

COCONUT RESEARCH SCHEME (CEYLON)
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1929
(In terms of Section 8(2) of Ordinance No.29 of 1928

Ordinance No.29 of 1928, which provided for the establishment of a Coconut Research Scheme and for the incorporation of a Board of Management, thereof, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on 5th December, 1928.

ex-officio members of the Board are:-

Director of Agriculture, Chairman
Assistant Colonial Treasurer, deputising for the Colonial Treasurer
Chairman of the Low-Country Products Association Treasurer of Ceylon.

Members nominated by His Excellency the Governor are:-

Hon'ble Mr. C.H.Z.Fernando) Unofficial members of the
Hon'ble Mr. A.Mahadeva) Legislative Council.
John A.Ferara, J.P., U.P.M.) Representing the Small
E.Z.Outschoorn) Holders.

Other Members are:-

Hon'ble Sir H.Marcus Fernando) Representing the Low country
Mr. A.E.Rajapakse, J.P.U.P.M.) Products Association of
) (Ceylon)
J.Sheridan-Patterson) Representing the Planters'
J.Fergusson.) Association of Ceylon.
J.I.Gnanamuttu.	

Office Assistant to the Director of Agriculture, was seconded for service in the combined post of Secretary to the Board and to the Executive Committee of the Rubber Research Scheme.

Meetings of the Board were held on three occasions: April 1, July 3, and October 2.

STAFF

The post of Director of the Scheme was advertised in England and a selection committee consisting of Dr. A.W.Hill, Sir John Russell, John Farmer and Mr. F.A.Stockdale has been considering a number of applications, and it is expected the final choice will be announced.

It has been decided that the appointment of officers to other technical posts shall be considered when circumstances warrant the step.

The clerical work of the Scheme was carried out at the Head Office of the Department of Agriculture until October 1st, which date the Secretary's office was organised and a clerk, shorthand-typist and a peon were engaged.

After consideration of various proposals for a scheme of provident insurance for the benefit of the staff, the institution of a provident fund has been decided upon.

RESEARCH STATION

A sub-committee consisting of the Acting Chairman, the Hon'ble Mr. D.S.Senanayake, the Hon'ble Mr. C.H.Z.Fernando, the Hon'ble Mr. Mudaliyar A.E. Rajapakse and Mr. J.Fergusson was commissioned to advertise for an estate 200 acres in extent in the North Western Province, to deal with offers and to recommend the estate most suitable for the purposes of a research station.

The Sub-committee held four meetings during 1929, and inspected eleven estates. By the end of December, all but two of the estates offered had been ruled out, and a final selection was within sight.

FINANCE

Attached to this report is a statement of the receipts and disbursements during 1929, showing a balance of Rs 50,868.21 to the credit of the Scheme on December 31. These accounts are subject to audit by the Colonial Auditor.

The estimates approved by the Board for 1930 are as follows:

Estimated income (including balance from 1929)	Rs 156,408
Recurrent expenditure	Rs 95,800

The capital expenditure on the purchase of the estate, the erection of a laboratory and bungalows, and equipment of the station is roughly estimated at Rs 385,500, which will be met from the Government loan of Rs 200,000 and part of the grant of a similar amount provided by the Ordinance.

Sgd.W.Small
Acting Chairman
Coconut Research Scheme

Peradeniya, 21 January, 1930.