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M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal.
Surgeon-Major G. L. Walker.
Surgeon-Major J. Maitland.

No. 1.

Demise of a Commissioner.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu—

"That the Commissioners note with regret the death of Mr. R. Balajee Row, and desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him during the long time he was a Municipal Commissioner."

Carried.

No. 2.

G.O., No. 2140 *M., Local and Municipal, dated* 21*st December* 1895, *passing orders on the Drainage and Water-supply Schemes of the City of Madras.*

On the motion of the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu, the meeting resolved itself into a committee.

The meeting resumed.

Proposed by Mr. E. H. Elliot and seconded by Mr. N. Subrahmanyam—

"That the meeting adjourn till Wednesday the 12th February 1896."

Carried.

Municipal Office, Madras,
February 1896.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

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M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Aiyar Avargal.
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Surgeon-Major J. Maitland.

No. 1.

Re-instatement.

The Commissioners re-instate M.R.Ry. M. O. Parthasarathy Aiyangar Avargal under the provisions of section 28 of Act I of 1884.

No. 2.

Election of a Member of the Standing Committee in the room of M.R.Ry. R. Balajee Row Avargal, who lost his seat in the Committee under section 82 of Act I of 1884 as amended by Act II of 1892.

Ballot was taken for the Election of a Member of the Standing Committee with the following result:—

	Number of votes.
M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu..	22
N. Subrahmanyam, Esq.	3
Cowasjee Eduljee, Esq.	1

M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu is therefore elected a member of the Standing Committee.

No. 3.

G. O., No. 853, Educational, dated 31st October 1895, requesting the Municipal Commissioners, Madras, through the Local and Municipal Department, whether they will consent to the grant of a site in the People's Park for the location of Sir S. Ramasawmi Mudaliar's Hostel.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. G. Subramania Aiyar Avargal and seconded by Mr. DeCaster.

"That the Commissioners regret their inability to comply with the request contained in G.O., No. 853, Educational, dated 31st October 1895."

As an amendment, M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiyar Avargal seconded—

"That the following words be added—'as the site in question is intended for the proposed new market'."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was lost.

The original proposition on being put to the meeting was carried.

No. 4.

G. O., No. 2123 M., Mis., dated 19th December 1895, granting the Municipality a contribution of Rs. 1,50,000 for the purpose of constructing an incinerator, purchasing the existing box and rubbish carts, and making new ones as may be required.

Recorded with an unanimous vote of thanks for the liberality displayed by Government.

No. 5.

G. O., No. 2140 M., Local and Municipal, dated 21st December 1895, passing orders on the Drainage and Water-supply Schemes of the City of Madras.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. C. Yetherajulu Nayudu Garu.

"That the question be deferred to a Special Meeting at which Mr. Ellis and Mr. Loane be asked to be present."

Carried.

No. 6.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 16th December 1895 and 10th January 1896.

Recorded.

No. 7.

Demise of His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Battenberg—Message of Condolence.

The Commissioners unanimously requested the President to submit the following Message of Condolence to Government for transmission through the Government of India.

"Municipal Commissioners of Madras tender respectful sympathetic condolence with Her Majesty the Queen Empress, the Princess Beatrice and the Royal Family."

The meeting terminated.

G. M. J. MOORE, Lieut.-Col.,
President, Municipal Commission.

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Dewan Bahadur R. Ragoonath Rao Garu.

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Election of a Member of the Standing Committee in the room of M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avergal, who lost his seat in the Committee under section 82 of Act I of 1884 as amended by Act II of 1892.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. P. V. Kistnasawmy Chetty Garu—

"That M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal be re-elected under section 82."

Carried.

No. 2.

G.O., Nos 1623-1624 *M., dated 9th October* 1895, *reviewing the Administration Report of the Madras Municipality*, 1894-95.

Recorded.

No. 3.

Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 18th October, 1st and 15th November, and 6th December 1895.

Recorded.

No. 4.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from April to November 1895.

Recorded.

No. 5.

Progress Report of Works for October and November 1895.

Recorded.

No. 6.

Resolution of the Commissioners at their adjourned General Meeting held on the 2nd December 1895, *deferring the consideration of the question of the opening of an Athletic Ground in the People's Park.*

Proposed by Dewan Bahadur R. Ragoonath Rao Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Charriyar Avargal—

"That the site be granted to the Athletic Association at a nominal rent of Rs. 12 per annum, the lease to be terminable on three months' notice."

As an amendment, M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu Garu proposed and Haji Mahamad Abdul Hadi Badsha Sahib seconded—

"That the following words, viz., 'subject to conditions to be approved of by the Commissioners,' be added between 'annum' and 'the' to the original resolution."

As a further amendment, M.R.Ry. Salla Gurusawmy Chetty Garu proposed and Dewan Bahadur R. Ragoonath Rao Garu seconded—

"That the following words, viz., 'subject to rules of the association with reference to the letting of the ground to other associations of a similar nature or the public being approved of by the Commissioners' be added to the original resolution between 'annum' and 'the.'"

This amendment on being put to the meeting was lost.

M.R.Ry. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu Garu's amendment, which runs as follows, was then put to the meeting and carried:—

"That the site be granted to the Athletic Association at a nominal rent of Rs. 12 per annum, subject to conditions to be approved of by the Commissioners, the lease to be terminable at three months' notice."

No. 7.

The President moved the following resolution of which he had given notice:—

"That the letter from the President of the District Board, Chingleput, No. 3171-L. of 1895, dated 16th December 1895, *re* the question of re-opening the dispensary at Sembium, be considered."

M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu seconded.

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu—

"That an annual contribution of Rs. 600 be granted to the Sembium Dispensary."

Carried.

The meeting terminated.

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To this, as an amendment, the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu proposed and Mr. N. Subrahmanyam seconded—

"That 50 years be substituted for 15."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu—

"That the Commissioners decline the request of the Athletic Association."

M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu, with the consent of his seconder, withdrew his resolution.

Proposed by the President and seconded by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiyar Avargal—

"That the consideration of this question be deferred pending the receipt of further information on the subject from the Athletic Association."

Carried.

M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu proposed and Mr. R. F. Grant seconded—

"That the remaining subjects be deferred till the next General Meeting."

M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu, with the consent of his seconder, withdrew his resolution.

No. 4.

M.R.Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal moved the following resolution of which he had given notice, to the following effect:—

"With reference to the resolution moved at the adjourned General Meeting held on the 8th June 1894, *re* demolition of a building in Pycroft's Road, the consideration of which was deferred on a motion for adjournment, the Commissioners, in view of the damages incurred by the demolition of the said house and the expenses to which the owner of the said premises was put to on account of subsequent law charges, sanction a compensation of Rs. 400 under the power vested in them by section 436 of the Act."

M.R.Ry. R. Balakistnama Chetty Garu seconded.

To this, as an amendment, M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettyar Avargal seconded—

"That for Rs. 400 substitute the costs for which he was put in jail be remitted as an act of mercy."

As a further amendment M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu proposed and Hajee Mahamad Abdul Hadi Badsha Sahib seconded—

"That he be paid Rs. 300 and released."

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiyar Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu—

"That the remaining subjects be deferred to next General Meeting."

Carried.

The Meeting terminated.

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No. 1.

Report of the Market Committee appointed by the Commissioners at their Meeting held on the 25th February 1895.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu and seconded by M.R.Ry. M. Ramakistnaiya Pantulu Garu—

"That detailed plans and estimates of both plans be prepared and Rs. 800 be provided for the purpose in the revised estimate."

To this, as an amendment, M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu proposed and the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu seconded—

"That for 'both plans' substitute 'plan No. 2,' and for 'Rs. 800' substitute 'Rs. 500'."

As a further amendment, M.R.Ry. M. Venkataramiah Chetty Garu proposed and M.R.Ry. C. Yetherajulu Nayudu Garu seconded—

"That the consideration of the question of estimates be deferred until it has been decided what funds are to be expended on a new market."

This amendment on being put to the meeting was lost.

M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu's amendment was then put to the meeting and carried.

No. 2.

G.O., No. 1480 *M., dated 12th September* 1895, *recording, with remarks, the report on the audit of the Madras Municipal Accounts for* 1894-95.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. Kalyanasundaram Chettiyar Avargal and seconded by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu—

"That the cost of the service books be recovered from the subordinates."

To this, as an amendment, M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Charriyar Avargal proposed and the Hon'ble P. Rungiah Nayudu Garu seconded—

"That the following words be added: 'at a cost not exceeding 2 annas'."

The amendment on being put to the meeting was carried.

No. 3.

The President moved the following resolution of which he had given notice, to the following effect:—

"That the following resolutions of the Standing Committee, passed at their meeting held on the 15th November 1895. be considered, viz.—

"(*a*) 11. *Conservancy carts.*—Read memo. from the President, dated 6th November 1895, proposing to have, from April 1896, conservancy carts as Municipal property as resolved by the Commissioners at their meeting held on 5th June 1895, and proposing to raise a loan of Rs. 50,000 at 3½ per cent. for meeting the necessary outlay therefor, as such an arrangement will decrease the annual expenditure on carts, besides the improvement in the conservancy.

"Resolved that a loan of Rs. 50,000 at 4 per cent. be raised.

"(*b*) 12. *Application from the Madras Athletic Association for an Athletic Ground in People's Park.*

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"Recommended for the favourable consideration of the Commissioners at a nominal rent of Re. 1 per mensem."

M.R.Ry. V. Varadappa Nayudu Garu seconded.

Carried.

Proposed by M.R.Ry. P. Theagaroya Chetty Garu and seconded by Surgeon-Major G. L. Walker—

"That a loan of Rs. 50,000 be raised at 4 per cent. payable in 15 years."

MR. M. VENKATRAMIAH CHETTY:—I have no objection, to withdraw it, if it is the sense of the meeting.

The Commissioners agreed to the withdrawal of the last portion of the resolution *viz* "and that out of regard to his memory this meeting be adjourned."

MR. V. VARADAPPA NAYUDU seconded the resolution.

THE PRESIDENT:—It is hardly necessary to put this resolution to the meeting.

The resolution was thus taken as carried.

Drainage.

THE PRESIDENT:—Now we proceed to the consideration of the Drainage scheme. What do you propose to do, gentlemen?

THE HON'BLE MR. P. RUNGIAH NAYUDU:—I think it will be better to go into Committee. I beg to propose "that the Meeting resolve itself into a Committee."

This resolution was unanimously agreed to by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners considered the subject in Committee for nearly two hours, after which they resumed into meeting.

MR. E. H. ELLIOT:—I beg to propose "that the meeting adjourn till Wednesday the 12th February 1896."

Mr. N. SUBRAHMANYAM seconded the proposition.

The proposition was put and carried.

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The late Mr. R. Balajee Row.

THE PRESIDENT :—Gentlemen, before we proceed to business, I dare say that the Commissioners might wish to put on record something on account of the loss the Municipality has incurred in the death of Mr. R. Balajee Row.

Mr. M. VENKATRAMIAH CHETTY :—I propose Sir " that the Commissioners note with regret the death of Mr. R. Balajee Row, and desire to place on record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him during the long time he was a Municipal Commissioner and that out of regard to his memory this meeting be adjourned."

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA IYER :—I do not know if it will be bad taste to request Mr. Venkatramiah Chetty to withdraw the last portion of his resolution. We have important business to transact.

MR. C. YETHERAJULU NAYUDU seconded the proposition.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I think we can go into Committee now and discuss the subject.

The proposition was then put and carried.

The meeting then terminated.

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Q.—If the names of all the streets visited daily by these officers are not shown in the diaries, do you not consider that an entry of all streets visited and the tour of such visit would be useful as a check on these officers and for securing efficient supervision ? And if you think so will you be good enough to issue the necessary orders ?

A.—Answered by No. 1.

Q.—Is there any rule or departmental order that all streets, lanes and by-lanes in each division should be visited by these officers a certain number of times in a given period say in the month ? and if there are no such restrictions at present, will you be so good as to direct that no street lane or by-lane should be left unvisited in the month or within such other given time as you think proper ?

A.—There is no such departmental order. I do not think one is necessary, as their diaries show the streets visited.

Q.—As I presume that an allowance of Rs. 20 is now being drawn by all the Sanitary Inspectors, will you be good enough to state whether there are any of them, and, if so, how many who draw the allowance without maintaining a horse ?

A.—The allowance is only Rs.15. They all maintain a horse or pony.

Q.—Do such of them or any of them who maintain a horse ride about in their division or do they drive about in a conveyance ?

A.—The majority of them drive; one or two do ride occasionally.

Q.—In view of the object with which the allowance of Rs. 20 was sanctioned by the Commissioners and for the purpose of ensuring a thorough inspection of all lanes and by-lanes which call for greater supervision, will you make it a rule that Sanitary Inspectors should ride and not drive about during their rounds ?

A.—I do not think such an order desirable. An efficient Inspector might still not be able to ride.

Q.— If there are any among the Sanitary Inspectors who draw the allowance without maintaining a horse, do you not consider it reasonable to stop the allowance till they provide themselves with a horse ?

A.—There are none.

Q.—Do you not think it would be well to require a certificate being attached to the monthly pay abstract of these officers to show that they keep a horse entitling them to draw the allowance ?

A.—This is more a matter of account. The auditors have not required any such certificate.

Questions by Mr. Varadappa Nayudu :—

Incinerators.

Q.—With reference to G. O. No. 1036 of 19th December, 1895, will the President be good enough to state what steps have been taken to have the incinerators erected at an early date, for the sum of Rs. one lac which the Government were kind enough to grant for the purpose ?

A.—The Deputy Collector has been asked to hand over the site to the east of Basin Esplanade Road, and I have ordered trial wells to be sunk, to ascertain the nature of the soil for foundations.

Wheel Tax.

Q.—Will the President be pleased to give a comparison of the figures by the Commissioner of Police with the Municipal registers with reference to hackney carriages ? How many of them escaped assessment ? What course has been proposed to prevent this irregularity ?

A.—There is no means of comparison, as no separate register of hackney carriages is maintained. It is impossible to say. I hope that the contemplated amendment of the Hackney Carriage Act will do so.

Officers of Revenue Department of more than 55 years of age.

Q. – Will the President be good enough to name the officers of the Revenue Department who are still in the service of the Municipality although they are more than 55 years of age ? What is the age of the Head Assessor ? Considering his old age and infirmity, is he still fit to perform the very arduous work appertaining to his office ?

A.– The following are the persons in question :—T. R. Moonoosawmy Naidu, Assessor ; C. Calappa Chetty, Shroff ; E. Thathacharry, S. Vencojee Row, S. Theruvengadam Naidu, Conicopillais; Raju Reddi, Daffadar, Subbu Chetty, Shamshuddin Sahib, Peons ; Amirtham Pillai, Watching peon and N. Perumall, Distraining cooly.

55 years, 11 months.

Yes. In view of the reports of the Commissioners who have sat on appeal hearings.

Reinstatement.

THE PRESIDENT :—The first business, gentlemen, is whether you wish to reinstate Mr. M. O. Parthasarathi Iyangar who vacated his seat on the Commission through absence from three consecutive general meetings.

Mr. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU :—As this is the first time, I propose he be reinstated.

Mr. M. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY seconded the resolution.

THE PRESIDENT: —I will simply record that the Commissioners reinstate him.

This was agreed to by the Commissioners.

The election of a Member of Standing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next subject is the election of a member of the Standing Committee in place of Mr. Balajee Row who vacated his seat on the Committee owing to absence. There is no use of re-electing him, as he ceases to be a Commissioner from to-morrow.

Voting Papers were then distributed and votes were recorded with the result that Mr. M. Venkataramiah Chetty, having got 22 votes, was elected a member of the Standing Committee while Mr. N. Subrahmaniam obtained 3 votes and Mr. Cowasjee Eduljee 1 vote.

The Ramasawmy Hostel.

THE PRESIDENT :—The next subject is the G. O. No. 853, Educational, dated 31st October 1895, requesting the Municipal Commissioners, Madras, through the Local and Municipal Department whether they will consent to the grant of a site in the People's Park for the location of Sir S. Ramasawmy Mudaliar's Hostel. I think, gentlemen, there is a simple way of getting out of it, by saying that as the site is to be taken up for the proposed New Market, the Commissioners regret that they cannot entertain the suggestion.

Mr. G. SUBRAMANIA AIYAR :—I think we may also add "nor are the Commissioners prepared to give any other site". It has come to be the general tendency with Government whenever it wants a site, to apply to the Commissioners for a site in the People's Park. It is our duty to preserve it as much as possible for public purposes. By the addition of the words I suggest, we may save any further correspondence.

THE PRESIDENT :—Will you move a resolution ?

MR. G. SUBRAMANIA AIYAR :—Very well, Sir. I beg to propose :—"That the Commissioners regret their inability to comply with the request contained in G. O. No. 853 Educational, dated 31st October 1895."

MR. DECASTER seconded the proposition.

MR. VARADAPPA NAYUDU proposed an amendment "that the following words be added :—'as the site in question is intended for the proposed new market.'"

MR. C. KALIANASUNDARAM CHETTY seconded the amendment.

MR. R. N. PRAGASA MUDALIAR :—We have first of all to decide whether we are willing to give any site at all in the People's Park, considering that a portion after portion is being slashed off, with

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PRESENT:

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M. R. Ry. R. N. Pragasa Mudaliar Avargal.
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M. R. Ry. C. Yetherajulu Nayudu Garu.
M.R.Ry. P. M. Sivangnana Mudaliar Avargal.
Cowasjee Eduljee, Esq.
Haji Mahomed Abdul Hadi Badsha Sahib.
M. R. Ry. P. V. Kristnasawmy Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. M. Varadarajulu Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. G. Subbarayalu Chetty Garu.
M. R. Ry. M. Ramakristnaiya Pantulu Garu.
J. DeCaster, Esq.
E. H. Elliot, Esq.
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The Hon'ble P. Rangiah Nayudu Garu.
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B. Lovery, Esq.
N. Subrahmanyam, Esq.
M. R. Ry. Rai Bahadur A. Dhanakoti Mudaliar Avargal.
R. F. Grant, Esq.
M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Chariyar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. G. Subramania Iyer Avargal.
Surgeon-Major G. L. Walker.
Surgeon-Major J. Maitland.

Questions and Answers.

THE PRESIDENT :—I have some questions to answer.

The following are the questions and answers.

Questions by Hadi Badsha Sahib :—

Q.— With reference to frequent complaints made to me that the lanes and by-lanes, especially in the Town, do not receive due attention from the Sanitary staff, will you be so good as to state whether the diaries of the Sanitary Inspectors and Sanitary Overseers show the names of all the streets visited by them daily during their rounds in their respective divisions, irrespective of the fact of there being nothing of importance to note down in some of the streets ?

A.—They do.

want of generosity and confidence simply because we want some necessary conditions to be laid down. There is nothing ungenerous in recording on paper that the association ought to allow the use of the ground to similar associations on small fee if they require it.

MR. S. GURUSAWMY CHETTY'S amendment was first put and lost and Mr. W. S. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu's amendment was then put and carried by a majority.

The Sembiam Dispensary.

THE PRESIDENT said that the next subject was the following proposition that he had given notice of :—"That the letter from the President of the District Board, Chingleput, No. 3171-L. of 1895, dated 16th December, 1895, *re* the question of re-opening the Dispensary at Sembiam, be considered."

MR. V. VARADAPPA NAYUDU seconded the proposition which was put and carried.

THE PRESIDENT then read the letter from the President, Chingleput District Board, which asked for a contribution of Rs.600 towards the establishment of the Sembiam Dispensary. The annual expenditure was estimated at Rs. 1,200.

Mr. V. VARADAPPA NAYUDU proposed "that an annual contribution of Rs. 600 be granted to the Sembiam Dispensary."

The proposition was seconded by Mr. P. Theagaroya Chetty and carried unanimously.

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any way to have a monopoly of the ground for themselves. The association's first object is the development of physical education and they would be willing to let the use of the ground to any other association when it is wanted. Suppose we made a recreation ground in the Park, we should not leave it to the public free, but we should levy a small fee. They are, however, quite prepared to meet the Commissioners in every way.

MR. P. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—It is better to get some definite information.

THE PRESIDENT :—They must know whether they can get the site or not before they begin to raise funds. You may pass a resolution saying that the Commissioners are prepared to give the site for a nominal rent on conditions to be approved off by them. You have it in your hands that if you do not like them you may ask them to go out. If you have any persons, as tenants, you can always turn them out.

MR. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU:—Why not they make proposals which may be circulated?

THE PRESIDENT :—They cannot start a recreation ground until they can get a site. If you say that you are prepared to grant them a site on certain conditions to be approved of by the Commissioners then they can go and raise funds.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU :—The difficulty is to arrive as to conditions you refer to.

THE PRESIDENT :—I do not think there is anything in the condition. They are to charge a small fee from the outside public.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU :—What is the Extent of the land ?

THE PRESIDENT :—6½ Acres.

DEWAN BAHADUR R. RAGHUNATHA RAO proposed "that the site be granted to the Athletic Association at a nominal rent of Rs. 12 per annum, the lease to be terminable on three months' notice."

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMA CHARIAR seconded the proposition.

MR. G. SUBRAHMANIA IYER :—I wish to suggest the insertion of the words "that the association should let the ground to other similar associations who might require the use of it." Suppose the Cricket Club of a College wishes to make use of the ground, it should not be in the power of the association to prohibit them from so doing but they may levy a moderate fee for the purpose.

MR. N. SUBRAHMANIAM :—We have the remedy in our hands. If they use the ground to the exclusion of others we can exclude them altogether.

MR. G. SUBRAHMANIA IYER :—We cannot take away the ground every time they refuse to let it.

MR. N. SUBRAHMANIAM :—If they refuse to give it to similar associations which in our opinion are entitled to the use of the ground, we would not remonstrate with them but would take the ground away from them.

MR. G. SUBRAHMANIA IYER :—Is not prevention better than cure?

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMA CHARIAR :—The Law of supply and demand will regulate it.

MR. N. SUBRAHMANIAM:—As a member of the Athletic Association, I can assure you that their one desire is to encourage physical education wherever they can find it, and they would therefore always be willing to let the use of the ground for others if required.

THE PRESIDENT :—The public would be admitted free, but those that use the ground would be charged a small fee.

RAO BAHADUR V. KRISHNAMA CHARIAR :—I think there is a little doubt about the admission of the public ; that depends upon the costume that people put on. We must however leave such questions to be decided by the Athletic Association.

MR. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU proposed an amendment "that the following words, *viz*, 'subject to conditions to be approved of by the Commissioners' be added between 'annum' and 'the' to the original resolution."

MR. HAJI MAHOMED ABDUL HADI BADSHA SAHIB seconded the amendment.

DEWAN BAHADUR RAGOONATHA ROW :—Would you first explain to us what you mean.

Mr. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU :—A remark was made by our friend Mr. Krishnama Charri that people that are not decently clad will not be admitted. When the public are admitted to public places, they must conform themselves to rules of decency. Let us know how they propose to utilise the ground for the benefit of the public, and what conditions they intend imposing.

DEWAN BAHADUR R. RAGOONATHA ROW :—That is we should sit in judgment over what they do ?

Mr. W. S. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU :—We will send them this resolution, and grant the site on a reasonable proposal.

MR. V. VARADAPPA NAYUDU:—Are these conditions left for the Athletic Association to propose ?

DEWAN BAHADUR R. RAGOONATHA ROW:—For us to deliberate and decide.

Mr. VARADAPPA NAYUDU:— The wording is vague.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU :——My amendment does not prevent the Association from making any proposal.

THE PRESIDENT :—I do not think the amendment is at all necessary.

MR. G. SUBRAHMANIA IYER:—It is superfluous to say that we are in perfect sympathy with the objects of the association, but I only wish to point out that this is not the only association interested in the advancement of physical education. They may be other bodies who may be equally interested in that object, and we the Commissioners having a limited ground at our disposal, ought to place ourselves in a position which will enable us to make this ground available for other associations. It should not be in the power of this association to prevent other associations for making use of the ground whenever it may not be required by them.

THE PRESIDENT :—They told me that whenever the ground is not required by the association they will give it to other associations. The public as a rule will be admitted to one side of the ground.

MR. S. GURUSAWMY CHETTY proposed a further amendment "that the following words *viz.*, subject to rules of the Association with reference to the letting of the ground to other Associations of a similar nature or the public, being approved of by the Commissioners,' be added to the original resolution between 'annum' and 'the'. "

DEWAN BAHADUR R. RAGOONATHA RAO seconded the amendment.

MR. N. SUBRAHMANIAM :—Mr. President, I rise to say a few words against both the amendments. I hope the Commissioners will adopt the original resolution because the interest of the public is abundantly safe-guarded by that simple resolution. Although we express in words our thorough appreciation of the laudable efforts of the association, yet in our conduct we belie our good intentions. It looks as though we look upon this association as a set of robbers and thieves, as if it wants to use the ground for some purpose opposed to the general interests of the public. We have had this piece of ground for thirty five years if I am correctly informed; it has been practically lying unused for all these years, and an eye-sore to the public. The Athletic Association has been looking out, and at last pitched upon this spot and applied for its use ; but all on a sudden we become alive to the fact that it may be required for other similar associations, If that will be so required, we have their promise that they will let them have the use of it ; and any breach of their promise is abundantly provided for by the condition mentioned in the resolution, that the lease is terminable at three month's notice without any reason being assigned. Having given them the ground, if we find them breaking their word as to giving it to other associations we can remonstrate with them and say "we put an end to the lease." All that can then be said is that an association which wanted to use the ground has not been able to use it for three months. If we have funds, we may even make a grant towards the maintenance of the ground, that being a legitimate charge upon Municipal finances. Here is an association which consists of the Madras public and which exists solely for our young men, and it ought to be liberally treated, and its application ought to be met by the Commissioners generously, readily and without limitations and qualifications.

MR. G. SUBRAHMANIA IYER :—It is far from the intention of our proposal to treat the association with any want of genorosity and confidence. The procedure of Mr. Subrahmaniyam would be like having a sword over their head, by threatening to withdraw the grant of the site at any moment. It is better to allow them greater latitude and lay down conditions which will minimise difficulties. It cannot be said that we are wanting in sympathy with association and treat it with

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M. R. Ry. Rao Bahadur V. Krishnama Charriyar Avargal.
M. R. Ry. G. Subramania Aiyar Avargal.
Dewan Bahadur R. Ragoonath Row Garu.

Questions and Answers.

President:—I have to answer some questions put by Mr. V. Varadappa Nayudu. The following are the questions and answers.

Q.—Is it a fact that the scavengers were depositing night-soil in the gardens on the back side of Nagapah Mudelly Street, Komalesweranpett?

A.—No.

Q.—Why was such a state of affairs allowed to continue up to this time?

A.—Scavengers were never allowed to deposit there.

Q.—What action has been taken on a letter that appeared in the *Hindu* of the 10th instant about Sanitation, a cutting of it is herewith attached?

A.—None— but action had been taken before. Special iron carts were sent round and the private scavengers induced to resume work.

A Liberal donation.

President:—Before proceeding with the business of the meeting I have a Communication to make, which I think will be very pleasing to the Commissioners. The Govt. has been pleased to give us, one and a half lakhs of rupees. You know we applied to them for raising a loan of Rs.50,000 for carts; but there was a difficulty about it, because under the act we can only raise a loan for works of a permanent nature. Carts are hardly permanent and therefore the Govt. did not see its way to

public body like this Corporation if, in spite of conviction, on the above reasons, we should try to take shelter on technical grounds. I trust, therefore, that upon the strength of the judicial ruling of the Small Cause Court my resolution would commend itself to you.

MR. BALAKRISTNAMA CHETTY seconded the resolution.

THE PRESIDENT :—I do not wish to oppose the motion for the grant of compensation to the poor tailor ; but Mr. Pragasa Moodelliar did not tell you that the poor tailor's house had been pulled down only after he had been warned three or four times not to go on with the building, when it was just two or three feet high ; but still he persisted in going on with the building. I maintain I have power to do what I have done and I only wish that the point had been definitely settled instead of the case being disposed of on a technical point by the High Court. The judge of the S. C. Court says that he does not think I have power, still I think with all deference to him that I have. The whole course of the Municipal Executive's action on this subject is intended as a warning to the public. Our only object was to get houses built in Madras with some sort of stability or order. I don't say his house was objectionable. When he raised the walls about 2 feet he was told to stop building, three or four times, but he went on, and when the matter came to my notice I said, " pull it down." As regards the Technical point, Mr. Pragasa Moodalliar is quite right. I did not wish it pressed, and I only knew that the case went before the High Court on that ground when I heard the result Now we are just in the same position as we were before. I do not wish to injure the poor tailor, but I do think that in passing the resolution the Commissioners will be stultifying themselves to a very great extent. The law distinctly lays down that this man should not build ; but this man not only did that, but he did it after being warned repeatedly.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY :—Cannot you be merciful Sir,

THE PRESIDENT :—I have nothing to do with that, but the Commissioners have to decide it. It is not right in the public interests if you take justice away and extend mercy. We may show mercy tempered with justice. In this case it is justice tempered with more than mercy. You all know the tailors house was pulled down, and that the judge referred the question as to my action in the matter to the High Court ; but the question has not been settled yet. It will not be settled probably till the next house is pulled down. I hope that the new Bye-laws will help us. I will put the resolution to the sense of the meeting ; but I assure you that if you grant him Rs. 400 I will take Rs. 262 out of it.

MR. VARADAPPA NAYUDU:—I propose as an amendment "that for Rs.400 substitute the costs for which he was put in Jail be remitted as an act of mercy."

MR. KALYANASUNDRAM CHETIY seconded the amendment.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY :—I propose an amendment that " he be paid Rs. 300 and be released " The man has suffered damages, his house has been pulled down and he estimates the damages at Rs. 600. Let us take half of that amount. Then comes the question of costs. In the Court of Small Causes he had to pay 2 annas per rupee and attorneys fees, and he must have spent more than Rs. 100 in the High Court. You can see from that that he must have already incurred great loss. He has lost his house and he has lost the money expended as costs. With all this you simply say now, let him off as an act of mercy. The Judge of the Small Cause Court says that the President had no power and as far as there is a judicial decision let us go upon that. There is a decision that the President had no power, and the poor tailor has lost his house, and all the money that he spent on costs, and for not paying the costs of the Municipality the man has been arrested and for the last 15 days has been rottidgin Jail. Is that Justice? Is that Mercy? I therefore propose that he be paid Rs. 300 and let off.

THE PRESIDENT :—That means it will cost us nearly 600 Rupees.

MR. HAJI MAHOMED ABDUL HADI BADSHA SAIB seconded the amendment which was put to the meeting and carried.

Mr. Kalyanasundram Chetty proposed and Mr. Varadappa Nayudu seconded " that the remaining subjects be deferred to next General Meeting." Carried. The meeting terminated.

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Mr. Theagaroya Chetty:— I suppose that portion will be railed of.

The President:—It will put us to no expense. All that will be removed from the Park are the Elephant shed and the Reptile shed.

Mr. Theagaroya Chetty:—What is the area, Sir ?

The President :—It is a large piece, no area is given.

Mr. Theagaroya Chetty :—I suppose it will be 15 acres.

The President:—It is about a mile and a half round.

Mr. Subrahmanyam :—The Association will, I suppose, enclose it, and it will not be accessible to the public.

The President here read the application of the Association.

Mr. N. Subrahmanyam :—When sports are held the ground will be enclosed, at other times also will the ground be enclosed ?

The President :—It will always be enclosed ; members of the Association will have the right to enter but the public will have to pay gate money. This will not be an innovation as it is done by ourselves in connection with the menagerie enclosure in the People's Park.

Mr. N. Subrahmanyam :—Supposing some other Athletic Association wants to use it, will it be entirely at their pleasure.

The President :—The Madras Athletic Association will, I have no doubt, lend it to them.

Mr. Varadappa Nayudu :—Can we get back the place whenever we want it?

The President :—Yes, we dont give it to them altogether. We only let them have the ground at a nominal rent. That is the resolution of the Standing Committee.

Mr. N. Subrahmanyam :—And who is to bear the cost of removing the Elephant shed.

The President:—They undertake to do everything.

Mr. Theagaroya Chetty:—I propose " that the Commissioners decline the request of the Athletic Association." The entire Park is only about 35 or 40 acres in extent. The place that is required is about 15 acres. Some portion of the Park is now taken as the sewage farm, another portion is taken for the Victoria Town Hall and a third portion has been allotted for the market and if the little that is left is now taken away very little would remain for the public. Then what is to become of the people that want to go there. If this Association were to admit everybody free of charge we can gladly grant their request so that the public may go and enjoy ; but people will be admitted only on payment and it is objectionable to give any portion of the Park for such a purpose. If this is done I suppose the Trustees of Pacheappa's Charities may come and ask you for a portion of the Park as a site for Sir Ramasawmy Moodelliar's hostel, and the Municipality will not be justified in declining the request. You will remember that Government asked for a portion of the Park for a Drill Hall, and they went the length of saying that if we granted them the site for the Drill Hall they would give us the Adam's Park. We refused that request and it will be equally wrong to grant a portion of the Park to the Association especially as there is very little portion left for the public to enjoy.

Mr. Venkatakamiah Chetty seconded the proposition.

Mr. Subramania Iyer:—It is very necessary for me to say that the object of the Association is a very excellent one, and one with which the Commissioners ought to sympathise. I would even go the length of saying that it is a portion of the duty of the Commissioners to provide sports for the public and when we find a Corporation ready to undertake such a special duty consideration and sympathy ought to be shown to them. It is a Park to which the public is to have access, but the terms on which the Association wishes to take over the ground is not consistent with the object for which the Park is established. If the Madras Athletic Association kept it open to the public then it would be a different thing. The terms under which the concession is asked for are not so. It will not be right for us to rent out such a large portion which is kept for the use of the public. The Association proposes to take over a large area and enclose it so that it will be open to the public under restrictions. It is not proper that we should alienate such large spaces as this. I dont see why we should not ourselves set apart a portion of the Park for such a purpose and allow the Association to make use of it whenever it wants. Then we can make it available to every institution,and we can also have the power to make what use we like of the land. I do not see why we should alienate our own right in the land to an Association whose object is to exclude the public from a particular portion of the Park except on payment. Although I sympathise most cordially with the object. I regret I cannot accept the resolution of the Select Committee.

Mr. Krishnama Chariar :—Are you prepared to recommend such a thing as you suggest to the Commissioners.

Mr. Subramania Iyer:—As I have said we should not steal the idea of the Association and get up a thing of our own. If we can carry it out ourselves all the better. The park is created for the purpose of public recreation. It will therefore not be well to adopt a dog in the manger policy.

Mr. Krishnama Chariar:—It think that as it is out of the power of the Commissioners to do for public what the Association proposes to do, it will be churlish and ungenerous to prevent a body that could do go, from carrying it through.

Mr. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu :—I sympathise with the object, but I don't at all think it good policy to rent out a good portion of the Park. With reference to Mr. Subramania Iyer's remarks, I think the Commissioners can very well lay out a few thousand rupees for the ground. It does not exceed Rs. 10,000, and if that sum be expended in encouraging athletics and such things will increase the value of the Park. Although I sympathise with the object for which the Association asks for the ground, I think it is not at all a good policy to comply with their request and let such a large area out on payment.

Surgeon-Major Walker :—The case seems to me to be analogous with the Hobart Park and the Municipality of Ooty. Some years ago it was thought by the public of Ooty desirable to have a race course round the Hobart Park. It was not the business of the Municipality to do it and they were not able to do it. It was the business of persons who were particularly interested in that branch of sport. The Municipality could not convert the Hobart Park into a race course but they complied with the request of the Gymkhana Committee and they handed over the Park, on terms very similar to what is now applied for, to the Gymkhana Committee for the purpose of a race course. They were tenants at will and paid a nominal rent. They now levy certain fees for the galloping of horses and they charge an admission fee into the stand for viewing the sport. The case is precisely analagous, and the Government had a very considerable connection with the ground. The Gymkhana Committee can be turned out at any time, and so also we can turn out the Athletic Association. I am therefore very much in favor of complying with their request under certain restrictions, and on payment of a nominal rent. They will be tenants at will and may be turned out at any time on our giving them proper notice. If the Association is successful they will probably draw a great crowd and receive very large gate money ; and I do not see why the Municipality should not benefit by it and claim a royalty from their success. I therefore propose that the ground applied for be granted on the condition that the Association pays ten per cent of the gate money to the Municipality.

The President:—The Commissioners have declined that. It is a pity to dispose of the matter so summarily. This is only a tentative move on their part to see if the Commissioners would grant the ground; and I see that the Commissioners are not averse to grant it, but some of them they say charge gate money. We charge gate money to allow the public into the menagerie. It is a pity to dispose of the matter so summarily. It would be better to defer the matter till I communicate further with the Association and see what conditions they are prepared to accept and what suggestions they have to make. The area of the plot is only $6\frac{1}{2}$ acres and not 15 acres. The question of the Drill Hall and of the Athletic ground are very different things. The Drill Hall was proposed to be erected at the Vepery Gate, which was the principal entrance of the Park and it is only reasonable that this should not be allowed, for they would have volunteers tramping about that portion of the Park. With reference to the request of the Sir Savalay's Hostel Committee I have circulated a letter urging on the Commissioners the desirability of refusing it, because I think the Park is not the proper place for a residential establishment like an hostel. But we have here an Association willing to use it for the benefit of the public—for the educational benefit of the public. Physical education ought surely to be supported by the Commissioners as much as mental education. I think it will be a pity to deal with this matter so summarily. To decline the request summarily would be churlish. I don't think we can make use of any part of the Park to a better purpose and it will be a great pity to dispose of the matter so summarily. I therefore propose " that the consideration of this question be deferred pending the receipt of further information on the subject from the Athletic Association."

Mr. Theagaroya Chetty with the consent of Mr. Venkataramiah Chetty, the seconder, then withdrew his proposition.

Mr. Kalyanasundram Chetty seconded the President's proposition.

Mr. N. Subrahmanyam :—I intended to propose a small Committee.

The President :—You don't want a Committee as I can get all the information.

THE HON'BLE RUNGIAH NAYUDU:—If this resolution is passed, I suppose the former resolution is not to be taken into consideration, and the Commissioners are not going to give any amount for the preparation of the plans.

THE PRESIDENT:—If you move the resolution now that a certain amount of money may be sanctioned for the market then you can take up the question of estimates.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—What will be the result of the amendment if carried.

SURGEON-MAJOR WALKER:—I propose as an amendment that the Commissioners are prepared to spend Rs. 2 lakhs.

THE PRESIDENT:—That can come as a resolution after this.

SURGEON-MAJOR WALKER:—If this amendment now is carried the whole thing is deferred.

THE PRESIDENT:—The amendment before the meeting is this:—That the consideration of the question of estimates be deferred until it has been decided what funds are to be expended on the new market.

The amendment was put to the meeting with the following result, 9 voting for and 11 against. It was therefore lost.

THE PRESIDENT:—The amendment now before the meeting is Mr. Varadappa Nayudu's, seconded by the Hon'ble Mr. Rungiah Nayudu; that detailed plans and estimates for No 2 plan only should be prepared and submitted.

On being put to the meeting 10 voted for and 8 against the amendment. It was accordingly carried.

Conservancy Carts.

THE PRESIDENT:—I must ask you to let me now take up my resolution. I want to get this loan of Rs. 50,000, for the carts *vide* subject No. 5. I wish the matter settled before the holidays commence The resolution was then read to the meeting. It ran as follows:—"That the following Resolutions of the Standing Committee passed at their meeting held on the 15th November, 1895, be considered, *viz*:—

(*a*) II. *Conservancy Carts. Read Memo: from the President, dated the 6th November*, 1895, *proposing to have from April*, 1896, *conservancy carts as Municipal property, as resolved by the Commissioners at their Meeting held on 5th June*, 1895, *and proposing to raise a loan of Rs.* 50,000 *at* 3½ *per cent for meeting the necessary outlay therefor, as such an arrangement will decrease the annual expenditure on carts, besides the improvement in the Conservancy*;

Resolved that a loan of Rs. 50,000 *at* 4 *per cent. be raised.*"

First of all will anybody second my resolution, that it be considered.

MR. VARADAPPA NAYUDU:—I second it. The resolution was put to the vote and carried unanimously

THE PRESIDENT:—The first question is about the carts. The Standing Committee have settled that they should be the property of the Commissioners. It will be an actual saving as we are now expending Rs. 12,000 a year on the carts, but as every one knows the carts are in a most disgraceful state and always would be till the Municipality takes them over. With regard to the loan proposed to be raised the only question is whether it should be a long or a short period. Personally, I am in favor of a loan with repayments extending over a period of 50 years, but the Standing Committee have arrived at the conclusion that it should be a short period. I have provided for a liberal allowance of Rs. 6,000 a year for the maintenance of the carts, and this would ensure the carts being repaired and renewed as required. Surely people who take them over in 50 years cannot complain. The interest on a 50 years loan will be about Rs. 2,000 per year and the sinking fund will amount to Rs. 368 a year, and this will result in a saving of Rs. 3000. If you put it for 10 years you will have to pay the same interest and the sinking fund for 10 years is Rs. 4262. I think it is better to make it 50 years.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I think that not right principle, Sir.

THE PRESIDENT:—It would be a very heavy drain on the people in 10 years to pay, Rs. 4,262, and Rs. 2,000 for interest will make it over Rs. 6,000. I don't think it is fair to make them pay that amount; if it was for 15 years it will be about Rs. 3000. The question now is for what period the loan is to be. As I put it at 3½ per cent it will be Rs. 2368. If you make it 10 years it will be Rs. 4,262.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I propose "that a loan of Rs. 50,000 be raised at 4 per cent payable in 15 years." Gentlemen. The president proposes a loan for 50 years. This is a loan for Municipal Carts which under no circumstances will stand for 50 years. If we go on repairing these carts, and substituting new ones now and again, I don't think the carts will stand for more than 15 years. It will not be right on our part to raise a 50 years loan which will be a charge on posterity for many years.

The principle thing we have to bear in mind in going in for a loan should be, how far the carts for which we are going to get a loan will stand. If we are going in for a water-works loan for instance, it is possible that posterity would be enjoying the benefits of the scheme, for 50 years and it is quite equitable that they should be saddled with some portion of the cost; whereas with regard to the carts they can't stand for more than 15 years. It will be wrong in principle therefore to raise a loan payable in 50 years. I propose a 4 per cent. loan for 15 years. I don't think the charges on that will be as heavy as they are now.

THE PRESIDENT:—I think it will be about Rs. 3000.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—Even in that case we won't be losers.

THE PRESIDENT:—No, we won't be losers.

SURGEON-MAJOR WALKER. I second the proposition. I think that Mr. Theagaroya Chetty's proposition is right in principle. We must not raise a loan for carts if it will have to be repaid after the carts have ceased to exist. I think the matter depends entirely on how long the carts will last. If Mr. Theagaroya Chetty is right in saying that the carts will with repairs and renewals now and then only last for 15 years, I think that 15 years is the equitable period over which the loan will have to be spread. Assuming that Mr. Theagaroya Chetty's calculation is correct I have much pleasure in seconding the proposition.

THE PRESIDENT:—With reference to the remarks made that the carts are only likely to ast for 15 years, you must remember we have provided Rs. 6000 a year for the repairs and maintenance of carts, which will at the end of the period put the carts in the same condition as when they were new. Rs. 6000 is a very liberal provision for maintenance, and it will be enough to maintain a practically efficient service for as long as the maintenance continued.

MR. KALYANASUNDRAM CHETTY:—I suppose that is an allowance for wear and tear.

THE PRESIDENT:—We are now paying Rs. 12,000 a year. I don't think we will be treating posterity unfairly as the carts at the end of 1896 would be as good as they were at the beginning of the year.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—How long can we go on at this rate.

THE PRESIDENT:—We can go on for ever. The carts would be always kept in a decent state.

MR. VENKATARAMIAH CHETTY:—Can we not reduce the amount suggested for maintenance?

THE PRESIDENT:—No, not if the Commissioners expect the executive to keep the carts in a state of decency.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I think the President's contention would no doubt appear all right in theory, but in practice its defects will become apparent. Suppose we build a brougham or a carriage for Rs. 1,000 and go on spending money every year on it. Say once in two years we reline it, and we go on repairing, and in 10 years or so the carriage becomes useless.

THE PRESIDENT:—In that case we are going to replace.

SURGEON-MAJOR WALKER:—According to what the President explains in 15 years there will be as good a set of carts, at the end of the period, because they will all be renewed by that time.

THE HON'BLE MR. RUNGIAH NAYUDU proposed as an amendment "that 50 years be substituted for 15."

MR. N. SUBRAMANYAM:—I have much pleasure in seconding that. From the explanation given by the President, I think, that equity and justice points to the necessity of spreading the loan over a longer period than 15 years.

The amendment was put to the meeting with the result that 9 voted against and 10 for it and it was carried.

The Madras Athletic Association.

THE PRESIDENT:—We have now to consider the resolution of the Standing Committee recommending the application from the Madras Athletic Association for a piece of ground in the People's Park. I don't know if you have all seen the plan of the Athletic ground. It will be a most desirable thing and will benefit the public in general. The ground applied for is situated in a part of the Park which will practically be never used. It is the waste land to the north east and it will make an excellent recreation ground for the public of Madras, which I think is the very purpose for which the Park is intended.

Proceedings of an Adjourned General Meeting of the Municipal Commissioners for the City of Madras, held at their Office Premises, No. 22, Errah Bauloo Chetty Street, Black Town, on Monday the 2nd December 1895, at 3 P. M., under the provisions of the City of Madras Municipal Acts I and VII of 1814 and II of 1892.

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Surgeon-Major G. L. Walker.
Surgeon-Major J. Maitland.

The proposed New Market.

THE PRESIDENT:—We have now to take up the further business in connection with the report of the Market Committee. Of course, what we have now got to decide is whether it is to be No. I Plan or No. II Plan. I think the best thing we can do before settling to-night whether we are to have No. I or No. II Plan, is to have detailed estimates of the designs of No. II Plan prepared at a cost not exceeding two lakhs of rupees. Although the original estimate of No. II Plan, as it stands was 3,78,000 it has been reduced to 1,80,000. This latter plan included 170 stalls, and at any time you could enlarge the Market by adding on to it. The best thing therefore would be for the Commissioners to pass a resolution to the effect that detailed plans and estimates of No. II at a cost not exceeding two lakhs of rupees be prepared, and to get a draftsman to do it. Provision for Rupees 500 has been made in the Revised Estimate. What we have to settle now is to get detailed plans and estimate, and when we get that we will have a better idea as to the actual cost and then it will be for the Commissioners to settle whether they can find the money for it.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—Why can you not put off this subject, Sir?

THE HON'BLE RUNGIAH NAYUDU:—Detailed plans and estimates will have to be done by a draftsman. We cant do that until we sanction the money for it.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—Are we in order Sir, inbringing up the subject now: was it not decided last time that we should adopt the resolution of Mr. Varadappa Nayudu which was a part of the report of the Committee?. We did not adopt the Committee's Report.

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes, but we are now taking up and considering it piece-meal. The last time we passed a resolution on that report, that the site recommended by the Market Committee be adopted. We are now on the portion of the report dealing with the plans and estimates.

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