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The Chairman
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2. The suggestion made by the Chair-man in para. 10 of his letter will be commended to the Municipal Council for consideration.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the Vina-yaka Chetti Pond was repaired during the year and that ~~it~~ is now altogether free from contamination by surface drainage.

To

The Chairman, M.C. Walajapet
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Memorandum.

Repair of Vinayaka Chetti Pond

The Chairman brings to the notice of the council that the water-course leading to the smaller pond leading to the main one (Vinayaka Chetti Pond) was rid of prickly-pear and rank vegetation, and rendered slopy in regular succession to prevent water stagnating in its course; and thus set right. The silt from the smaller pond was removed and re-placed by a supply of pure river-sand. These works were got done by Municipal servants without any cost to the Municipality.

2. The Chairman anticipated that the repair of the main pond would cost Rs 15 or 20 and that it might be covered by sale-proceeds of fish and silt gathered from it. But, the baling out of the water and the removal of silt have till now cost Rs 80, — the sale of fish amounting to Rs 15½; and Rs 15 more being anticipated from the sale of silt.

At the Chairman's inspection of the pond, he found that

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the water had gone down too low; it was awfully stinking and presented a green colour.

The Hospital Assistant concurred with the Chairman in thinking that the water was, in its present condition, unfit for drinking purposes.

3. If the tank should at all be repaired, this was the most suitable part of the summer season when the work could be undertaken at the smallest cost to the Municipality.

The work having been taken in hand departmentally, the quantity of the work turned out, though very large, has cost only a small sum.

4. The enormous quantity of silt now taken out of the tank is sure to remove the evil reputation of the water being instrumental to the propagation of elephantiasis &c.

5. The Chairman accordingly moves the Council to accord sanction for such an important sanitary measure in preference to some works under "Drainage, New works & Repairs" — for which a sum of Rs 750 has been provided in the Budget for 1898-99; — or for the expenditure being met from savings under "Communications, Repairs".

(signed) D. Kristna Rau

Chairman

14-7-98. M. C. Walajapet

(True Copy)

for Chairman

16-11-98

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

of the Municipal Council, Wallajapet,

at a Meeting held on 18th July 1898

1. Read Chairman's memorandum regarding the repair of the Vinayaka Chetti Pond, with vouchers of expenditure incurred up to date.

The memorandum is recorded with satisfaction; and the Chairman's action approved. The expenditure is sanctioned to be met from savings under Grant 1.

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/Sd/ A. Krishna Rao,
Chairman

/True Extract/

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MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
WALAJAPET.

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From

M. R. Ry.
R. Krishna Rao Garu,
Chairman, Municipal Council,
Walajapet.

LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPT.
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To

The Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Dept.,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In reference to the latter portion of para 4 (5) of G. O. No. 1497 M. dated 24th August 1898, reviewing the Administration Report of this Municipality for the year 1897-98, I have the honor to report that, in the month of July last prior to the receipt of the G. O. under reference, the Vinayaka Chetti Pond was repaired at a cost of Rs. 110 and its water is

now

now free from contamination by surface drainage.

2. Early in July, I inspected the water-course leading to the pond from Periya Eri, a tank on the western limit of the town.

I found that the channel was not regular and the water could not flow freely through it to the pond, in a case of a rainfall, and prickly-pear and rank vegetation had grown in and about it. I immediately engaged a municipal gardener, [illegible] servant and some of the sweepers to set right the water-course.

This water-course first finds way into a small reservoir; and the supply of

water

water thence leads into the main pond through an inlet. Then I had the bed of this reservoir dug one foot deep and the silt removed and in its place had a supply of pure river sand spread over the surface.

Thus far, I had the work done under the impression that the pond would be purely rain-fed.

3. Then I found that the water of the pond had gone very low to the bottom and was stinking and of green colour. The depth of the silt that had accumulated at the bottom was five feet, and this must be due to the

Surface

surface drainage having been allowed to find way into the pond for a number of years past. The water was muddy and yet the people were taking of it for drinking purposes.

The use of the water under such conditions, I considered, would endanger the public health.

4. I first anticipated that the cost of removing the silt would be covered by the sale proceeds of the quantity of the silt and fish; and, accordingly, in anticipation of the Council's sanction, I had the work commenced with the hope that it would be completed in three or four days.

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5. The work was commenced; and at the end of three days not even half the quantity of the silt was taken out; and the quantity so far removed was deposited on the bed of the pond half-way between the bottom and the bund. The remaining quantity of silt yet to be removed from the bottom got so mixed with the quantity of water then remaining that, unless the water be incessantly baled out both day and night, it would rise to eight feet high. Thus two picottahs were put up, — one of them on the bund and the other mid-way between the water-level

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and the bund and were worked both day and night without cessation; and even at the end of ^{17}12 days, the water was yet knee-deep and muddy.

Then I resorted to the proprietor of the Arcot Sugar works for advice and help with the loan of a water-pump. The idea of pumping out the remaining water was given up, as the depth of the pond from the bund was too much for an ordinary pump and as the undertaking would cost a great deal. Then the baling-out was discontinued and in twelve hours' interval, the water rose to eight feet high. In order to purify the water, one hundred measures of unslaked lime were thrown into the pond, - after the removal of all the silt to the bund.

6. As soon as I found that the pond was spring fed and has copious springs, I gave orders for the inlet leading to the pond being blocked up.

7. From para 82 of the Administration Report, Government will be pleased to observe that the surface-drainage (from streets and lanes of the town) leading into the Vinayaka Chetti and Iswaran Koil Ponds was diverted in the year 1857-58; and what more yet then remained to be done I have suggested in paragraph

-graph 146 thereof.

Thus the remark of the Hospital Assistant in para (1) of his concise report led to misapprehension.

8. A copy of the Council's Resolution No. 1 dated 18th July 1898 approving my action as set forth in the enclosed copy of my memorandum on the subject placed before the Council, is herewith submitted.

9. In conclusion I would suggest that similar action be taken in regard to the improvement of the other four drinking water ponds of the town.

10. The Vinayaka Chetti Pond is now free from the unenviable reputation that the use of its water gave rise to elephantiasis; and the Council will be well-advised to allot some funds for the repair of the other ponds one by one.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

for Chairman

16-11-98.

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