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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

15th December 1877, No. 2895.

Municipal-Reports.

Read the following paper:—

No. 114. *From H. SEWELL, Esq., President of the Municipal Commission, Srirungum, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Srirungum, 23rd November 1877, No. 11.*

I have the honor to submit the report on the working of the Srirungum Municipal year 1876-77, together with the usual statements; the submission is pressed by the press of work especially in connection with famine matters.

2. Famine has told over the Municipality to some extent, as it has increased the difficulty of collecting rates on lands and houses. The arrears, however, are not very great, and will I hope be realized in time.

3. The hospital continues to be a most useful institution, and its success is owing in a great measure to the careful and effective supervision of Native Surgeon Baloo Moodelliar. He was absent on sick leave for four months at the close of the year, and the medical report is written by the Hospital Assistant who was put in charge. The benefits are appreciated more and more every year by the native community as is shown by the figures in the returns.

4. The Commissioners have done all they could in the way of sanitary measures, but their limited income renders it impossible to deal thoroughly with the gigantic nuisance of cess-pools. They have, however, issued notices that these private cess-pools are to be closed as soon as latrines are completed, but there is great difficulty in erecting them within the walls of the town itself as the space is densely crowded with buildings; they have been put up outside on the most convenient sites available.

5. The bridge over the Nat Vaikal, the principal irrigation channel, and the Tanjore Ward in the Dispensary are the principal new works of the year. The latter has been erected out of the munificent donation of Her Highness the Princess of Tanjore.

6. The working of the Act has on the whole been satisfactory during the year.

No. 115. ORDER THEREON, 15th December 1877, No. 2895.

In the annexed abstract the receipts and charges of the Srirungum Municipality for 1876-77 are compared with the estimates for that year and the actuals of the previous one.

RECEIPTS.

	Actuals, 1875-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
Balance brought forward	1,610	..	1,532
Rates on Houses and Lands	6,761	8,100	6,191
Taxes on Arts	10	..	..
Taxes on Vehicles and Animals	1,002	500	1,131
Registration of Carts	474	300	450
Tolls	..	..	1,000
Licenses	624	450	506
Assignments by Government	354	200	271
Contribution from Local Funds	7,068	3,600	2,403
Fines and Fees	242	150	398
Endowments	2,694	1,200	1,609
Miscellaneous	274	165	117
Total	21,113	14,665	15,588

CHARGES.

	Actuals, 1875-76. RS.	Estimates, 1876-77. RS.	Actuals, 1876-77. RS.
GRANT I.			
New Works—			
Communications	1,457	300	..
Buildings	..	..	535
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	5,102	..	1,862
Repairs—			
Communications	551	800	1,251
Sanitary and Miscellaneous	133	53	20
Establishment	164	168	168
Tools and Plant	15	..	..
GRANT II.			
Municipal Schools	228	408	337
Results Grants	386	440	250
Schools on the Combined System	..	364	411
Inspection (Contribution)	25	100	..
GRANT III.			
Hospitals and Dispensaries	4,312	4,625	3,225
Vaccination	124	300	173
Registration of Births and Deaths	166	180	168
Conservancy	3,883	4,224	3,961
GRANT IV.			
Lighting	1,165	900	1,020
Avenues and Watering Roads	628	600	793
Miscellaneous	..	..	16
GRANT V.			
Supervision and Management	1,247	1,203	1,345
Balances	1,532	..	7
Total	21,113	14,665	15,588

2. The receipts of the Municipality during the year amounted to Rupees 15,588, which is Rupees 5,447 short of the collections of 1875-76, and differs from the estimate for 1876-77 by Rupees 14,056, but slightly.

3. The House-tax realised Rupees 1,909 less than the estimate owing to the difficulty in collection caused by the prevalence of famine. A sum of Rupees 4,311 under this head remained uncollected at the close of the year, of which no less than Rupees 2,366 appertained to years preceding that under review. The Commissioners state in their report that they have the question of the old balances under consideration and hope to dispose of them shortly.

4. The actual amount contributed from Local Funds is shown at Rupees 2,403 against Rupees 3,600 estimated and Rupees 7,068 paid in 1875-76. Part of the falling off is due to the share of the tolls made over by the Board not having been recorded under "Contributions," and it is explained that the balance is owing to the Local Fund allotment towards the salary of the Native Surgeon not having been utilised in consequence of the equivalent contribution promised by the people not being fully paid up during the year. The large falling off as compared with the actuals of 1875-76 is to be traced to the special contributions made in that year on account of the bathing ghaut and other works. The other items of receipts do not call for remark.

5. The entire income of the Municipality including the opening balance of Rupees 1,532 was expended during the year with the exception of a small balance of Rupees 7. Nearly a fourth of the expenditure was on public works, the most important being the completion of an additional ward for the hospital at an outlay during the year of Rupees 535-8-1, and of the bridge across the Nat Vaikal, which cost on the whole Rupees 3,187, of which Rupees 1,793 were expended during the year. Four main roads were also put in good repair at a cost of Rupees 1,297.

The educational operations of the Municipality included the maintenance of the schools in 1875-76, the payment of results grants to seven schools, the establishment of three new schools on the combined system, of which two had originally been indigenous schools conducted on the old native system. The attendance at these schools and their cost are noted below:—

	Average Attendance.	Charges.	Cost per Head.
			RS. A. P.
Girls' School	39	337	8 10 3
Three Schools on the Combined System	191	411	2 2 4
Seven Results Grant Schools	191	250	..

7. The cost of the girls' school is rather high, but the attendance appears to have improved from twenty-eight to thirty-nine. The dates on which the three new schools were opened are not given, but from Statement II-B it appears that masters were paid for periods varying from one to three months. The decrease in the total results grants is not clearly explained, and further information should be submitted.

8. The Hospital and Dispensary maintained its popularity during the year. The number of persons treated was 253 in-patients against 207 in 1875-76 and 11,871 out-patients against 12,637. The decrease in the latter is attributed in the report of the Commissioners to the absence of the Native Surgeon for some months of the year in consequence of ill health, while in the medical officer's report it is ascribed to the paucity of pilgrims during the annual feast at the pagoda. The charges incurred, though nominally less than the estimate, were not really so, the cost of the medicines and a portion of the pay of the staff not having been paid for lack of funds.

9. Vaccination shows but a slight advance over the previous year, the number of operations having risen from 509 to 631. The vaccinator is reported to have been deputed to attend on cholera patients during a portion of the year. The number of births registered was 364 and deaths 611. The year was not a healthy one, both cholera and small-pox having prevailed. Conservancy and lighting appear to have been well attended to.

10. On the whole the working of the Municipality during the year appears to have been satisfactory and to reflect credit on the administration of the Commissioners.

(True Extract.)

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" Public Works Department.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Accountant-General.
" Sanitary Commissioner.
" Surgeon-General, Indian Medical Department.
" Director of Public Instruction.
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THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MUNICIPAL COMMISSION.

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