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The Tea Research Institute of Ceylon

The Board as at 31st December 1968

Chairman : Vacant

Ex-officio Members

The Director of Agriculture :
Mr M. S. Perera

The Honourable the Minister of Finance :
represented by Mr G. D. Loos

The Chairman, Planters' Association of Ceylon :
Mr B. Warusavitarne

The Chairman, Agency Section, Planters' Association of Ceylon :
Mr S. K. D. Jayemanne

The Chairman, Low-Country Products Association of Ceylon :
Mr T. C. A. de Soysa

The Tea Controller :
Mr C. P. Chanmugam

The Director, Tea Research Institute of Ceylon :
Dr L. H. Fernando

Nominated Members

Appointed by the Planters' Association of Ceylon :
Mr S. P. Vytilingam
Mr G. B. Middleton
Mr J. R. Somerville

Appointed by the Agency Section, Planters' Association of Ceylon :
Mr P. J. C. Durrant
Mr J. F. A. P. Peries
Mr M. B. Horsfall

Appointed by the Low-Country Products Association of Ceylon :
Mr G. Hettiarachchi
Mr S. Pathmanathan
Mr J. L. D. Peiris

Appointed by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture to represent the small-holders :
Mr D. E. Hettiarachchi, JP, UM
Mr M. Rajendram, MBE

Appointed by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture to represent the House of Representatives :
Mr D. J. Ranaweera, MP

Actg Secretary : Mr P. Kanapathipillai

The Tea Research Institute of Ceylon

†THE STAFF

(On 31st December 1968)

DIRECTORATE

Director L. H. Fernando, BSc (Lond), PhD (Lond)

RESEARCH DIVISIONS

Agricultural Chemistry

Agricultural Chemist ... V. P. Bhavanandan, BSc (Cey), PhD (Edin), ARIC
Research Officer ... W. M. W. B. Manipura, BSc (Cey), PhD (Cantab)
Research Assistants ... *S. Sandanam, BSc (Cey)
... *S. Sivasubramaniam, BSc (Cey)
Technical Assistants ... V. Fernando
... S. G. Jayasuriya
... T. C. Z. Jayman
... T. Kularatna BSc (Cey)
... C. C. Rajasingham
... A. Somaratne, BSc (Cey)
... S. Sunderalingam, BSc (Poona)
... A. B. D. Wickremaratne, BSc (Vidyodaya, Cey)

Biochemistry

Biochemist ... R. L. Wickremasinghe, BSc (Cey), BSc (Lond), PhD (Sheff), FRIC
Research Officer ... R. R. Selvendran, BSc (Cey), PhD (Cantab)
Research Assistant ... *G. R. Roberts, BSc (Cey), ARIC
Technical Assistants ... U. L. L. de Silva, BSc (Lond)
... W. A. B. de Silva, BSc (Cey)
... B. P. M. Perera
... K. P. W. C. Perera, BSc (Cey)
... K. Sivapalan, BSc (Cey), MSc (IARI, New Delhi)

Entomology

Entomologist ... W. Danthanarayana, BSc (Cey), PhD (Lond), DIC
Research Assistant ... D. J. W. Ranaweera
Technical Assistants ... K. D. Bandularatne, BSc (Cey)
... S. N. Fernando, BSc (Cey)
... A. Kathiravetpillai, BSc (Cey)
... C. Shanmugam

Nematology

Nematologist ... P. Sivapalan, BSc (Cey), PhD (Rutgers)
Technical Assistants ... A. R. M. Hassim
... P. A. John
... T. Manivasagar
... S. Samarajeeva
... V. Shivanandarajah, BSc (Cey)

Plant Pathology

Plant Pathologist ... N. Shanmuganathan, BSc (Cey), PhD (Lond)
Research Officer ... R. L. de Silva, BSc (Cey), PhD (Lond), DIC
Technical Assistants ... *P. V. Arulpragasam, BSc (Madras)
... R. N. Bopearatchy, BSc (Cey)
... S. R. A. Fernando, BSc (Cey)
... S. Murugiah
... T. V. Saravanapavan, BSc (Cey)

† When more than one officer is listed under a designation, the names appear in alphabetical order

* Working Overseas

Plant Physiology

Plant Physiologist	...	*U. Pethiyagoda, BSc (Cey), PhD (Lond), DIC
Research Officer	...	V. S. Kulasegaram, BSc (Cey), PhD (Lond), MI Biol
Research Assistants	...	*S. Kandiah, BSc (Cey)
		*S. Nagarajah, BSc (Cey), MS (Calif)
		*A. R. Sebastiampillai, BSc (Cey)
Technical Assistants	...	A. S. B. Gomez, BSc (Cey)
		D. Janakiram, BSc (Madras), MSc (IARI, New Delhi)
		S. Krishnapillai, BSc (Cey)
		H. R. Solomon
		H. B. Wijetunga
		S. Wimaladharm

Statistics

Statistician	...	P. Kanapathipillai, BSc (Lond), FSS
Technical Assistant	...	K. Seevaratnam

Technology

Technologist	...	D. Kirtisinghe, BSc (Cey), PhD (Lond), DIC, AMIChemE, C Eng
Development Engineer	...	W. Joseph, BSc Eng (Cey)
Research Assistants	...	*N. M. Abdul Gaffar, BSc (Cey)
		*W. C. A. de Silva, BSc (Cey)
Technical Assistants	...	W. A. C. de Silva
		S. Jayaratnam, BSc (Cey)
		S. Samarasingham
		A. Thevathasan, BSc (Cey)
Electrical Foreman	...	W. R. Solomon
Electrician	...	K. A. Bowie
Mechanics	...	D. A. S. Opatha
		K. S. Vadivelu

ST COOMBS

Agriculturist	...	L. A. Seevaratnam, BSc (Dunelm)
Head Factory Officer	...	V.A. Fernandez
Acting Head Clerk	...	H. N. de Silva
Field Officer	...	W. Ariyapala
Apothecary	...	S. P. de Silva
Clerk of Works	...	R. A. Daniel
Works Clerk	...	K. H. T. Dassanayake

OUTSTATION SERVICES*Low-Country Service**The Low-Country Station, Ratnapura*

Biochemist	...	R. L. Wickremasinghe, BSc (Cey), BSc (Lond), PhD (Sheff), FRIC
Research Officer	...	D. T. Wettasinghe, BSc (Cey) PhD (Reading)
Advisory Officer	...	J. V. Sabanayagam, BSA (Toronto), MSc (Guelph)
Development Engineer	...	W. Joseph BSc Eng (Cey),
Technical Assistants	...	E. J. B. de Silva, BSc (Cey)
		U. L. L. de Silva, BSc (Lond)
		W. A. B. de Silva, BSc (Cey)
		C. Kandappah, BSc (Cey)
		A. A. C. Karunaratne, BSc (Cey)
		D. D. Kroon
		K. P. W. C. Perera, BSc (Cey)
		N. S. Rajendram, BSc (Madras)
		*T. F. Saldin, BSc (Cey)
		H. H. Samarakoön
		U. P. de S. Waidyanatha, MSc (Cey)
		N. Yogaratnam, BSc (Alahabad)

* Working Overseas

Administrative Officer	...	C. Kirthiratne, FCCS
Accounts Clerk	...	T. R. B. Sally
Stenographer	...	S. K. P. Tambimuttu
Electrician	...	B. T. Ranasinghe
Works Clerk	...	T. D. V. Cooray

ST JOACHIM

Superintendent	...	G. S. Muttettuwegama
Head Factory Officer	...	M. S. W. Wijeratne
Head Clerk	...	G. L. A. Thomas
Field Officer	...	D. D. Pathinayake

The Kottawa Substation, Talgampola

Officer in Charge	...	K. H. G. Gunapala
Technical Assistant	...	H. D. Jayasinghe

Deniyaya

Technical Assistant	...	J. I. H. Bandaranayake
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Mid-Country Service

Mid-Country Scientific Officer	D. Calnaido, BSc (Cey), PhD (Lond)
Advisory Officer	... M. K. Vythilingam
Technical Assistants	... T. A. Munasinghe H. B. Ratnayake K. Thirugnanasuntheran, BSc (Cey)

Uva Service

Uva Scientific Officer	...	L. M. de W. Tillekeratne, BSc (Cey), MEd (Calif)
Technical Assistants	...	A. M. Abeysinghe N. L. C. Fernando, BSc (Cey) M. T. Subramanian, BSc (Cey)
Clerk	A. C. Perera

ADVISORY SERVICE

Acting Chief Advisory Officer	L. M. de W. Tillekeratne, BSc (Cey), MEd (Calif)
Advisory Officers	... *R. K. Nathaniel, BSc (Poona) J. V. Sabanayagam, BSA (Toronto), MSc (Guelph) M. K. Vythilingam
Photographer D. J. M. Hettiarachchi

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Editors of Publications	...	L. H. Fernando, BSc (Lond), PhD (Lond) R. L. de Silva, BSc (Cey), PhD (Lond), DIC
Librarian	D. J. S. de Silva, BSc (Punjab)

ADMINISTRATION

Acting Chief Administrative Officer	P. Kanapathipillai, BSc (Lond), FSS
Accountant	...	H. S. Goonewardene, BA (Cey)
Accounting Assistant	...	R. I. Pereira
Chief Clerk (Accounts)	...	W. J. Samuel
Senior Accounts Clerk	...	M. B. Palies
Accounts Clerks	...	K. D. B. H. Abeygunawardena H. Attanayake G. A. K. P. de Silva K. P. Gunawardene N. M. Jayatilleke S. Kulasabanathan U. C. Unamboowe C. B. Warawita H. C. Wickremasinghe

Internal Audit Officer	...	I. Rengaraj
Internal Audit Clerk	...	N. Satchithanathan
Translator/Instructor	...	C. M. Fernando, BA (Cey)
Secretary to the Director	...	G. A. S. Gunasinghe
Stenographers	...	E. C. C. Brohier S. A. L. H. Fernando T. J. Hallaldeen P. W. Uduwawala S. D. J. J. Vitharnepathirana
Clerk Typists	...	J. N. Apasinha D. W. Bartholemeuz C. V. R. D. Fonseka V. Kodagoda S. B. Wettewe
Record Clerk	...	K. L. de Alwis
Postage Clerk	...	H. W. Perera
Storekeeper	...	I. P. Dissanayake

The Tea Research Institute of Ceylon

FORTY THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON FOR THE YEAR 1968

Foundation

The Tea Research Institute of Ceylon was established by Ordinance No. 12 of 1925 dated 27th October 1925.

Constitution

The Constitution of the Board is laid down in the Legislative Enactments of Ceylon (1956 revision) Cap. 438 and in the following Tea Research (Amendment) Acts :

- No. 8 of 1957 dated 18th March 1957
- No. 2 of 1959 dated 21st January 1959
- No. 3 of 1959 dated 21st January 1959
- No. 57 of 1961 dated 19th June 1961.

A consolidation is now necessary as the numbering of the sections in the amending Acts does not agree with the 1956 revision of the Legislative Enactments of Ceylon.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD AND COMMITTEES THE BOARD

The members of the Board on 1st January were :

Chairman Mr F. Amarasuriya

Ex-officio Members

The Director of Agriculture :
Mr M. S. Perera

The Honourable the Minister of Finance :
represented by Mr G. D. Loos

The Chairman, Planters' Association of Ceylon :
Mr B. Warusavitarne

The Chairman, Agency Section, Planters' Association of Ceylon :
Mr G. I. de Glanville

The Chairman, Low-Country Products Association of Ceylon :
Mr T. C. A. de Soysa

The Tea Controller :
Mr C. P. Chanmugam

The Director, Tea Research Institute of Ceylon :
Dr E. M. Chenery

Nominated Members*Appointed by the Planters' Association of Ceylon :*

Mr S. P. Vytilingam
 Mr G. B. Middleton
 Mr A. P. Fincher

Appointed by the Agency Section, Planters' Association of Ceylon :

Mr P. J. C. Durrant
 Mr T. A. Moy
 Mr M. B. Horsfall

Appointed by the Low-Country Products Association of Ceylon :

Mr F. Amarasuriya
 Mr S. Pathmanathan
 Mr J. L. D. Peiris

Appointed by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture to represent the smallholders :

Mr D. E. Hettiarachchi, JP, UM
 Mr M. Rajendram, MBE, JP

Appointed by the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture to represent the House of Representatives :

Mr D. J. Ranaweera, MP

Secretary

Mr A. C. Perera

Solicitors

Messrs Julius & Creasy

Auditors

Messrs Ford, Rhodes, Thornton & Co.

The following changes in the membership of the Board were recorded :

Mr S. K. D. Jayemanne succeeded Mr G. I. de Glanville from 3.1.68
 Mr J. F. A. P. Peries succeeded Mr T. A. Moy from 25.2.68
 Mr S. G. Salgado succeeded Mr J. F. A. P. Peries from 15.5.68
 Mr J. R. Somerville succeeded Mr A. P. Fincher from 1.7.68
 Dr L. H. Fernando succeeded Dr E. M. Chenery from 1.10.68
 Mr J. F. A. P. Peries succeeded Mr S. G. Salgado from 2.10.68
 Mr F. Amarasuriya resigned from 19.12.68
 Mr P. Kanapathipillai succeeded Mr A. C. Perera as Acting Secretary from 1.11.68

Meetings

Nine meetings of the Board were held during the year, on 1st February, 7th April, 15th June, 26th June, 22nd July, 20th August, 7th October, 25th November and 15th December.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

The members of the Administrative Committee on 1st January 1968 were :

Chairman

The Chairman, Board of the Tea Research Institute of Ceylon :
 Mr F. Amarasuriya

Members

The Director, Tea Research Institute of Ceylon :
 Dr E. M. Chenery

Mr C. P. Chanmugam	Mr T. C. A. de Soysa
Mr G. D. Loos	Mr M. B. Horsfall
Mr S. Pathmanathan	Mr G. I. de Glanville
	Mr B. Warusavitarne

Representing the Tea Traders' Association :
Mr A. D. Neale

Convener/Secretary Mr P. Kanapathipillai

The following changes in the membership of the Committee were recorded :

Mr S. K. D. Jayemanne succeeded Mr A. G. Sharp Paul from 3.1.68
Mr C. F. Brooke-Smith succeeded Mr R. L. Harvey from 29.7.68
Mr D. R. MacRae succeeded Mr A. D. Scott from 29.7.68
Mr A. Chitty succeeded Mr A. D. Neale from 1.8.68
Mr S. G. Salgado was nominated to represent the Agency Section of the P.A. from 26.9.68

Dr L. H. Fernando succeeded Dr E. M. Chenery from 1.10.68
Mr G. B. Middleton was nominated to represent the Board from 7.10.68
Mr J. R. Somerville was nominated to represent the Board from 7.10.68
Mr S. G. Salgado succeeded Mr C. S. Ilangakoon from 16.12.68
Mr F. Amarasuriya resigned from 19.12.68

Meetings

Two meetings of the Committee were held during the year, on 4th September and 31st October.

THE BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

The members of the Committee on 1st January 1968 were :

Chairman Mr S. P. Vytilingam

Members *The Chairman, Board of the Tea Research Institute of Ceylon :*
Mr F. Amarasuriya

The Director, Tea Research Institute of Ceylon :
Dr E. M. Chenery

Mr G. B. Middleton Mr J. L. D. Peiris

Secretary *The Secretary, Board of the Tea Research Institute of Ceylon :*
Mr A. C. Perera

The following changes in the membership of the Committee were recorded :

Dr L. H. Fernando succeeded Dr E. M. Chenery from 1.10.68
Mr F. Amarasuriya resigned from 19.12.68
Mr P. Kanapathipillai succeeded Mr A. C. Perera as Acting Secretary from 1.11.68.

Meetings

Four Meetings of the Committee were held during the year, on 25th March, 11th June, 7th September and 22nd October.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE
JUNIOR STAFF MEDICAL FUND**

The Chairman, Board of the TRI
Mr F. Amarasuriya

The Director, TRI
Dr E. M. Chenery

The Chief Administrative Officer, TRI
Mr A. C. Perera

Representative of the Junior Staff of the TRI
Mr W. J. Samuel

The following changes in the membership of the Committee were noted :

Dr L. H. Fernando succeeded Dr E. M. Chenery from 1.10.68
Mr F. Amarasuriya resigned from 19.12.68
Mr P. Kanapathipillai succeeded Mr A. C. Perera from 1.11.68

Meetings

One meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on 3rd February.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE
STAFF PROVIDENT FUND**

The Trustees were the Chairman TRI (Mr F. Amarasuriya), Mr D. E. Hettiarachchi, Mr S. P. Vytilingam, Mr M. K. Vythilingam, Mr P. Kanapathipillai and the Director, TRI (Dr E. M. Chenery).

The following changes in the membership of the Committee were recorded :

Mr W. J. Samuel succeeded Mr M. K. Vythilingam from 10.1.68
Dr L. H. Fernando succeeded Dr E. M. Chenery from 1.10.68
Mr F. Amarasuriya resigned from 19.12.68.

Meetings

One meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on 3rd February.

FINANCES

Income for the year totalled Rs 5,029,978. This was more than the previous year by Rs 41,627. The tea cess decreased by Rs 176,246 as compared with the previous year. The profit from St Coombs Estate was Rs 282,115 as against Rs 90,401 in the previous year. The loss on St Joachim Estate was Rs 26,152 as against a loss of Rs 60,869 in the previous year. Other sources of income accounted for Rs 181,322 as against Rs 189,880 in 1967, viz interest Rs 23,857, rent of cadday Rs 2,640, sale of clonal cuttings Rs 21,618, sale of green leaf Rs 79,770 and miscellaneous receipts Rs 53,437.

Revenue expenditure (excluding depreciation) decreased to Rs 3,460,165 as compared with Rs 3,773,473 in the previous year.

The liquid assets of the Institute totalled Rs 2,757,327 and the liabilities including the outstanding balance of Rs 1,333,332 on the Government loan totalled Rs 2,220,111.

Capital expenditure totalled Rs 737,354 as against Rs 1,606,191 in the previous year. The main heads of expenditure being :

Land	Rs	557,662
Water supply	"	5,537
Buildings	"	80,758
Furniture & equipment	"	33,851
Laboratory equipment	"	50,409
Machinery	"	9,137

Increase of expenditure were recorded in the following items :

Senior Staff emoluments	Rs	52,646
Intermediate staff emoluments	"	10,421
Miscellaneous emoluments	"	32,319
Low-Country Station	"	50,127

Decrease in expenditure were recorded in the following items :

Junior Staff emoluments	Rs	29,956
Minor Staff emoluments	"	7,573
Daily paid labour	"	26,363
Scientific & Technical Stores and general working expenses	"	75,652
Library & publications	"	71,699
Administration	"	28,374
Maintenance of buildings & equipment	"	33,867
General combined services	"	65,501
Travelling of staff	"	55,932
Miscellaneous expenditure	"	63,903

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Board records its thanks to the Ceylon Association in London, the Planters' Association of Ceylon, The Agency Section of the Planters' Association of Ceylon, The Low-Country Products Association of Ceylon and other institutions for their continued support and co-operation in matters concerning the Institute and the Tea Industry in Ceylon.

SOLICITORS

Messrs Julius & Creasy.

AUDITORS

Messrs Ford, Rhodes, Thornton & Co. continued to act as the Institute's Auditors.

W. D. A. E. S. Wanigasekera
Secretary

Board of the Tea Research Institute of Ceylon

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF THE TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON HELD IN THE
DULLING MEMORIAL HALL OF THE PLANTERS' ASSOCIA-
TION OF CEYLON, COLOMBO, ON THURSDAY THE
1st FEBRUARY, 1968, AT 9.30 A.M.**

Present—Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), S. K. D. Jayemanne, T. C. A. de Soysa, M. S. Perera, G. D. Loos, C. P. Chanmugam, J. L. D. Peiris, S. P. Vytilingam, D. E. Hettiarachchi, S. Pathmanathan, G. B. Middleton, M. Rajendram, T. A. Moy, M. B. Horsfall, Dr E. M. Chenery (Director) and Mr A. C. Perera (Secretary).

Also Present—Dr L. H. Fernando (Assistant Director).

Messrs P. J. C. Durrant, A. P. Fincher and B. Warusavitarne intimated their inability to be present.

The Chairman welcomed Messrs M. S. Perera and S. K. D. Jayemanne and thanked Mr de Glanville for his services.

RESIGNATION OF DR R. L. WICKREMASINGHE, BIOCHEMIST

The Chairman said that he summoned the emergency meeting of the Board to consider the resignation of Dr R. L. Wickremesinghe, Biochemist.

As several members of the Senior Staff and the TRI Branch of the Ceylon Mercantile Union had made certain representations to the Tea Commission, he awaited the findings of the Commission to report to the Board.

The Tea Commission visited the Institute on the 26th January, 1968, and met the following members of the Board and discussed the resignation of Dr R. L. Wickremesinghe :—

Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), S. Pathmanathan, S.P. Vytilingam, D. E. Hettiarachchi, M. Rajendram, G. B. Middleton, A. P. Fincher and Dr E. M. Chenery.

The Chairman said that in fairness to everybody concerned, he would suggest that a Special Committee of the Board should go into this matter fully. He said that in the past a similar situation arose and the Board appointed a Special Committee to go into the matter. Dr Wickremesinghe should be asked to give evidence before the Committee so that he is given every opportunity to state his case.

Mr Loos suggested that in the interest of everybody concerned a Special Committee of the Board be appointed to look into the matter and that the terms of reference of this Committee be indicated.

The Board decided that the following members should serve on the Committee :—

- Mr S. Pathmanathan (Low-Country Products Association)
- Mr S. K. D. Jayemanne (Agency Section of the Planters' Association of Ceylon)
- Mr G. D. Loos (Director of Foreign Aid).
- Mr C. Chanmugam (Tea Controller).

After further discussion the Board decided that the terms of reference of the Special Committee should be :—

To inquire into :—

- (1) Reason for the resignation of Dr. R. L. Wickremasinghe, Biochemist.
- (2) Allegations of victimization and dissatisfaction among the staff of the Institute.
- (3) Whether the work of the Institute has been retarded in any way and the reasons therefor.
- (4) The policy relating to the patenting of the results of the Institute's research.

The meeting terminated at 11.30 a.m.

A. C. Perera
Secretary

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON HELD IN THE DULLING
MEMORIAL HALL OF THE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION OF
CEYLON, COLOMBO, ON SUNDAY 7th APRIL, 1968,
AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present—Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), B. Warusavitarane, S. K. D. Jayemanne, T. C. A. de Soysa, M. S. Perera, G. D. Loos, C. P. Chanmugam, J. L. D. Peiris, D. E. Hettiarachchi, S. Pathmanathan, S. P. Vythilingam, G. B. Middleton, P. J. C. Durrant, M. B. Horsfall, J. F. A. P. Peries, Dr E. M. Chenery (Director) and Mr A. C. Perera (Secretary).

Also Present—Dr L. H. Fernando (Assistant Director) and Mr H. S. Goonewardene (Accountant).

Mr A. P. Fincher intimated his inability to be present.

1. Minutes of the meetings held on 4th December, 1967 and 1st February, 1968

The minutes of the meetings held on 4th December, 1967, subject to the corrections given in Paper 1968/24-B.7 and 1st February, 1968, were confirmed.

The meeting then discussed the Interim Report of the Special Committee for about half an hour and notes of the proceedings were recorded by Dr L. H. Fernando.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

(a) *Minutes of meeting of 4.12.67.*

Page 1, Item 2 — Tea Commission. Reported that the Tea Commission visited the Low-Country Station, Ratnapura, on 14th February, 1968.

(b) *Minutes of meeting of 1.2.68.*

Reported that Dr R. L. Wickremasinghe has withdrawn his resignation as per his letter dated 23.2.68.

3. Membership of the Board and Committees

(a) *Board*

Reported that :—

- (i) Mr S. K. D. Jayemanne has taken the place of Mr G. I. de Glanville as Chairman, Agency Section of the Planters' Association of Ceylon as from 3.1.68.
- (ii) Mr P. J. C. Durrant has been nominated by the Agency Section of the Planters' Association for a further period of three years as from 1.1.68.
- (iii) Mr S. P. Vythilingam has been renominated by the Planters' Association for a further period of three years as from 19.2.68.
- (iv) Mr J. F. A. P. Peries has been nominated by the Planters' Association of Ceylon as from 25th February, 1968, in place of Mr T. A. Moy, who has resigned prior to his departure on leave.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Jayemanne and Mr Peries and thanked Mr de Glanville and Mr Moy for their services.

(b) *Administrative Committee*

Mr S. K. D. Jayemanne has taken the place of Mr G. I. de Glanville as from 3.1.68.

(c) *Board of Trustees of the TRI Staff Provident Fund*

Mr P. Kanapathipillai and Mr W. J. Samuel have been elected by members of the Provident Fund as their representatives on the Board of Trustees as from 10.1.68.

4. **Minutes of the meetings of the Administrative Committee held on 3rd February, 1968 and 20th March, 1968**

(I) *Minutes of the meeting of 3rd February, 1968*

(a) *Page 1(a), Item 2(i)—First International Congress of Plant Pathology, London, 14th to 28th July, 1968—Dr N. Shanmuganathan and Dr R. L. de Silva, and 13th International Congress of Entomology, Moscow, 2nd to 9th August, 1968—Dr W. Danthanarayana.*

At the meeting of the Administrative Committee of 20.3.68 the Committee had recommended that Dr R. L. de Silva and Dr W. Danthanarayana be permitted to attend the above conference.

Mr Chanmugam suggested that Dr Shanmuganathan be asked to attend the conference on his way back to Ceylon. The Board agreed.

The recommendations of the Administrative Committee in regard to the following items were approved.

Mr Loos suggested that the decisions of the Administrative Committee in regard to specific principles should be recorded in full in the Board minutes instead of making a reference to the relevant section of the Administrative Committee minutes.

(c) *Page 3(c)—Ceylon Association for the Advancement of Science Congress and other Congresses—Travelling expenses—Dr U. Pethiyagoda's letter of 10.1.68.*

The Board's earlier decision to grant duty leave and duty warrants, which was in accordance with government procedure, should be adhered to.

(g) *Page 6, Item 3—Finances*

- (a) Audited Accounts for 1966 of St Coombs Estate
- (b) Audited Accounts for 1966 of St Joachim Estate
- (c) Audited Accounts for 1966 of TRI
- (d) Payment to Tea Control Department Rs 175,000/- as part-payment of Grant for 1967.
- (e) *Fluid Bed Drier.* Supplementary vote of Rs 45,000/- for payment of Import Licence fee on the Fluid Bed Drier.

(h) *Page 9, Item 4(a)—Dr E. M. Chenery, Director.* The Board approved the Director converting the first-class return air passage to U.K. for Mrs Chenery and himself to economy class return tickets via Japan/USA/UK/Ceylon.

The Director said that these visits would enable him to obtain valuable information in regard to new developments. He agreed to leave Ceylon by about the 10th July and to cancel his visits to Japan and Germany. His official work in UK and a night's stop-over in Rome were approved. He would now return to Ceylon about the 20th September, 1968.

(i) *Page 9(b)—Acting Director.* Dr L. H. Fernando to act for the Director during his absence on leave.

(j) *Page 10(c)—Mr J. A. H. Tolhurst, Deputy Director and Adviser in Agricultural Chemistry and Agronomy—Payment of Economy Class Air fare and sea freight charges to U.K.* The Chairman said that Mr Tolhurst was leaving the Institute on the termination of his contract on 9th June. They were very sorry to lose him. The Chairman on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Tolhurst for his valuable services to the Institute and wished Mr & Mrs Tolhurst all the best in the future.

The Secretary was requested to send Mr Tolhurst an extract of this minute.

(l) *Mr A. R. Sebastampillai, Research Officer, Vegetative Propagation Division*

Extension of Mr Sebastampillai's scholarship period for three months, i.e. to end of November, 1968.

(m) *Page 13(b)—Car Loans.* Car loans not to be granted until the financial position of the Institute improves.

(II) *Minutes of meeting of 20th March, 1968*

Corrections to minutes were tabled.

(a) *Pages 1 to 4 — Low-Country Station — Technology and Biochemistry (Manufacture) Divisions*

Fluid Bed Drier. In reply to Mr Pathmanathan, the Director said that the Fluid Bed Drier was expected to arrive in Ceylon on the 21st April and that the Staff of Axia Fans would be arriving shortly thereafter.

The Board agreed that the Fluid Bed Drier should be installed at St Joachim factory.

The recommendations of the Administrative Committee in regard to the following items were approved :—

(d) *Page 6(d)—Plant Physiologist.* Dr S. Kulasegaram to carry out the duties of Dr Pethiyagoda during his absence in U.K. on Post-doctoral fellowship under the supervision of Dr L. H. Fernando. Dr Kulasegaram to be paid an allowance of Rs. 100/- per month.

(e) *Page 7(f)—Mr P. Mahalingam, Hostel Cook.* Reported that the Secretary was directed to give notice of termination of Mr Mahalingam's services due to ill-health as from 30th April, 1968.

(f) *Page 7(i)—Second Class Railway Warrants for Minor Staff Grade I Officers.* Second Class warrants to be granted to minor staff when they reach the salary point of Rs. 118/- per month.

(g) *Page 7(a)—Finance.* The receipts and payments statement (Annexe B-5) which was tabled, was noted.

(i) *Page 9(c)—Mr C. H. Wickremasinghe, Tea Taster*

It was the general view that there was no need to have a resident tea taster at the T.R.I. because samples could be sent to Colombo to be tasted by senior tea tasters of tea firms and reports obtained without delay. However, if a case could be made out by the Technologist for the necessity for on the spot tasting, the Board could consider the matter.

The minutes of the meetings of the Administrative Committee held on 3rd February and 20th March, 1968, were accepted subject to the amendments agreed to.

5. **Any Other Business**

(b) *Chairman*

Mr Amarasuriya tendered his resignation as Chairman and a Member of the Board. He said that he has been Chairman for the past twelve years. After giving much thought he made this decision to resign.

At the request of the members, the Chairman withdrew his resignation.

A special meeting of the Administrative Committee to consider the Board Rules, Committees of the Board and Manual of Procedure was fixed for 28th April, 1968, at 9 a.m. in Colombo.

The meeting terminated at 12.30 p.m.

A. C. Perera
Secretary

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF THE TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON HELD IN THE
DULLING MEMORIAL HALL OF THE PLANTERS' ASSOCIA-
TION OF CEYLON, COLOMBO, ON SATURDAY THE
15th JUNE, 1968, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present—Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), B. Warusavitarane, S. K. D. Jayemanne, T. C. A. de Soysa, G. D. Loos, C. P. Chanmugam, J. L. D. Peiris, D. E. Hettiarachchi, S. Pathmanathan, S. P. Vytilingam, A. P. Fincher, G. B. Middleton, M. Rajendram, M. B. Horsfall, S. G. Salgado, Dr E. M. Chenery (Director) and Mr A. C. Perera (Secretary).

Also Present—Dr L. H. Fernando (Assistant Director).

Mr P. J. C. Durrant intimated his inability to be present.

The Chairman said that he had to summon a special meeting of the Board in order to discuss two important and urgent matters, *viz* the patenting of new processes and the Director's furlough.

The Chairman then welcomed Mr S. G. Salgado of Messrs George Steuart & Co., who has taken the place of Mr J. F. A. P. Peries.

At the request of Mr Pathmanathan it was agreed to discuss the memorandum on the Fluid Bed Drier, which was tabled.

1. Fluid Bed Drier

The Chairman welcomed Mr R. E. Thompson, Deputy Managing Director of Messrs Axia Fans Ltd. He was present at his invitation to address the Board on the general aspects of the Fluid Bed Drier.

Mr Thompson thanked the Chairman for the opportunity he was given to address the members of the Board.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr Thompson for the full information he had divulged in regard to the Fluid Bed Drier. The Tea Research Institute had an international name and the Board had taken the correct step to try out this new type of drier. He hoped the trials would be successful and the country would benefit when the machine came into production.

Mr. Thompson left the meeting at this stage.

On the proposal of Mr Pathmanathan, seconded by Mr Hettiarachchi, it was agreed in principle to spend up to Rs. 20,000/- on the revenue items in connection with the installation of the Fluid Bed Drier.

The memorandum of Mr. Thompson on the Fluid Bed Drier and Heater Unit was accepted.

2. Director's Furlough

The Director's furlough was discussed and it was finally agreed that the Institute should accept Dr Chenery's resignation, but pay him six months' full salary and allowances in lieu of actual service and in addition six weeks' pay on account of furlough commencing 10th July. As regards the repatriation of his assets, confirmation will be sought from Government through S/A & F that the requirement to purchase FEECs will not arise in Dr Chenery's case in view of the terms of his letter of appointment. The Chairman and Mr. Jayemanne were nominated by the Board to interview the S/A & F on the subject and to clarify the point before the meeting of the Board to be held on the 26th instant.

3. Patenting of New Processes

• The Special Committee's Report on the Patenting of the Upgrading Process of Tea evolved by the TRI was tabled by the Chairman of the Committee who read the report to the Board. On the proposal of Mr Horsfall and seconded by Mr Hettiarachchi, the report was adopted.

The meeting terminated at 12.30 p.m.

A. C. Perera
Secretary

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON HELD IN THE DUL-
LING MEMORIAL HALL OF THE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION
OF CEYLON, COLOMBO, ON WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE,
1968 AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present—Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), B. Warusavitarane, S. K. D. Jayemanne, T. C. A. de Soysa, G. D. Loos, C. P. Chanmugam, J. L. D. Peiris, D. E. Hettiarachchi, S. Pathmanathan, S. P. Vytilingam, A. P. Fincher, G. B. Middleton, M. Rajendram, P. J. C. Durrant, M. B. Horsfall, S. G. Salgado, Dr E. M. Chenery (Director) and Mr. A. C. Perera (Secretary).

Also Present—Dr L. H. Fernando (Assistant Director) and Mr H. S. Goonewardene (Accountant).

1. Minutes of the meetings held on 7th April, 1968 and 15th June, 1968

(a) *Minutes of 7th April, 1968*

On the proposal of Mr D. E. Hettiarachchi, seconded by Mr S. P. Vytilingam, the minutes were confirmed.

(b) *Minutes of 15th June, 1968*

On the proposal of Mr S. Pathmanathan, seconded by Mr Jayemanne, the minutes were confirmed subject to the following correction :—

Page 6, paragraph 1, line 3 — For “discussed” read “discussion”.

2. Director's Resignation

The Board unanimously approved a proposal made by Mr Jayemanne and seconded by Mr Peiris, to the effect that the cost of FEECs required for the repatriation of Dr Chenery's savings, up to the amount provided in his contract, be paid by the Institute subject to confirmation being received from the Ministry of Finance.

(b) *Appointment of new Director*

The Board next discussed the appointment of a successor to Dr Chenery. As the question of making a permanent appointment would arise only on the expiry of Dr Chenery's furlough, i.e. 6 weeks from 10.7.68, the Board decided that Dr L. H. Fernando should act in the post during this interim period as already agreed and that the question of the permanent appointment to be taken up at a later meeting.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes.

(a) *Minutes of 7.4.68.*

(i) *Page 8(ii) (a)—Low-Country Station—Technology and Biochemistry (Manufacture) Divisions.* Consideration of the Technologist's memo on the cost of moving the Technology Division to Ratnapura and Mr Fincher's letter dated 3rd April, 1968, was deferred until the Tea Commission's Report was available.

(ii) *Page 8(a) and Minutes of 15.6.68, page 1—Fluid Bed Drier*

The following reports on the Fluid Bed Drier from the Technologist were noted :—

- Report No 1 dated 14th May, 1968
- Report No 2 dated 11th May, 1968
- Statement of Cost of Expenditure, etc. dated 23rd May, 1968

(iii) *Page 10(i)—Tea Taster.* Memorandum from the Technologist dated 20th May, 1968 and letter dated 31st May, 1968, from Mr C. H. Wickremasinghe, Tea Taster were discussed.

On the suggestion of Mr. Pathmanathan, consideration of the appointment of a Tea Taster was deferred until the Report of the Tea Commission was available. Mr Pathmanathan stressed the necessity for the staff of the Biochemistry Division to be trained in tea tasting.

It was noted that Mr. Wickremasinghe did not accept the extension offered to him.

4. Membership of the Board and Committees

(a) *Board*

Reported that—

- (i) Mr J. F. A. P. Peries had tendered his resignation as from 15th May, 1968, prior to his proceeding to U.K. and the Agency Section of the Planters' Association had nominated Mr. S. G. Salgado of Messrs George Steuart & Co., to take his place.
- (ii) Mr. A. P. Fincher had also tendered his resignation as from 1st July, 1968, prior to his leaving for U.K. on furlough and the Planters' Association of Ceylon had nominated Mr. J. R. Somerville of Queenstown Group, Hali-Ela, to take his place.

The Chairman said that he had already welcomed Mr. Salgado at the Board Meeting on the 15th of June. He thanked Mr. Fincher and Mr. Peiris for their valuable services to the Board.

5. Bank Accounts

On the proposal of Mr S. Pathmanathan, seconded by Mr S. P. Vytilingam, it was resolved that Dr L. H. Fernando, Acting Director, be authorised to sign cheques and other Bank documents as from 10th July, 1968, in respect of the following accounts :—

Tea Research Institute of Ceylon, Talawakele

National & Grindlays Bank,	TRI Account No. T.19340
—do—	St Coombs Estate A/c No. S 06147
—do—	TRI Junior Staff Medical Fund
—do—	TRI Staff Provident Fund.

T.R.I. Passara

Bank of Ceylon, Badulla	TRI Sub-station, Passara, Debedde A/c No. 3558.
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Tea Research Institute of Ceylon, Ratnapura

Bank of Ceylon, Ratnapura,	TRI Low-Country Station A/c No. 716
—do—	St Joachim Estate A/c No. 724.

6. Minutes of the meetings of the Administrative Committee held on 28th April, 1968 and 28th May, 1968.

(a) *Minutes of the meeting of 28th April, 1968.* The recommendations of the Administrative Committee in respect of the following items were approved:—

- (i) *Dr R. L. Wickremasinghe, Biochemist.* Transfer of Dr Wickremasinghe to Ratnapura and the facilities to be granted to him (Reference pages 4 and 6, items 1 to 15).
- (iii) *Pages 5/6 — Biochemistry (Manufacture) Division.* Supplementary vote of Rs 72,000/- for modifications to the laboratory, purchase of cold room equipment, etc. This was approved in principle by the Administrative Committee. The Accountant was asked to report on the source of funds.
- (ix) *Page 9, Item (r)—Housing Position at St Coombs.* Three vacant Junior Staff houses at St Coombs to be allocated to married members of the Junior Staff (Administration).
- (x) *Page 10, Item (s)—Mr J. A. H. Tolhurst, Deputy Director.* Payment of overseas educational allowance with leave pay. The Board also approved the cost of FEECs involved in regard to air fares and freight charges on his goods.
- (xi) *Page 11, Item 4—Low-Country Station*
(b) *Acquisition of land adjoining Low-Country Laboratory.*
The normal acquisition procedure to be followed in regard to Mr S. H. B. Silva's land.
- (xii) *Page 12, Item (d)—Tennis Court for Low-Country Station.* Supplementary vote of Rs 2,200/- for a Tennis Court.
- (xiii) *Page 13, Item 5(b)—St Joachim Estate.* Supplementary vote of Rs 2,200/- for additional work for the sprinkler installation.

(b) *Minutes of the meeting of 28th May, 1968.* On the proposal of Mr Middleton, seconded by Mr Hettiarachchi, the minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting of 28th May, were accepted, subject to corrections noted in Correction Slip 1968/74-A.27.

7. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the TRI Staff Provident Fund held on 3rd February, 1968

Item 3—Amendment to Rule 18

It was agreed that interest should be charged on loans granted to staff from the Provident Fund and the Secretary was requested to circulate to the Administrative Committee the relevant extracts from the rules of the Ceylon Planters' Provident Society and the Ceylon Estate Staff Provident Society for consideration.

On the proposal of Mr Jayemanne, seconded by Mr de Soysa, the minutes of the meeting of 3rd February, 1968, were accepted subject to the above decision.

8. Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Junior Staff Medical Fund held on 3rd February, 1968

On the proposal of Mr Jayemanne, seconded by Mr Middleton, the minutes of the meeting of 3rd February, were accepted.

9. **Minutes of the meetings of the Buildings Committee held on 25th March, 1968 and 11th June, 1968**

(a) *Meeting of 25th March, 1968*

On the proposal of Mr Jayemanne, seconded by Mr Pathmanathan, the minutes of the meeting of 25th March, 1968, were accepted.

(b) *Minutes of the meeting of 11th June, 1968*

(i) *Page 1, Item 2—Building for Sub-Post Office at St Coombs.*

The Board agreed to rent out the three rooms at a rental of Rs 50/- per month. Any alterations to the rooms should be carried out at the expense of the Postal authorities or the Sub-Postmaster.

(ii) *Page 3, Item 4—House for Low-Country Station.*

Mr Loos suggested that one house be built in 1968 as there were no funds to meet the cost of two houses. It was noted that the estimated cost of two houses was Rs 66,000/-. The Board agreed.

On the proposal of Mr Warusavitarane, seconded by Mr Hettiarachchi, the minutes of the meeting of 11th June, were accepted, subject to the above decision.

10. **Any Other Business.**

(a) *TRI Employees' Union*

Reported that the TRI Minor Staff Union had informed the Director that the name of their Union had been changed to TRI Employees' Union (Registration No. T. U. 1407).

(c) *Foreign Agricultural Research Programme, U.S. Department of Agriculture—Aid for the Control of Shot-hole Borer*

Reported that an application for aid from the Foreign Agricultural Research Programme, U.S. Department of Agriculture, New Delhi, had been made through the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

(d) *Mr A. R. Sebastiampillai, Research Assistant, Plant Breeding*

The Board approved the extension of the training period of Mr A. R. Sebastiampillai, as recommended by the University of Reading, from October to December, 1968, to enable him to complete his Ph.D. course.

(f) *Report of the Board for 1966*

The Report was accepted.

(g) *Public Accounts Committee*

Reported that Mr S. Pathmanathan, representing the Chairman, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Accountant appeared before the Public Accounts Committee on 3.5.68 in connection with the 1966 audited accounts. Mr Pathmanathan said that the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee was impressed with the report for 1966 and was pleased to note that the recommendations of the auditors had been carried out.

(h) *Board Seal*

On the proposal of Mr Vytilingam, seconded by Mr Jayemanne, approval was granted to affix the Board Seal on the Scholarship Agreements of Messrs R. K. Nathaniel, S. Sandanam and N. M. Abdul Gaffar.

(i) *Official Language*

Reported that the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Official Language Commissioner had approved the Board's recommendation that employees who joined the Institute prior to 1st January 1964, should be considered as old entrants and those who joined on or after 1st January 1964 should be considered as new entrants in connection with the implementation of the Official Language Policy.

(j) *Research Institutes*

In reply to an enquiry from Mr Fincher, Mr Warusavitarne said that information on agricultural matters could be pooled by the Research Institutes in India and Ceylon but the Institute should await a directive from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food regarding this.

(k) *Dr E. M. Chenery*

The Chairman said that Dr Chenery had resigned on personal grounds and this was his last Board Meeting. He had served the Institute for three years and during this period he had done his best for the Tea Industry. It is unfortunate that he has decided to leave the Institute before he completed his full term of office, but the work initiated by him will continue and he would no doubt be pleased to hear of the progress and results of these projects. He wished Dr & Mrs Chenery all the best in the future.

Mr. B. Warusavitarne said :—

“On behalf of the P.A. I would like to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Chairman. As a working planter, I am aware of the new ideas he introduced on shade and nitrogen application to tea. In the field of manufacture, we are grateful to him for having initiated research on the Fluid Bed Drier, upgrading of tea and Instant Tea. The success of these projects have to be awaited and when they are fulfilled, as I expect them to be, the entire industry will be grateful for his efforts during the short time he was in Ceylon”.

Dr Chenery thanked the Chairman, Mr Warusavitarne and the Board.

(i) *Resignations*

Mr B. P. Jones, Stenographer/Typist/Clerk, w.e.f. 31.3.68.

Mr G. T. Karunasena, Laboratory Attendant, Plant Pathology Division, w.e.f. 31.3.68.

Mr W. R. F. Rodrigo, Technical Assistant, Plant Pathology Division, w.e.f. 28.5.68.

Mr M. Sikurajapathy, Technical Assistant, Agricultural Chemistry Division, w.e.f. 30.5.68.

Mr H. B. Herath, Technical Assistant, Entomology Division, w.e.f. 15.6.68.

(ii) *Retirements*

Mr A. H. B. Dias, Accounting Assistant, w.e.f. 31.3.68.

Mr J. A. H. Tolhurst, Deputy Director, w.e.f. 6.6.68.

The meeting terminated at 12.30 p.m.

A. C. Perera
Secretary

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TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON HELD IN THE DUL-
LING MEMORIAL HALL OF THE 'PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION
OF CEYLON, COLOMBO, ON MONDAY 22nd JULY, 1968
AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present—Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), B. Warusavitarnne, S. K. D. Jayemanne, T. C. A. de Soysa, M. S. Perera, G. D. Loos, L. D. Peiris, D. E. Hettiarachchi, S. Pathmanathan, S. P. Vytilingam, M. Rajendram, P. J. C. Durrant, M. B. Horsfall, S. G. Salgado, J. R. Somerville, I. M. Mackenzie, Dr L. H. Fernando (Acting Director) and Mr A. C. Perera (Secretary).

Mr C. P. Chanmugam (Tea Controller) intimated his inability to be present.

1. Membership of the Board

The Chairman reported that Mr G. B. Middleton has left on furlough to U. K. and the Planters' Association of Ceylon has nominated Mr I. M. Mackenzie of Talawakele Estate, Talawakele, to act for him as from 12th July, 1968.

Mr Mackenzie was also nominated to act for Mr Middleton on the Buildings Committee.

The Chairman welcomed Messrs J. R. Somerville and I. M. Mackenzie.

A letter dated 9th July 1968 from Dr E. M. Chenery thanking the Board for the generous treatment and kindness extended to him was read.

2. Appointment of Director

It was agreed after some discussion that, before a final decision was reached, the Board should also take into account any observations or recommendations made in the Report recently submitted to the Government by the Royal Commission on Tea.

It was understood that the Report was already with the Government Printer and should be available to the public shortly. The Board therefore decided to meet again on Tuesday, August 20th.

On the general question the Board agreed that the next Director should be a Ceylonese. A meeting of the Administrative Committee will be held before the next meeting of the Board to discuss the terms and conditions of employment which will have to be confirmed with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

The Board also decided to review the administrative set up of the Institute at its next meeting.

3. Any Other Business.

Reported that Dr. A. S. L. Tirimanna, Biochemist (Flavour Research) had tendered his resignation.

A. C. Perera
Secretary

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TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON HELD IN THE DUL-
LING MEMORIAL HALL OF THE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION
OF CEYLON, COLOMBO, ON TUESDAY 20th AUGUST,
1968 AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present—Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), M. S. Perera, G. D. Loos, B. Warusavitarne, S. K. D. Jayemanne, C. P. Chanmugam, T. C. A. de Soysa, S. P. Vytilingam, J. R. Somerville, S. G. Salgado, S. Pathmanathan, D. E. Hettiarachchi, M. Rajendram, Dr L. H. Fernando (Acting Director) and Mr A. C. Perera (Secretary).

Mr G. A. S. Gunasinghe (Secretary to the Director) was also present.

Messrs J. L. D. Peiris, M. B. Horsfall and I. M. Mackenzie intimated their inability to be present.

1. Minutes of meetings held on 26th June 1968 and 22nd July 1968

(a) *Minutes of 26.6.68.* Subject to the corrections given in correction slip No. 1968/89-B.34 of 29.7.68, the minutes were confirmed on the proposal of Mr J. R. Somerville and seconded by Mr T. C. A. de Soysa.

(b) *Minutes of 22.7.68.* Subject to the corrections given in correction slip No. 1968/101-B.38 of 13.8.68, the minutes were confirmed on the proposal of Mr J. R. Somerville and seconded by Mr T. C. A. de Soysa.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) *Minutes of 22.6.68.* (i) Page 5 Item 6(ii)—Agratenne Sub-station. Mr. Loos requested the Director to put up a memo to the Board giving the revised costs etc., on this project.

(b) *Minutes of 22.7.68.* Page 1, Item 2—Director
A letter addressed to the Chairman, T.R.I. by the Hon'ble the Minister of Agriculture and Food was considered. After discussion it was agreed to defer the appointment of the Director, until a deputation of the T.R.I. Board met the Minister of Agriculture and Food and discussed the appointment to the post of Director and the salary scale attached to it.

3. Minutes of the Administrative Committee held on 12th August, 1968

The minutes of the Administrative Committee held on 12th August were deferred for consideration as the draft minutes had not been approved by the Administrative Committee.

4. Any Other Business.

(1) *Appointments and Resignations.* The following appointments and resignations were noted :—

(i) *Appointments*

Dr L. H. Fernando, Acting Director from 11.7.68.

Mr S. Jayaratnam, Technical Assistant, Technology Division, with effect from 14.7.68.

Mr R. N. Bopearatchy, Technical Assistant, Plant Pathology Division, with effect from 1.8.68.

Mr. W. A. B. de Silva, Technical Assistant, Biochemistry Division (Low Country), with effect from 1.8.68.

Mr K. D. Bandularatne, Technical Assistant, Entomology Division, with effect from 1.8.68.

Mr A. B. D. Wickremaratne, Technical Assistant, Agricultural Chemistry Division, with effect from 1.8.68.

Mr V. Shivanandarajah, Technical Assistant, Nematology Division, with effect from 1.8.68.

(ii) *Resignations*

Dr. E. M. Chetty, Director, with effect from 10.7.68.

(2) *Mid-Country Station—Hantane Estate*

It was resolved on the proposal of Mr Vytilingam, and seconded by Mr. Hettiarachchi :

(a) that the Board do purchase from the Hantane Investment Company Limited a portion of Hantane Estate in extent A56 R0 P05 for the sum of Rupees Two Hundred and Eighty Six thousand (Rs. 286,000/-) on the basis that warranties of title will not be given by the vendor company in the Deed of Transfer in favour of the Board and that the Board will be required at a subsequent date to enter into a cart road agreement with Hantane Investment Company Limited allowing the use of the roads within the property sold to the Board as agreed with the Board.

(b) that the seal of the Board shall be affixed to the cart road agreement between the Board and the Hantane Investment Company Limited with regard to the use of the roads within the property purchased by the Board in the presence of any three members of the Board.

A. C. Perera
Secretary

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TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON HELD IN THE DULL-
ING MEMORIAL HALL OF THE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION
OF CEYLON, COLOMBO, ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER
1968 AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present—Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), B. Warusavitarne, G. D. Loos, J. L. D. Peiris, D. E. Hettiarachchi, S. P. Vytilingam, S. Pathmanathan, M. B. Horsfall, J. F. A. P. Peiris, M. Rajendram, J. R. Somerville, I. M. MacKenzie, Dr L. H. Fernando (Acting Director) and Mr A. C. Perera (Secretary).

Also Present—Mr H. S. Goonewardene (Accountant) and Mr G. A. S. Gunasinghe (Secretary to the Director).

1. Minutes of meeting held on 20th August, 1968

Subject to the following correction, the minutes were confirmed on the proposal of Mr S. P. Vytilingam, seconded by Mr M. Rajendram.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) Page 1, Item 2(a9i)—Agratenne Station.

Mr Somerville proposed that the Agratenne Sub-Station Committee should consist of six persons, viz the Chairman of the Uva P.A., Member of the TRI Board resident in the province, two members of the E & E Committee for Badulla and Bandarawela, the Agricultural Adviser and the O.I.C. Agratenne Sub-Station, who would be secretary to the Sub-Committee.

Mr Loos suggested that the E. & E. Committee meet and frame the terms of reference of the Sub-Committee and of Mr Clarke. Their recommendations could be put up for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

O.I.C. Agratenne Station : The Director said that there was no Senior or Intermediate Officer who could be stationed at Agratenne. He would appoint a Junior Staff Officer to be in charge of the station. A team of scientists from St Coombs would visit the station every week.

(b) Page 7, Item 2(b)—Director

The Chairman informed the Board that the Ministry of Agriculture and Food had agreed to the permanent appointment of a Director on the salary scale of Rs 2000—50—2250 per month, with a dearness allowance of Rs 181.50 and an entertainment allowance of Rs. 425.

The Board unanimously agreed to appoint Dr L. H. Fernando as Director of the Tea Research Institute as from 1st October, 1968.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the scale of emoluments which it was proposed to pay Dr Fernando, and some members expressed their total dissatisfaction at the scale suggested by the Minister.

The Chairman informed Dr Fernando of the Board's decision. Dr Fernando thanked the Board for appointing him Director and assured the Board that he would do his best.

(c) *Page 8, Item 4(2)—Mid-Country Station, Hantane*

Reported that the Deed of Transfer of the Hantane land purchased for the Mid-Country station was executed on the 26th of August, 1968, at the office of Messrs F. J. & G. de Saram by the Hantane Investment Company Limited.

3. Report of the Special Committee

The Chairman of the Special Committee read the summary of its recommendations. It was decided to adopt the recommendations. The report of the Special Committee is being made available to the members of the Board.

A summary of the recommendations of the Special Committee are as follows :—

1. There should be a proper delegation of functions, with duty lists for each officer.
2. There should be more frequent meetings of the Board and smaller working groups should be appointed in order to keep a closer control of the Institute based on a more intimate knowledge of its working.
3. The introduction of a proper stores system and of effective stores procedures. We recommend that the advice of a qualified firm of Accountants and Auditors be obtained immediately.
4. The Works Division should be reorganised with the labour employed on "Maintenance and Sanitation" being brought under the Agriculturist and the Engineering Section under a qualified Engineer. Until a qualified Engineer is recruited we suggest that the Engineering Services be brought under the Technologist.
5. The Internal Audit Section should be directly responsible to the Director and the Board, and should be headed by an officer of at least the Intermediate Grade.
6. The administrative structure should be strengthened by the creation of a post, at least at the level of Deputy Director. This officer should be responsible for the general administration, budgeting and financial controls, and should perform the duties of Executive Secretary of the Board. We recommend that action should be taken immediately to recruit such an officer. We suggest that his services be obtained on a contract basis for two years, in the first instance.

4. Membership of the Board and Committees**(a) Board**

Reported that Mr S. G. Salgado, representing the Agency Section of the Planters' Association of Ceylon, had resigned as from 2.10.68 and that Mr J. F. A. P. Peries has been nominated to take his place.

(b) Experimental and Estates Committee

Reported that—

- (i) Mr C. F. Brooke-Smith of Spring Valley, Badulla, has taken the place of Mr R. L. Harvey from 1.8.68.
- (ii) Mr D. R. MacRae of Haputale Estate, Haputale, has taken the place of Mr A. D. Scott from 1.8.68.
- (iii) Mr S. G. Salgado has taken the place of Mr T. A. Moy from 4.9.68.

The Chairman thanked the outgoing members and welcomed the new members.

5. **Minutes of the meetings of the Administrative Committee held on 12th August, 1968 and 24th September, 1968**

Letter dated 24th September, 1968, from Mr A. C. Perera was discussed.

It was agreed to accept Mr A. C. Perera's retirement with effect from the end of October, 1968. Mr P. Kanapathipillai, Statistician, will take over from Mr Perera from 16th October, 1968 and will act as C.A.O. until a Deputy Director, Administration, is appointed.

Page 3, Cold Room, Biochemistry Division, Low-Country Station

Colombo Commercial Company's quotation of Rs 41,210/- for the Cold Room.

Page 4, Item 5(a)—Biochemistry Division, Jar Fermentor

A supplementary vote of Rs 120,000/- for the purchase of a jar fermentor.

The minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting held on 12th August, 1968 were accepted on the proposal of Mr M. Rajendram seconded by Mr D. E. Hettiarachchi.

(ii) *Meeting of 24th September, 1968*

The Board approved the following recommendations :—

- (a) *Page 1, Item 2—House Rent Allowances.*
The establishment of a hostel for the Senior and Intermediate Staff.
- (b) *Page 1, Item 3(i) (b)—Holiday Warrants*
Holiday Warrants not to be granted to new entrants.
- (c) *Page 1, Item 3(i) (c)—Allowances*
All allowances granted to staff to be reviewed.
- (d) *Page 3, Item (vi)—Govt. Loan and 1967 Payment to Tea Controller*
Payment of 1967 instalment (Rs 166,667) on the Government Loan and the balance 1967 contribution (Rs. 175,000) to the Tea Controller.
- (e) *Page 3, Item (vii)—Bank Account—Additional signatory*
The Board approved that Mr P. Kanapathipillai, Statistician, sign cheques jointly in respect of the following accounts with the Director, Chief Administrative Officer, or the Accountant :—
National & Grindlays Bank — TRI Account No. T.19340
—do— — St Coombs Estate A/c No. S06147
—do— — TRI Junior Staff Medical Fund
—do— — TRI Staff Provident Fund
- (f) *Page 4, Item (ii) Mr G. S. Muttetuwegama, Supdt St Joachim*
The immediate appointment of an Agriculturist to take the place of Mr Muttetuwegama in due course.
Mr Muttetuwegama's contract to be extended from 21.12.68, the period of extension depending on the time required to train the selected person as Agriculturist.
- (g) *Page 4, Item (iii)—Staff Changes (Administration)*
The Grade I posts of Chief Clerk, Low-Country Station and Senior Accounts Clerk, TRI St Coombs, to be advertised within the Institute, qualifications being ten years' experience.

- (h) *Page 4, Item (iv)—OIC, Agratenne Sub-Station*
Payment of a station allowance of Rs. 100/- per month to the O.I.C. Agratenne Sub-Station.
- (i) *Page 5, (v)—Mr P. A. John*
Mr P. A. John to be re-employed as from 14.10.68 on a one-year contract.
- (m) *Page 5, Item (ix)—Dental trips to Hatton*
Two trips per week be granted to consult the dentist at Hatton.
- (r) *Page 2, Item 3(g)—Drought in Uva*
The Director said that a report on the Uva drought would be circulated to the Board before the next meeting.

On the proposal of Mr S. P. Vytilingam, seconded by Mr J. R. Somerville, the minutes of the meeting of 24th September, 1968 were accepted.

6. Tea Commission's Report

The Chairman said that at the Buildings Committee meeting of 7th September, 1968, Mr J. L. D. Peiris objected to the reference made in the report to financial mismanagement. He fully agreed with Mr Peiris' views recorded in the minutes (Page 4, Item 7). The present financial position was due to the vast expansion that took place in the past few years and not to financial mismanagement. Some of the buildings put up at St Coombs and out-stations were worth today four or five times the money spent then. These buildings today were an investment to the Institute and the money spent on them has not been wasted.

Mr Somerville endorsed the Chairman's comments and said that improvement and expansion of the TRI had been very large and this was the reason why the Institute's finances were low. He did not consider any further action need be taken on this matter.

Mr J. L. D. Peiris said that the wording of the last paragraph (page 128, Tea Commission Report) was misleading. There was no financial mismanagement at all and he was of the view that the Minister should be informed accordingly. The TRI has expanded to a very large extent and the cess has not been proportionately increased and naturally there were insufficient funds to carry on.

After further discussion it was agreed to record that the Board disagrees with the statement made in the Tea Commission's report that the finances of the Institute were mismanaged. On the contrary the Board has spent money on different development schemes and expansion of staff.

It was also agreed to consider the technical aspects referred to in the Report on another occasion.

7. Minutes of the Buildings Committee meeting held on 7th September 1968

- (a) *Page 3, Item 4—Library*

The Board approved the Committee's recommendation to move the library and Director's office from Senior Staff Bungalow No. 1 to the Administration block and the offices of the Accounts and Administration staff to Senior Staff Bungalow No. 1.

On the proposal of Mr J. R. Somerville, seconded by Mr J. F. A. P. Peries, the minutes were accepted.

8. Minutes of the meeting of the Experimental and Estates Committee held on 4th September, 1968

(a) *Page 1, Item 5—St. Coombs and St Joachim Estates—Supplementary Estimates for 1968*

The following supplementary estimates were approved :—

- (i) St Joachim Estimates : Supplementary estimates given in Paper 1968/102—E.24.
- (ii) St Coombs Estate : Supplementary estimates given in Paper 1968/103—E.25.

On the proposal of Mr J. R. Somerville, seconded by Mr S. P. Vytilingam, the minutes of the E and E Committee were accepted.

10. Any Other Business.

(a) *Fluid Bed Tea Drier*

Report No. 4 by the Technologist on the work carried out to July 1968 was noted.

(c) *Low-Country Station*

In reply to Mr Hettiarachchi the Director said that he was looking after the Low-Country Station. The next senior scientist at St Joachim was Dr R. L. Wickremasinghe. Mr Pathmanathan said that Dr Wickremasinghe should not be disturbed for the time being as he was doing some very important work. Dr Fernando should continue to look after the Low-Country Station.

(e) *Board Seal*

Reported that the Board seal was affixed on the following documents :—

- (i) Scholarship Agreement of Mr R. K. Nathaniel on 23.8.68
- (ii) —do— Mr N. M. Abdul Gaffar on 24.9.68.
- (iii) —do— Mr S. Sandanam on 24.9.68.

(f) *Appointments, Resignations and Scholarships*

(i) *Appointments*

- (a) Mr K. C. W. M. A. Chandrasekara, Laboratory Attendant, Pathology Division from 1.9.68 salary Rs 60/- p.m.
- (b) Mr K. D. L. Nanayakkara, Accounts Clerk, Low Country from 18.9.68 salary Rs 120/- p.m.

(ii) *Resignations*

Mr A. Nanayakkara, Technical Assistant from 31.8.68.

(iii) *Proceeded overseas on scholarships*

- (a) Mr R. K. Nathaniel, Research Assistant, Advisory Division, left on a Colombo Plan Scholarship for post-graduate training for Canada on 23.8.68.
- (b) Mr N. M. Abdul Gaffar, Research Assistant, Technology Division, left on a Colombo Plan Scholarship for post-graduate training for U.K. on 26.9.68.
- (c) Mr S. Sandanam, Research Assistant, Agricultural Chemistry Division, left on a Colombo Plan Scholarship for post-graduate training for U.K. on 29.9.68.

(g) *Mr A. C. Perera, Chief Administrative Officer*

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Board to Mr A. C. Perera, who was retiring at the end of the month, for his services to the Institute during the past 37 years. He wished Mr and Mrs Perera a happy retirement. The members applauded.

Mr Perera thanked the Chairman and the Board for the kind sentiments expressed.

A. C. Perera
Secretary

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON HELD IN THE DUL-
LING MEMORIAL HALL OF THE PLANTERS' ASSOCIATION
OF CEYLON, COLOMBO ON MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER,
1968, AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present—Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), B. Warusavitarnne, G. D. Loos, C. P. Chanmugam, S. K. D. Jayemanne, S. P. Vytilingam, J. R. Somerville, G. B. Middleton, P. J. C. Durrant, J. F. A. P. Peries, M. B. Horsfall, S. Pathmanathan, J. L. D. Peiris, D. E. Hettiarachchi, Dr L. H. Fernando (Director) and Mr P. Kanapathipillai (Acting Secretary).

Also present—was Mr G. A. S. Gunasinghe (Secretary to the Director).

Mr T. C. A. de Soysa regretted his inability to be present.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th October, 1968

On the proposal of Mr S. P. Vytilingam, seconded by Mr J. R. Somerville, the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October, 1968 were confirmed.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

(a) Page 1, Item 2(a)—Agratenne Sub-Station.

Reported that the Agratenne Sub-Station Committee would now consist of :—

The Chairman, Uva P.A. (Mr J. R. Somerville)
 TRI Board member in Uva (—do—)
 E & E Committee Members for Badulla & Bandarawela (Mr C. F. Brooke-Smith and Mr D. R. MacRae)
 Mr M. M. Clarke of El Teb Estate
 Uva Scientific Officer, Mr L. M. de W. Tillekeratne (Secretary).

1. To assist in the establishment of the Agratenne Sub-Station.
2. To examine results of the replanting of tea on this station and to assess the applicability of these findings to estates in lower Uva.
3. To keep the Director, TRI and the E & E Committee informed of the problems arising in clonal tea in the drought-affected parts of Uva.

Mr. Clarke will overlook the work and examine expenditure on Agratenne Sub-Station, and report periodically to the Director of the TRI and the Sub-Committee of the Uva P.A. Mr. Clarke will be paid Rs 750/- per year.

(b) Page 4, Item 3—Report of the Special Committee

The Director said that there were six recommendations of the Special Committee and action had already been taken on these. The Special Committee recommended frequent meetings of the Board.

(c) Page 5, Item 5(a)—Chief Administrative Officer

Reported that Mr P. Kanapathipillai took over from Mr A. C. Perera between October 16—24, 1968. Two personal files were found missing. Mr A. C. Perera left the TRI on 24th October, 1968. Accumulated leave pay for sixty

four days amounted to Rs 6,461/20. Retirement gratuity of six months salary and allowances (excluding entertainment allowance) amounting to Rs. 13,329.60 would be paid. An advance of Rs 15,000/- has already been paid.

It was noted that the two personal files missing were of Messrs D. W. Wickremaratne, whose services were terminated, and Mr. S. Satchithanathan, the internal audit clerk.

(e) *Page 8, Item 8(b)—Tea Taster*

The Board unanimously agreed to recruit a tea taster on a contract basis for 2 to 3 years.

3. Membership of the Board and Committees

(a) *Board*

Reported that Mr G. B. Middleton has returned from furlough on 16.10.68 and has resumed his seat on the Board.

(b) *Experimental and Estates Committee reported that—*

(i) Mr G. B. Middleton and Mr J. R. Somerville have been nominated to represent the Board on the Committee with effect from 7.10.68.

(ii) Mr H. G. R. de Mel of Vogan Group, Matugama, has been nominated by the Kalutara District Planters' Association to represent the Kalutara District w.e.f. 12.10.58.

(iii) Mr A. Chitty of Forbes & Walker has taken the place of Mr A. D. Neale w.e.f. 1.8.68 representing the Tea Trade.

The Chairman thanked the outgoing members for their services rendered and welcomed the new members.

(c) *E. & E. Sub-Committee*

Reported that the following have been co-opted to the Sub-Committee with effect from 7.10.68.

Mr S. G. Salgado
Mr B. Warusavitarne
Mr G. B. Middleton

The E & E Sub-Committee consists of Messrs P. J. C. Durrant, S. G. Salgado, B. Warusavitarne, G. B. Middleton and Dr L. H. Fernando. This Sub-Committee will scrutinise expenditure and follow up progress on all the Institute's stations.

The Board agreed that Mr S. P. Vytilingam should also be co-opted to the Sub-Committee.

4. Minutes of the meeting of the Administrative Committee held on 7th November 1968

(b) *Page 2, Item (e)—TRI Staff Provident Fund*

The Acting C.A.O. stated that the Commissioner of Labour has approved the amendment to the rules that officers with 5 years' service at the Institute

could withdraw up to 75% from the Provident Fund. This question was fully discussed by the Administrative Committee on the 24th October and it was decided to grant loans to members at 6% interest only for purchasing land or a house and for building a house. The Committee was not agreeable to a withdrawal from the Provident Fund.

On the proposal of Mr J. F. A. P. Peries, seconded by Mr J. R. Somerville, the minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting held on 7th November, 1968, were confirmed.

5. Minutes of the meeting of the Buildings Committee held on 22nd October, 1968

(b) *Page 3, Item 5—Buildings for 1969*

It was noted that provision has been made in the estimates of 1969 for the construction of two houses at St Joachim.

(c) *Page 3, Item 6(c)—Approach road to St Coombs*

The widening of the approach road will be taken up as soon as possible.

The minutes were confirmed on the proposal of Mr J. L. D. Peries seconded by Mr S. P. Vytilingam.

7. Any Other Business

(a) *Resignations, Retirements, etc*

- (i) Dr A. S. L. Tirimanna, Biochemist (Flavour Research) w.e.f. 31.10.68.
- (ii) Mr K. C. W. M. A. Chandrasekera, Laboratory Attendant w.e.f. 2.x0.68.

Termination of Service

Mr D. W. Wickremaratne, Accounts Clerk, w.e.f. 17.10.68.

Retirements

Mr A. C. Perera, Chief Administrative Officer, w.e.f. 31.10.68.

(b) *Returned from study leave and training abroad*

- (i) Dr N. Shanmuganathan, Plant Pathologist, returned to the Island on 2.10.68.
- (ii) Dr R. R. Selvendran, Research Officer, Biochemistry Division, returned to the Island, after his post-graduate studies on 23.10.68.
- (iii) Mr K. Sivapalan, Technical Assistant, Biochemistry Division, returned to the Island after 2 years study leave on 15.10.69.
- (iv) Mr A. R. Sebastiampillai, Research Assistant, Plant Breeding—The Board has approved an extension of 3 months to enable Mr Sebastiampillai to finish his thesis to end of March, 1969.

The meeting terminated at 11.45 a.m.

P. Kanapathipillai
Acting Secretary

**SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
TEA RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF CEYLON HELD IN THE DUL-
LING MEMORIAL HALL OF THE PLANTERS' ASSOCIA-
TION OF CEYLON, COLOMBO, ON SUNDAY 15th
DECEMBER, 1968 AT 9.00 A.M.**

Present—Messrs F. Amarasuriya (Chairman), M. S. Perera, B. Warusavitarnne, S. K. D. Jayemanne, T. C. A. de Soysa, S. P. Vytilingam, J. R. Somerville, G. B. Middleton, J. F. A. P. Peries, M. B. Horsfall, S. Pathmanathan, J. L. D. Peiris, D. E. Hettiarachchi, M. Rajendram, Dr L. H. Fernando (Director) and Mr P. Kanapathipillai (Actg Secretary).

Also present—was Mr G. A. S. Gunasinghe (Secretary to the Director).

Mr C. P. Chanmugam intimated his inability to be present.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November, 1968

Mr Somerville said that the minutes were far too detailed and requested that they be summarized. The Board agreed that, in future, decisions will be recorded with short notice of proceedings.

On the proposal of Mr S. Pathmanathan, seconded by Mr J. R. Somerville, the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 25th November, 1968 were confirmed.

3. Minutes of the meeting of the Administrative Committee held on 24th November, 1968

On the proposal of Mr S. P. Vytilingam, seconded by Mr J. L. D. Peiris, the minutes of the Administrative Committee meeting held on 24th November, 1968 were confirmed.

4. Estimates 1968

The Board discussed the following :—

- (i) Amended Estimates for 1969 (Paper 1968/149-A.39)
- (ii) Cash Summary for 1969 (Paper 1968/156-B.57)
- (iii) Statement of Expenditure upto 30/9/68 (Paper 1968/160-B.59)
- (iv) Statement of Estate Capital Expenditure
- (v) St Coombs Estate Estimates for 1969 (Paper 1968/131-E.39)
- (vi) St Joachim Estate Estimates for 1969 (Paper 1968/132-E.40)

The Director informed the meeting that after the estimates were scrutinized by the Administrative Committee three items have been added :—

- (a) An autoclave for Entomology Division costing Rs. 15,000/- (half the cost will be met from the US Aid for the Shot-hole Borer project).
- (b) An oven for Nematology Division costing Rs 2500/-.
- (c) Furnishings and floor coverings for the Library Rs 2000/-.

On the proposal of Mr J. R. Somerville, seconded by Mr J. F. A. P. Peiris, the TRI estimates were approved.

On the proposal of Mr J. R. Somerville, seconded by Mr J. F. A. P. Peries the estimates for St Coombs were approved.

On the proposal of Mr J. R. Somerville, seconded by Mr G. B. Middleton, the estimates for St Joachim Estate were approved.

6. Staff Matters

Mr D. W. Wickremaratne

The Acting Chief Administrative Officer informed the Board of Mr. Wickremaratne's record, and the findings of the inquiry he held. He also referred to the appeal made by Mr Wickremaratne to the Board. After discussion, the Board endorsed the Director's decision to terminate Mr Wickremaratne's services.

The Board approved Rs. 15,000/- for the purpose of setting up a pilot plant for the manufacture of green tea and authorised the Technologist to go ahead with the project.

(e) Talks on Trade, Economic Co-operation and Tea between India and Ceylon

The notes of the discussion between India and Ceylon were noted.

(f) The Chairman wished the members of the Board a very Happy Christmas. He said his term of office would come to an end on 26th March, 1969, and that he was resigning from the Chairmanship of the Board forthwith and also from the membership of the Board. He thanked the members for their co-operation extended him during his tenure of office as Chairman for the past 12 years.

Mr Somerville said that the Chairman has rendered valuable service to the Tea Research Institute. Most people were full of praise for the TRI and this was due to the Chairman's hard work during the past 12 years. He proposed the name of Mr J. F. A. P. Peries to take the place of Mr Amarasuriya as the Chairman of the Board.

It was decided to include the election of a new Chairman as an item of the Agenda for the next meeting on the 9th January, 1969.

The meeting terminated at 12.10 p.m.

P. Kanapathipillai
Acting Secretary