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JAFFNA, MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1931.

CONGRESS AND JAFFNA

"I APPEAL" SAID MR S W R D BANdaranaike in the course of his presidential address to the Ceylon National Congress "to our brothers in the North and to other minorities to join us in working under the banner of the reorganised National Congress for the attainment of that goal which is common to us all, the the welfare and advancement of our dear Motherland." It is about 10 years since the Tamils seconded from the National Congress. Though during this long period they did not take part in its delibrations, yet in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the compensation of the Tamile of the Compensation mon motherland the Tamils co-operated with the representatives of the Congress in and outside the old Legislative Council. On many public questions repre-sentatives from Jaffua as well as those of the Congress held identical views and pressed on the Government for their acceptance with the same vigour and earnestness. Before the Donoughmore Commission, the Congress deputation as well as the Jaffna deputation demanded full responsible Government. Congress scheme was debated in the Legislative Council, the criticism of the defects of the scheme made by the Jaffoa members is almost identical as that levelled against it by the members of the then Congress party. But when the Congress decided to accept the scheme and to work it, the Jaffua people regarded that decision as a betrayal of the interests of the country and decided on the only course of conduct that is open to a self-respecting people. They have de-clared that they will have nothing to do with the present constitution unless Great Britain is prepared to concede full responsible Govenment to the people of this country.

Mr. Bandaranaike thinks that the new constitution affords scope and opportunity for doing "constructive work". Mr. Bandaranaike is labouring under a delusion when he makes that claim for the new constitution. Under the new constitution, which Mr. Bandaranaike wants to give a fair trial, the representatives of the people have no power over the salaries and emoluments of public servants, though more than half the revenue is spent on these matters. The revenue is raised in the Island. It is the people's money and they, on the basis of universal franchise, have returned 46 members to the new Connoil. The first thing the new Council has to do is to beg the Secretary of State for the Colo-nies through the Governor for reduction of salaries. Is this the advance conceded to the people under the new constition, as proclaimed by Mr.

Bandaranaike. We are of the emphatic opinion that no constructive work of any kind can be done under a system of Government controlled by an alien bureaucracy. We commend to the consideration of Mr. Bandaranaike and consideration of Mr. Bandaranaise and his party a striking incident related by Sir M Visvesvaraya, ex-Dewan of Mygore, as having happened in the course of his travels in foreign countries:

In 1919, in the course of my travels in Japan and the United States of America, I discussed the sterling exchange position in India with recognized financial experts whom The Governor of the Bank of Japan said that the gold standard was the best for this country and he, for one, had no mis-givings on the point.

I pursued my investigation in the United I pursued my investigation in the United States of America and it will interest you if I repail a striking incident connected with a visit I paid to a financier and banking expand or repute, Mr. Jacobson by name, who was associated with the Federal Reserve Board at Washington. I went to him with a letter of introduction and bad a companion with me

who was a New Yorker and a Freemason. I asked the expert what he thought of the sterling exchange position in India and what, in his view, was the best way of placing the currency policy of this country on a sound basis and preventing the losses to which it was being subjected from time to time He was evidently unwilling, possibly on account of his official position, to speak out his mind, and began to say that India was a distant country, he had not seen it and knew listle of its real position and wasts. I showed some impatience at this answer, remarking that an expert of his standing could not possibly be so ignorant as he professed himself to be. He thereupon beckoned to my companion into an adjoining room and "Tell this man to go back to his country, change the system of Government there and come to me again for advice. I will then be able to help him "

Tois really shows that no real constructive work can be accomplished under a system of Government which is either Crown Colony or dependency form of administration.

Ceylon should be governed either nnder a pure and simple Crown Colony ad-ministration or under a system where the executive is responsible to the people. This half-way house of sharing some sort of responsibility with the bu-resucracy is demoralising in the ex-treme. It is demoralising to the people and it is demoralising to the G vernment. No better evidence can be given of its dem raising nature than of the case of Mr. Bandaranaike, who has fallen a victim under its glamour. Mr. Bandaranaike is a great nationalist and his articles in the press show that he is a great admirer of Mahatma Gandhi. If such a man could put forward such a special pleading for the indefensible constitution as that which we note in his presidential speech, it only shows that this constitution is a defiling thing and it should not be touched. So long as the Congress is wedded to the new constitution it will not be possible for the people of Juffaa to co-operate with it.

#### Minister of Communications and Works in Jaffna. -:0:--

INSPECTION OF NORTHERN BAILWAY LINE

The Hon. Mr Macan Marker, Minister of Communications and Works with Mr. T E. Duston, General Manager of Railways, visited Jaffas on Thursday last on a tour of Inspection of the Northern line. After inspecting the Kankesantural and Jaffua Stations they left for Mannar the same evening.

The Hon Mr. Macan Markar was given a reception by the Moslem community in Jaffna at Moor Street and anjaddress was presented

#### Acting Police Magistrate, Jaffna.

Mr V Joseph has been appointed to act as Commissioner and Police Magistrate, Jaffon, Kayts and Mallakam, during the absence of Mr M F de S Jayerathe, from Documber 13, 1931 to January 3, 1932,

### The Jaffna Night Mail-

NO SLEEPING BERTHS.

It is said that with the beginning on the 19th instant of the issue of cheap blokets on the railway applications for sleaping berths are pouring in.

It has been decided this year nor to provide second class sleeping berths on the Jaffon night mail to those travelling with excursion or obean tickets.

#### A Politician of Extraordinary Ability.

MR LLOYD GEORGE'S IMPRESSION OF GANDHILL

"You met Mr Gandhi. What do you think of him? asked a "Daily News" representative who interviewed Mr L'oyd George on board

the R japutana.
"I was very impressed with him!" he replied. "Of his sinearity I have no doubt. But what struck me most about Mr Gandhi as I have said before, is his extraordinary ability as a politicap."

The New Education Ordinance.

--:0:-(Communicated.)

Thanks to the energy of Mr. Kannangara and his ministers of the Committee for New Elucation Ordinance which is expected to be introduced in the State Council next year A cursory survey of these provisions makes it quite clear that the Committee have had before them the model of the educational system in England. The recent phases of educational development in England have been the devolution of responsibility to local rights to control and develop the Education in their own area along the lines most suited to the local conditions. While the Central authority attempts to regulate the pace of the local authorities great scope has been given to L. E. A.'s to develop at their own pass according to the opportu-nities and resources at their disposal. nities and resources at their disposal.
While welcoming this change in main principle as a change for the better we will have to wait till we get the details of these powers vested in Local Authorities to find out how far the new Ordinance will give local selfgovernment in education.

All the present Government schools will be handed over to the L. E. A.'s when Ordinance comes into operation. All p All nublic schools will then fall into two estagorice, those that are provided by the L. E. A.'s and those that are not. All the present denominational schools will fall under the latter category. When we consider the number of schools that are now controlled by Government and those toat are controlled by various denominations we notice that only small percentage of our schools will go under the control of the L. E. A. With the growth of State interference in England the general tendency had be in denominational subpos often by financial stringency to to pass over into Government control. Church of England Schools, Catholic Schools, Methodist Schools have many of them in turn been put on the black lists and being unable to be maintained in level with the progress of the times had coased to be denomination Schools. It is the first day of Government to make adequate provision for the education of the children. Education has been by some philosophers described as the propagation of the racial culture and araditions and while taking over the responsibility for the education of the child the government should keep well in mind that the child's religion and national traditions should form the bedrock for its education. Whilst in England there has been a general uniformity in traditions, culture and religion yet very strong objections were relied by the Catholics especially who claimed the rights for their children to have the religious for their children to have the religious teaching of their own particular denomina-Government enforced the teaching of the fundamentals of Christianity, those tenets in which all the seeks agreed while they ignored the rest which formed the differences between the different seets. Again the Central Government and the local authorities were in full agreement about the ideals of national development.

Here in Ceylon, however, the problem is not so easy. The first difficulty is the clash of ideals between the Government and the people. Timeo Danaos dona ferentes and our past experience has shown that wherever Government has given signs of falling in line with the ideals of the people one is inclined to look upon those gestures with susploion. Now that this offer comes from the Board of Ministers it would prove a test case if the government is prepared to allow us to develop along our own lines. The L. E. A's are to be composed of members appointed by the Municipalities in the case of municipal areas with an officer appointed by the Government while in other areas both by the Government while in other areas both the committee and the officers shall be appointed by the Government. Our experience of committees like the Urban and Rural Elication Committees, fixelse Advisory Committees and other Committees based not on the principle of popular election but on nomination by the Government shows us how little these economistees have claim to represent the coal wishes of the people. If the New Elucation Authorities are to be formed of similar committees it will prove a arce and the same allen system will continue to be perpetrated on the people as in the past. We would insist that these Local Authorities be appointed on a really popular Continued up

News & Notes.

After the suspension of the gold stand.

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ard, the new Japanese Government has issued a decree temporarily suspending the conversion of bank notes into gold, except by licence from the Minister of

The Bombay Provincial Congress Com. mittee has received a cable from Port Said, stating that Mr. Vithalbhai Patel is also travelling by the s. s. "Pilsna" with Mahatmaji and will be arriving in Bombay on the 28th instant.

The brother in-law of Paudit Jawa. harlal Nehru has been ordered to deposit his motor car in the police lines, presumably because the car had been used in contravention of the Ordinance which prohibits transport facilities for "norenters."

A British Note preparatory to the forthcoming Reparations Conference has been presented to in reply to the French memorandum refusing priority for commercial debts. The note stresses the importance of commercial debts to Great Britain, but does not discuss details, pending the report of the Basle Committee on Germany's solvency. Dis-cussions are proceeding as regards the venue of the Conference.

The public meeting under the auspices of the All-Caylon Liberal League to protest against the present financial policy of the Government, will take place today at 5 p.m. at the Town Hall, Colombo. Mr. Francis de Zoysa K. C. will preside, and the principal speakers will include Mr. H A P Sandrasegara K G Dr. S C Paul, Mr. A M Brodie, (Jaffaa) and Messrs P B Nugewala (Kandy) and H K P de Zylva (Negombo).

"It is heinous crime and unbecoming of the traditions of Indian womanhood" declared Mr Vallabhai Patel, President of the Indian National Congress, referr-ing to the marder of Mr Stevens by two Bengali girls. "It is a blot on Indian womanhood" he added, "and a stain on their fair name. The Congress can never countenance such cowardly acts. The act is against the culture and traditions of India and it does not become our woman to wield weapons of death and destruction. It is given to a woman to create and sustain life, and not to kill."

A naique spectacle was witnessed on the 19th instant in the Panadura Police Court, says the "Times of Ceylon" correspondent, when 1288 residents of Egodauyana, who were charged with failure to pay punitive police tax came in pro-cession to the Court house. When the cases were called Mudlr. G. W. Fonseks, on behalf of the Government Agent, moved that a postponement be given in view of deputations and telegraphic appeals made by the Moratuwa Maha Jana Sabha, Moratuwa Samithiya, and by Messrs. W A de Silva and Fonseka, members of the State Council, who had taken the matter up in the Council. The Magistrate, Mr P. Vythialingam, said it was with the greatest re-luctance that the cases would be laid by for a period of two months, after which he would not, either at the request of the Government or anybody else, postpone

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basis. All the elected members of the various basis. All the statics members of the various local administrative bodies like the Urban Councils, Ironi Boards and Village Committees may be vested with the right of electing the members to the local educational committees. We trust the Committee for Education will have this fundamental principles. committees. We trust the Committee olpie in view and then we can plettre the educational system of our land being gradu-ally moulded to suit the culture and re-quirements of the people of the soil.

### Rebuff to Anti-Temperance Campaign.

TEMPERANCE REPRESENTATIVE ASSAULTED.

55 OUT 1400 VOTE FOR RE OPENING TODDY TAVERN.

The anti-temperance activities of some renters and tappers had a rebuff on Saturday last in Vannarponne, when a poll was held for the re opening of a toddy tavern in Ward No 7. The anti temperance mon came with the full hope of an easy victory, Some how or other they easily put in about 75 per cent of votes in Wards Nos, 1 and 2 A representative of the Temperance party had to leave the booth in disgust at the manner the poll was conducted in those But in Vannarponne, the methods of the anti-temperance party were well known and there was strict identification of every voter, with the result, that out of a total of more than 1400 voters only 58 voted. Feeling therefore rose high among voted. Feeting theretor, most of whom the anti temperance men, most of whom were tappers with a sprinkling of renters and their friends of the higher class, and their friends of the higher class, and they resorted to violence and abuse. representative of the temperance party was assaulted. After getting his wounds dressed, he returned to his post of duty. The asthe anti-temperance party. For after 12 noon, not one voter turned up to the poll The officers had, however, to well till 6 pm when the poll was declared closed and the votes were counted. Only 58 voted of which three were spoiled.

The polling commenced at 8 a m. on Saturday the 19th instant. Mr B J Wilkinson Office Assistant, to the G A, N P, was the presiding efficer. Mr B C Obidemberanatean represented to temperance party, Mr Victor A Paul represented the anti-temperance party. Bus loads of so-oslind voters most of whom were teppera were brought in By 11 a monly 50 had voted though more than 200 had come to vote. A large of number of these were found to be non-voters and as not beinging to ward No 7. The polling commenced at 8 a m. on Saturday

Finding that there was strict identification the anti-temperance workers lost hopes and resorted to vile abuses which culminated in a tapper ageaulting the Temperance redresentative, who came out of the booth for the recess at 12 noon. The Assistant Superintendent of Excise rescued the Temperance representative from the crowd of tappers whe abused and called him names as 'Adeh Gandh!" "Adeh Gandh!" The assailant escaped. The injured was at once taken to the hospital. He retused to ge to the Police Station and make an entry saying that he was not going to proceed against the assailant as he had done it not of his own accord but out of pure misunder. etanding,

Mr Chidambaranathan returned to the booth at 1 P. M. with more members of the Temper-ance party and continued to represent the cause for which he has suffered. Not one voter turned op after the incident and it was weary waiting till 6 P M when the votes were counted and the results were declared.

#### Asst. Supde of Surveys, Jaffna.

Mr. Edwin Keyt, Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, Jaffina, has been transferred to Colombo.

Northern Province Teachers Association

CONDEMNS SALARY "OUR."

The Northern Province Teachers' Association, at its meeting last week, passed a resolution condemning the proposal before the Board of Education to recommed a out in the salaries of teaches.

### New Ordinances in India

Allahabad, Dec. 19th

The first direct action under the new United Provinces Ordinance was made when Pursottamadae Tandon, the President of the Allahabad Gougrass Committee, was arrested for presiding at a public meeting yesterday evening for condomning the Ordinance.

A crowd-gathered outside the house but to police succeeded to depositing him in gaol without incident.

Under the Bengal Ordinance, biayeles cannot be used without special licence, as hitherto warnings of the approach of police search parties used to be given by cycle flying squads in league with the absorders.

Power to do Constructive Work

CONGRESS PRESIDENT ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION.

The Annual Session of the Ceylon National Congress commenced on the 18th instant. Mr. 8 W R D Bandaranaike presided. In the course of his address referring to the new constitution he said:-

"The attitude of Congress generally and of Congress Candidates at the last Election may, I think, be summarised as follows: Constitution has defects, but because it is a distinct advance on the old Constitution and gives us power to do a great deal of constructive work for the benefit of the people we are prepared to accept it and give it a fair trial I do not think that can be considered to be an unreasonable attitude. The new constitution began to function at a period of almost unparalished national depression and we have hitherto been devoting our attention to probleme that were not of our making.

State Council's Work.

The Council is only now beginning to deal ith constructive work. The important with constructive work. The important question of Relief to Debtors has been taken in hand, and the Select Committee appointed to consider the subject will shortly make it's report. Is this a small ashlevement for the new Conneil within six months of its coming into existence? Within a few days of the Council deciding to grant relief to the unof the employed, over 2,000 men were given employat the Kolonnawa Band. altogether a trivial feat? The Commistee of Local Administration is now engaged in remodelling Local Government Institutions; we are at the moment considering necessary amendments to the Village Committees' Ordinance. I have now with me a draft Workman's Compensation Ordinance sent to me for consideration by the Labour Committee. The Agricultural Committee has many schemes in hand to the advancement of agriculture and the betterment of the conditions of the peasantry.

Appeal for Time.

These schemes cannot fructify in a day or a month or even a year. Let us remember that the history of nations is not counted in decades or even centuries but in thousands of years. It is surely not a statesman-like or wise action to display a childish petulence or to become hysterical over the passage of a few months one way or another. We aca few months one way or another. We accepted this Constitution knowing its defects in order to give it a fair trial and make full use of it to do constructive work for the benefit of our country, for the benefit of our labourers in our towns, and for the benefit of the vast multitude of our peasantry in the villages. I am convinced that a great deal of such work can and is being done; and the trial we give the Constitution must be a fair one. In giving it that fair trial two parties are concerned; we the Members of the Council on the one hand, and the Officials on the other. Officer of State or the Governor or the Sacretary of State in any matter of real importance acts unreasonably against the wishes of the will be not giving Council, then they will be not giving the Constitution a fair trial, and we will be perfactly justified in going out of the Ocanoiland we will do so. But I do not see that having accepted the new Constitution, we could reasonably demand an immediate revision of it. The Resolution, therefore, that will be placed before you is I think a fair and reasonable one and I trust that it will have your carness consideration.

#### The Jaffna Boycott. FOR CONSIDERATION AT TAMIL; LEAGUE MEETING

The General Committee of the Ceylon Tamil League held a meeting last Tuesday at the L.C. P. A. Rooms, Fort, with Rev. James S. Mather in the chair.

The Secretary Mr. B. Nadarsja, presented the

Tamil Longua, with reference to what should be done in regard to the introduction of Icoma Tax. After some discussion, the Committee decided to convene a general meeting of the League, and dis-

convene a general meeting of the League, and dis-ones the question.

The Chairman proposed that the general meet-ing should also consider the question of the Jaffine Boycot, and make representations to the Scores-ary of State if necessary urging the necessary reforms of the present constitution of the State Ocuncil, and placing before him clarity, the reason for their horsest.

for their boyoots.

The Committee accepted the proposal of the Chairman, and appointed a sub-Committee to prepare the agenda of the general meeting which will be held before the 10th Jenuszy, 1932.

Levy on Public Servants' Salary.

DRAFT ORDINANCE.

The draft of an ordinance "to enable a temporary levy to be imposed on the salaries and wages of persons employed in the public service," is published in latest "Gazette"

Scope of Ordinance.

The scope of the Ordinance is described in the statement of "Objects and Reasons" signed by the Financial Secretary, Sir Wilfrid as follows:-

The object of this Bill is to enable the Governor, with the prior approval of the Secretary of State, to impose a temporary levy on the salaries and wages of public servents

whenever he shall consider it expedient to do so for the maintenance of the financial stability of the Island.

The method of valculating the levy, and consequently its amount, as well as the classes of public servants from whose salaries or wages it will be deducted, will be pres-cribed by the Governor with the prior approval of the Scoretary of State.

Not Before February

An Order imposing a levy may be retros-pective to a date not anterior to the let February, 1932, the date on which it intended that the levy shall take effect. provison is necessary so meet the possibility that the Secretary of State's approval of the details of the levy may not be obtained before

Every Order must state the period for which it is to remain in force,

but an Order may be amended at any time or renewed at any time with or without amend-

The levy will not affect gratuities based on salaries or wages, or payments, based on salary, required Ordinances relating to the Widows Orphans Pensions Fund or Scheme. the purpose of calculating those payments, salaries and wages will be taken at the rate at which they would have been payable if levy had not been imposed. deduction to be made from salaries or wages which for certain purposes remain at a higher figure than is actually paid, legislative authorisy is necessary.

The amount of the levy will be credited either to the general revenue, or to the revenue of the Railway or of the Colombo ectricity Supply, according to whether the salary or wages from which the levy is deducted is primorily chargeable to one or other of those sources.

#### Medical College Examinations. -:0:-

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

The following are the results of the examinations of the Ceylon Medical College held this week:-

Final Examination.

First Class (in order of merit),-Nil. Second Class (in order of merit).-Nil.

The following complete the examination: M H Saddhaeena, L S Karunaratne, M Z Markar, J A Q Mendle, G S O de S Gunasekera and D S S P B Senanayake.

The above-named candidates have fulfilled the requirements for the Licence in Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery.

The following pass in the subjects stated:—

A Plachaud, Midwifers; W de Soyza,

Second Apothecaries' Examination.

First Class (in order of merit).-Nil. Second Class (in order of morit) -Nil,

The following complete the examination:

B J Emmanuel, A Kandiah, S Sivenathan, D
H Ranasinghe and C Velayathan.

Midwives' Examination.

Rosults of the examination for Obrifficates of Efficiency as Midwives of First Olass:—

Mics Susan Brown, Mrs M E Cooke, Mrs A C de Silve, Miss Bita Maud Vollenhoven and Mrs Grace Woutersz.

Results of the examination for Oertificates of Efficiency as Midwives of Second Class

Mrs E Warsakoon, Mrs W J E Farnando, Mrs R A Don Francisca Hamy, Nona Inthan, M Leolawathis, D H J Franciska, D A Don Mien None, B Juliet Perera, K Ponnamma, D Dona Roslin, W A Emoline Perera and W K P M H Rodrigo.

#### A Press Canard

GANDHIJI DENIES ALLEGED INTERVIEW

RUGBY, Dec. 17th.

Mn Gander, who is at sea, en route for India, has in reply to an inquiry, wirelessed Loudon today denying the statements attributed to him in an interview, alleged to have been given in Rome a few days ago to the "Giornale d'Italia."

He says he gave no interview at all to any journalists in Italy,

Mr Gandhi, in his message to London,

"The Giornale d'Italia's' statement is wholly false. I never gave any interview to Rressmen in Rome.

"The last interview I gave west at Villen-obve, Switzerland, where I asked the people of India not to some to any decision, but at

await my statement.
"I shall take no precipitate action, but shall make ample previous entreaties to the authorities should direct action become un-

Please give this statement the widest publishty possible."

An earlier message, from Rome, stated:—"India with he: vast masses, can create a new civilization, 

"The Round Table Conference, which has brought a definite break in relations between between Great Britain and India has been for use long and slow agony, but it has served to prove to the British authorities the spirit of the Indian Nation and its leaders, and to us the real intentions of Great Britain.

of retras british,
of retras to India to continue the struggle
against England, which will be, as herestofore,
without violence, Violence will mean India's
defeat, but in passive resistance India has formidable reserves of strongth and means which England has reason to fear,"

Mr. Gandhi anticipated that England would be badly hit by the boycott "which, as in the past, will be directed not against persons, but against policy, institutions and things," —"Times"

#### Ramanathan Day Celebration at Kandy.

PORTRAIT UNVEILED

Old residents say that, never before, was such a largely attended function among the Tamits, as on the day when that versatile Indian Ambassador, Mr. Meuen, I O S, unveiled the Portrait of Ramanathan, amides tusty cheers of "Rama Rama" from the Burghers, Singhalese and Tamits (India and Ceyton) who assembled in the SabaRaton Hail as the Tamit Home, Kandy on Saturday last.

Mr. Menon paid a glowing tribute to the Mr. Menon paid a glowing brione as and Great Hero and was followed by Mr. O B Raja Ratinam, Leader of the Kandy Bar, who mourned the absence of any Tamil to take the place of that Great Mac, and demanded the Pamil youth present to produce, from among them, leaders for their community by keeping one phase or other, if not more, of the litt of Ramanathan, as an ideal for them.

Mr. C E S Perera, the leading Sinbalese Lawyer of the Hill Capital tendered the affectionate tribute of the Sinbalese race,

Mudaliyar C Essanayagam delivered in Tamil an sicquent tribute to Ramanathan, "the Scholar and the Educationist.

Gate-Madaliyar Naganathar, a great temporary of Ramanathan narrated very lng incidents of his life.

ing incidents of his life,
Madaliyar O Arumugam stressed the significance of his entry into "Samadhi" and appealed to the Tamils all over to start a paper, named RAMA-NATHAM "Voice of Rama" which, as an institution, can effectively take his place and protect the intercets of the Tamils and deser others from insulting the Tamils with impunity. He also suggested that Government should be approached to grant Ramanathan Day as a Public Holiday, in so far as Ramanathan la universally socialmed as an All—Coylou Leader.

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as an All—Caylon Leader.

Mr Selvanayagam. Chief Clerk of Walkers Led,
author of Tamii Novela paid a moving tribute to
Ramanathan's noble services as a Hude and a
Tamii and characterised the Hudu Temple as
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Cullages in Juff and these everlaving monuments

to film.

Songs were sung by Mr S Sabapathy, D.

Post Master and a popular Author and Dram
and Mr & K Velopillai, Onici Clerk, New 1
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Mr S Kandalyah, Agricultural Chemiat, Peradenty, in a beautitul short speech bearsly thauked Mr Menon, the Iodian Agent and the other speakers and all these assembled, for having responded to the invisation of the Tamils Association.

ponded to the invitation of the Tamila Association, Mr.S. Sivaguinasandram, Vice president, who received and grizanded. Mr. Mouon and received the other greats and Mr.S. Somasundetsm, Honya General Secretary and Mr. K. S. Jaythevar, Literary and Mr. K. S. Jaythevar, Literary and Mr. K. S. Jaythevar, Literary Becretary and Mr. V. Ponnampslam, and their Sepatals colleague deserve to be congestulated.

JaffnaElectric Lighting Scheme OPENING OF POWER STATION

> CHAIRMAN'S HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

In declaring the Power Station open, Mr. R Sivagurunather, Chairman, Jaffon U D O, said.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are assembled to inaugurate a great
venture. J.ffns is the 2nd largest town in
point of population in Oeylon but unfortunnot so prosperous and wealthy ately we are Inspite of that as some other towns are. nandicap today we are compying a position out of all proportion in the economic, social and political life in Coylon Jaffna is faranse and political life in Ceylon Jaffua is faucuse for learning, outture, intellectual abilities and pushfulness of its sons. So far our aim has been to lead a simple life but to keep a high ideal before us. But we are not prepared to allow other towns to outsirip us in material progress. Hence today we opening the Town Lighting Scheme S people have said that it is a luxury and not a necessity. I do not agree with them and submit that it is an absolute necessity so far I do not agree with as material progress is concerned. development of the Lighting Scheme we IX. past to give better amountles to the Town and with the profits of the Scheme we hope to take in hand some urgent needs. I may assure the rate payers that in starting the Lighting Sabeme the Council does not intend to add even an additional cent to the existing The undertaking has been started b xation on a borrowed capital of Ra. 280 000/-. On data obtained from different sources I may Within a short period we would be able not only to repay the loan but also care a substantial sum for the Town. We expeat out of the profits to spend for the improvements of the sanitation of the Town and for the provision of the much needed water supply. Within the limited amount of the loan we have been able to light up only the most popular roads of the Town. That does not meet that the other areas will be neglected. We expect that with the savings we might be able to make the present Scheme and with the fature income terrefrom extensions would he made at a rapid rate. I personally hope that within a period of four or five years the entire Town would be supplied with electricity both for lighting and for power, I am glad to see the rate-payers assembled in such large number to congretulate themselves on the complation of the first instalment of the Lighting Scheme. But it is no use having the attests only lit up at the common ex-I trust that every boaseboider will ske to the electric lights as early as possible There is no doubt that it is more brillant than our kerosine oil lamps. It will be adding illumination, beauty and juy to the home life of our people. I am not only concerned with them but I assure you that it will be cheaper so the householders. Is should be the business of those who had already completed their connections to explain to others the adventages they have derived and persuade them to share the same. Ladies and men, before I close my remarks I would like to thank on behalf of the Council and on your behalf our contractors the well known firm of Wasker and Sons, Colombo. They have completed the work with the greater expedition and at the same time in the most workmanlike manner. Their work has stood the severe test imposed by Government Electrical experts deputed to supervise the work. I attribute their success to a great extent to the herd work, enthusiasm and shillby of Mr. Moraes, their resident Engineer. Oces more Ladies and Gantleman, allow me to express the Council's thanks for your presence here. Allow me to appeal to you to to express the Council's thanks for your presence here. Allow me to appeal to you to extend the same support and sympathy towards the undertakings of the Council on your behalf. Believe me every member of the Council has the welfare of the Town elmorely at heart. Permit me to declare this power House open.

### Change of Name

I. Ternakom Mudiyanedage W. mihamige Hathuhamy of Mamaduwa, pretently a cirk employed in the Vhiage Tribunal, Vavunlya de hareby foform the Government and the Poblic thee I was hithorfu known by the name of "I W. Heibuhamy" sud that from January 1, 1932 I will be united "Tennakom Mudiyanesing Wanoihamige Herath Fonavitan" and sign my name as "W. H. Benavirakoa"

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Commercial Corporation. -:0:

SHAREHOLDERS SUE COMPANY COURT ORDERS APPOINTMENT OF JOINT LIQUIDATOR

Much interest was centred in the case 'a which Mesers. F. Vaid, C Krickenbeck and W. J. Brodie sued Mr. Edward Mathar, Managing Director of the Ommercial Corporation now in liquidation and the Jaffaa Commercial Corporation to restran and the Jaffaa Commercial Corporation to restrain the former from acting as sole liquidator of the Corporation, and to declare the meeting at which Mr. Mather was appointed as Liquidator as invalid owing to the non-observance of certain conditions with regard to serving of notice etc, Mr. Chokey of the Metropolitan Bar instituted by Proctor Rustomine appeared for the Plaintiffa, while the 1st Defendan, was represented by Mr. W. Dursiswamy and Advocate Canagaratnam Instructed by Proctor J. K. Arnold. The Commercial Corporation was represented by Mr. Advocate A. V. Kulasingham with Mr. Advocate C. Fonnampalam, instructed by Mr. J. K. Arnold. Mr. Chokey in opening his case said that his

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Mr. Choksy in opening his case said that his olients questioned the validity of the appointment of Mr. Mather as sole liquidator. If the Court held that the appointment was not valid that he be removed from office. Mr. Mather had been formative Director for saveral years, and desire Managing Director for several years and during the time he was Managing Director, things did not to well with the Corporation. In the Managing Director for several years and during the time he was Managing Director, things did not go well with the Corporation. In the interests of two creditors and depositors, and the public a full, free and independent investigation into the affairs of the Corporation was necessary. Ascording to the latest Balance Sheet, the Fixed Deposits amounted to Rs. 24,917/. The debts due to the Company amounted to Rs. 228,000 and of this a large sum was doe by Mesrs Edward Mather and Son of which ist Defendant Edward Mather is Senior Farmer. According to Edward Mather and Son of which let Defendant Edward Mather is denice Fartner. According to the Answer he (Mr. Mather) said that he owed Rs 35,000/ Tast required investigation. Taking even at the face value that the amount due by Mr. Mather was Rs. 35,000/- was he the person in his own interests and in she interests of his first to us appendixed as Louddain? Shouldent be firm to be appointed as Liquidator? Shouldn't be be the man to welcome a fair, free and independone may to welcome a fair, free and independ-one investigation and thus avoid all that histation? Mr. Harding of Messas Ford Rhodes and Thornton was appoin ed Joint Liquidator with Mr. Mather but Mr. Harding relused to serve as Joint Light Mr. Harding released to serve as Joint Liquid-He was willing to be sole liquidator. Why ator. He was willing to be sole liquidator. Why then did not Mr Mather say, "I do not want to' have anything in this matter. Let any inde-pendent person carry on the work of liquidation."

The plaintiffs maintained, continued Mr. Chokey that Mr. Mather was not a fit and proper person to be appointed Liquidator. The proceedings at which he was appointed were irregular under the Companies' Ordinance.

Mr. Durshwamy said that they should said about framing the issues. He was anxious as the plaint fis that matters should be conducted the plaint its that matters should be conducted fairly and squarely. It was not for one shartholder to go on spesking about the let defendant in that strain. The let defendant was there as liquidator in the interests of the creditors. It was time the issues were framed.

The Course The point raised is that Mr.

Mather is a debtor.

Mr. Daraiswamy: (continuing) The creditors of Mr. Dursiswamy: (continuing) The creditors of the Corporation recently held a meeting and ex-pressed their full confidence in Mr. Mather. They said that their laterests were wholly safe in Mr. Mather's hands. It was not for one shareholder to go against the faterests of the rest. The Cour:: Why not have Mr. Morley as Liquidator?

L'quidator ?

Liquidator?

Mr. Chokay: I have been interrepted by my learned riend. I am entitled to open my ease, I challenge the validity of the meeting held on the 22 rd. That question goes to the whole root of the action. For volvetary liquidation there should be a special resolution passed at a meeting duly convened. After that is passed, it must be confirmed by a subsequent meeting held within not less than 14 days and not more than two months.

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Mr. Duralswamy relievated his charge about Mr. Chokey speaking on benefit of one shareholder.
Mr. Chokey: I do not represent one shareholder.
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Mr. Chokey: I do not represent one shareholder. We represent a very large number of shareholders. Mr. Vaid holds 185 shares worth about Rs. 10 000/. The total capital of the Corporation is four lakhs. There are 62 shareholders whose whereshouts are not known. Out of the 3½ lakhs of shares, the represented shareholders holding shares to the value of Rs. 177 000/.
The Court again inquired why Mr. Morley should not be appointed as L'quidator. Mr. Chokey said that he was quite agreeable. At the meeting at which the Liquidators were appointed Rs. 6000/. was fixed as removeration for Mr. Rarding and Rs. 4000/. for Mr. Mather. That meant the sum of Rs. 10000/. If they had the interests of the Corporation at heart they could have appointed on L'quidator with say Rs. 6,000/. or Rs. 7,000/. Why does Mr. Mather want to be a L'qu' deter. Even the Auditors' reports shad statements as "Manager says eo' "and the Medager thought so" etc. Even the auditors had not be given a free hand. There were certain frauds committed by employees of the Corporation. A sum of money to the extent of Rs. 50,000/. had been defaleated. And this defaleation was not known to Mr. Mather, the Managing Direbtor for a year. of Ps. 50,000/- had been defalcated. And this defaloation was not known to Mr. Mather, the Managing Director for a year.

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not a fit and proper present to be a Liquidaior.
With the convivence of ledger-keepers and
accordinate of the Company, relatives of Mr. Mather, books were falsified, documents forged, according to Mr. Mather's own statements, and Ba. 50 000/. of the company's moneys faltiered and defalcated. And what does Mr. Mather do? He does not even disuse it. When Inquiries were made, Mr. Mather tried to conceal matters by saying the affair was subjudice and he could not give all facts concerning the affair. Of the Re. give all facts concerning the affair. Of the Rs. 50 000 that disappeared, only Rs 19 000/. had been recovered. He would ask in the name of fairness, whether Mr. Mather could under these circumstances continue to be a l'quidator.

We are in the hands of the Mr. Duraiswamy: We are in the hands of the company. We can't go against the authority of the meeting that appointed us. At that meeting the three plaintiffs were present. One of the the three plaintiffs were present. One of the plaintiffs even proposed the vote of thanks and today he goes over to the other side and joins that unnoly alliance. Mr. Mather's position is this "If the Shareholders want to chuck me out I am p spared to go, but not till then"

The Court again wished to know whether it was not possible for both sides to come to an agreement with regard to the appointment of a L'quidator, Mr. Kuissingham said that the matter could not be settled by the wild statements made by Counsel for the plaintiffs. That Corporasion which Mr. Vaid was now anxious to be little had carried on successfully for 85 years. It had paid Mr. Vald alone Rs. 8000/- as dividends. Opporation held securities and its was est Octooration held securities and it was essential that the Liquidator should know the value of the securities. There were a large majority of share holders who felt that Mr. Mather was the only man who would be able to realise a good portion of man who would be able to restrict a good period of their investments. They were willing to take Mr. Harding as Joint Liquidator. A Liquidator should know local conditions well. There were securities, judgements in favour of the Corporation. A man who had no personal interest in the sifair can easily dispose away the securities for any

The Court: But Mr. Morley's name is one that will give confidence.

Mr. Chokey: The chief qualification of a L'quidator is a thorough knowledge of accounts.

Mr. Kulasingham: A Liquidator always requires statesmanship. He must be able to save the

Mr. Choksy pressed for a sole liquidator.

The Court: Opviously Mr. Mather has a large backing. Some shareholders want him as Liquidator.

In view of the split in the camp, the Court will appoint the other liquidator.

Mr. Chokey: In the meantime we want that r. Mather makes no attempt to realise the assets

of the company or.......

The Cours: If you wish to go on with the case, it will take several days. A lot of dirty linen will be washed in public, or even attempted to be washed. All this can be avoided.

Mr. Duraiswamy: But the plaintiffs bave no status at all in case.

Mr. Kulasingham wished to bring to the notice of the Court that Mr. Mather had already paid 30 per cent of the money due to depositors. On the last occasion this case came up, plaintiffs asked the Court to stop Mr. Mather making any further payments. That was, to put it middly, a piece of sheer cussedness. The depositors had a restorential plain.

piece of sheer oussedness. The depositors had a preferential claim.

The Goart was of opinion that it would be much better that no payment be made at present.

After further discussion with regard to the appointment of another liquidator in place of Mr. Harding. Mr. Kulasingham said that on behalf of the Company he consented to the appointment of a liquidator. He pressed for the immediate appointment of one. Matters should not be altowed to hang fire. In the A.B.A.R.S.M. care and in the other wretched case, matters hung fire for years.

for years.
The Court agreed that in the interests of all

concerned it was best that a liquidator be appointed at the earliest possible opportunity.

Mr. Kalasingham: We were willing to come to terms. But Mr. Mather who had served the Mr. Kalasiogham: We were willing to come to terms. But Mr. Mather who had served the Corporation for the last 35 years resented the manner in which things were done by the plaintiffs. It was agreed that the Court should appoint a Joint Liquidator with Mr. Mather to place of Mr. Harding, who declined to serve as Joint Liquidator. The following names were suggested Mr. J. G. Morley and Mr. O. M. Pope.

The Court informed the parties that Mr. Morley would be officially written to and the case would be called again on the 21st instant.

Salaries of Teachers.

AMENDMENTS TO OLAUSES IN CODE

At a special meeting of the Board of Edu-cation held at the Education Office last Saturday, the clauses in the Codes for Assisted Schools (English Code Clause 26 (iii) and Vernacular Oode Clause 32 (iii) relating to the appointment of temporary Managers were amended by the insertion of the words "or is unable owing to difficulties to continue his duties as Manager after the word "duties," and by the addition at the end, of the words "or the Director may, in special cases, pay direct to teachers in whole or in part any salaries due to them, provided that such payments do not excer the amount which would have been paid as grant during the same financial year had the ponditions for grant been fulfilled

After full consideration, the Board recommended that in the event of a levy being made on the salaries of teachers in Government schools, a corresponding levy should be made for the same period on the net salaries (i.e., after the deduction of the 4 per cent contribution towards the scheme) of teachers in assisted schools pausion

School Fees,

The question as to what steps, if any, should be taken to reduce the present school feer, was discussed. The Board was of feer, was discussed. The Board was of opinion that as school fees had a diffulie relation to the salary cost, Managers were unable to make any radical reduction in school sees at present. They added that any levy that might be imposed on teachers salaries could not alter to any appreciable extent the present tees although they recognized that such a lovy might enable Managers to give more free places than at present.

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