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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

16th June 1881, No. 1109.

Municipal-Sanitary.

Read the following paper:—

From Deputy Surgeon-General M. C. FURNELL, M.D., F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 6th June 1881, No. 1224 [Current No. 1374].

I have the honor, with reference to G.O., No. 465, of 18th March, and demi-official of 16th May 1881, to report that I have examined from time to time the various places in Ootacamund touched upon in my last year's report, and I find on the whole a marked improvement.

Conservancy generally seems to me more carefully attended to. The offensive smell so prevalent everywhere last year has in a great measure, if not altogether, disappeared. The places which I pointed out as particularly impure, viz., near Sylk's Hotel, Rosemount, &c., are this year clean and free from offensive deposit.

Latrines are very much cleaner. I still think an attempt might be made to hide them from sight by quick-growing shrubs. The fact that some people might use the ground so planted, instead of the latrine, is not to me a strong objection; such deposit might as easily be removed as the deposit inside; the earth would quickly absorb a great portion of it and the trees would grow the more quickly. I have forwarded to the President an estimate and plan of the Salem temporary latrine which, when Ooty is full of visitors, might be conveniently erected here and there for the use of the large number of servants which accompany them. They are cheap and admirably adapted for temporary use.

Market was much cleaner when I visited it on two occasions, but is still far from what it should be. There is still evidence that it is used as a chuttrum. I saw two or three sets of people asleep and one set cooking their morning meal; in two places I found recently-deposited human ordure. The place I described last year in the market, used as a dust and manure heap, is now a bone depôt—old dried sheep and bullock bones most probably stored there to be sold as manure. This, in my opinion, is quite wrong; a market where food of all sorts is sold should and might be, not only a scrupulously clean, but even a pleasant and beautiful place. I have in my mind, as I write, the remembrance of such a market-place which I visited many years ago in Bourbon at St. Denis; now St. Denis is not a more wealthy or important place than Ootacamund, and yet the market-place there, with its cleanly stalls of flowers, fruit, vegetables, &c., was really a most pleasant resort. The market here is still, as regards outward appearance, color-washing, &c., an unsightly place.

The drains about the Bazaar, Metoocherry, and Kandal are still very far from what they might be, but, until some system of drainage is sanctioned and carried out, it would be unreasonable to dwell upon this.

On the whole, however, I consider there is a marked improvement in the general sanitary state of the town.

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1881, No. 1109.

Communicated to the Ootacamund Municipal Commissioners.

2. The Government are glad to note the improvement reported by the Sanitary Commissioner and trust his suggestions will receive the careful attention of the Municipality.

(True Extract.)

C. G. MASTER,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

To the Sanitary Commissioner.
" President, Ootacamund Municipal Commission.

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To
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Municipal-Sanitary. - Communicating, with remarks, letter from the Sanitary Commissioner reporting on the sanitary condition of the Ootacamund Municipality with reference to G.O. No. 465 of 1881.

Office of Sanitary Commissioner
Ootacamund 6th June 1881

No. 1224

Hygiene

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The Chief Secretary to Govt.
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