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Municipal Reports.

Read the following paper:—

No. 111. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, dated Coimbatore, 16th May 1877, No. 3.

I have the honor to make the following remarks on improvements and matters affecting the health and comfort of the people.

2. The failure of the rains has induced a rise in food, extended distress among the poor, and has very nearly led to a water famine.

3. A bad season is usually attended with cholera; four Europeans have died of it. The disease, however, was not epidemic.

4. An attempt was made to enlist the cooperation of the Native Commissioners in the task of house-to-house sanitation.

5. Great opposition was made to an operation of having the private latrines scavenged; one section of the town inhabited by higher classes of Brahmins, &c., is inaccessible to the town sweepers, and no matter to act in. It is a very difficult

6. So far as the general public is concerned, the sanitary arrangements are excellent.

7. The numerous public latrines, a high favor and much frequented, the excreta properly deodorized, and the ash, vegetable rubbish are daily disposed of in the sewage gardens with great profit to the cultivation and economy to the Municipality.

8. Every exertion was made to keep the town supplied with water. New wells have been opened, old wells deepened, and up to the end of a most disastrous year there is as yet a water-supply (advantage has been taken of the need of providing famine wages for the distressed poor by executing works which will be a permanent advantage to the future water-supply of the town by deepening the tanks and in the reclamation of most valuable land from the waterspread, which is already formed into twenty acres of new and valuable plantations of fruit-producing trees).

9. Attention has been paid to vaccination, and the amount of children vaccinated (1503) is double the recorded births (771).

10. Registration is not yet satisfactory, but every endeavor was made in proclaiming the law and punishing its non-observance.

11. An increased amount for elementary education was sanctioned, viz., Rupees 1,500 against Rupees 1,000.

12. The neglected classes will now participate in the advantages of education.

13. The hospital is maintained in a high state of efficiency.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. BASHIAKARLU NAIDU, Vice-President, to the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore, dated Coimbatore, 27th April 1877, No. 2.

I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, the Annual Report of the Coimbatore Municipality for the year 1876-77.

2. The total receipts during the year, including an opening balance of Rupees 3,582-15-6, amounted to Rupees 33,721-3-1, and the expenditure to Rupees 31,917-4-7, leaving a balance in favor of the Municipality of Rupees 1,803-14-6.

3. The comparative statement appended will show the increase or decrease over the Budget allotment in the several items of receipts and expenditure and the cause of difference.

RECEIPTS—Surplus Pound Fund.—Under this head a decrease of Rupees 266 is shown, the cause of which is not apparent, as the supervision and management of the cattle-pounds are vested in the Revenue Department.

Rates on Houses and Lands.—The total demand was Rupees 10,567. Of this sum Rupees 1,423 remains uncollected owing to the entire suspension of cultivation of many of the lands within the Municipality for the previous and current years and to the poverty of many of the inhabitants from famine.

Taxes on Vehicles, &c.—The decrease under this head, amounting to Rupees 105, is due partly to many of the owners of cattle having been obliged to sell them for want of means of livelihood and partly to the registration of some of the carts at Mettapolliem.

Registration of Carts.—Decrease Rupees 63. The explanation given in the foregoing paragraph applies to this item also.

Tolls.—Increase Rupees 375. This is attributable to greater competition.

Fees.—Decrease Rupees 25. This is owing partly to the abolition of the arrack distillery in this town and partly to the abandonment of trades by certain persons who were unable to take out licenses.

Fines.—Decrease Rupees 216. This decrease is owing to fewer cases of nuisance having been prosecuted.

Endowments, Hospitals.—Decrease Rupees 112. This decrease is owing to the falling off in the sale of medicines and to the non-payment of interest by the Municipality on the three-fourths funded capital. The Municipality has no interest on the money borrowed from this endowment as the support of the hospital depends entirely on them.

Langerkhana.—Decrease Rupees 398. This decrease is attributable to the non-receipt of the full amount allotted for this institution during this year.

Contribution from Local Fund Board.—Increase Rupees 682. This is owing to the less expenditure incurred during the previous year on account of the Civil Dispensary.

Miscellaneous.—The following items comprise the above heads:—

	RS.
Rent of Markets—Increase	644
Do. of Cart-stands	50
Do. of Slaughter-house—Increase	35

The foregoing items, like that of Tolls, are sold by public auction and therefore call for no remarks.

Sale of Sweepings.—Decrease Rupees 10. The Commissioners do not dispose of their sweepings, the whole being burned in cinerators and the ashes used for deodorizing the excreta in their latrines. The amount of Rupees 10 was realized by sale of decayed rubbish which had been accumulating for ten years.

Sale of Materials.—Increase Rupees 205. This increase has arisen from the sale of old carts, for which new ones of a larger capacity suited to the strength of the Municipal bullocks have been substituted. This arrangement has proved economical, only twelve carts being now needed instead of twenty-two.

Avenues.—Increase Rupees 65. This item is also a variable one and needs no comment.

Rent of Municipal Buildings.—A sum of Rupees 220 was obtained by rent of the Apothecary's house, which was let to him for eleven months of the year.

Sale of Garden Produce.—Decrease Rupees 83. This is owing to the bad season not allowing of the cultivation of European vegetables and to the less sale during the year of the green fodder grown in the Municipal gardens which was monopolized for the support of the cattle belonging to the Municipality.

Travellers' Bungalow.—There is a nominal decrease of Rupees 31 in this item.

Miscellaneous, Rent of Pasture Ground.—These are new items and call for no remark.

Advances Recoverable.—Of Rupees 1,000 anticipated to be recovered out of Rupees 3,000, advanced to parties for tiling their houses in the New Pettah, Rupees 710 only were collected owing to the prevailing distress, which rendered it impossible for many of these poor people to repay the loans made to them according to instalments.

EXPENDITURE—New Works, Communications.—Increase Rupees 183. This is owing to the construction of a wooden bridge over a channel on the Tadagam Road to divert the storm-water and prevent its flooding the road.

Sanitary and Miscellaneous.—Decrease Rupees 257. The decrease in this item is owing to the latrines budgeted for not being constructed in consequence of the refusal of site.

Repairs, Communications.—Decrease Rupees 1,052. The repair of roads could not be undertaken owing to the scarcity of water.

Sanitary and Miscellaneous.—Decrease Rupees 469. The expenditure budgeted for under this head was curtailed to provide funds for more important works.

Sanitary and Miscellaneous, Establishment.—Increase Rupees 53. The pay of servants drawing Rupees 10 and under was increased on account of the prevailing distress.

Tools and Plant.—The increase of Rupees 79 is due to the introduction of very useful agricultural implements for weeding—three-pronged mamooties or "Assam Forks."

Educational.—After the payment of whole of the certifying memoranda presented there remained a balance of Rupees 23.

Hospitals and Dispensaries, Establishment.—Increase Rupees 268 due to the increase of pay granted to servants drawing Rupees 10 and under.

Medicines and Supplies, increase Rupees 167; **Diet of Patients,** increase Rupees 207; and **Sundries and Contingencies,** Rupees 48, respectively, is attributable to the increase in the number of in-patients and to the rise in the price of provisions.

Vaccination.—Increase Rupees 11 is due to the payment made to an additional vaccinator on the results system.

Registration.—Increase Rupees 6 arising from the additional allowance allowed on account of the famine.

Conservancy Establishment.—Increase Rupees 466 consequent on additions to salary rendered necessary by the famine.

Sanitary Services.—The decrease of Rupees 750 is to be ascribed to the economical raising of green fodder for the cattle.

Cleansing of Tanks, Wells, and Drains.—Increase Rupees 900. This increase could not by any possibility have been avoided as the season was altogether unfavorable and the want of water greatly felt.

Contingencies.—Increase Rupees 104 is due to the increase in the repair of carts and clearing of prickly-pear.

Lighting Establishment and Contingencies.—Increase Rupees 22 on account of the famine allowance given to the establishment.

Market Establishment and Contingencies.—Increase Rupees 1,781 is owing to the addition made to the establishment and to the increase of Municipal sewage gardens.

Lungerkhana Establishment—Contingencies and Feeding Paupers.—Increase Rupees 402. This is owing to the increased rate paid by the Commissioners on account of the feeding of paupers, as the contractor could not at the beginning of the year foresee the great rise there would be in the prices of grain as well as to the increased number of paupers admitted into the institution.

Travellers' Bungalow Establishment and Contingencies.—The decrease, Rupees 7, is very small and calls for no remark.

Watering Streets and Planting Avenues.—An increase of Rupees 424 was incurred in order to preserve the fences around the plants and for conservancy of cocoanut trees.

Interest and Refund of Loan.—Increase Rupees 475 is due to the payment with interest by the Municipality of an instalment of the loan obtained for deepening wells.

Miscellaneous.—Increase Rupees 391. This represents fees paid to Counsel for defending several suits brought against the Commissioners in the district and by an appeal to the High Court.

Office Establishment and Contingencies.—Decrease Rupees 56 and Rupees 22 is nominal and may be passed by without remark.

4. **Registration.**—The following is an abstract of births and deaths registered within Municipal limits during the year under report:—

		1875-76.	1876-77.	DIFFERENCE.	
				Increase.	Decrease.
Births		892	771	..	121
Deaths		667	568	..	99

The principal cause of mortality was fever, the number being 203.

5. *Vaccination*.—Annexed is a comparative table of the results of vaccination during this and the previous years:—

		Number vaccinated.	Number proved unsuccessful.
1875-76		1,640	312
1876-77		1,503	86

6. Agreeably to G.O., No. 822, of the 12th June 1873, a Return showing the incidence of the various rates and taxes is attached.

7. A concise report submitted by the Civil Surgeon for the year under report is also submitted.

8. The Audit Report of Mr. H. E. Tipp is herewith forwarded.

9. As directed in G.O., dated 26th September 1876, No. 1720, Forms Nos. I and II are herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

CONCISE REPORT on the CIVIL DISPENSARY, COIMBATORE, for 1876-77.

Judging from the Meteorological Returns compiled at the head-quarters station the climate of Coimbatore has varied little from previous years, the temperature and rain-fall being nearly the average in many parts of the district; however there has been a partial or total failure of both north-east and south-west monsoons with a corresponding failure of crops and a rise in the price of provisions to famine rates. There has been also a deficiency in the water-supply in many parts of the district. As usual in years of famine, sickness has prevailed extensively throughout the district. Cholera, which had prevailed epidemically in the end of 1875, nearly died out in the early months of the following year. Towards the end of 1876, however, it gradually spread more widely, and for some months past it has been prevailing extensively throughout the district. In the town of Coimbatore sporadic cases have occurred since November last, but it can hardly be said to have prevailed at any time as an epidemic.

2. There has been an increase of 1965 in the numbers treated in the dispensary during the past year as compared with the number treated in 1875-76, the totals for the respective years being 11,003 in 1876-77 and 9038 in 187-76. The principal classes of diseases treated during the year have been fevers, diseases of the stomach and bowels, diseases of the skin, diseases of the eyes, rheumatism, &c.

3. Among the European and East Indian in-patients one casualty is recorded as having occurred from pneumonia; among native in-patients there were forty-one deaths, fourteen from diarrhoea and dysentery, four from fracture, three from remittent fever, and two from each of the following diseases—phthisis pulmonalis, pneumonia, anæmia, cholera, and general debility.

(Signed) G. S. W. OGG, M.B., M.A., Surgeon-Major,
Civil Surgeon.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

1876-77.—CIVIL DEPARTMENT.

ABSTRACT Return showing Sickness and Mortality in the Civil Dispensary, Coimbatore, among Europeans.

Civil Dispensary.	Average Annual Strength.	Remained 31st March 1876.	ADMITTED.												Total.	Total Treated.	Total Died.	Average Daily Sick for the Year.
			1876.						1877.									
			April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.				
Europeans.	In-patients.	..	2	4	2	4	2	1	5	4	2	4	4	1	35	35	1	0.90
	Out- do.	..	118	159	178	127	93	100	99	96	70	71	55	38	1,204	1,212	3	6.14

COIMBATORE, 19th April 1877.

(Signed) G. S. W. OGG, M.B., M.A., Surgeon-Major, Civil Surgeon.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

1876-77.—CIVIL DEPARTMENT.

ABSTRACT Return showing Sickness and Mortality in the Civil Dispensary among Natives.

Civil Dispensary.	Average Annual Strength.	Remained 31st March 1876.	ADMITTED.												Total.	Total Treated.	Total Died.	Average Daily Sick for the Year.
			1876.						1877.									
			April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.				
Natives .. {	In-patients ..	21	31	27	34	36	48	39	47	33	26	40	44	35	440	461	41	17-94
	Out- do. ..	41	781	1,059	1,240	933	806	761	763	604	650	650	572	505	9,324	9,365	7	56-93

COIMBATORE, 19th April 1877.

(Signed) G. S. W. OGG, M.B., M.A., Surgeon-Major, Civil Surgeon.

No. 112.

ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1877, No. 1914.

The receipts and expenditure of the Coimbatore Municipality for the year 1876-77 are compared with the estimates in the subjoined abstract:—

RECEIPTS.		Actuals, 1876-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
Rates on Houses and Lands		10,011	9,700	9,144
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals		1,521	1,500	1,395
Registration of Carts		1,584	1,500	1,438
Tolls		8,600	8,500	8,875
Licenses		377	300	274
Assignments by Government		254	300	94
Contribution from Local Funds		1,449	1,500	818
Fines and Fees		318	300	184
Endowments		3,230	3,585	2,176
Miscellaneous		14,939	3,305	5,030
Loans		2,000		
Advances Recoverable		189	1,000	710
Balance brought forward		718		3,583
Total		45,190	31,490	33,721
CHARGES.		Actuals, 1876-76.	Estimates, 1876-77.	Actuals, 1876-77.
		RS.	RS.	RS.
GRANT I.				
New Works—				
Communications		104	200	384
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		1,420	600	343
Repairs—				
Communications		2,571	2,900	2,304
Sanitary and Miscellaneous		1,611	1,500	1,031
Establishment		579	528	126
Tools and Plant		280	100	179
Contributions to Local Funds			2,833	
GRANT II.				
Salary Grants			500	
Results Grants		807	500	977
Inspection (Contribution)		100	100	
GRANT III.				
Hospitals and Dispensaries		4,693	5,010	5,696
Vaccination		188	190	202
Registration of Births and Deaths		130	120	126
Conservancy		10,701	8,220	8,945
GRANT IV.				
Lighting		1,326	1,240	1,262
Markets		1,335	800	2,582
Lungerkhana		1,008	1,140	1,543
Travellers' Bungalow		243	214	207
Avenues and Watering Roads		894	500	924
Miscellaneous		46	255	121
GRANT V.				
Supervision and Management		3,236	3,040	3,354
Repayment of Debt				1,611
Refunds		10,335	1,000	
Balances		3,583		1,804
Total		45,190	31,490	33,721

The total estimated receipts from taxation amounted to Rupees 21,500, and notwithstanding the unfavorable nature of the season as much as Rupees 21,126 were

realized. No portion of the toll receipts appear to have been made over to Local Funds. The President will report on the point. The reported increase in various items under the head "Miscellaneous" is satisfactory, and in connection with this the Government note that the introduction of new Conservancy carts has proved an economical arrangement, only twelve carts now being required in the place of twenty-two. It is observed that in consequence of the prevailing distress the refund of advances for tiling houses was not rigorously enforced, only Rupees 710 being realized out of a demand of Rupees 1,000.

2. The total expenditure amounted to Rupees 31,917 against an estimate of Rupees 31,490. Of this, Rupees 4,367 were spent on Public Works, with reference to which it is to be remarked that the charge for road coolies should be shown against works and not against establishment.

3. The expenditure on Education, though rather in excess of that for the preceding year, fell a little short of the estimate. The Government observe with satisfaction, however, that it is reported that all claims for Results Grants were met in full.

4. The expenditure on Sanitary and Medical Services amounted to Rs. 14,969, or 44.4 per cent. of the available income. If to this be added Rupees 1,374 shown under Public Works, the outlay on these objects of the Act forms 48.5 per cent. The Government fully concur with the President in his estimate of the difficulty of dealing with the question of the conservancy of public latrines, but as Mr. Wedderburn has now taken the matter in hand, the Government have no doubt that this sole remaining obstacle in the way of the thorough conservancy of the town will ere long be dealt with in a satisfactory manner. When the Municipality affords facilities for private scavenging, there need be no hesitation about enforcing the penal clauses of the Act. The continued success attending the working of the Dispensary is very gratifying, and it is observed that, although there was a small falling off in the number of persons vaccinated, the reported unsuccessful operations were very much fewer.

5. The Municipality seems to have maintained its high character for successful administration throughout the year.

(True Extract.)

W. S. J. J.
Acting Under Secretary to Govt.

To the President of the Municipal Commission, Coimbatore.
 " Public Works Department.
 " Revenue Department.
 " Board of Revenue.
 " Accountant-General.
 " Sanitary Commissioner.
 " Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
 " Director of Public Instruction.
 " President of the Local Fund Board, Coimbatore District.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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