. Mahadeva had subscribed in memorials and manifestoes for over a period of 10 years. When therefore Mr. Mahadeva gave expression for the first time at this meeting, to the astounding proposition that all the manifestoes and pledges subscribed to by him in the past (and to which he owes his present seat in Council) were not now binding on him as he had signed them with "mental reservations", and again when in reply to a specific question from the audience, Mr. Mahadeva refused to be guided in

the matter of Reforms by any mandate or direction the Tamil community as a whole might express through the Congress (or any other body of men) however representative it might be, we felt that these were new and startling propositions which merited publicity even in our short summary of the day's proceedings.

We might also mention that at an earlier stage of the meeting, Mr. Mahadeva had announced that having nearly reached the 60th year of his life he had made up his mind to retire shortly from active politics presumably on the termination of his present Ministerial office in 1946. Hence Mr. Mahadeva's defiant statement later that he was fully prepared to face the consequences of any wrong political action on his part, far from revealing a courageous politician, appears to be empty bravado.

We still hope that Mr. Mahadeva will see his way to co-operate with us in the furtherance of the objects of the Congress and reflect its decisions both in the State Council and outside.

Lest there be any misunderstanding in any honest mind as to the aims of the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress, we desire to state briefly that it is an organisation for the union of All-Tamils, whose object is not domination but co-operation with all true sons and friends of Lanka for the economic and social regeneration of this land and the early attainment of Swarajyam on the enlightened principles of democratic equality.

Yours truly  
E. M. V. Naganathan  
Colombo, S. Sivasubramaniam  
31-7-44. (Joint Secretaries)

II

Sir.—I was present at the preliminary meeting to form the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress which was held at the Zahira College Hall on Saturday the 22nd instant. I wish to state that the report of the proceedings sent by the Joint Secretaries to the Press, though brief, is accurate and is in no way misleading.

Wattala,  
29-7-44  
Yours etc.  
Victor Joseph.

III

Sir,—The correspondence in your columns regarding the proceedings of the Preliminary conference for the purpose of forming an All-Ceylon Tamil Congress was read with interest by many of your readers. The resolutions passed at the conference have been published. Reference has also been made to the speech of the Hon. Mr. Mahadeva who participated in the proceedings. The interests of the public will be best served by the publication of a report of the entire proceedings including the speeches made by the various speakers on that occasion. The issues involved relate to the future government of the country and the welfare of the people of Ceylon. The organisers would best discharge their duty by the public if they would be pleased to publish a report of the entire proceedings and take the public into their confidence. The matter under reference is not one which concerns only those present at the conference.

Wellawatte  
30-7-44  
Yours etc.,  
P. Navaratnarajah.

## Kathakali Dance In Jaffna

Mr. Gopinath, Principal of the Oriental Dancing School at Trivandrum, (the Chitra Nartha Kalayam) and his wife Thangamani are to give a recital at the Jaffna Town Hall on Saturday the 12th inst. Their troupe consists of a small girl of 8 years also, Indra, grand-niece of a former Indian Agent in Ceylon Mr. K. P. S. Menon. Another is Vasantha Kumar, a Sinhalese young man who went to India on a scholarship to study dancing.

Gopinath is a great exponent of Kathakali Dance—the ancient type of dance mentioned in Silapatikaram and other Tamil classics. Udai Shankar, the great Indian dancer, thinks that Gopinath is the greatest Kathakali dancer of the present day, and Tagore said of him: "He is a real artist, and I am sure there are not many who could rightfully take their stand by his side in India or abroad. He brought to my mind glimpses of a great past when dancing was one of the most treasured arts in India and not as to-day—a mere device for whetting up the jaded appetite of the idle rich. And now that dancing is again coming into vogue amongst us his style should give us a correct lead, for in want of it we are yet groping in the dark."

It will be interesting to know that Kathakali dance was first known among the Tamils during the Sangam times. A good exposition of it is given in "Silapatikaram". Unfortunately the Tamils did not develop it later, but the Malayalees practised it from early times. The Tamils on the other hand developed Bharata Natyam, a dance brought into prominence by the Devadasis Mrs. Rukmani Arundale has established a school at Adyar to propagate Bharata Natyam, and Kathakali, in its modern form, is taught in the Travancore School of Dancing. A school at Cochin also was founded for the purpose by the Malayalam poet Vallathol.

Kathakali, as it is practised today in Malabar, may not be intelligible to those who do not understand the "Mudras" (signs gestures, expressions etc). The Nambudri brahmins of Malabar have always been great patrons of this art. Kathakali dance is the prominent feature during the festival at the Padmanaba Swami Temple at Trivandrum.

Part of the nett proceeds of next Saturday's recital will be given to the Dr. Lady Ramanathan Scholarship Fund for the higher education of Ramanathan College girls, and a bumper house is expected.

## TRAVANCORE MARKET FOR JAFFNA TOBACCO

A warning not to be allured by the high prices offered today in the South-Ceylon market for their tobacco was given to the tobacco growers of Jaffna by Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam, President of the Jaffna-Malayalam Tobacco Sale Society, speaking at the annual Co-operative Conference on July, 28.

Mr. Rajaratnam, in reviewing the work of the Society, said that the Society had been able to sell the 1941 crop at a reasonably high

price. The entire Local Loan Development Fund loan of Rs. 610,000 had been paid back. The new agency established at Quilon was working satisfactorily. The credit system of sales had been abolished and direct contact with the Government of Travancore was being maintained.

He was sorry to note that after the Society had established its position in Travancore through nine years of hard and strenuous work in the teeth of great opposition many members of the Society had forgotten their duty to the Society and allowed themselves to be attracted by the high prices paid by the traders for the South-Ceylon market. It was obvious that in the absence of sufficient crop to supply the Travancore market and with the influx of Coimbatore tobacco into that market, the people of Jaffna would permanently lose the Travancore market.

## MEMORIAL ON REFORMS

The "Times of Ceylon" understands that a memorial signed by over a hundred prominent men, including land owners, former members of the Legislature, former judges of the Supreme and District Courts and former Civil Servants, has been sent to the Secretary of State against the Ministers' draft of the future constitution for Ceylon. It is reported that the memorial stresses the failure of the Donoughmore constitution, advocates the establishment of a second chamber elected on a distinct franchise involving educational and property qualification. The memorialists also contend that adult franchise was granted prematurely and therefore a second chamber is essential.

Five of the signatories viz: Sir Garard Wijekoon, Sir Wilfred de Soysa, Mr. N. Nadarajah K. C., Dr. J. S. R. Gunawardene and Mr. Geo Wille have already sent a cablegram to the Secretary of State saying "Please defer decision on Ceylon Ministers' proposed reform of the constitution".

The European community in the Island is also preparing a memorandum to be forwarded on the subject of reforms.

## KATHAKALI DANCE

GOPINATH AND THANGAMANI  
AND TROUPE  
(Travancore Palace Dancers)

RECITAL AT  
TOWN HALL, JAFFNA  
Saturday 12th Aug. 1944  
at 7 p. m.

### RATES:

Reserved Rs. 6-00,  
1st Class 4 00, 2nd Class 3.00,  
3rd Class 2-00.

### Box Plan at

JAFENA APOTHECARIES,  
Main St. Jaffna.

Part of the proceeds in aid of the Dr. Lady Ramanathan Scholarship Fund for the Higher Education of Ramanathan College girls. (Mis. 84, 3 & 7)

## TEACHER WANTED

Wanted for the Hindu Ladies, College, Jaffna a teacher—Graduate or Trained—Knowledge of Geography and Housecraft, a qualification. Apply before 10-8-44 to the Manager, Jaffna Hindu College and Affiliated Schools, Jaffna (Mis. 84, 27—10.)

## BUILDINGS FOR SALE AT CHAVAKACHCHERI

Substantial upstairs row of shop buildings 8 rooms on 25 lachams land adjoining market, Kandy Road, opposite Sri Vallipuram Mills. Property of the late Dr. A.N. Coomarasamy Rs. 45,000 offers

Several paddy fields and other blocks of land, Chavakachcheri town Rs 100/- lacham.

X

C/o The Manager  
Hindu Organ  
Vannarponnai.

(Mis. 86, 31 & 3)

## GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Sealed tenders will be received for the under-mentioned tobacco in bulk available at the following stations by the Acting Tobacco Officer, Department of Agriculture, Peradeniya, up to noon on August 21st, 1944.

At Ganewatte Experiment Station.

Air Cured tobacco grade 1. about 93 lb.

Flue Cured Scrap tobacco about 400 lb.

At Wariyapola Experiment Station.

Air Cured tobacco grade 1. about 679 lb.

Air Cured tobacco grade 2. about 840 lb.

At Anuradhapura Experiment Station.

Air Cured tobacco grade 1. about 83 lb.

Flue Cured tobacco about 153 lb.

At Jaffna Farm School.

Air Cured tobacco grade 1. about 180 lb.

Air Cured tobacco grade 2. about 252 lb.

Flue Cured scrap tobacco about 231 lb.

Tobacco trash about 279 lb.

At Minipe Experiment Station.

Air Cured tobacco grade 2. about 250 lb.

2. Further particulars can be obtained from the Acting Tobacco Officer, Department of Agriculture, Peradeniya, in whose office representative samples of the above tobacco in bulk can be viewed at the respective stations.

3. The Director of Agriculture reserves to himself the right to accept or reject any of or all the tenders, for Direc or of Agriculture.

Peradeniya. A.  
18th July, 1944.  
G 53, 3.

## TENDERS NOTICE.

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, N. P., for the following services at the time and date noted against each:—

### Details of Service.

(1) Weighing out salt to traders etc. at Chivitharu Saltern for the period 1 October 1944 to 30 Sept. 1945.

(2) Weighing out salt to traders etc. at Tondaimanar Salt stores for the period 1 October 1944 to 30 September 1945.

Tenders should be made on forms obtainable from the Govt. Agent, N. P., from whom all particulars on the subject can be obtained.

The Kacheheri,  
Jaffna, 20 July, 1944.  
G. 54, 6.

### Time & Date of Closing.

12 noon on Wednesday, 9th August, 1944.

12 noon on Thursday, 10th August, 1944.

Tenders will be received by the Government Agent, N. P., up to 12 noon on Tuesday, 15th August 1944, for the supply of the following materials to the salt pans at Chivitharu, Karanavai, and Vellapparavai and to the salt stores at Tondaimanar whenever required during the period 1 October 1944 to 30 September 1945, viz: near baskets, ola mats, palmyrah olas, vadali olas, palmyrah stalks, palmyrah posts, alampais, bamboos, and cadjans.

Tender forms may be obtained from the G. A., N. P., on the payment of a tender deposit of Rs. 25-00. All particulars on the subject may be obtained from the same official.

The Kacheheri,  
Jaffna, 21 July, 1944.  
G. 54, 3.

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
JAFFNA

(Held at Point Pedro)

No. 251 P.T.

In the matter of the Last Will and Testament of the late Varithamby Kandiah of Karanavai South

Deceased.

Parupathy widow of Suppar of Karanavai South

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Subramaniam Sadasivampillai
2. Thambiab Mailvaganam
3. Cumaraswamy Sadasivam
4. Chinniah Guanapiragasam all of Karanavai South

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before L. W. de Silva, Esquire, Additional District Judge, Jaffna on the 6th day of July 1944, in the presence of Mr. R. Shivapathasundaram Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and on reading the petition and affidavit of the attesting witnesses:

It is ordered that the will of Varithamby Kandiah, deceased, dated the 20th day of January 1944 and now deposited in this Court be and the same is hereby declared proved unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 24th day of August 1944 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

It is further declared that the petitioner is entitled to have Probate of the same issued to her accordingly unless the Respondents or any other persons shall appear before this Court on or before the 24th day of August, 1944 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Sgd. L. W. de Silva,  
Addl. District Judge.

R. Shivapathasundaram  
Proctor.

(O. 48, 3 & 7)

## NOTICE.

### Distribution of Subsidiary Foodstuffs in Jaffna District.

Arrangements have been made to distribute the currystuffs mentioned below at the rates specified against each commodity to each consumer not attached to a co-operative retail store from Monday, the 7th to 13th August 1944 (both days inclusive).

- |                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| (1) Gram dhall    | 2 oz per head |
| (2) Split Lentils | 1 " "         |
| (3) Corriander    | 1 " "         |
| (4) B. Onions     | 1 " "         |

2. Consumers are advised to draw their ration of the above articles along with their ration of other commodities.

Sgd. E. B. Tisseverasinghe,  
for Govt. Agent N. P.

(G. 57 3)

**ORDER NISI**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA.

(held at Point Pedro)  
Testamentary Jurisdiction  
No. 221 P/T

In the matter of the Last Will and  
Testament of the late Kandappar  
Mailvaganam of Puloly South

Deceased.  
Parupathappillai widow of Mailvaga-  
nam of Puloly South

- Vs Petitioner
- 1 Selvaratnam daughter of Mail-  
vaganam of do
  - 2 Maheswary daughter of Mail-  
vaganam of do
  - 3 Mailvaganam Sriskandatajah of  
do
  - 4 Mailvaganam Ramachandiran of  
do
  - 5 Meenachippillai widow of  
Mailvaganam of do
- The 1st to 4th Respondents  
are minors by their Guardian-  
ad-litem the 5th Respondent

Respondents  
This matter coming on for disposal  
before L. W. de Silva, Esquire  
Additional District Judge on the 23rd  
day of December 1943 in the pre-  
sence of Mr O Tharmakulasingham,  
Proctor, on the part of the peti-  
tioner and on reading the petition  
and affidavit of the petitioner

It is ordered that the petitioner be  
declared entitled to take out probate  
to the estate of the abovenamed de-  
ceased Kandappar Mailvaganam of  
Puloly South and that probate be  
accordingly issued to the petitioner,  
unless the Respondents or any other  
person or persons shall appear before  
this Court on or before the 24th day  
of March 1944 and show sufficient  
cause to the satisfaction of this  
Court to the contrary.

This 23rd day of December 1943  
Sgd. W E Abeyakone,

Drawn by Addl. District Judge,  
Sgd. C. Tharmakulasingham  
Proctor for petitioner

Extended and Reissued  
21-7-44 Time to show cause  
Extended to 24-8-44

Intld L. W. de Silva,  
Addl District Judge.

(O. 46, 31 & 3)

**ORDER NISI**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No 123

In the matter of the Last Will and  
Testament of late Harriet Archi-  
muttu widow of Alfred Peethampara-  
m of Urumpiray. Deceased

Alfred David Tharmakulasingam  
of Urumpiray presently of Colombo

- Vs Petitioner
- 1 John Peethamparam Balasin-  
gam of Urumpiray presently  
of Malaya
  - 2 Abraham Mootathamby Selva-  
ratnam and wife
  - 3 Annibelle Swarnapushanam of  
Urumpiray presently of Colomb-  
o
  - 4 Namasivayam Samuel Alfred  
Daniel of Urumpiray presently  
of Colombo

**ORDER NISI**  
IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No 278  
In the matter of the Last Will and  
Testament of the late Santhiram-  
bal wife of Murugar Subramaniam  
of Sandilipay Deceased.

Murugar Subramaniam of Sandilipay  
Vs Petitioner.

- 1 Kathiravelu Thambipillai of  
127, Hill Street Colombo
- 2 Suppihpillai Sanmugarajah and  
wife
- 3 Rathinambal of 166, New  
Chetty Street Colombo

Respondents.  
This matter coming on for disposal  
before H A de Silva Esquire  
District Judge Jaffna on the 14th  
day of July 1944 in the presence of  
Mr R Kannuduray Proctor on the  
part of the petitioner and the affida-  
vit and petition of the petitioner  
dated 19th June 1944 and 3rd July  
1944 respectively having been read.

It is ordered that the petitioner be  
declared entitled to Probate of the  
Last Will of the said deceased  
Santhirambal as the sole executor  
and that probate be granted to him  
accordingly unless the abovenamed  
respondents or any other person  
shall on or before the 14th day of  
August 1944 appear before this  
Court and show sufficient cause to  
the satisfaction of this court to the  
contrary.

This 4th day of July 1944  
(Sgd) H A de Silva

(O 44, 31 & 3) District Judge.

- 5 Alfred Aseervatham Santhira-  
singam of Urumpiray presently  
of Puttalam
- 6 Esmey Gunamany wife of Aru-  
mugam of Urumpiray
- 7 Benjamin Peethamparam Pan-  
chathirusingam of Urumpiray

Respondents  
This matter coming on for dis-  
posal before G. C. Thambiah Esquire  
District Judge Jaffna on the 31st day  
of May 1943 in the presence of Mr A  
Subramaniam, Proctor, on the part of  
the petitioner and the petition and  
affidavit of the petitioner and the affi-  
davit of the attesting notary and the  
witnesses having been read

It is ordered that the last will and  
Testament of the deceased above-  
named No 813 dated 4th February  
1943 and attested by A Subramaniam  
Notary Public, Jaffna, the original of  
which has been produced and is now  
deposited in this court, be and the  
same is hereby declared proved and  
that the petitioner abovenamed be  
declared entitled, as the executor  
named in the said will, to have pro-  
bate thereof issued to him accordingly,  
unless the respondents or any other  
persons shall on or before the 16th  
day of August 1943 show sufficient  
cause to the satisfaction of this Court  
to the contrary

This 7th day of August 1943  
(Sgd) G. C. Thambiah  
District Judge

Time extended for 25 8 44  
(ltd) H. A. De S.

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