

COCONUT RESEARCH SCHEME (CEYLON)
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1930
(In terms of section 8(2) of Ordinance No.29 of 1926)

THE COMMITTEE

Dr. W.Small continued to act as Chairman of the Board until the assumption of the permanent Chairmanship by Dr. W. Youngman on March 18, 1930.

The Hon'ble Mr. C.H.Z.Fernando became an ex-officio member of the Board upon his election to the Chairmanship of the Low-country Products Association. The Hon'ble Mr. D.S.Sensanayake, his predecessor in that office, was nominated by His Excellency the Governor to serve on the Board as an unofficial member of the Legislative Council.

Meetings of the Board were held on five occasions: January 10, April 2, June 14, September 3, and October 29.

RESEARCH STATION

The Board resolved in January to purchase 200 acres of Landirippuwa estate near Lunuwila Railway Station in Chilaw District at the price of Rs 1,250 per acre. The examination of the deeds and connected documents involved considerable labour, and in June the lawyers of the Scheme reported certain difficulties regarding the title which could however be overcome if the Crown would acquire the property under the Land Acquisition Ordinance. The Board thereupon resolved to move Government to proceed under that Ordinance to acquire a smaller block, namely 54 A. 2R. 18P, to the west of the Government reservation for a road. The survey of this block by the Survey Department was completed on October 27, and mandate for acquisition was issued by Government on November 10. It is expected that the acquisition proceedings will be completed on January 7, 1931.

Plans for the laboratory and bungalows for the staff to be erected on the station are under preparation.

STAFF

Dr. W.E.de B.Diamond, Chemist in the Department of Agriculture, was selected for the post of Director of Research upon the advice of the Selection Committee in London. This officer arrived on September 29.

Mr. W.V.D.Pieris was selected for the post of Geneticist and assumed duties on October 1. He has temporarily been provided with a bungalow hired in the neighbourhood of the estate.

The post of Technological Chemist has been offered to Dr.R.Child, who was recommended by the Selection Committee in London. Dr.Child is now undertaking a special study of the subject in an edible oil factory before coming out to Ceylon

A provident fund scheme for the benefit of the staff is being drawn up. In the meantime a provisional fund has been created, the officers contributing monthly 5 per cent of their salaries and the Scheme crediting a similar percentage, interest being payable half-yearly at the rate of 4 per cent per annum

FINANCE

Attached to this report is a statement of receipts and disbursements during the year 1930, which shows a balance of Rs 112,060.12 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 the year 1931 are as follows:-

Capital Account.-

Instalment of loan of Rs 20,000 provided under Ordinance No.29 of 1928	Rs 150,000	
Initial Government Grant	Rs 200,000	350,000
Cost of estate, laboratory, bungalows, equipment &c.		<u>340,056</u>

Current Account.-

Estimated income (including surplus from 1929 and 1930).	207,000
Estimated recurrent expenditure in 1931	<u>96,205</u>

Sgd. W.Youngman,
Chairman,
Board of Management
Coconut Research Scheme.

Peradeniya, January, 1931.