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## GOVERNMENT UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

### Committee Recommends Enhanced Values

#### NEW REGULATIONS APPROVED BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

THE Executive Committee of Education has, it is learned, recommended enhanced values for the Government University Scholarships, and at the same time the Minister of Education has been authorised to obtain provision to grant the enhanced rates from 1938-39 to the scholars already holding scholarships.

Provided the proposal meets with the approval of the Board of Ministers, the Minister of Education will move for the increased provision being made when the 1938-39 estimates are passed.

#### New Regulations

It is also learned that the Executive Committee of Education has approved for submission to the Governor, the new regulations to govern the award of these scholarships.

These regulations provide for four scholarships of the annual value of £360 (including fees) when held in collegiate residence at Oxford or Cambridge, £325 (including fees) when held in non-collegiate residence at Oxford or Cambridge, otherwise £240 (with fees), tenable for two years together with an outfit allowance of Rs. 750 and a second class passage to the British Isles.

The scholarships are to be awarded to students of University College for the purpose of enabling them to prosecute their studies at a University in the United Kingdom:

#### Exceptional Cases

The regulations provide that in exceptional circumstances a scholar will be permitted to proceed for advance study to a University outside the United Kingdom approved by the Gov-

ernor, the value of the scholarship in such a case being determined by the Executive Committee of Education in consultation with the Treasury.

Under the present regulations four scholarships are awarded of the annual value of £300, tenable for two years together with an outfit allowance of Rs. 750 and a second-class passage to the Isles.

### Public Works in Northern Province

#### Provision in 1938-39 Estimates

IN the estimates of expenditure on Public Works Extraordinary in 1938-39, the following are provided for for the Northern Province.

The continuation works in the Northern Province for 1938-39 are to be:—

Court-house Point Pedro Rs. 45,000 (Rs. 10,000 already provided)

Clerks' quarters at Vavuniya (for six senior and 12 junior clerks) Rs. 60,000 (already provided Rs. 45,000). Quarters for Jailor and Prison Apothecary, Jaffna Rs. 2,000.

Paddy store at Paranthan Rs. 2,695.

New cottage hospital at Pungudutivu Rs. 20,000; Maternity Ward, Pt. Pedro Hospital Rs. 5,500; V. D. Clinic Jaffna Hospital Rs. 12,000, Ward for Tuberculosis cases Rs. 25,000;

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#### A SHORT STORY

### RAMBHA THE HARIJAN GIRL

BY T. SANKARANKUTTYNAIR

It was a very bad day for Rambha. The precarious condition of her brother troubled her considerably. Throughout the day, she had to toil sullenly at a diversity of tasks in the sweltering heat of the summer days. Towards evening she became extremely restless. She wanted to reach her hut as soon as possible. With her meagre wages earned after a hard day's labour, Rambha walked homeward in haste.

Inside the hut, her brother lay restless with high fever, gasping for breath. A severe attack of malaria made him half delirious. He was in its fatal grip, and the parched skin was stretched taut like a drum across his protruding cheek bones. His eyes were sunk deep, and his face was dreadfully pale. He was evidently sinking. Rambha reached the door in silence. She peeped in like one listening eagerly to a calling voice. She went in. In the midst of his low sighs, her brother turned his head and saw Rambha slowly advancing to his bed. Seeing her, he forgot everything except his sister's sorrowful face.

In that super-acute sense of reality that generally comes to people in their dying hours, Rambha's brother knew the truth of his state. He believed his chances of recovery were remote. Suddenly, he turned his eyes straight on the grave face of his sister and said, "Rambha, my dear sister, I've no chance in life; have I?"

That husky voice faded away into mere nothingness. He did not speak further. He lay still panting for breath. Rambha, with her ears attuned to that sibilant whisper, spoke nothing. Her heart was heavy with forebodings and sorrow. Her mind became so filled with the sense of the gravity of her hard future that for the nonce, all else was completely shut out of it. She was immersed in deep, troublesome thoughts.

"Sister, dear, why don't you speak? Please look at me. I'm going to die".

This startled Rambha. She

tried to encourage him. She said, "my dear brother, please be quiet. You will be alright".

But, fate decreed otherwise. The man in the bed was struggling. With an effort, he observed.

"Rambha, God will protect you. I may taste that glad moment of our meeting in Heaven. My heart dissolves in longing."

His head slid lower down the pillow, and from his throat came a shrill, awesome sound. Then he lay quite silent; he was dead.

Rambha was left alone in the world. Now her life depended only on herself.

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This tragic drama was being witnessed by an old man. He was, as a matter of fact, not of an emotional sort. He had fought disease and death too often himself to feel sentiment when another was concerned. But, he was not self-centred or soulless. The drastic face of Rambha moved him very much. He said to himself:

"Life is a tragic dramatist. It has a great force for action".

He placidly contemplated the unhappy future of Rambha and made up his mind to help her in all possible ways.

"Daughter, you are not alone. From today, you are with me".

Rambha turned and looked. It was her Brahmin Baba standing beside her in a pensive aspect.

"Baba, you know I am un-touchable. You will be polluted. Your kindness will put you in trouble. I am only a victim to higher peoples' exploitation."

"My dear girl, don't you brood over your states of affairs. It is common in this world. The life we stumble through is built upon hazard. That is why it is tragic. Don't weep, come with me."

"Baba, I cannot live with

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## Reception to Mudlr. C. Canapathipillai

RESIDENTS of Vadamradchy gathered in large numbers on Thursday evening at Hartley College Hall, Point Pedro, to felicitate Mudaliyar C. Canapathipillai, Kichechi Mudaliyar, Jaffna and Maniagar of the Jaffna District, on his recent investiture by His Excellency the Governor with the rank of Mudaliyar.

The residents of Nelliyadi headed by Mr. S. D. Thamboe, Registrar of Births and Deaths, received Mudaliyar Canapathipillai in a gaily decorated pandal close to the 17th mile-post on the Jaffna Point Pedro road at 3 p.m. on last Thursday. The Mudaliyar was garlanded by Messrs S. D. Thamboe and S. Mahason and taken in procession with music to the Nelliyadi junction. The Mudaliyar then left for Veyaparimoolai from the Junction after three lusty cheers were given by Mr. C. Vaitilingam, law student.

Mudaliyar Canapathipillai was received at Veyaparimoolai, his ancestral village, by the residents and presented with an illuminated address in Tamil. He was then conducted on "nilapavadar" under a canopy of flowers through decorated pandals and arches to Hartley College hall, where he was again profusely garlanded.

Mr. R. B. Naish, Government Agent, presided, others on the platform being A. Tigar Naganathan, Mr. C. P. Thamotheram, Mrs. Naish, Mudaliyar and Mrs. Canapathipillai, Messrs C. E. A. Samarakkody, R. Ramachandran and K. Muttucumaru.

### Illuminated Address

An illuminated address in English on behalf of the residents of Vadamradchy was read and presented to the Mudaliyar by the Organising Secretary, Mr. S. C. Rasaratnam.

Mr. C. P. Thamotheram, Principal, Hartley College, said that he had been a member of the Sanitary Board of Point Pedro, in which town Mudaliyar Canapathipillai and his parents had lived for many years. They had assembled that day to honour the Mudaliyar on the recent honour conferred on him. Though the Mudaliyar was not an old boy of the College, he (the speaker) had the privilege of knowing him well for many years. Mr. Canapathipillai was a man of untroubled temperament and of calm judgment.

Referring to the Chairman of the evening, the speaker said that Mr. Naish was no stranger to Point Pedro. When Mr. Naish was Police Magistrate of the place, he was a single man. Today they were happy to welcome him with Mrs. Naish.

Mr. K. Muttucumaru, Proctor, speaking next, referred to the student days of the Mudaliyar. The speaker had known Mr. Canapathipillai when he (Mr. Canapathipillai) was but a lad of 12 or 13 years. He (the speaker) then knew that that bright lad would one day become one of the foremost men of Jaffna. (Loud applause).

### 88 Years Ago

Adigar A. Naganather recalled the distinguished ancestors of the Mudaliyar, whom he had known as far back as 1850. The Mudali-

## RECIPIENT OF MALAYAN CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

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K'Lumpur, July 18.

The Malayan residents of Meolai, Tholpungan and Chulipuram of Ceylon entertained Mr. M. Ponnampalam, M. C. H., Accountant, Treasury, F. M. S. on the eve of his retirement from the service and in honour of his receiving the Malayan Certificate of Honour, at a dinner on Saturday evening the 9th instant, at the Eastern Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

The attendance numbering about 80 at first retired to the lawn for a flash-light group photograph. Mr. T. Mailvahanan presided and a sumptuous meal was served. After proposing the toasts of His Majesty the King and His Highness the Sultan the president proposed the toast of the Guest of Honour and spoke very highly of the latter's noble qualities and distinctive career and rise in service which have deservedly earned for him the award of the Malayan Certificate of Honour in addition to being the recipient of the King George V Silver Jubilee Medal and the King George VI Coronation Medal. Mr. Ponnampalam suitably replied and expressed his thanks.

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He was also glad to have had the opportunity to say a few words in support of what had been said by others. During the short period that he had been Government Agent of the Province Mr. Canapathipillai had been most helpful to him. Mr. Canapathipillai had been very kind to the petitioners who came to the Kachcheri. The speaker would not say much about the Mudaliyar as the Mudaliyar did not believe in people talking about sincerity.

Before concluding, the speaker said that he was glad that he was back in Jaffna. Both he and his wife had a soft corner for Jaffna.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair proposed by Mr. N. Ponniah Advocate.

### NOTICE

#### Nallur Kandaswamy Temple Annual Festival

1ST AUGUST 1938 TO 26TH AUGUST 1938  
Permission having been granted to move processions and conduct religious assemblies according to custom round the Nallur Kandaswamy Temple and along the adjoining sections of the Point Pedro and Old Store Roads during the period of the festival, notice is hereby given to the Public that traffic will be diverted from sections of the Point Pedro Road and Old Store Road adjoining the Temple, along Wyman Road, Navanthurai Road and Nallur Cross Road No. 1, during the time that such processions and religious assemblies are moving round the Temple.

P. R. KRISNARATNE  
Asst. Supdr. of Police, N. P.  
Police Office,  
Jaffna, 22nd July, 1938.  
[G. 12, 25 & 28-7-38.]

## Public Works in Northern Province

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addition to Ward at Delft Rs. 1,500.

New Post Office and quarters at Vavuniya Rs. 3,000 (Rs. 13,250 already spent); improvement to Nainativu Jetty Rs. 3,000.

Reconstruction of Valukkaiaru bridge Rs. 50,000; extension to Paranthan-Karachchi-Mullaitivu Road Rs. 5,000; improving Pt. Pedro-Kudathanai-Maruthankeni Road Rs. 25,000

Water supply to Government quarters, Vavuniya Rs. 10,000.

Motor boat service between Jaffna and Delft Rs. 5,500.

### New Proposals

The following are the new proposals for the Northern Province.—

Rat-proofing of Customs Ware-houses Jaffna Rs. 3,400.

Produce Store, Experiment Station, Vavuniya, Rs. 3,500;

quarters for Foreman, Experimental Station, Vavuniya Rs. 3,500, lines for labourers, Paranthan Paddy Station Rs. 4,000,

Karaiyur Reclamation Scheme Rs. 15,000.

Extensions to Kankasanturai Sanatorium Rs. 3,350; land for cremation, Kankasanturai Rs. 2,400; extensions to Kayts Hospital, to sisters' quarters and water supply Rs. 10,750,

Improvements to Training School, Jaffna Rs. 3,000.

Kankasanturai Jetty extensions Rs. 6,500.

Improving the coast road to Colombo (Pooneryn to Mannar) Rs. 10,000.

## Order Nisi

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 581  
In the matter of the Estate of the late Eliathamby Sangarappillai of Kanterodai Deceased. Muttupillai widow of Aiyathurai Kanniah of Kanterodai

Vs. Petitioner.

1. Murugesar Vaithilingam and

2. Meenadchiamma both of Alaveddy presently of Linga Vasa, Raymond Road, Nugegoda

3. Eliathamby Navaratnam of Alaveddy presently of Port Swattemham Respondents.

This matter of the Petition of the Petitioner praying for Letters of Administration with the will annexed to the estate of the abovenamed deceased coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy Esquire District Judge Jaffna on the 31st day of March 1938 and on the 14th day of June 1938 in the presence of Mr. S. Ilayatambi Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and the affidavit and Petition of the Petitioner dated 21st and 31st day of March 1938 and the affidavit of the Petitioner dated 16th May 1938 respectively having been read, it is ordered that the Petitioner as a sister of the said deceased and as a Legatee under the Last Will is entitled to have Letters of Administration with the will annexed to the estate of the said deceased issued to her, unless the Respondents or any other person shall on or before the 19th day of August 1938 appear before this Court and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 16th day of June 1938

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy,  
District Judge.

[O. 30, 23-7 & 1-3-38.]



## GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

### Chief Secretary's Circular to Departments

#### LESSON FROM THE PUNJAB

THE Acting Chief Secretary, Mr. G. S. Wodeman, has, in a circular, asked heads of Government departments to recruit their employees through the Employment Exchange and thus set an example for others to follow.

The Employment Exchange will begin to function on September 1st. Offices at Union Place, Slave Island, have been procured and registration work, it is understood, will begin next month.

The circular states:

"Government is one of the largest employers of labour, clerical, skilled and unskilled, and it is of the utmost importance that it should set an example by recruiting as many employees as possible through the Exchange.

"Without the support of the Government Departments it will be difficult for an institution of this nature to function successfully.

"If this support is given, men who register their names at the Exchange can be assured that they stand a reasonable chance of recruitment, not only by private employers but by Government Departments, with the result that the more desirable types of candidates for employment will apply for registration.

"It is important to note that a similar Exchange was formed in the Punjab last year and its subsequent failure was attributed to the lack of provision by Government for recruitment to its departments of those registered for employment.

#### The Regulations

It is not intended to curtail the discretionary powers vested in the heads of departments under the Public Services regulations with regard to the making of appointments, but it is intended to permit departments to substitute notification to the Exchange of vacancies in certain grades for the advertisement or notice contemplated by Public Service Regulation 62 and to grant preferential treatment to suitable persons who have been registered at the Exchange.

"The Exchange will at the outset confine itself to recruiting labour for work in and near Colombo and it should be used by Government departments in Colombo for supplying all classes of minor employees such as daily paid and temporary clerks (save those recruited by established examinations), temporary stenographers, typists, peons, binders, artisans, foremen, minor supervising grades, skilled and unskilled labour of all kinds and waiters."

### MOTORABLE ROAD TO KATARAGAMA

#### Minister to Inquire into Representations

The Minister of Communications and Works, Major J. L. Kotawala, leaves for Kataragama today to inquire into the representations made in connection with the construction of a motorable road from Tissamaharama to Kataragama.

### INSURANCE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

#### Comment invited on Draft Bill

A draft of a bill for unemployment insurance in Ceylon has now been prepared and the Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce has invited insurance agencies to comment on it.

The scheme is to be worked on a Contributory basis, the wage earner, the employer and the Government paying into the fund.

The scheme will apply only to the "involuntarily unemployed," who will be divided into the categories, industrial and agricultural. The scheme at its inception will be applied only to the industrial unemployed.

### A Corpse in Kankesanturai Sea

The body of a middle-aged man was found floating near the Kankesanturai harbour this morning. It has not been identified yet. (Cor.)

### Mr. Goonesinghe Returning

Mr. A. E. Goonesinghe, M. S. C., who disembarked at Bombay, on his way to England, owing to illness, left Bombay for Ceylon on Tuesday.

### Ramanathan College Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The celebration of the Ramanathan College Silver Jubilee by the Old Girls of the College will take place after the vacation during the last term of this year. The date will be notified later.

### Agricultural Quota Bill

#### Referred back to Legal Draftsman

The Executive Committee of Agriculture and Lands has decided to refer back the Agricultural Quota bill to the Legal Draftsman to be recast in a milder form.

It was pointed out at the last meeting of the Committee that the Bill was too theoretical, and could not be put into operation in Ceylon, except at a very heavy cost to the Government.

The Bill will be considered again after the arrival of the permanent Minister in Ceylon.

It is intended to regulate the importation of agricultural commodities and to facilitate the sale of local products. This is to be achieved by imposing a higher tariff on foreign stuff.

The bill also gives unlimited power to the Governor and the Commissioner to make such decisions, as they think suitable, notwithstanding anything in any law to the contrary, and such action or decision is to be considered final.

Objections were raised against the establishment of an Agricultural Products Regulation Board" as set out in the bill.

### COMMUTED PENSION CAN BE SEIZED

#### Colombo District Judge's Order

That a retired Government servant's commuted pension can be seized in execution of a decree entered against him, although pensions are exempted from such seizure, was the order of Mr. Waldo Sansoni, Additional District Judge of Colombo.

### Governor's Reform Dispatch in Whitehall

#### Statement in Commons

Colombo, Wednesday,

THE Governor's dispatch on reforms is now being considered by the Colonial Office.

A reply to this effect was given in the House of Commons yesterday by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, states a Renter message.

He was asked whether the Government contemplated any enquiry into or changes in the Ceylon constitution.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald replied that the Governor, who had been invited by Lord Harlech to report fully on the working of the present constitution, had just forwarded his dispatch. Pending examination of the document he is not in a position to make a further statement.

### RETRENCHMENT COMMISSION

#### GOVERNOR'S APPEAL

#### PREPARATION OF ECONOMY PROGRAMMES

THE Governor has called for the "generous and whole-hearted" support and co-operation of all heads of departments in the work of the Retrenchment Commission.

He has communicated with them through the Financial Secretary saying that it seems vital, if the greatest value is to be obtained from the labours of the Commission that there should be not the slightest hesitation on the part of all public servants to contribute to the Commission's success.

He expects that with such co-operation various substantial economies should result which would contribute materially to the future stability of the Island's finances.

#### Economy Programmes

In particular the Governor desires that heads of departments should prepare economy programmes, for their own departments in anticipation of the Commissioners' examination of their offices.

By these means it is hoped that heads of departments will be able to guide the Commissioners on the most profitable lines of inquiry, which might be less immediately obvious if the Commissioners were to rely solely on their own resources for their investigation.

Since the Commission is intended to start work on August 1st, heads of departments have been asked to treat this as a matter of great urgency and importance.

Meanwhile Mr. O. E. Goonetilleke and Mr. C. E. Jones, the Commissioners, are busy preparing the ground work.

### INDIANS IN CEYLON

#### Mr. B. H. Aluwihare's Sympathy

He did not go to the Council on a communal ticket and his interest in the Council was the interest of all the communities, irrespective of caste, creed or nationality, said Mr. B. H. Aluwihare, Acting Minister of Agriculture and Lands, at a reception accorded to him at Matale on Saturday.

#### Not Anti-Indian

There were very many people who said one thing and did something else; but he would not do that.

If it was thought that he was against Indians settling down in Ceylon, he must be considered to be against his own wife, who was an Indian. He would make every endeavour to obtain opportunities for Indians who wished to settle down in Ceylon, and get equal rights.

He made that announcement because there apparently was some misunderstanding about the Village Committee franchise.





## Hindu Organ.

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1938.

### THE NEED FOR RETRENCHMENT

IN EMPHASISING THE REAL need for curtailing and controlling the cost of administration. SIR BARON JAYATILAKA said with almost a touch of confession of the inability of the State Council that, even if they did not start new activities and effected saving, the cost of Establishments would go on increasing, and that was the problem which they had to tackle seriously and once for all. This inability of the Chief Minister and other Ministers who are supposed to be associated with him, is inherent in the composition of the Board of Ministers which is anything but collective in respect of responsibility. Where there is no collective Ministerial responsibility there is bound to be, holds Lord Bryce, serious defects in administration, not the least of which is the waste of revenue on unnecessary and uncontrolled establishments and on unproductive state enterprises. It is the lack of collective responsibility that has made it possible for the Head of each Executive Committee to initiate many measures, involving heavy expenditure. In this wasteful process each Minister has had to accommodate the pet fancies of the several Committee Members, and in the Ministerial Board the Chief Minister has had to be generous to maintain his costly legend of homogeneity. The deplorable result of it all has been the undertaking of several unproductive works in all Departments of Administration and the inevitable enlargement of Establishments. It has been a sort of power-politics which the homogeneous Board of Ministers has been playing at.

The reckless expenditure of money during the last five or six years on agricultural settlement schemes, (some of which have since come to grief and none of which was ever given a thorough examination before being launched) buildings and bridges, and trade exhibitions and representations, has no parallel in any period of legislative government prior to the advent of the State

Council. It has been a tragic show-off of communal importance with a pent-up fury. The unfettered expenditure with no eye to the profit-balance has carried the country perilously near a crisis. A thanksgiving must be held for the realisation, though belated, that the power-politics frenzy can no longer be a safe game, for it has already tended to dark despair. The lack of Ministerial cohesion produced extravagance and waste, and finally it is unable to check itself. It is ridiculous for the State Council and the Board of Ministers to have brought on a perilous crisis and more so to shirk the responsibility for a scheme of retrenchment and ask the Governor to appoint a Retrenchment Commission. In the search for economy the first step taken is one of additional expenditure without a guarantee that a scheme of retrenchment recommended by the Commission shall be accepted and acted on. No man who runs a business will ever be so wanting in commonsense and wisdom as the State Council. The chosen representatives of the people are stuck in the mire of their own creation and want others on hire to pull them out. The Government of a country is a business on a big scale. If those in charge of the business cannot make matters straight, they should have the good sense at least to vacate their places.

The Commission has a tough task to perform. We are confident that the Auditor-General Mr. GOONEVILLETTE as the Chairman of the Commission has capacity and discernment for the onerous duty entrusted to him. But for him and his watchful scrutiny there would have been more waste of revenue during the last few years. The Commission should not only look into the establishment charges but into the hundred and one schemes the fertile brains of Ministers and Members have hatched for the "prosperity" of Ceylon. The Government offices are overstaffed. Should all the officers be there? Should they be paid what they are, while men of similar capacity outside the Government toil for much less? The Commission ought to examine the case for proposed new buildings where the existing ones would do; the trade returns with those countries where trade representatives are posted to see if the trade balance justifies such appointments; the vote for increased expenditure on the State Council; the expenditure on the Department of Public Trustee where a lot of money is sunk while returns are poor; and several other ways of waste which have gone on multiplying, saddling the tax-payer to collapsing limit. The Retrenchment Commission has a sacred duty by the people and we hope it will do it without fear or favour.

### Motorable Road to Kataragama?

Kataragama, unique among Hindu shrines in Ceylon, is threatened with the loss of its peculiar halo and glory by an unimaginative agitation for the construction of a motorable road from Tissamaharama to this shrine. The uniqueness of this ancient Hindu shrine rests largely on the trying and exhausting conditions under which pilgrims carry out their determination to worship the Lord at Kataragama. The rugged and almost risky stretch of 10 miles of jungle path that leads to the shrine serves as the touchstone of the pilgrim's devotion which is so valuable for spiritual advancement. But what our moderns hanker after is speed and comfort. They want this in the matters of spirit too. The more one aspires after material comforts the farther one recedes from the spirit—so we are told by our sages. It should be borne in mind by those who seek to convert the pilgrimage to Kataragama into a pleasant and comfortable excursion, that Kataragama is not held by the thousands of devotees as a sanatorium or a pleasure haunt. But for the trials and tribulations that are the lot of the Kataragama pilgrims the shrine would have deteriorated in its spiritual value which has a charm all its own for the pilgrims. We trust the Minister of Communications and Works who goes to Kataragama today to inquire into the representations made for the construction of a motorable road to Kataragama will consider and appreciate the point of view we have here expressed. We appeal to those who have made the representations and to the Minister not to disturb in this respect the time-old conditions that have made Kataragama the most venerated and sacred shrine in all Ceylon.

### SECOND LOANS ON MORTGAGES

#### Amendment to Ordinance

It is understood that the Governor has given his assent to the Ordinance recently passed by the State Council to amend the State Mortgage Bank Ordinance.

One of the principal changes effected by the new Ordinance is that the Bank will be authorised to give a second loan to a person who has already mortgaged his property to the Bank when the loan already granted to him is less than half the value of the property in question.

### Japanese Occupy Kiukiang

#### Heavy Losses Sustained by Chinese

Shanghai, July 26.

The Japanese advancing along the Yangtse Valley to Hankow, it is officially announced, occupied Kiukiang on the south bank of the river, 140 miles from their main objective early this morning.

The Japanese, with a concentration of 200,000 troops, supported by a Naval barrage from warships stationed in Poyang Lake on the left flank, and others in the river on the right flank, for three days fiercely engaged the Chinese infantry entrenched before Kiukiang.

The defenders, mostly Szechuan recruits stiffened by some of Chiang Kai-Shek's regulars, resisted stubbornly but subjected to a very intensive aerial and naval bombardment, together with the total destruction of their batteries, suddenly retreated suffering very heavy losses under heavy shelling from the Japanese Naval forces, which have already advanced five miles up the river above Kiukiang.

The Chinese authorities in the mountain resort of Kuling have ordered all foreigners there including fifty British and fifty Americans to evacuate the town in the face of imminent hostilities.

### THIRD HEALTH FILM

#### Depicts Work of a Sanitary Inspector

A film dealing with the activities of the Sanitary Inspector in Public Health work, will shortly be released by the Department of Medical and Sanitary Services.

This is the third of a series of films made by the Department and is expected to be over 3,000 feet in length.

The scenes in the present film, which is being made under the direction of Dr. S. F. Chelappah, the Assistant Director of Sanitary Services, have been "shot" from actual life.

The final scenes were "shot" at Panadura about a fortnight ago.

A special feature of the film is that the captions are given in three languages—English, Sinhalese and Tamil.

#### A fine Shower

After a spell of drought Jaffna had a fine shower last night.



# THE NEW PRIVILEGES BILL READY

## Council Not to Sit as Court of Law

### LIST OF OFFENCES AGAINST COUNCIL

**T**HE new Privileges Bill, which has undergone some modifications, will shortly be introduced in the State Council.

After conferences between Sir Baron Jayatilaka, Leader of the House, and the Committee on Standing Orders of the Council, it has, it is learned, been decided to delete the clauses of the draft Bill making provision for the Council to sit as a Court of Law and for the Speaker to issue process and warrants for non-payment of fines.

The draft Bill which will be introduced in the Council sets out a large number of offences against the Council which will be punishable after trial in the ordinary Courts of Law.

The Bill will not, however, contain a general clause, as originally proposed, to the effect that members of the State Council are entitled to the same privileges as members of the House of Commons.

#### Offences Against Council

The offences against the State Council, sought to be created in the original draft, are also proposed to be retained.

Among these offences are:—

- (1) Disobeying orders for attendance or for the production of papers;
- (2) Refusing to answer questions put by the Council.
- (3) Offering bribes to Members of Council;
- (4) Assaulting or insulting any Member of Council on his way to or from meetings of the Council;
- (5) Sending threatening letters to Members of Council;
- (6) Tampering with any witnesses before the Council;
- (7) Presenting any false documents to the Council; and
- (8) Publication of any false or scandalous libel on the Council.

The Clause providing for the Council sitting as Court being deleted, these offences are to be punishable after trial by a Police Magistrate, the penalty provided being a fine of Rs. 1,000 in each case.

Power is also proposed to be conferred on the Council to order

the attendance of witnesses and to examine them on oath.

Any perjury committed in the course of such proceedings is to be made punishable under the Penal Code as perjury before a Court of Law.

The House of Commons journals will be admitted as prima facie evidence in inquiries regarding privilege.

Shorthand writers employed at such inquiries are required not to supply reports of the proceedings without the permission of the Council.

#### Printing of False Reports

Another clause lays down that anybody who prints any report of any proceedings of the Council which is false will be guilty of an offence, punishable with imprisonment of either description for a period not exceeding three years on conviction in the ordinary Courts.

The acceptance of a bribe by a member of the State Council is to be made an offence punishable with a fine of Rs. 5,000 if convicted after trial in the Courts.

The Attorney-General is to be empowered to issue process for the recovery of fines which remain unpaid.

#### Jaffna Student's Success in England

A cable has been received from London that Mr. C. Charavanapavan, who proceeded to England on a Government Scholarship in September last, has been successful in the recent M. Sc. Examination of the London University.

Mr. Charavanapavan is a son of Mr. N. Sampanthar of Jaffna.

#### Refresher Courses For Doctors Deferred

The Refresher Courses for doctors proposed to be organised at the General Hospital, Colombo, with the object of raising the standard of efficiency of the medical profession in the Island have been deferred, mainly on grounds of finance.

## Flood Relief Measures

### Special Committee's Recommendations

Colombo, Wednesday.

**A** REPORT on the nature of the relief to be given to those made destitute as a result of floods will be shortly submitted to the State Council.

The report of the Special Committee of Labour, Industry and Commerce, who were appointed to recommend on the immediate relief to be rendered during floods was approved this morning by the Executive Committee.

#### Main Recommendation

The main recommendation is that areas under the control of local authorities such as Municipalities and U. D. C. should not be regarded as the responsibility of the Central Government.

The Central Government will however be prepared to consider grants to local authorities if their finances do not permit the provision of adequate relief.

Such grants should not exceed 50 per cent of any amount expended by a local authority.

Where however floods in specific areas within the jurisdiction of local authorities can be attributed to accept responsibility for relief in those areas, but each case will be subject to special consideration.

The relief to be rendered is divided into three categories.

- (1) Relief for those holding good appointments under Government will not be ordinarily given;
- (2) Those who are dependent solely or partially or are daily paid labourers and who have no resources of their own will be provided with funds to repair damages to the property caused by floods;
- (3) Others not already mentioned will be given Rs. 50 as compensation.

Private charities are to be encouraged and the Revenue Officers are requested to co-operate with private bodies rendering relief and to encourage them in the work.

## KOKKUVIL MURDER CASE

### Accused Sentenced to Twelve Years

Muttavelu Gnanasekaram accused in the Kokkuvil murder case, who stood charged with the murder of Kartigesu Muttu of Kokkuvil, was found guilty of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, at the Northern Assizes yesterday, and was sentenced to twelve years' rigorous imprisonment.

This was the tenth case taken up for trial at the Northern Assizes.

Mr. S. D. Thampoe instructed by Mr. T. C. Rajaratnam defended the accused.

## Congress Reply to Mr. Jinnah

### Muslim League Asked to Adjust Demands

Wardhaganj, July, 26.

**I**T is understood that the Congress Working Committee's reply to Mr. Jinnah categorically answers the points raised in his communication, enclosing the resolution of the Council of the All-India Muslim League.

In regard to the claims put forward by the Muslim League that Congress should recognise the League as the sole and only representative Muslim organisation which can speak on behalf of Muslims in India, the Committee points out that consistent with its ideas of nationalism it cannot agree to concede this claim.

Secondly, the League demanded that in the Committee to be appointed for settling details of the agreement between Congress and the League no other Muslim representatives, such as the Nationalist Muslims, should be included.

The Working Committee maintains that it cannot agree to this demand.

The Committee in conclusion express the hope that the League will consider these terms and adjust its demands in such a manner as to make it possible for both parties to continue the useful work they had started.

## TRAVANCORE BANK

### Liquidators and Bombay Court Proceedings

Madras, July 25.

The High Court granted leave today to the provisional liquidators to intervene in the winding-up proceedings now pending in the Bombay High Court, on an application filed on behalf of one of the provisional liquidators of the Travancore National and Quilon Bank. The application asked that the provisional liquidators be given permission to file an application in the Bombay High Court for a stay of proceedings in that Court.

## Valigamam Central Teachers' Association

Mr. S. Natesan, M. S. C. will deliver an address this evening at 5-15 on "Is Ceylon progressing in Education?" at the General meeting of the Valigamam Central Teachers' Association in the Memorial School, Manipay.



## LETTER

## University Site

Sir,—In the present state of the finances of the Colony and for many years to come, sufficient money to pay for the site and the buildings etc. could not be found. The few millions of rupees now earmarked for the Ceylon University is only a fragment of the total sum required for a temple of learning to suit modern conditions. The cost of the Annamalai University at Chidambaram may give the authorities here a fair idea of the work before them and its value in money *mutatis mutandis*.

Our liquid cash balances (unused old stores to the value of a few millions of rupees do not help) clearly indicate that the time has come when we should row with the oars we have?

With the model University College on the educational Olympus replete with laboratories and tutors who are second to none east of Suez the professors of this institution, though eminent in their particular line, may perhaps allow that there are, at least, a number of their contemporaries in the Sister colleges in Colombo, and in the mofussils, who are equally good in their profession, if not better.

By a simple arrangement, the pupils of all secondary colleges could derive the same benefit from the lectures of University College dons as their own students through means of radios. In short, what is wanted is a co-ordination of the various efforts made here and there in this line. Why cannot a programme be arranged for an exchange of professors for short periods to enable their boys to be better taught by stand out men in other Colleges.

May I therefore suggest that the University College be constituted a 100% residential teaching and "Examining" University while all other Colleges under the same residential system prepare boys for the said University examinations. The attendance in colleges would be territorial, if there is a recognised secondary college in that area of Curson's University (Indra) Act.

The advantages claimed for this proposal are:—

I. The removal of the congestion in the University College.

II. The privileged class would not be taught at the expense of the taxpayers, here. It is, I believe not self-supporting.

III. Varsity students now imagine themselves as the Brahmins in the educational world.

IV. A larger number of students would be able to receive higher education.

V. By a small grant, all the reputed secondary colleges could be improved to the level of University College. Now, all boys crowd there.

Humbly submitted for the consideration of the Director of Education and the Minister of Education, please.

I am etc.,

S. KANAPATHIPILLAI

"The Camp"  
Karaikal, 26-7-1938.

## Refused to Take His Son's Body

## Inquiry into Thaddateru Murder

An inquiry was held into the death of Muttukumaru Appadurai, goldsmith of Thaddatheru, Vannarponne by Mr. E. V. R. Samanwickrema, Police Magistrate, at the Jaffna Civil Hospital.

Visalatchi, a widow, sister of the deceased, stated that Sanmugam Singaram abused her about midnight. When she went to the lane she saw Sinnathampu Aiyadurai holding her brother, whom Singaram then attacked with a sword.

Ponnambalam Muttukumaru also testified to the attack on his son. He asked why they had done it and turned to go home, when Singaram injured him in the hand. He went home and did not know what happened to his son after that. He told the police about it.

He was not well disposed towards his son, who used to drink and fight with Singaram. Both were quarrelsome persons and in every dispute in the village they figured on the opposing sides.

He was also not well disposed towards his daughter (Visalatchi). They had squandered all his money and were disobedient.

He did not want his son's body taken to his house as he was a drunkard and a bully.

The Magistrate issued warrants against S. Aiyadurai and Sanmugam Singaram.

Mr. P. R. Krishnaratne, A. S. P. assisted by Sub-Inspector Ramathan led evidence.

## MR. C. H. COLLINS RETURNS

Colombo, Tuesday.

Mr. C. H. Collins, Deputy Financial Secretary, returned to the Island today, after a nine-month's holiday at Home. He was accompanied by his wife and two daughters.

During his stay at Home he took the opportunity of visiting the Crown Agents and discussing with them certain matters relating to the Treasury. The present methods adopted by his department were up-to-date and for the moment he did not contemplate any drastic alterations to the system.

Mr. Collins said that he met Mr. D. S. Senanayake, Minister of Agriculture and Lands, at Port Sudan and had an interesting conversation with him.

In the course of the short interview Mr. Collins added that from what he saw he was convinced that the general outlook at Home appeared to be definitely hopeful.

## Missions Seeking Shelter in the East

The West was driving out Christianity, and missions with swollen funds were seeking shelter in the East, said Dr. G. Malalasekera speaking at the first anniversary of the Vidyakara Education Society, Maharagama, presided by Mr. W. A. de Silva.

## Madhu Exhibition 1938

For the third time in succession the Coconut Board fitted up a stall at Madhu. The stall was situated in a prominent place in camp and was open to the public from the 24th June till the 4th July.

Though the stall was a regular feature for three years, yet it did not fail to attract a large number of visitors. This year the number who visited the stall is estimated at 25,000. In 1936 there were 8,600 and in 1937 18,000. These figures speak for themselves and are the best index of the popularity of the stall. One of the reasons why the Coconut Board stall continues to draw a large number of people is the refreshing variety of articles on view. The manufacturers are ever on the lookout for new designs and new models. The range of utility of coconut products is also on the increase. The visitor is therefore always assured of seeing some new and hitherto unexploited use of the coconut and one often hears the remark "I did not see this last time," "They have improved the variety of this article" etc.

Madu is an ideal place for an Exhibition of this kind. The annual festival in July draws the largest crowd and there are few festivals in Ceylon that attract such large numbers of people of all classes. Traders know that at Madhu they can do business and they assemble in large numbers. I have no hesitation in recommending the annual participation of the Coconut Board at the Madhu Festival.

Our thanks are due to Mr. B. Sri Pathmanathan, the member representing the Mannar constituency, for urging on the management the necessity of holding this Exhibition annually at Madhu, in his constituency. Mr. B. Sri Pathmanathan is an ardent believer in the value of Fairs and Exhibitions. Thanks are also due to the Rev. Fr. A. Hutchin, the Administrator of Madhu who with his eye for detail saw to every little arrangement and was always prepared to give his advice and help.

M. M. Alexander,  
Officer in charge.

## Order Nisi

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF  
JAFFNA

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 537

In the matter of the estate of the late Ponnammah wife of M. V. Arumugam of Nunavil.

Deceased  
Murugesu Visuvalingam Arumugam of Weligama presently of Nunavil

Vs. Petitioner-

1. Arumugam Srisadacharam of Nunavil

2. Maheswary Thevy daughter of

## GOVERNOR ILL

## Tonsils Give Him Trouble

Colombo, Wednesday.

The following statement was issued from Queen's House today:—

"The Governor much regrets having to cancel his engagements for about ten days. His Excellency is entering the Fraser Nursing Home this evening for removal of his tonsils, which have caused him trouble for some weeks past.

## Extension of Road Urged

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large sum of money in constructing the Vayavilan Poonaiankadu Crematorium Road, so that in course of time it may be connected with the Thambalai—Valalay Road.

Mr. V. Rasanayakam, the secretary Messrs. A. Kanapathipillai and Pundit S. Ramasamy also spoke. Lastly Mr. Natesan, the chairman, said that the large gathering present sufficiently indicated the urgency of extending the road and that he would take all the necessary steps to implement the resolution. (Cor)

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Respondents.

This matter of the petition of the abovenamed petitioner praying that the abovenamed 3rd respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors the abovenamed 1st and 2nd respondents and that Letters of administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner coming on for disposal before C. Coomaraswamy Esquire, District Judge, Jaffna on the 11th day of May 1938 in the presence of Mr. V. S. Karthigesu proctor on the part of the petitioner and on reading the affidavit and petition of the petitioner.

It is ordered that the abovenamed 3rd respondent be appointed guardian-ad-litem over the minors the above named 1st and 2nd respondents and that Letters of Administration to the estate of the abovenamed deceased be issued to the petitioner as the lawful husband of the said deceased, unless the respondents abovenamed appear before this court on the 22nd day of June 1938 and show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this court to the contrary.

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C. Coomaraswamy  
District Judge

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## Jaffna District Co-operative Conference

### Annual Session

The following is the programme of the annual Jaffna District Co-operative Conference which commences today:—

July 28, 1938

Chairman: R. B. Naish Esqr.,  
C. C. S., G. A. N. P.

9-30 A. M. The Asst. Registrar, C. S. N. D. will call upon the Government Agent, N. P. to declare open the Conference.

9-35 A. M. Opening Address by the G. A., N. P.

9-50 A. M. Address by the Registrar, Co-operative Societies

10-30 A. M. Awarding of the 'Cooke's Challenge Shield' to the best Society.

10-45 A. M. Lectures by Rev. T. M. P. Long O. M. I., Rector, St. Patrick's College, Jaffna.

11-30 A. M. Resolutions for discussion.

Chairman: T. C. Rajaratnam, Esq.,  
J. P.

2-00 P. M. 'The present position of the Jaffna Malayalam Tobacco Sale C. S. Ltd'—A talk by the Manager of the Society.

2-35 P. M. Resolutions for discussion.

3-00 P. M. Lecture by the Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer, Jaffna on "the Production of Tobacco seedlings"

3-30 P. M. Lecture by the Medical Officer of Health, on "Health and Rural up-lift".

July 29, 1938

Chairman Mudaliyar V.  
Ponnampalam

9-30 A. M. Lecture by the Acting District Inspector of Schools on "the intelligent citizen and his duties to the next generation."

9-45 A. M. Resolutions for discussion.

10-20 A. M. Lecture by C. Ragnathan Esqr., Assistant Registrar C. S. N. D.

11-00 A. M. Lecture by Mr. R. C. S. Cooke on 'A co-operative Federation and its functions.'

11-30 A. M. Lecture by Mr. V. Nadirajah, Inspector, C. S. on "Arbitration procedure."

Chairman G. de Soyza Esqr.,  
C. C. S. Registrar, Co-operative Societies

2-00 P. M. Lecture by V. Veerasingham Esqr., B. A. Principal Manipay Hindu College on "the Ethics of co-operation."

2-30 P. M. Lecture by Mr. V. Ponnusamy, Inspector C. S. on "the Purpose of Audit."

3-00 P. M. Lecture on "Some important sections of the New Co-operative Ordinance and rules by Mr. F. A. Sandrasekera, Head Quarters Inspector, C. S."

3-30 P. M. Resolutions for Discussion.

July 30, 1938

9-30 A. M. The Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

10-30 A. M. The Annual General Meeting of the Jaffna Co-operative Central Bank Ltd.

11-45 A. M. Closing Remarks by the Registrar, C. S.

2-00 P. M. Payments to Delegates.

## A SHORT STORY

(Continued from page 1)

you. I may wander and kill myself."

"Rambha, your worries are natural. Nature divided us by the subtler web of our brains. It blends yearning and repulsion. Dear girl, realise your position. It is serious. Change your mind; be reasonable. It will help and comfort you. It will strengthen you. Do not desire to die. You must seek for strength to bear it."

The old man pleaded. He shattered her doubts with cogent reasonings, and lifted her imagination above the sordid details of her narrow future, and suffused her heart with the sense of a glorious presence about her. Slowly the strength of his words forced their way through the agitation and confusion of her mind. Her features relaxed when she heard this: "Rambha, my dear daughter, get up, there is a good girl."

### III

Rambha's advent in the locality where only high class people lived caused a great sensation. People began to talk. They said that a prominent Brahmin in their midst committed a very serious crime. They interpreted it to be the gross high handedness on the part of Luxmikant. His righteousness, the virtue of his benevolence, his liberality and patience,—all was forgotten. People deplored his audacity in giving shelter to an untouchable, born and brought up in filth. Orthodox Brahmins could not bear it. They wished to ostracise Luxmikant.

Rambha overheard people gossip. They were scandalising Luxmikant. She was shocked to hear that her Baba was boycotted by the Society. She realised that it was due to her. Her heart sank under a dread beyond expressions.

Luxmikant consoled Rambha saying, "daughter, this is nothing. God won't boycott us. We are destined to see irrevocably everything reflected in us with a desolating monotony. Let us see what is beyond us. Get up, my dear girl, go to the spinning wheel; that is our business and there lies deliverance". He looked up to that clear sky, laughed abruptly, involuntarily and said to himself:

Why not? I will marry Rambha to my son. That preserving faith in human dreams should some day come true".

### IV

Some considerable time passed. Luxmikant was entirely forgotten. He, once for all, discarded his village, and took shelter in another, a labour colony where he found all the amenities he required.

Luxmikant had many friends and relations. The majority despised him and treated him with contempt. But some of them missed him very much and wished to go and see him. They ascertained his whereabouts, and one day they located his residence.

Something striking totally dissuaded them from entering in. They had a clear vision of the inside. It presented a very happy scene. Three people were seen seated on a wooden plank. All were evidently in silent medita-

tion. They saw before them a lovely idol of the Lord fixed upon a miniature platform with a thick coverlet of handspun khaddar, and good lot of fresh flowers spread around it. Besides this, the mild radiance of oil lamps, and the cerulian smoke of incense from an earthen plate lent to that holy room a peculiar attraction. The spectators' eyes rested on Luxmikant with a tender, reverent worship which increased when they heard the sound of bell and the conch-shell, and also the musical, religious compositions poured forth from Rambha and Mohan, now husband and wife. This scene infused in them a sincere feeling of ardent devotion. They looked at Rambha; and it seemed to them that her expressive eyes revealed complete innocence in her lyric soul.

Luxmikant greeted his friends with humble respect. His friends were every much delighted to relish the decency of his speech, and his love of peace and truth. They admired him and observed in unqualified sincerity.

"Luxmikant, we are ashamed to meet you. We realise we blundered. We cannot expect even in our dreams the tender, luminous serenity that emanates from your daily life. You are great."

"Thank you very much for your good feelings. Anyway, I got tired of sordid frivolity and the empty glitter of your society." Then his voice thickened to hoarseness. "Yes, your society scandalised me. Well, it doesn't signify much. Friends, see there, my son and his wife, Rambha. They are going to the adjoining village—a neglected labour colony. It is situated in filthy surroundings. Human and animal filth are deposited in the streets of that village. The atmosphere is really nauseating. Let my children also go there and work. They should also share in the sorrows of their brethren who are related to the work-a-day world! They creep on dirty floor; they roam about in stuffy and vitiated air. They become weaklings; and they are untouchables to the higher caste. I must also contribute my mite. I am not interested in talking to you at length. Good bye."

Those people went back quite surprised and satisfied. They reported the strength of his moral force that worked in the villages. Orthodox people, when they hear it, fretted.

Labourers looked at Rambha. Their hearts moved with glad adoration and Rambha's gift of expression worked its way.

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## Extension of Road Urged

### Apathy of Land-lords Criticized

A public meeting of the residents of Atchuvely and Myliddy parishes was held on Monday at the Valalay American Mission Tamil School Hall, with Mr. S. Natesan, M. S. C. in the chair, with a view to get the Thambalai Valalay Road completed at an early date.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. T. Thambimuttu, seconded by Mr. S. Thamotharampillai and unanimously passed.

"Whereas there are not adequate road facilities for the villages of Valalay, Idaikkadu and Thambalai, and whereas the aforesaid want is a source of great inconvenience to the people of the neighbouring villages as well, the inhabitants of Atchuvely and Myliddy parishes, in public meeting assembled, strongly urge upon the Government the absolute necessity of extending the Thambalai—Valalay D. R. C. Road, so that it may meet the Jaffna—Palaly Road near about the tenth mile stone and respectfully request the Government to get the above road completed by the Jaffna District Road Committee or by the Atchuvely and Myliddy Village Committees with the financial assistance of the Central Government."

In moving the resolution, Mr. T. Thambimuttu said that the construction of the above-mentioned road was espoused by the late Hon. Mr. Arunasalam Sabapathy, and that Mr. H. R. Freeman, the then Government Agent also had strongly supported it. It would have been completed long ago but for the fact that some land-owners were apathetic and refused to give land free for the said purpose.

Mr. S. John Rajah, the President of the Atchuvely Village Committee, supporting the resolution said that as it was a matter, which affected the welfare of one and all in his parish, he and his committee were keenly interested in the completion of that road. Therefore, they had passed a similar resolution in their last V. C. meeting and sent it to the Government Agent. If the aforesaid road be extended to meet the Jaffna—Palaly Road, somewhere near the tenth mile post, Jaffna town would be brought three miles nearer to the people of Idaikkadu and Valalay than at present.

Mr. S. Swaminathan, B. A., the President of the Myliddy Village Committee, commenting on the resolution, said that the completion of the road in the manner specified above would be to the mutual advantage of both the parishes concerned, as it would help the development of agricultural lands and strengthen the trade relationship existing between the two parishes. That was why his committee was spending a

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**Order Nisi**

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
OF JAFFNA  
Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 592  
In the matter of the estate of the late  
Gunapakiam alias Paruppillai  
widow of the late Eliathamby  
Sangarappillai of Kanterodai  
Deceased.  
Muttappillai widow of Aiyathurai  
Kanniah of Kanterodai  
Vs. Petitioner.  
1. Murugesar Vaithilingam and wife  
2. Meenadeliammah of Alaveddy  
presently of Linga Vasa, Raymond  
Road, Nugegoda.  
3. Eliathamby Navaratnam of Ala-  
veddy presently of Port Swet-  
tenham Respondents.  
This matter of the Petition of the  
Petitioner praying for Letters of Ad-  
ministration with the will annexed  
to the estate of the aforesaid de-  
ceased coming on for disposal before

C. Coomaraswamy Esquire District  
Judge, Jaffna on the 31st day of  
March 1938 and on the 14th day of  
June 1938 in the presence of Mr. S.  
Lhayatambi Proctor on the part of the  
Petitioner and the affidavit and Peti-  
tion of the Petitioner dated the 21st  
and 31st day of March, 1938 and the  
affidavit of the petitioner dated 10th  
May 1938 respectively having been  
read, it is ordered that the Petitioner  
as a sister-in-law of the deceased and  
as a legatee under the said Last Will  
is entitled to have Letters of Ad-  
ministration with the will annexed  
to the estate of the said deceased  
issued to her, unless the Respondents  
or any other person shall, on or be-  
fore the 19th day of August 1938  
appear before this Court and show  
sufficient cause to the satisfaction of  
this Court to the contrary.

This 16th day of June 1938

Sgd. C. Coomaraswamy,  
District Judge.

[O. 31 34-7 41-8-38]

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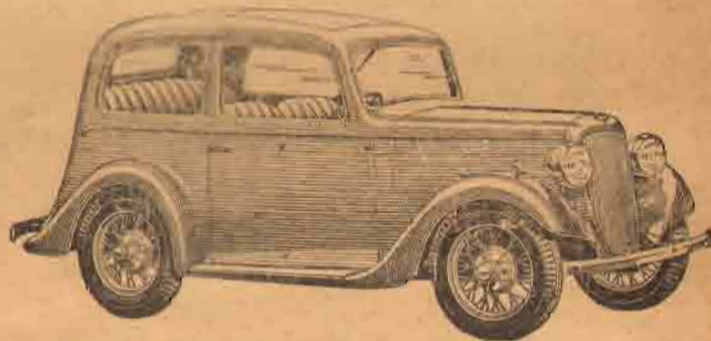
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