

FIRST SESSION

1957 - 1958

MINUTES of the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council of the Colony of British Guiana under the British Guiana (Constitution)(Temporary Provisions) Orders in Council, 1953 and 1956, held in the Chamber of the Legislature at the Public Buildings, Georgetown, Demerara,

AT 2.00 P.M.

on

THURSDAY, 16TH JANUARY, 1958.

PRESENT:

Hon. Financial Secretary, Mr. F.W. Essex - Chairman.
 Hon. Minister of Trade and Industry - Dr. C.B. Jagan.
 Hon. Minister of Community Development and Education -
 Mr. B.H. Benn.
 Hon. Minister of Natural Resources - Mr. E.B. Beharry.
 Hon. Minister of Labour, Health and Housing - Mrs. Janet Jagan.
 Hon. Minister of Communications and Works - Mr. Ram Karran.
 Mr. F. Bowman
 Mr. B.S. Rai
 Mr. S.M. Saffee
 Mr. Ajodha Singh
 Mr. W.O.R. Kendall
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
 Mr. A.L. Jackson
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh
 Mr. R.C. Tello
 Mr. R.E. Davis
 Mr. A.M. Fredericks
 Mr. H.J.M. Hubbard
 Mr. A.G. Tasker, O.B.E.

with Mr. E.V. Viapree, Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
 Clerk to the Committee,
 and Mr. E.D. Ford, Assistant Secretary, Finance Secretariat.

Absent:

Mr. S. Campbell - Indisposed.
 Mr. R.B. Gajraj

A G E N D A

Consideration of the 1958 Draft Estimates
 (Recurrent and Development).

Dr. R.B. McConnell, Director of Geological Surveys, was
 resent during consideration of HEAD VII - GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS
 DEVELOPMENT).

Committee considered and approved of the following Heads
 of Expenditure:-

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
VII - <u>GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS</u>	
(1) Personal Emoluments	
(f) 8 Geologists.	
(h) 3 Assistant Geologists.	

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<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
At the request of the Chairman, (i) item (f) - 8 Geologists was <u>reduced</u> by one, i.e. from <u>8 to 7</u> ; and	
(ii) item (h) - 3 Assistant Geologists was <u>increased</u> by one, i.e. from <u>3 to 4</u> .	
Subhead 1. Geological Surveys and Mineral Development, Expansion of (Scheme D. 2792) was passed at	\$530,174:
At the request of the Chairman, a (new) Subhead 2, viz. Specialist Adviser (Scheme D. 2497) was inserted, and the sum of \$2,130: provided therefor.	
<u>HEAD VII - GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS (DEVELOPMENT)</u> <u>was accordingly increased by</u> <u>\$2,130: and passed at</u>	\$532,304:
<u>33 - MISCELLANEOUS--SUBVENTIONS, ETC. OTHER</u> <u>THAN MUNICIPAL.</u>	
COMMUNICATIONS.	
Subhead 7. Inter-Caribbean Shipping Service - Grant. .. passed as printed ..	\$ 4,800:
ECONOMIC.	
Subhead 8. Contribution to Regional Trade Commissioner, Student and Migrant services - passed as printed	\$ 84,674:
Subhead 9. Contribution towards Common- wealth Economic and Shipping Committees - passed as printed	\$ 1,393:
EDUCATIONAL.	
Subhead 10. Students' Liaison Officer in the U.S. - Contribution to Expenses of - passed as printed ..	\$ 4,700:
Subhead 11. Public Free Library - (a) Recurrent Services: .. \$95,900) (b) Extraordinary: ..) .. \$ 2,500) .. - passed as printed	\$ 98,400:
Subhead 12. University College of the West Indies - Annual Contri- bution - passed as printed ..	\$303,108:
Subhead 13. University College of the West Indies - Reserve Contribution - passed as printed ..	\$150,000:

HEAD	AMOUNT
EDUCATIONAL (Contd.)	
Subhead 14. Colonial Students Contin- gencies Fund - passed as printed	\$ 3,700:
Subhead 15. Grants to Churches for Services among Amerindians - passed as printed	\$ 25,000:
Subhead 16. Exhibition Fund - University College of the West Indies - passed as printed	\$ 13,500:
Subhead 17. Allowances to Students at Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture - passed as printed	\$ 5,760:
Subhead 18. West Indian Students' Centre - U.K. - Contribution to - passed as printed	\$ 3,226:
Subhead 19. British Council Office for Welfare of Students in Eire- Contribution to - passed as printed	\$ 1,272:
FORESTRY.	
Subhead 20. Contribution towards Imperial Forestry Institute at Oxford - passed as printed	\$ 557:
Subhead 21. Tropical Forest Experimental Station, Puerto Rico - Contri- bution to - passed as printed	\$ 270:
MEDICAL.	
Subhead 25. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine - \$480) The Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases - \$960) passed as printed)	\$ 1,440:
Subhead 26. Grant to Infant Welfare and Maternity League - For Midwives .. \$40,300) For Secretary- Treasurer .. 1,800) For general purposes including provision of relief for nurses on leave and milk distribution 12,100) passed as printed	\$ 54,200:
Subhead 27. Contribution to Pan American Sanitary Organisation - passed as printed	5,100:

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<u>HEAD</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
MEDICAL (Contd.)	
Subhead 28. Contribution to British Empire Cancer Campaign - passed as printed	\$ 480:
Subhead 29. Contribution to British Empire Leprosy Relief Association - passed as printed	\$ 240:
Subhead 30. Grant to B.W.I. Board of Examiners, Royal Society for the Promotion of Health - passed as printed	\$ 300:
Subhead 31. Convalescent Home for Children - passed as printed	\$15,000:
Subhead 32. B.G. Society for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis - passed as printed	\$ 5,000:
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Subhead 33. Museum Committee - Royal Agricultural and Commercial Society - (a) Museum .. \$30,952) (b) Zoological Gardens \$23,429) passed as printed	\$54,381:
Subhead 34. Grand-in-aid to Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - passed as printed ..	\$ 1,500:
Subhead 35. Grant to Ex-Servicemen's Association - passed as printed ..	\$ 1,200:
Subhead 36. Grant towards running expenses of Georgetown Mariners Club - passed as printed ..	\$ 5,000:
Subhead 37. Grand-in-aid of Local Society for the Blind - Committee recommended an increase of \$1,400: on this subhead, that is, from \$1,000: to	\$ 2,400:
Subhead 38. Board of Cultural (subject <u>reserved</u>)	\$ 5,000:
Subhead 39. Grant to West India Committee - passed as printed ..	\$ 51:
Subhead 40. Contribution to British Guiana Broadcasting Company, Limited passed as printed .. (<u>subject to expenditure being reserved</u>)	\$30,000:

The Meeting terminated at 5.15 p.m.

Confirmed,

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee.

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

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Absent:

Mr. F. Bowman
 Mr. L.F.S. Burnham
 Mr. Jai Narine Singh
 Mr. R.B. Gajraj

Colonel G.B. Thomson, General Manager, Transport and Harbours Department was present during consideration of HEAD 48 - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS DEPARTMENT (Appendix A).

Committee considered and approved of the following Heads of Amount \$ Expenditure:-

HEAD.

33.- MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS, Etc.,
OTHER THAN MUNICIPAL.

Subhead 41. Contribution towards Maintenance of Post Office, Medical and Public Works Department Sports Club, - passed as printed	..	240:-
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.. / Subhead 42.

<u>HEAD.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
Subhead 42. Tourist Bureau and advertisement of the Colony in Canada and elsewhere - passed as printed ..	5,000
43. Commonwealth Institute, Annual Grant - passed as printed	720
44. Payment of New Widows' and Orphans' Fund of difference between 6% on permanent investments and actual interest earned (Section 3 Cap. 207) - passed as printed	63,000
45. Grant in aid of Local Forces Rifle Club - passed as printed	750
46. International Telecommunications Union Contribution to - passed as printed	315
48. Subscription to Royal Institute of Public Administration - passed as printed	101
49. International Commission on Drainage and Irrigation - passed as printed ..	720
50. Hurricane Research Project	1,224

The other subheads having been approved at previous Meetings, the Total of Head was reduced by \$4,003:- and passed at \$1,204,997:-.

<u>HEAD.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
<u>HEAD 34 - OFFICIAL RECEIVER</u> - passed as printed	24,392
<u>HEAD 32 - MISCELLANEOUS.</u>	
<u>TOWN COUNCIL, GEORGETOWN.</u>	

At the request of the Chairman,

Subhead 7. Improvement of Thomas and East Streets adjacent to the North Block, Georgetown Hospital was inserted and the sum of \$3,200:- provided therefor.

(Details were supplied to Members in F.C. Memorandum No. 28/57, - Fire Precautions at the Public Hospital, Georgetown).

TOWN COUNCIL, GEORGETOWN was accordingly increased by \$3,200:- and passed at \$309,425:-

TOWN COUNCIL, NEW AMSTERDAM.

Subhead 9. Subvention towards cost of maintenance of Roads and Streets.

A recommendation to Executive Council for an additional increase of \$4,000:- that is, from \$16,000:- to \$20,000:- was approved.

HEAD 32 - MISCELLANEOUS - SUBVENTIONS, Etc., MUNICIPAL, was accordingly increased by \$3,200:- and passed at \$367,425:-

<u>HEAD.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
	\$.
<u>HEAD V - FINANCES (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed ..	\$ 72,455:-
<u>HEAD XVI - RURAL SELF HELP (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed	120,000
<u>HEAD XX - AMERINDIAN DEVELOPMENT</u> - passed as printed ..	23,000
<u>HEAD X - LANDS AND MINES (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed.	22,000
<u>HEAD XV - MISCELLANEOUS (DEVELOPMENT)</u>	

Subhead 3. Government Recording Studio.

Committee considered that expenditure on this subhead should be reserved.

The Head was passed at	158,006
<u>HEAD XIX - RURAL ELECTRIFICATION (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed	272,000
<u>HEAD 53 - COLONIAL EMERGENCY MEASURES</u> - passed as printed	459,894
<u>HEAD 48 - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS DEPARTMENT</u> - passed as printed	1,805,878
<u>HEAD XIV - TRANSPORT AND HARBOURS (DEVELOPMENT)</u> - passed as printed	2,590,868
<u>HEAD 2 - LEGISLATURE.</u>	

This Head was recommitted and the words "Parliamentary Secretaries" printed in subhead 1(7) and subhead 2 were deleted.

The Head was passed at 172,836

HEAD 7 - CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

This Head was recommitted and at the request of the Chairman, a new subhead, viz. 6. One (1) Set-Off Lithographic Machine inserted and the sum of \$12,500:- provided therefor.

The Head which was previously reduced by \$100:- was accordingly increased by \$12,500:- and passed at 89,914

HEAD 26C - MEDICAL - HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.

This Head was recommitted and at the request of the Chairman, items (14) and (15) of Subhead 1. Personal Emoluments were amended to read as follows:-

- (14) - 16 Senior Dispensers - A 14 b
- (15) - 41 Dispensers - A 16 a

Total of Head remained as passed at \$ 4,170,300:-
(Details were supplied to Members in F.C. Memorandum No. 1/58).

../ HEAD 26.

<u>HEAD.</u>	<u>Amount.</u>
	\$.
<u>HEAD 26 - MEDICAL</u>	

This Head was recommitted and at the request of the Chairman the salary scale attached to item (4) Senior Medical Officer of Subhead 1. Personal Emoluments was amended to read F 13 instead of F 14.

Total of Head remained as passed at \$1,256,365:-

Confirmation of Minutes.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 11th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 27th, 30th and 31st December, 1957 and the 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 14th January, 1958, were confirmed.

Consideration of 1958 Draft Estimates Completed.

The Chairman informed Members that they had completed consideration of the 1958 Draft Estimates, both Recurrent and Development.

He thanked them for their help and co-operation during the deliberations.

The meeting terminated at 6.15 p.m.

Confirmed,

Chairman,
Finance Committee.

Assistant Clerk of the Legislature,
Clerk to the Committee.