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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From M.R.Ry. P. SWAMIDAS MUDALIYAR, Avargal, Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through Divisional officer), dated Vellore, 12th June 1895, No. 547-Genl.

I have the honour to submit the annual administration report on the working of the Madras District Municipalities Act No. IV of 1884, in the Vellore Municipality for the official year 1894-95, together with the statements prescribed in G.O. No. 2193 M., dated 10th December 1891, as also those relating to the Educational and Medical departments.

I.—CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL.

2. The maximum number of councillors is twenty, of whom five are nominated and fifteen elected. At the commencement of the year, the number fell short by five and at its close by one member.

3. The council held 66 meetings during the year against 36 in the year preceding. Eight meetings were adjourned for want of a quorum against four in the previous year. The average attendance at each meeting was eight against ten in the previous year; the largest number of councillors present at any one meeting was twelve against eighteen and the smallest number five against six. The office of Chairman was held by M.R.Ry. V. Siva Yogi Avargal up to 2nd June 1894 and by M.R.Ry. V. Iswarappa Mudaliyar Avargal, who acted as Chairman Delegate from that date to the end of the month. And I have been in uninterrupted charge of it since 1st July last.

4. During the year under report, there were in all eight vacancies—two among the nominated and six among the elected councillors. Steps were taken to fill up all these vacant seats during the year, though the name of one candidate was not published until the beginning of the current year as the vacancy occurred about the end of March last.

5. Of the six elections held during the year, one related to the North-eastern ward, three to the Merchant's ward, one to the South-eastern ward, and the other to the South-western ward. In four cases only were the seats contested. In the North-eastern ward, 67.5 per cent. of the registered voters exercised their right of voting. As regards the two contested seats relating to the Merchant's ward, 74.81 and 78.63 per cent. respectively of the registered voters appeared and voted, and in the South-western ward the ratio was 70 per cent.

II.—RECEIPTS.

6. The budget and the revised estimates for the year 1894-95 were reviewed and passed by Government in its order No. 194 M., dated 21st February 1894.

7. The actual receipts of the year exclusive of the opening balance amounted to Rs. 53,890-13-5 against Rs. 56,580 of the revised estimate and Rs. 52,277, the actuals of the preceding year. The decrease under the revised estimate occurred chiefly under—

- "Municipal rates and taxes," except "tax on vehicles, &c.," "tax on animals," "tax on carts, &c.," "tolls."
- "Realizations under Special Acts."

(iii) Revenue derived from municipal property, &c., except "rent of lands," "produce of lands, gardens, &c.," "income from markets," "income from slaughter-houses," "cart-stand fees" and "other fees."

(iv) Grants and contributions from Government under Municipal schools and "other purposes."

(v) Miscellaneous, except "recoveries" on account of services rendered to private individuals.

Receipts from Taxation.

8. (2) *Municipal Rates and Taxes*—(a) *Tax on Arts*.—This tax was revised as usual during the year and levied on all the eight classes of the schedule A attached to the Act. The demand registers were prepared in August 1894; the delay in the preparation of the demand registers was due to new books having to be written up, as also to information not being supplied at an early date by those concerned. The original current demand was Rs. 7,854 against Rs. 8,311 of the previous year; the number of appeals preferred against the imposition of the tax was 249 against 265 in the previous year. All the appeals were disposed of during the year.

In 141 cases the tax was confirmed, in 86 reduced and in 22 remitted. The remissions granted by the council on hearing appeals amounted to Rs. 664-8-0 against Rs. 1,904-8-0 of the previous year. Of the final demand of Rs. 7,189-8-0, the sum of Rs. 6,639 was realized against Rs. 5,726-8-0 of the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 550-8-0 against Rs. 680 of the preceding year.

The arrears outstanding at the commencement of the year amounted to Rs. 1,399-14-6, of which Rs. 598-8-0 were collected against Rs. 211-10-6 in the year before. Of the outstanding arrears, Rs. 71-8-0, relating to 1893-94, were, after due enquiry by the council, written off the accounts as irrecoverable. There is still a balance of Rs. 729-14-6 relating to the years 1891-92, 1892-93 and 1893-94, a large portion of which has since been collected, and the remainder will be adjusted before the close of 1895-96.

9. (b) *Tax on Buildings*.—This tax was revised in the year 1892-93. As directed by Government in its review of the past year's report, the registers are being revised and efforts are being made to obtain a more adequate revenue from this source. The result will be reported to Government on the completion of the revision. As in the past year the house-tax was levied at 5 per cent. of the annual rent value which is estimated on the actual rent for which the houses are let as far as it could be ascertained, or on the probable rent if the houses are in the occupation of the owners themselves, due consideration being given to the importance of the locality in which the houses are situated, as also to the dimensions and nature of the buildings. The demand registers were prepared in August 1894. The original current demand of the tax was Rs. 7,521-8-0, the remissions granted amounted to Rs. 23-14-0 (Rs. 8-13-0 by the council and Rs. 15-1-0 by the Chairman), the demand as finally settled was Rs. 7,512-11-0, of which Rs. 6,857-0-6 were collected against Rs. 6,663-3-6 of the previous year and Rs. 640-9-6 were outstanding at the close of the year against Rs. 781-11-0 of the previous year. The arrears outstanding at the beginning of the year amounted to Rs. 1,030-12-6, of which Rs. 859-8-0 were realized against Rs. 821-14-0 of the previous year, Rs. 12-11-0 were written off the accounts as irrecoverable after due enquiry. These irrecoverable amounts refer to the year 1891-92. There is still a balance of Rs. 158-9-6, a large portion of which has since been collected in the current year, and the remainder will be adjusted before its close. There were 21 appeals against the house-tax against 4 in the previous year. Of this number 8 were confirmed and 13 reduced.

10. Out of 7,624 houses in the municipality according to the census of 1891, 7,287 houses were brought under assessment. All houses, the annual rent value of which is less than Rs. 6, were exempted from taxation if they are the owner's sole property. For the purpose of census every detached building, whatever may be its rental value and whether it is a main building or an out-house, when used as a dwelling house, was separately numbered. The Government buildings within cantonment limits are not included in the houses assessed, hence the difference between census figures and those of the municipal assessment register.

11. (c) *Tax on Lands*.—The original demand was Rs. 754-3-6. Out of the current net demand Rs. 652-7-6 were collected against Rs. 573-11-6 in the previous year, leaving a balance of Rs. 95-11-0 at the close of the year. Out of the arrears outstanding at the commencement of the year, viz., Rs. 251-12-0, Rs. 123-2-6 have been collected and Rs. 3 struck off as irrecoverable, leaving a balance of Rs. 125-9-6 uncollected at the close of the year a large portion of which has been collected, and the balance will be adjusted before the close of the current year. The tax was last revised in 1890-91; the demand register was prepared in October 1894.

12. (e) *Tax on Vehicles*.—Rs. 762 were collected during the year for both half years against Rs. 742, the actuals of the previous year, and Rs. 760 of the revised estimate. Licenses were issued in diglot forms for vehicles and animals during the year.

13. (f) *Tax on Animals*.—This tax realized Rs. 1,160-4-0 against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,120 and Rs. 1,122, the actuals of the previous year.

14. (g) *Tax on Carts*.—The income derived from registration of carts was Rs. 2,081 against Rs. 2,010 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,017, the actuals of the previous year. Greater vigilance was exercised in seeing that carts did not escape taxation; hence the increase. Registration certificates in diglot forms were also used in addition to the registration numbers painted on carts. Ten unregistered carts were seized which were returned to the owners on their taking out licenses for them; no carts were sold by public auction for non-registration.

15. (h) *Tolls*.—There were six toll-gates in the town as in the previous year. They are pueka buildings of brick and chunam with tiled roofing. All of them were repaired during the year at a cost of Rs. 49-9-0. Tolls were levied at half the maximum rates specified in schedule D of the Act, and they were leased out during the year for Rs. 15,520 against Rs. 16,700 in the previous year; the decrease being due to a combination on the part of bidders as also to a want of competition by persons from outside the town.

The whole of the contract amount was realized by monthly instalments before the close of the year, and the usual contribution of a moiety of the revenue, amounting to Rs. 7,760, less half the expenses incurred for repairs to toll sheds, was paid to the district board for through traffic before the close of the year. A sum of Rs. 10, being penal interest paid by the contractor in 1894-95 for 1893-94, has also been shown under this head, a moiety having been paid to the local fund board. The local fund share (Rs. 17-8-0) of penal interest levied on the contractor for 1892-93, which was carried to "other deposits" in the accounts for 1893-94, was also paid in 1894-95. This contract was sold on the 5th March 1894.

16. (3) *Realizations under Special Acts*—(c) *Fees under Act II of 1888*.—Rs. 105 were collected under this head against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate. No collections were realized under this head in the previous year.

17. (4) *Revenue derived from Municipal property, &c.*—(a) (1) *Rent of Lands*.—Rs. 766-13-3 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 670 and Rs. 692, the actuals of the previous year. The amount (Rs. 766-13-3) is composed of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Grazing rent on cantonment lands for 1894-95 remitted by Station Staff Officer towards conservancy of Military lines ..	625	1	3
Grazing rent on certain cantonment lands for 1895-96 realized during an auction in 1894-95 as per request of Station Staff Officer ..	103	12	0
Annual rent on endowment land, in the village of Sadupari, attached to civil hospital, Vellore ..	38	0	0
Total ..	766	13	3

The last item has been shown in statement I-A, column 4, as per instructions conveyed in official memorandum, dated 11th September 1894, No. 789.

18. (iii) *Avenue Receipts*.—Rs. 211-3-0 were realized by the sale of decayed trees and avenue clippings against Rs. 320 of the revised estimate and Rs. 294, the actuals of the previous year.

19. (b) (i) *Sale-proceeds of Lands*.—Rs. 3-8-0 were realized by the sale of lands for building purposes, the revised estimate being Rs. 100 and the actuals of the previous year Rs. 28; the decrease is due to the sales being small during the year, as also to there being very few applications, a large number of which were rejected by Government.

20. (ii) *Produce of Lands, Gardens, &c.*—Rs. 204-10-0 were realized against Rs. 70 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 28, the actuals of the previous year. The increase is due to keener competition as also to the fact that the produce of lands in the cantonment which fetched a higher value than in the previous year was not taken into account last year, being under the Military Department.

21. (iii) *Sale-proceeds of Old Materials, Empty Oil Cans, Packing Cases, &c.*—Rs. 25-2-9 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 240 and Rs. 22, the actuals of the previous year. This is a fluctuating item and not susceptible of correct estimate.

22. (c) *Conservancy Receipts—Sale-proceeds of Night-soil, Street Refuse &c.*—Owing to the very severe remarks of Government, in its last review, on the unsatisfactory manner adopted for the disposal of night-soil, one dépôt for the deposit of night soil, and two for rubbish were selected. The collections of rubbish or the town sweepings will be sold by auction at the dépôt shortly; a piece of land has been rented for the trenching in of night-soil as suggested by Government and the Sanitary Commissioner.

There was recently a bid of over Rs. 1,700 offered for the refuse and night-soil, but as there appeared to be a combination on the part of the bidders, the sale was postponed *sine die*.

23. (d) (i) *Fees from Educational Institutions*.—Rs. 757-13-0 were realized against Rs. 835 of the revised estimate, the actuals in the previous year being Rs. 753.

24. (e) (i) *Sale-proceeds and Composition Fees of Medicines*.—Rs. 91-5-3 were realized under this head, the revised estimate being Rs. 100, and the actuals in the previous year Rs. 74. The increase is due to the District Medical and Sanitary Officer enforcing more stringently the rules with regard to the sale of medicines.

25. (f) (i) *Income from Markets*.—The collection of fees was leased out for Rs. 8,265-12-10 against Rs. 8,250 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 7,800, the actuals of the previous year. The market was put into thorough repair during the year.

26. (f) (ii) *Income from Slaughter-houses*.—Rs. 2,396-8-0 were realized against Rs. 2,370 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,555, the actuals of the previous year. Rupees 5 being penal interest on the contractor for 1893-94 was recovered during the year under report. The difference between the actuals of 1894-95 and 1893-94 under this head is due to the fact that for a greater portion of the year no fees were realized at the slaughter-house for large cattle. The beef butchers, who for some years past had been slaughtering cows in their houses, were in the beginning of the year directed to slaughter them in the municipal slaughter-house. This they refused to do, urging as a plea the unsuitability of the place for the purpose. For over ten months they refrained from slaughtering cows, and they appealed to the Collector against the resolution of the council. At the instance of the Collector, the butchers were allowed to slaughter in their houses pending the erection of a larger and more suitable building, the plan and estimate for which has been returned for revision by the Sanitary Engineer.

The Sanitary Commissioner having, in August last, on his inspection, reported about the disrepair of the sheep slaughter-house, the same was put into thorough repair; several other of his suggestions also received attention during the year.

27. (g) *Other Fees—(i) Distraint Fees*.—Rs. 3-14-0 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 50 and the actuals of Rs. 7 of the previous year. One thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight distraint warrants were pending at the beginning of the year. Three thousand three hundred and fourteen warrants were issued during the

year. The taxes were collected on mere presentation before distraint in 3,960 cases. In 17 cases property was distrained but not sold, and 1,315 warrants remained unexecuted at the close of the year.

28. (ii) *License Fees*.—The realization under this head is Rs. 594-1-8 against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,000 and the actuals of Rs. 653. This is a fluctuating item, but the main cause for the large decrease is due to no fees being charged for repairs or for opening windows and door-ways as resolved by the council during the year.

29. (iii) *Cart-stand Fees*.—There is only one cart-stand on the Bangalore road. It was as usual leased out to a farmer. Rupees 651 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 650 and the actuals of Rs. 845 of the previous year. The decrease is due to want of competition, there being a combination amongst the bidders and no outside ring to break it. The cart-stand was repaired during the year.

30. (iv) *Other Fees*.—Rs. 2-8-0 were realized on account of fees for copying extracts against Rs. 4, the actuals of the previous year.

31. (h) *Fines under Municipal and other Acts*.—Rs. 320-8-0 were realized against Rs. 400 of the revised estimate, and Rs. 460, the actuals of the previous year. The total number of cases prosecuted under the Municipal Act and bye-laws is 129 against 36 in the year previous. The decrease under this head is chiefly due to undue leniency on the part of the Bench-Magistracy in the imposition of fines.

32. (i) *Interest on Investments—(i) General including choultries*.—Rs. 125-11-1 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 150 and Rs. 111, the actuals of the previous year on account of interest on the funded capital (Rs. 2,800) belonging to the Vellore langarkhana. The variation between the receipts for 1894-95 and 1893-94 under this head is due to the difference of interest between four and three and half per cent. loan and to the commission paid on Government securities.

33. (iii) *Medical*.—A sum of Rs. 112-3-8, being interest accrued on the funded capital (Rs. 2,500) of the civil hospital, Vellore, was realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 150 and Rs. 100, the actuals of the previous year. Here also the variation between the actuals of 1894-95 and 1893-94 is due to the difference of interest between four and three and half per cent. loan and to the commission paid on Government securities.

34. (5) *Grants and Contributions—(a) From Government—(i) Education, Municipal Schools*.—Rs. 30-3-0 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 50 and Rs. 86, the actuals of the previous year. It refers to grants earned by girls in five of the municipal salary-result school, viz.:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Ramanayakapalayam Muhammadan school	17	1	0
Do. Hindu school	4	13	0
Sullivanpet Hindu school	1	5	0
Kusurapacheri school for Paraiyas	2	10	0
Kusba Hindu school	4	6	0
Total	30	3	0

The first four schools did not earn half as much again in grants as they did in the year previous.

35. (ii) *Medical*.—Rs. 2,200 here shown represent the Government contribution to the civil hospital.

36. (iii) *Other purposes—Communications*.—Rs. 2,000 realized under this head represent the annual contribution of Rs. 1,000, for the years 1893-94 and 1894-95, paid by the military authorities for the upkeep of the cantonment roads.

37. *Sanitation*.—Rs. 1,000 realized under this head is the contribution for 1894-95 paid by the military authorities for the conservation of the fort and military lines within the cantonment.

38. *Other purposes*.—Rs. 4,176 were realized from Government towards the Vellore langarkhana.

39. (b) *From Local Boards—(ii) Medical.*—Rupees 1,200 were realized from the district board of North Arcot as usual on account of contribution for the Vellore Civil hospital.

40. (b) (iii) *Other Purposes.*—Rupees 100 were realized from the district board of North Arcot as usual towards the cost of lighting the lamps on the Pálár bridge.

41. (b) *Miscellaneous—(a) Recoveries on account of services rendered to private individuals—(1) Private scavenging.*—Rupees 893-9-0 were realized against Rs. 755, the actuals of the previous year and Rs. 825 of the revised estimate. The number of houses served by Municipal agency rose from 456 to 776.

The demand registers were prepared in April 1894. Of Rs. 45, the outstanding arrears on 31st March 1894, Rs. 42-6-0 were collected, the balance of Rs. 2-10-0 will be written off the accounts in 1895-96, as payment of these arrears cannot be enforced by distress or other legal process.

42. There were in all 2,016 private latrines in the town including 1,577 cess-pits. Government having in its review of the report for the past year directed that systematic steps should be taken under the Act to close the cess-pits, I had notices served on the owners to close them and to substitute private latrines in their stead. As a beginning I had 78 persons prosecuted under sections 207 and 221 of the Act. Twenty of these were convicted and fined Rs. 70. The result has been that within a couple of months the number of latrines under Municipal agency has been increased by 320 and a much larger number is anticipated in the current year.

43. 6 (b) *Other Items—(ii) Other Purposes.*—The sum of Rs. 26-15-0 shown under this head is composed of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Cost of conserving latrine attached to the mosque in Pariah Lubbay street for the months of December 1894, and January, February and March 1895, at Rs. 5-4-0 per month	21	0	0
For supply of lymph for inoculating jail calves from the Superintendent, Central Jail, for November, December, January, February and March	5	15	0
Total	26	15	0

44. 6 (b) *Other Items—(ii) Refunds of Expenditure of previous year.*—Rupees 1-5-0 shown under this head was the amount of results grants for 1893-94 refunded by the headmaster of the Kusba Parcherry school, as a certifying memorandum had been issued by a mistake.

45. (iii) *Fee for numbering Carts, &c.*—Rupees 7-2-0 were realized against the revised estimate of Rs. 10 and Rs. 5, the actuals of the previous year. This item is a fluctuating one; the fee for numbering a cart or vehicle, whose registration number for the year was accidentally effaced, being As. 2 per cart or vehicle.

46. (iv) *Other Items.*—Rupees 22 shown under this head are composed of the following items:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Fine levied on cartstand contractor for 1893-94	15	0	0
Do. on contractor for supply of road materials for 1893-94	7	0	0
Total	22	0	0

47. 7 (d) *Advances—(ii) Others.*—Rupees 73-5-11 here shown represent Rs. 60 shown as "advances recoverable" in 1893-94, being the amount of fine levied on the rubbish cart contractor for that year and ordered to be refunded as per G.O., No. 1538 M., dated 4th November 1893. Annas 8 is the amount of process fee recovered in a municipal prosecution. The balance of Rs. 12-13-11 is the amount written off, relating to the accounts of 1891-92, under the head "advances for books purchased." A corresponding debit for this amount has been shown under Grant IV (9) Other charges—(v) Other items.

III.—EXPENDITURE.

48. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 59,457-5-6 against Rs. 54,781, the actuals of the previous year and Rs. 65,180 of the revised estimate, the closing balance being Rs. 14,331-5-3 against Rs. 11,300 of the revised estimate and Rupees 19,898 of the previous year. The actual charges were distributed among the several grants as shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Grant I, Public works	14,968	7	7
" II, Education	7,272	6	9
" III, Sanitation and medical services	21,099	13	9
" IV, Lighting and miscellaneous municipal purposes	11,740	2	7
" V, General establishment	4,010	7	10
Advances recoverable	350	0	0
Refunds	15	15	0
Total	59,457	5	6

49. *Grant I, Public Works—(1) New Works—(b) Buildings.*—Rupees 406-1-10 were expended against Rs. 10,030 of the revised estimate. In the budget for 1894-95 Rs. 8,000 were provided for the new hospital, Rs. 2,000 for the construction of toti lines and Rs. 1,300 for the construction of latrines. Two of these allotments were not utilized for the purposes specified. The construction of the new hospital has had to be postponed for want of a standard design plan. Type drawings prepared according to the instructions conveyed by the Surgeon-General and the Sanitary Engineer are now in the hands of the Consulting Architect, and as soon as the plans are ready the work will be commenced. Another difficulty in regard to the construction of the hospital is the selection of a new site. A sub-committee appointed for the purpose selected, in consultation with the District Medical and Sanitary officer, a suitable site available, viz., the plain in front of the Municipal office commonly known as "the old parade ground." The Government having, on the representation of the Collector and Sub-Collector, objected to the grant of that site, as it is wanted by the Europeans as a recreation ground, another sub-committee has been appointed to select another site.

The site for the construction of toti lines being under dispute as to the amount of compensation claimed by the owners and the work not being of such an urgent nature as to demand immediate attention, the work has been postponed.

Only Rs. 345 out of a total allotment of Rs. 1,300 was utilized during the year for the construction of two latrines.

The particulars comprising the sum of Rs. 406-1-10 are as shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Constructing a new cholera shed on the Bangalore road	62	0	0
Constructing a new latrine at Thotapalayam	182	2	8
Constructing a new latrine at Ramanaikpalayam	161	15	2
Total	406	1	10

The Government having in its review of the report for the past year observed that "the subject of latrines, the number of which is totally inadequate for a population of over 44,000, has been pressed upon the council before, but nothing has been done," the council has made a beginning in this year by constructing two new latrines in the space of six months. Provision has been made in the current year's budget for more and no efforts will be spared until the wish of Government has been met, viz., that for every 1,000 persons there should be one latrine. There are at present 24 latrines and four urinals against 22 latrines and four urinals in the past year.

50. (c) *Drainage.*—Rupees 3,346-4-2 were expended against Rs. 1,300 of the revised estimate and Rs. 3,261, the actuals of the previous year. The drains form part of Mr. Oldham's scheme, which was estimated to cost Rs. 1,87,211-8-11. With the past expenditure of Rs. 3,750 on drainage, the total cost up to the end of the year

is about Rs. 7,100; so that the remark of the District Medical and Sanitary officer in his report for 1894-95, which accompanies this report, is not understood in the face of facts, viz., "the attempts formerly made to improve the drainage of the town have been in abeyance for some time." The particulars of the sum of Rs. 3,346-4-2 are as shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Constructing U-shaped drains in Yettiammankoil street ..	89	3	7
Compensation for land purchased for drainage purposes in Jeyram Chetty and Paria Lubbay street ..	82	8	0
Constructing U-shaped drain in Mitt Ananda Rao street ..	879	8	1
Constructing U-shaped drain in Kannara main and cross streets and Fishermen's street ..	392	15	0
Constructing U-shaped drain in Killadar Sayakara street ..	584	8	7
Constructing U-shaped drain in Vengappa Chetty and Agathi Krishnappa Chetty's streets ..	1,038	10	6
Constructing U-shaped drains in Hakeem Alli Saib's street and lanes ..	211	14	11
Constructing U-shaped drains in Mohideen Baik's bungalow street ..	59	15	6
Pay of temporary maistry for supervising above work ..	7	0	0
Total ..	3,346	4	2

51. (d) *Water-supply*.—To meet the suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioner a new well was sunk at Ramanayakapalaiyam. The expenditure up to 31st March 1895 was Rs. 10-12-8, the estimate being Rs. 125. The work has been completed in the current year.

52. (e) *Miscellaneous Public Improvements*.—Rupees 836-9-5 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,073, the actuals of the previous year. The works comprised in this amount are—

	RS.	A.	P.
Diverting hill stream from Chetty Naiken street to Sarpanah Medu ..	329	11	10
Constructing dam and channel from Chetty Naiken street to Sarpanah Medu ..	15	12	6
Removing prickly-pear in Adavananthai kanaar street in front of Woddar's street ..	40	0	0
Removing prickly-pear from road leading to burning-ground near the river Palar ..	30	10	7
Removing prickly-pear by the side of road leading to Kyla tope ..	33	7	3
Improving butcher's kanaar and raising and protecting bed of same ..	367	5	3
Erecting a platform in Commissary bazaar for the use of the public ..	19	10	0
Total ..	836	9	5

53. (2) *Repairs*—(a) *Communications*.—Rupees 4,371-14-11 were expended on the repair of roads under the control of the municipal council against Rs. 3,000 of the revised estimate and against Rs. 2,161, the actuals of the previous year. The outlay on communications is 56.09 per cent. of the net receipts from tolls, whereas it was only 31.3 per cent. in the past year; the Government order on the subject being that yearly not less than 50 per cent. of the net receipts from tolls should be expended on the repair of roads. The above facts will clearly prove that the remarks of Government on the past year's report, viz., "the council should see that the money that lapsed is spent upon the roads in the current year and that their condition is not allowed to deteriorate" have received due attention at the hands of the council.

From statement II-A it will be observed that about 80 roads were repaired and kept in a satisfactory condition. The total mileage of roads in the town is 25 miles, 18 of which are metalled and 7 unmetalled. The total mileage under

municipal control is 14½ miles metalled and 7 miles unmetalled. Three miles 5½ furlongs of road were metalled and 4 miles 5½ furlongs of road were gravelled in the year under report.

54. (b) *Buildings*.—Rupees 2,439-12-2 were expended against Rs. 1,500 of the revised estimate and Rs. 2,807, the actuals of the previous year, on repairs to the following buildings:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Repairs to slaughter-house ..	383	9	4
Do. to cart-stand shed ..	14	0	0
Do. to toll-gate sheds ..	49	8	11
Do. to latrines ..	324	8	3
Do. to market ..	1,341	9	5
Do. to civil and Lying-in hospitals ..	186	5	1
Do. to municipal office ..	124	12	2
Do. to enclosing jutka stand with granite slabs ..	15	7	0
Total ..	2,439	12	2

The repairs to most of the buildings above specified were carried out to meet the suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioner.

55. (c) *Drainage*—(i) *Repairs to Works*.—Rupees 79-4-2 were expended on repairs to the following drains:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Clearing silt from drain in front of fort temple ..	17	4	9
Constructing side wall of drain in Govindu Mudali's street ..	53	12	1
Repairing the floor of drain near the junction of Kanaar street ..	8	3	4
Total ..	79	4	2

56. (c) (ii) *Establishment for flushing Drains*.—Rupees 1,200 were expended under this head against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,200 and Rs. 1,192, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the annual salary of 20 drain cleaners at Rs. 5 per mensem. An additional temporary drain cleaner was employed for two months in the year and his salary has been shown under "conservancy establishment" as it was met from savings under that head.

57. (d) *Water-supply*—(i) *Repairs to Works, Machinery, &c.*—Rupees 477-7-0 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 500 and Rs. 531, the actuals of the previous year. The particulars comprising this amount are—

	RS.	A.	P.
Repairing and cleansing well in fort ..	42	11	1
Do. do. dispensary well ..	12	14	0
Do. do. wells in the town ..	91	6	5
Do. do. well in parcherry near St. Anthony's Church street ..	4	13	10
Repairing parapet wall, deepening and removing silt from Dewan Saib's well ..	129	11	5
Repairing two draw wells in detail lines ..	11	2	9
Removing silt from well in Iroo Saldar's street ..	3	8	0
Do. for two silt traps in supply channel of fort ditch ..	30	1	2
Repairing well in Chuckler's street ..	29	9	0
Do. in Oddar's street ..	40	0	0
Baling out water and clearing silt from well in Municipal garden ..	12	3	4
Repairing well near Kusba Kanaar ..	22	4	3
Do. good water well near Kusba Kanaar ..	47	1	9
Total ..	477	7	0

The repairs and cleansing of the wells above-named were undertaken to meet the suggestions of the Sanitary Commissioner for the improvement of the water-supply.

58. (d) (ii) *Establishment*.—Rupees 222 were expended against Rs. 285, revised estimate and Rs. 348, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the annual salary of 5 tank watchmen—two on Rs. 4 each and three on Rs. 3-8-0 per mensem. The services of 3 watchmen at Rs. 3-8-0 each per mensem were dispensed with during the year; hence the difference between the actuals of the year under report and those of the previous year.

59. (iii) *Contingencies*.—Rupees 6-8-11 were expended on ropes for pulleys and lamp oil for watchmen keeping watch at night.

60. (e) *Miscellaneous Public Improvements*.—Rupees 502-15-9 were expended on the following works against the revised estimate of Rs. 600 and Rs. 1,040, the actuals of the previous year:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Improving and strengthening Adavananthai kusbah bund	473	9	6
Removing weeds from fort ditch	29	6	3
Total	502	15	9

61. (3) *Establishment*.—Rupees 972-9-7 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,270 and Rs. 1,077, the actuals of the previous year. This amount represents the cost per annum in maintaining the municipal public works establishment consisting of an overseer on Rs. 75, a clerk on Rs. 10, a maistry on Rs. 15 and a peon on Rs. 6 per mensem. The decrease in amount between the actuals of this year and the revised estimate and actuals of the previous year is due to the pay of the overseer being reduced from Rs. 60 to 40 per mensem, to the services of the maistry being dispensed with from 1st February 1895, as per Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 19th November 1894, Mis. No. 1767 M., as also to the fact of the overseer's post not being filled for some time.

62. (4) *Tools and Plant and other Stores*.—Rupees 96-3-0 were spent in purchasing tools, &c., against Rs. 100, the revised estimate and Rs. 105, the actuals of the previous year. Almost the whole allotment was utilized as the stock in store was found unserviceable.

63. The original budget allotment for 1894-95 for public works was Rs. 20,300. Of this sum, about Rs. 14,970 were expended or 73.75 per cent. of the total allotment against 61.38 per cent. in the previous year.

64. *Grant II, Education*.—The total expenditure on education was Rs. 7,272-6-9 against Rs. 7,300 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 7,605. The decrease is mainly due to the low expenditure on (4) result-grants consequent on the change in the system of payment, the assignment system having taken the place of the estimate system, and to the transfer of Sri Mahant's middle school from the results to the salary system. The expenditure under result grants was Rs. 1,697 in 1893-94 against Rs. 998-13-0, or in round figures Rs. 1,000 in the year under report.

65. (1) *Training Schools*—(b) *Stipends to Normal Students*.—Rupees 25-0-3 here shown represent the total amount of stipends granted to a student under training in the training-school at Ranipet.

66. (2) *Municipal Schools*—(ii) on *Salary Result System*.—As in the past year 8 Hindu primary and three Muhammadan Primary schools were maintained during the year and Rs. 4,476-6-3 were expended against Rs. 4,380 of the revised estimate, Rs. 4,150 being the actuals of the preceding year. Of the sum of Rs. 4,476-6-3, Rs. 2,836-15-3 were expended on "fixed payments" against Rs. 2,766 in the previous year; Rs. 1,046-14-4 on result stipends against Rs. 705 in the year preceding and Rs. 592-8-8 on "contingencies" against Rs. 679 of the past year. The fees realized from these 11 schools during the year were Rs. 757-13-0 against Rs. 753 of the previous year. Five of them received grants from Provincial funds towards girls, amounting to Rs. 30-3-0 against 4 in the previous year amounting to Rs. 86.

67. The number of pupils on rolls on 31st March 1895 was 700 boys and 33 girls against 641 boys and 66 girls in the previous year. It is much to be regretted

that there has been a falling off in the number of girls by 50 per cent. which occurred mainly in municipal schools for Muhammadans. The average attendance was 576 against 634 in the preceding year. The net cost to the municipality was Rupees 3,688-6-3 against Rs. 3,312-1-4 in the year before. The average net cost per pupil in each class of municipal schools was Rs. 6-6-5 against Rs. 5-3-7 in the year 1893-94. Judging from the results of the departmental examinations, the progress in all these schools was satisfactory. In the Muhammadan schools the grants earned were Rs. 358-14-4 in 1894-95 against Rs. 217-1-7 in 1893-94. The eight Hindu schools earned Rs. 688 against Rs. 429-1-11 in the year preceding. This increase is due to the payment during the year of results stipends amounting to Rs. 42-12-0 due for 1893-94 and a change in the rules regarding the qualification of teachers by which two schools were allowed grants for the fourth standard class.

The schools were supplied with furniture and books at a cost of Rs. 88-4-0.

68. (a) Aided schools show a decrease in numbers, there being 1,004 boys and 81 girls on the rolls on the 31st March 1895 against 1,240 boys and 93 girls in the previous year. This fall is accounted for by the fact that many pupils who were admitted as free scholars on account of the grants that might be earned by them, which went to remunerate the teachers to some extent, were removed from the school as, under the new assignment, they cannot, at the most, get more than the net cost of upkeep. Under the old estimate whatever grant was earned by the school was paid to the manager at least up to the estimated amount.

The results of departmental examinations were on the whole good. The qualifications of the teachers employed in municipal schools for Hindus have, since the last report, greatly improved, as most of them have secured complete certificates; and the remaining few, none of whom are unpassed, will soon qualify for certificates. Improvement in this respect is needed in schools for Muhammadans.

Managers of aided schools have been warned to employ none but qualified teachers on pain of substantial reductions in the grants paid to them, or in extreme cases the entire withholding of them. It is satisfactory to note that 50 per cent. of the teachers in schools for Hindus are unpassed against 66 per cent. in the preceding year. Here again Muhammadan schools require improvement.

69. (3) *Salary grants*.—Two secondary schools were aided during the year with salary grants, viz., the Church of Scotland Mission High School, Vellore, now the American Mission High School, Vellore, and the Sri Mahant's Hindu Union Middle School, Vellore. This latter institution was in the past year aided with results grants. The total amount of grants paid to these two institutions was Rs. 1,277-5-9 against Rs. 1,700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,121, the actuals of the previous year. There were 593 boys on the rolls on 31st March 1895 in the former school against 481 in the year preceding. The amount paid away as salaries to masters was Rs. 1,081-13-0 against Rs. 1,121-0-5 in the previous year. The number of boys on the rolls on 31st March 1895 in the latter school was 137 and the amount of grants paid away to the masters was Rs. 195-8-9.

70. The number of results grants schools at the beginning of the year was 35, one secondary and 34 primary schools. The number opened during the year was two primary schools. The number of schools closed during the year was one secondary and five primary schools, leaving 31 primary schools in existence at the close of the year against 35. The number on rolls on 31st March 1895 was 1,004 boys and 81 girls against 1,291 boys and 93 girls in the previous year. The number of pupils examined for grants was 875, of whom 569 were qualified for grants. The total amount of grant earned was Rs. 998-13-0 against Rs. 700 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,697, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease between the figures of the year under report and those of the preceding year is due to the Sri Mahant's Hindu Union School, Vellore, being aided with salary grants from 1st April 1894 and to the cause explained under aided schools. A sum of Rs. 8-11-0 being cost for printing the sanctioned list of results grants schools for 1893-94 which was paid in this year has also been shown under this head.

Results grants were paid at the maximum rates allowed by the Grant-in-Aid Code.

71. (6) *Inspection—(a) Contributions to Local Boards.*—Rs. 80 here shown represent the amount of contribution paid to the Local Fund Board for the services of its inspecting school master of Muhammadan schools for eight months at Rs. 10 per month. This amount was allotted by the council out of the sum of Rs. 100 sanctioned under item 7 (c) other items.

72. (b) *Municipal Inspectors—(1) Establishment.*—Rs. 239-8-0 were expended against Rs. 240 of the revised estimate and Rs. 208, the actuals of the previous year, for maintaining an inspecting schoolmaster for the supervision of the primary and aided schools. The number of schools visited by the inspecting schoolmaster during the year was 70, the number examined 63, and the number of pupils examined was 13,497.

73. (b) (ii) *Contingencies.*—Rs. 26-6-5 is the cost of supplying stationery articles and the house-rent paid for the Inspecting Schoolmaster's office. The revised estimate is Rs. 20 and the actuals of the previous year were Rs. 37.

74. (7) *Miscellaneous—(b) Common Gymnasium—(1) Establishment.*—Rs. 130 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 120 and Rs. 119, the actuals of the previous year. The gymnastic instructor holds a first-class certificate.

75. (ii) *Contingencies.*—Rs. 28-15-1 here shown includes the cost of removing the apparatus from the play ground opposite the civil hospital and fixing them at the municipal office compound, and of painting the same, and the contingent charges of the instructor.

76. *Grant III, Sanitation and medical services—(1) Hospitals and Dispensaries—Establishment.*—The charges on account of establishment amounted to Rs. 2,745-6-6 against the revised estimate of Rs. 2,790 and Rs. 2,726, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease under the revised estimate is due to savings effected in fines on establishment and under the head of diet.

77. Two hospitals, viz., the civil hospital and the lying-in hospital were maintained during the year. These institutions are working well and increasing in importance every year. The medical relief provided by the municipal council is fully appreciated by the public. In the civil hospital 413 in-patients and 20,039 out-patients were treated during the year against 619 in-patients and 23,868 out-patients in the previous year. There was a falling off of both in and out patients. The causes assigned being greater healthiness of the year, as compared with the previous year, partly to the fact of a private dispensary being opened during the year and partly to the frequent charges of medical officers and subordinates. In the lying-in hospital, 115 in-patients and 14 out-patients were treated during the year against 118 in-patients and 21 out-patients in the year preceding.

78. (b) *Medicines and Supplies.*—Rs. 2,102-4-0 were expended against Rs. 2,150 of the revised estimate and Rs. 137, the actuals of the previous year. The increase is due to medicines supplied for 1893-94 having to be paid in the year under report. Rs. 91-5-3 were realised during the year by sale of medicines.

79. (c) *Diet of patients.*—Rs. 937-4-3 were spent against Rs. 1,800 of the revised estimate and Rs. 1,360, the actuals of the previous year. The decrease is due to a falling off in the number of in-patients from 619 to 413.

80. (d) *Sundries and Contingencies.*—Rs. 719-15-5 were expended against Rs. 1,020 of the revised estimate and Rs. 683, the actuals of the previous year. The increase over actuals of previous year is due to the purchase of books, furniture, clothing, &c., for the civil and lying-in hospitals during the year.

81. (c) *Contribution to Local Boards.*—Rs. 120 here shown represents the municipal contribution of Rs. 10 per mensem to the District Local Fund Board towards the salary of the second clerk attached to the office of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

82. The several requirements and suggestions of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer in his concise report for 1894-95 which accompanies will receive due attention in the current year.

83. 2 (a) *Contributions to Provincial Funds—(i) Medical College.*—Rs. 266 were paid against Rs. 170 of the revised estimate and Rs. 86, the actuals of the previous year.

84. (ii) *Sanitary Inspection.*—The revised estimate under this head was Rs. 170 and the actuals for the year were Rs. 169 against Rs. 162, the actuals of the previous year.

85. (iii) *Medical Reserve Staff.*—The charges under this head amounted to Rs. 27 against the revised estimate of Rs. 20, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 30.

86. (iv) *Cutters' Establishment.*—The demand for the contribution under this head was not made until April 1895, hence no amount was paid in the year under report. A sum of Rs. 6 was demanded and paid in the current year against Rs. 9 in 1893-94.

87. (3) *Vaccination (a) Establishment.*—The vaccine staff consisted of two first-class vaccinators on Rs. 15 each per month. The charges on account of establishment amounted to Rs. 360 against the revised estimate of Rs. 360 and Rs. 359, the actuals of the previous year.

88. Compulsory vaccination has been in force in this municipality from 1st January 1887. The total number of operations performed with fresh animal lymph direct from the calf during the year is 2,514 against 2,030 in the previous year, of which 2,397 cases were successful against 1,970 in the previous year. The cost of each successful case was As. 5 against As. 5-6 in the year previous.

89. The number of cases vaccinated during the past three years is compared below:—

Year.				Total.	Successful.	Unsuccessful.
1892-93	..	..	..	2,148	2,012	136
1893-94	..	..	..	2,030	1,970	60
1894-95	..	..	..	2,514	2,397	117

90. The work done by the vaccine staff is checked by the District Surgeon and his subordinates. I have also inspected several cases done by the vaccinators. One hundred and forty cases were prosecuted during the year. In one of these cases the defaulter was sentenced to a fine of Rs. 5 and the fine not having been paid the accused underwent three days' simple imprisonment; in all the other cases time was given by the Magistrate and all the children were vaccinated within the prescribed time.

Two depôts were established during the year and notices were issued to the public notifying the dates and hours when children will be vaccinated at the several depôts. As the old system of inoculating calves on the ground was crude in itself and prejudicial to good results, I purchased two tables of the Warlomont pattern. Sheds were also constructed for the protection of the calves from sun and rain.

91. 3 (b) *Contingencies.*—Rs. 392-14-9, the contingent charges under this head, were expended in the purchase of calves, two vaccine tables, and towards defraying the house-rent for the two depôts established in Circar Mundi street and Ramanayakapalaiyam, the revised estimate being Rs. 360 and the actuals of the previous year Rs. 321.

92. (4) *Registration of Births and Deaths—(a) Establishment.*—The charges of the establishment which consisted of one registrar and three reporters amounted to Rs. 571-3-7 against Rs. 580 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 530. The slight decrease between the actuals for 1894-95 and the revised estimate is due to the absence of the registrar on sick leave for a short time. The total number of births registered during the year was 1,647 against 1,788 in the preceding year, and the registered number of deaths is 1,052 against 1,302 in the previous year.

The District Medical and Sanitary Officer attributes this to the year under report being healthier than the previous year. One hundred and ninety-three names were

submitted for prosecution to the council for failure to sign the birth and death registers; three days time were allowed during which the whole of the persons attended the Municipal office and signed the registers.

93. (b) *Contingencies*.—The charges under this head amounted to Rs. 40-15-9 against the revised estimate of Rs. 60

94. (5) *Conservancy (a) (1) Establishment*.—Rs. 6,849-0-8 were expended against Rs. 7,725 of the revised estimate, Rs. 6,420 being the actuals of the previous year. Five additional sweepers were entertained during the year.

95. The town sweepings were as usual first collected in dust-bins and from thence carted to the depôt. The night-soil is also carted away from the latrines to the depôts to be trenched in.

96. There were 22 latrines and four urinals on 31st March 1894. Two latrines were constructed during the year. None were demolished. All the public latrines were repaired during the year. A very rigid inspection was kept over the proper cleansing of the latrines in order to induce the public to resort to them freely. All the public latrines were cleaned twice a day, periodically tarred, and limewashed once a week.

The Sanitary Commissioner's suggestions were carried out as far as funds permitted and others will be attended to in the current year.

97. (ii) *Other Charges*.—Rs. 4,200-11-6 were expended against Rs. 4,275 of the revised estimate, the actuals of the previous year being Rs. 4,456. The decrease is due to a lower rate being tendered for carts and bulls in the year under report than in the previous year. Provision has been made in the budget for 1895-96 for an improved pattern of conservancy and night-soil carts; this will meet the objection of the District Medical and Sanitary Officer.

98. The Municipal Council hired 39 conservancy, two urinal carts and bulls for eight night-soil carts. The whole of the night-soil carts were repaired during the year. Fifty new dust-bins were purchased, thirty of which were fixed during the year.

99. (b) *Private Scavenging (1) Establishment*.—Rs. 1,127-11-0 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 1,170 and Rs. 1,007, the actuals of the preceding year. The private latrines were cleaned once a day. There are three inspectors and fourteen toties employed. The number of latrines rose from 456 to 776. Hence the increase in establishment and cost as compared with the previous year. The system will no doubt in a short time be self-supporting.

100. (ii) *Contingencies*.—Rs. 15-8-8 were expended against Rs. 100 of the revised estimate and Rs. 21, the actuals of the previous year.

101. (c) *Cholera charges*.—The charges under this head amounted to Rs. 94-11-10 against the revised estimate of Rs. 150 and Rs. 377, the actuals of the previous year; for origin of disease—vide medical officer's report. There were altogether eighteen attacks and eleven deaths. On the appearance of the disease all sanitary precautions for checking the progress of the disease were at once adopted. Great attention was paid to the cleanliness of the town. Tanks and wells were carefully watched and kept free from contamination. Disinfectants were freely used. Bonfires were lit in the streets by burning sulphur, tar and bratties and wood. The infected houses were thoroughly fumigated. Smouldering fires were kept up in all public latrines, and notices were published requiring the owners of houses to limewash them. A temporary cholera shed was erected and temporary coolies were engaged during the prevalence of cholera. The deaths from small-pox were less than in either of the two preceding years, having been only 3 as compared with 32 in 1893-94 and 71 in 1892-93.

102. (d) *Contingencies*.—The charges on account of sundry articles, such as baskets, brooms, tar, chunam, &c., for the use of the conservancy department amounted to Rs. 360-1-7 against the revised estimate of Rs. 300 and Rs. 338, the actuals of the previous year.

103. *Grant IV (1) Lighting, (a) Establishment*.—Rs. 323-5-4 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 320 and Rs. 1,246 of the previous year. The difference between the actuals of this year and last year being that the council let out the lighting of the town on contract. This necessitated the dispensing with the services of one superintendent at Rs. 10 and twenty masalchees at Rs. 4 each per mensem.

104. (b) *Contingencies*.—The amount expended under contingencies was Rupees 5,366-6-7 against the revised estimate of Rs. 3,800 and Rs. 2,104, the actuals of the previous year. Before the contract was let out there were several complaints to the council that property and life were at stake owing to the constant depredations that were then taking place, and the council was requested to keep the lights burning all night. It was consequently resolved to have the lights burning from 6 P.M. to 6 A.M. throughout the month, the old system being to have the lights from 6 to 12 P.M. for about 23 days. Hence the rise in cost. It was also resolved to number each lamp-post in order to identify any lamp not lit during the night. For this purpose zinc sheets were purchased and tickets affixed to each lamp. The total number of lamps put up during the year was 34 and one was removed. The total number of lamps on the 31st March 1895 was 666 against 633 on 31st March 1894. The street lamps were regularly inspected by the lamp superintendents and they were also frequently inspected by the chairman and divisional councillors. The lighting of the town was let on contract at the rate of As. 11-3 per lamp, the cost per lamp when worked departmentally being As. 12.

105. (1) *Markets (a) Establishment*.—Rs. 191-15-0 were expended against Rs. 190 of the revised estimate and Rs. 190, the actuals of the previous year. It represents the cost per annum of one peon on Rs. 6 and two sweepers on Rs. 5 each.

106. (b) *Contingencies*.—As. 15 here shown is the cost of brooms, baskets, &c.

107. (ii) *Slaughter-houses*.—Rs. 180 were expended against Rs. 180 of the revised estimate. It represents the annual cost of the staff maintained, viz., one superintendent on Rs. 10 and one sweeper on Rs. 5 per mensem.

108. (ii) (b) *Contingencies*.—Rs. 18-12-10, the contingent charges here shown, were for brooms, baskets, tar, chunam, &c.

109. (3) *Choultries (a) Establishment*.—As usual the establishment consisting of one gumastah on Rs. 12 and one measurer on Rs. 5 per mensem were attached to the Vellore langarkhana. The cost for this year on account of establishment amounted to Rs. 203 against Rs. 210 of the revised estimate and Rs. 203, the actuals of the previous year.

110. (b) *Contingencies*.—The sum of As. 14-2 here shown represents the cost for printing paupers' tickets.

111. (3) (c) *Feeding paupers*.—Rs. 4,419-1-2 were expended against the revised estimate of Rs. 4,000 and Rs. 3,477, the actuals of the previous year. One hundred and thirty-eight thousand five hundred and fifty-two paupers were fed at the langarkhana during the year under report against 106,268 in the previous year. The quantity of raw rice doled out to each pauper was raised from $\frac{3}{16}$ th to $\frac{1}{4}$ th measure per pauper per day from 1st September 1894; hence the increase in amount expended. The Government contributes annually Rs. 4,176 towards the Vellore langarkhana. The interest on the endowment capital (Rs. 2,800) amounts to Rs. 125-11-1.

112. (4) *Travellers' Bungalows, (b) Contingencies*.—Rs. 68-8-0 here shown represent the cost of furniture purchased for the travellers' bungalow which it was resolved during the year to open from the 1st April 1895, a bungalow having been rented for that purpose from that date.

113. (5) *Avenues (a) Establishment*.—The establishment consisted of three avenue servants on Rs. 5 each and was maintained at a cost of Rs. 179-15-0 against the revised estimate of Rs. 180. They attended to the watering and planting of new trees, and their services are utilized in many other ways. Forty-four new trees were planted during the year against sixteen.

4. *Vaccination.*—The following table shows the birth-rate and the numbers above and below one year of age vaccinated during the year as compared with 1893-94:—

Years.	Number of operations performed.		Number of successful operations.		Number of operations with animal lymph.	Number of successful operations with animal lymph.	Number of prosecutions for failure to have children vaccinated.	Number of births during the year.
	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.	Below one year of age.	Above one year of age.				
1893-94	1,195	835	1,190	780	2,030	1,970	18	1,788
1894-95	1,350	1,164	1,343	1,054	2,514	2,327	140	1,647

5. *Hospitals and dispensaries.*—(a) There is a general hospital and a lying-in ward a short distance from the former. The main hospital for males and females (Europeans are also accommodated) is badly situated being shut in on three sides by buildings, badly ventilated and in a bad state of repair, so that it is quite unsuitable. A portion of the funds necessary for a new hospital has been provided and the matter has been under consideration. A suitable site was selected, but this being a cricket ground was disallowed by Government. It will be difficult to find another suitable site and nothing is being done at present.

(b) An operation room is much needed; operations have at present to be performed in a ward with insufficient light, and there are no separate venereal wards, so that accommodation is both bad and insufficient.

(c) Most of the furniture is very old. The cots are old wooden ones. Teapots or small tables are much wanted for patients to keep things by the sides of their beds. A *post-mortem* and an operation table are both badly wanted, the present ones being unsuitable and very old.

The lying-in hospital is very small. There is no labour ward. A ward at some distance from the main building for this purpose is much needed. The furniture is sufficient.

(d) Number of patients treated as compared with the previous year:—

Years.	In-door.	Died.	Out-door.	Died.	Total.	Average daily attendance	
						In-door.	Out-door.
1893-94	619	55	23,868	72	24,487	24.41	113.49
1894-95	413	17	20,039	23	20,452	17.91	103.40

(e) *Mortality and actual causes of it—*

	In-patients.	Out-patients.
Disease of connective tissue	1	..
Diarrhoea	3	..
All other general diseases	5	..
Diseases of urinary system	1	..
Cholera	6	5
Dysentery	1	..
Total	17	5

(f) *Operations and results—*

Years.	Major.	Minor.	Deaths.
1893-94	56	1,627	4
1894-95	91	1,442	3

(g) *Establishment—*

Hospital Assistants	2	Male cook	1
Midwife	1	Female cook	1
Purveyor	1	ward attendant	1
Compounders	2	Native nurse	1
Peons	3	Dhoby	1
Ward attendant	1	Male toty	1
Watermen	2	Female toties	2

The staff of hospital servants is insufficient at present, but an extra male ward attendant and one toty have recently been sanctioned. This will be sufficient. Some of the present servants are not efficient, notably one of the compounders, a female nurse and one of the toties, but they are the best that can be procured at present and endeavours will be made to replace them by better ones.

(h) *Midwives.*—There is at present a European midwife, but her services are to be dispensed with and a native caste midwife on Rs. 10 per month is to be employed in her place. I may state this sum is insufficient and it is impossible to get a properly qualified midwife for less than Rs. 15 per month. The following shows the work done:—

Years.	In-door.	Out-door.	Total.
1893-94	118	21	139
1894-95	115	14	129

(i) There is no dispensary for caste or gosha women.

General Remarks.—There was a falling off of both in and out patients. This was partly due to the greater healthiness of the year as compared with the previous year, and partly to the fact that a private dispensary was opened in the town. Frequent changes of Medical officers and subordinates may also have had something to do with it. The present Medical subordinates are working well and the attendance is good.

The Municipal Chairman takes an interest in his work and the town is kept fairly clean, but it is needless to say there is room for much improvement, especially as regards drainage and water-supply, also general sanitation.

(Signed) C. ADAMS, Surgeon-Major,
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VELLORE,
24th May 1895.

Submitted.

12th June 1895.

(Signed) P. SWAMIDAS MUDALIYAR,
Chairman.

Forwarded.

2. There has been some improvement since last year, but things cannot yet be called satisfactory. The Chairman complains to me of obstruction on the council. I have been in camp practically ever since I joined, so am not in a position to corroborate him or otherwise, but from the little I have seen of the town I certainly think he has done his best to keep it clean. He is about to resign as his leave is up.

13th June 1895.

(Signed) E. VAUGHAN,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

Submitted.

18th June 1895.

(Signed) S. H. WYNNE,
Collector.

ORDER—dated 7th September 1895, No. 1454 M., Local and Municipal.

The receipts and charges of the Vellore Municipality for 1894-95 are compared below with the budget and revised estimates for the year and the actuals of 1893-94:—

	Actuals, 1893-94.	Budget estimate, 1894-95.	Revised estimate, 1894-95.	Actuals, 1894-95.
<i>Receipts.</i>				
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Balance brought forward	22,402	17,080	19,900	19,898
Tax on Arts	5,938	6,400	7,900	7,238
" on Buildings and Lands	8,101	8,260	9,540	8,492
" on Vehicles and Animals	1,864	2,030	1,910	1,922
" on Carts	2,017	2,010	2,020	2,081
Tolls	8,368	8,350	7,760	7,790
Realizations under Special Acts	..	100	100	105
Rent of Lands, Buildings, &c., and Sale-proceeds of Lands, &c.	1,064	1,500	1,400	1,211
Conservancy Receipts	..	100	100	..
Fees and Revenue from Educational Institutions	753	860	860	758
" from Medical Institutions	74	70	100	91
Income from Markets and Slaughter-houses	10,355	10,350	10,620	10,662
License Fees	653	1,000	1,000	554
Other Fees	856	900	700	657
Fines under Municipal and other Acts	460	400	400	321
Interest on Investments and Premium on Loans	211	800	800	238
Grants and Contributions from Government	8,822	8,570	9,570	9,406
" from Local Boards	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Recoveries for Services to Private Individuals	755	900	830	921
Miscellaneous	75	110	110	31
Advances Recovered	611	..	60	73
Total	74,679	70,590	76,480	73,789
<i>Charges.</i>				
GRANT I—				
New Works—				
Communications	456	..	..	..
Buildings	165	11,300	10,030	406
Drainage	3,261	2,815	1,300	3,346
Water-supply	..	125	..	11
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,073	395	500	837
Repairs—				
Communications	2,161	5,100	3,000	4,372
Buildings	2,807	1,585	1,500	2,440
Drainage	1,217	2,200	1,200	1,279
Water-supply	879	940	800	706
Miscellaneous Public Improvements	1,040	975	600	503
Establishment	1,077	1,270	1,270	973
Tools and Plant and other Stores	105	300	100	96
Contributions for Public Works	52	..	..	..
Total	14,293	26,805	20,300	14,969
GRANT II—				
Training Schools				
Municipal Schools—				
On the Salary-result System	4,150	4,420	4,380	4,476
Salary Grants	1,121	1,400	1,700	1,277
Result Grants	1,697	1,000	700	999
Inspection	245	340	260	346
Miscellaneous	392	140	220	149
Total	7,605	7,300	7,300	7,272
GRANT III—				
Hospitals and Dispensaries				
Contributions	4,906	7,130	7,880	6,625
Vaccination	287	370	370	462
Registration of Births and Deaths	680	720	720	753
Conservancy, Road-cleaning and Road-watering	574	640	640	612
Total	12,619	14,470	13,720	12,648
GRANT IV—				
Lighting				
Markets and Slaughter-houses	3,350	3,820	4,120	5,690
Choultries	377	410	410	392
Travellers' Bungalows	3,680	4,220	4,220	4,623
Avenues	..	190	..	68
Public Garden, Survey of Land, Fire and other Charges	179	280	190	183
Total	2,089	650	630	784
Total	9,675	9,570	9,570	11,740
GRANT V—				
Supervision and Management				
Advances Recoverable	4,061	4,220	4,220	4,011
Refunds	60	300	300	350
Balance	21	160	160	16
Total	19,898	1,095	11,300	14,331
Total	74,679	70,590	76,480	73,789

2. The municipal council held sixty-six meetings against thirty-six in 1893-94. The average attendance of the non-official members continued to be fair, but in spite of the remark in paragraph 2 of G.O., dated 21st September 1894, No. 1306 M., that of the officials declined and was extremely poor. The Collector should obtain and submit to Government the explanation of the official members who were irregular in their attendance. Six seats were filled by election during the year, and of these four were contested, 71.9 per cent. of the voters interested attending the poll.

3. *Receipts.*—(1) Owing apparently to more careful assessment, the net current demand under the tax on arts and professions rose from Rs. 6,406 to Rs. 7,190. The demand under the tax on houses also showed a slight increase, but that under the tax on lands remained unaltered. The assessment per house taxed continued to be below the average, but it is observed that the registers of this tax are now undergoing revision. The report of the results of this promised by the Chairman will be awaited. The registers of the tax on lands, which are five years old, should also be revised in the current year.

(2) The collections under the principal taxes showed a marked improvement as compared with the previous year, and, except in the case of the arrears under the taxes on arts and lands, were fair. From Statement IV-B it is observed that some of the outstandings dated from as far back as 1891-92. The council should see that these items are not any longer allowed to disfigure the municipal books. Warrants were executed with more promptitude than in 1893-94, but the number of them remaining undisposed of at the end of the year was still unduly high.

(3) Owing to want of competition at the sale of the farms, the income from tolls and cart-stand fees declined, but there was an increase in the receipts from markets. As in the previous year, nothing was realised from the sale of the town rubbish, but it is observed that steps are being taken by the council to derive an income from this source. The receipts from fines fell off, the decline being attributed by the Chairman to undue leniency on the part of the Bench of Magistrates. The attention of the District Magistrate will be drawn to this matter in the Judicial Department.

(4) The number of houses served by the private scavenging agency rose from 456 to 776, but owing to the expensive establishment employed the service was still worked at a loss (Rs. 249). The staff has, by G.O., dated 2nd April 1894, No. 595 M., been reduced to more reasonable limits, and the efforts made by the council to extend the service should be sustained until all the private latrines in the town are brought under the control of the municipal agency and the service is made self-supporting.

4. *Expenditure*—(1) *Public Works.*—The only new work of any importance undertaken during the year was the execution of another portion of the drainage scheme. On this a sum of Rs. 3,346 was spent. The Chairman will be requested to explain why three-fourths of the budget allotment for building latrines was allowed to lapse in face of the condemnatory remarks which the Government was compelled to make, in the review of the previous year's report, regarding the total inadequacy of the number provided for the town population, and the past neglect of the council in the matter. The total outlay on communications amounted to Rs. 4,372, or 56.5 per cent. of the net municipal income from tolls. The Revenue Divisional Officer has not reported on the condition of the roads—an omission which should be explained—but from paragraph 53 of the Chairman's report, it appears that some attention was paid to them.

(2) *Education.*—The net outlay on education amounted to Rs. 6,484, or 23.6 per cent. of the receipts from taxation, against the general average of 13.7 per cent. for all municipalities in 1893-94. The municipal council should consider in consultation with the Educational authorities what economies can be effected in the expenditure under this head. Of the total net charges, a sum of Rs. 824 was spent on secondary

and the remainder on primary education. The municipal council continued to maintain eleven primary schools on the salary-result system and also aided two secondary schools with salary and thirty-one primary schools with result grants, the number of schools aided in the previous year being one secondary school on the salary-grant system and one secondary and thirty-three primary schools on the result system. The attendance in the municipal schools rose from 707 to 733, but that of the aided schools showed a decline of fifty. Both the municipal and aided schools appear to have done fairly well at the departmental and grant examinations, all but 5.2 per cent. of the allotment for grants was utilized, and the number of boys under instruction rose from 75.6 to 76.2 per cent. of the male population of school-going age. Efforts should be made in the current year to reduce the number of untrained teachers in the Muhammadan schools.

(3) *Medical Relief*.—The number of patients treated in the municipal hospital declined. The reasons for this are explained in paragraph 77 of the Chairman's report. As the construction of a new hospital will shortly be begun, it is inexpedient to spend any considerable sum in removing the defects in the existing building and its furniture pointed out by the District Medical and Sanitary Officer. The midwife attached to the lying-in hospital attended 129 cases of labour against 139 in the previous year.

(4) *Vaccination and Vital Statistics*.—The reported number of persons vaccinated rose from 2,030 to 2,514, but the quality of the work was apparently not so good as in the previous year, 95.3 per cent. of the cases being reported to have been successful against 97 per cent. in 1893-94. Infantile vaccination appears to have received a fair share of attention, the number of infants protected having amounted to 29.9 per mille of the population against a recorded birth-rate of 36.7 per mille.

The registered rates of both births and deaths declined. The fall is attributed by the District Surgeon to the healthiness of the year, but as the figures are below the normal it is probable that registration is still defective. The matter should receive continued attention.

(5) *Sanitation*.—On conservancy a sum of Rs. 12,648, or only 87.4 per cent. of the allotment, was spent; but the expenditure amounted to 23.5 per cent. of the current receipts. The inspection notes of the Sanitary Commissioner recorded in G.O., dated 19th December 1894, No. 1987 M., and the remarks of the District Surgeon in paragraph 3 of his report, show that the sanitary condition of the town was far from satisfactory, but it is observed that steps are being taken by the municipal council to carry out the suggestions made by these officers. The efforts made in this direction should not be relaxed until all the defects noticed by them are remedied.

(6) *Lighting, &c.*—The Government considers that the large increase in the expenditure upon lighting was ill-advised. The explanation given for it in paragraph 104 of the Chairman's report is not convincing. Until the sanitary condition of the town is less imperfect, municipal money should not be expended more than is absolutely necessary on what is rather a luxury than a necessity. Similar remarks apply to the increase in expenditure upon the langarkhana. The charges under both these items should be considerably reduced in the current year.

5. *General Remarks*.—The year closed with a balance of Rs. 14,331, or 26.6 per cent. of the current receipts, but it is proposed to utilize the greater portion of this sum in the current year.

The Government is glad to note the testimony borne by the District Surgeon and the Divisional Officer to the good work done by the Chairman. It is evident that personally he has worked with energy and zeal to remedy the manifold defects in the municipal management which were noticed in the last annual review, and he has

succeeded in bringing the administration of the town into a condition which compares very favourably with its state at the end of 1893-94. But as so much still remains to be done, the administration cannot yet be characterized as efficient.

(True Extract.)

Francis

for Chief Secretary.

To the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore.
 " Collector of North Arcot.
 " President, District Board, North Arcot.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " Surgeon-General.
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