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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,

Lot 6, Brickdam,

Georgetown,

27th April, 1960.

I have the honour to submit the attached report
on the work of the Department of Local Government for the year

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,



Commissioner of Local Government.

The Honourable,
The Minister of Community Development
and Education.

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PART I - LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Staff

1. (i) At the 31st December the Staff of this Division consisted of the following:-

Commissioner of Local Government	- D.L.B. Wickham
Deputy Commissioner of Local Government	- H.S. Burrowes
Community Development Officer	- L.B. Thompson, M.B.E.
Executive Officer and Secretary Local Government Board	- L.A. Fonseca
6 District Commissioners	- L. Forbes
	J.A.S. Douglas
	W.A. Angoy
	R. Rai
	M.N. Fernandes
	W.S. Cameron
2 Administrative Assistants	
8 Assistant District Commissioners	
1 Senior Clerk	
10 Class I Clerks	
15 Class II Clerks	
5 Temporary Class II Clerks	
1 Woman Secretary	
10 Clerical Assistants	

(ii) In November 1959, Mr. Wickham was informed that the permission of the Secretary of State for his voluntary retirement had been given.

(iii) Mr. H.S. Burrowes proceeded on pre-retirement leave on 29th June, 1959, after 38 years of service, and Mr. L. Forbes was appointed to act as Deputy Commissioner of Local Government.

(iv) Mr. Douglas was seconded to the Local Government Reorganisation Team.

Organisation and Methods

2. (i) The functions of Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Community Development and Education, in so far as they relate to Local Government, Community Development, Social Welfare (including Social Assistance, Probation, Prisons and Approved Schools) are performed by the Commissioner of Local Government. Those for Education are performed by the Director of Education. The Commissioner of Local Government and the Director of Education submit papers direct to the Minister charged with the Departments and subjects for which he is responsible. The functions of the Immigration Agent General were transferred to the Registrar General with effect from 1st June, 1959.

(ii) A typing pool has been established and all accounts are now kept in one section of the office.

(iii) Mr. C.G.A. Thompson, a retired District Administration Officer who was engaged in 1958 to sort out old files with a view to revising records at Head Office and as a preliminary step in arranging records of archival value as mentioned in Dr. Black's report, continued this work in 1959.

Conferences and Courses

3. (i) Mr. J.A.S. Douglas attended a Course on Public and Business Administration at the University College of the West Indies for period June - August, 1959.

(ii) Mr. R.A. Cheong, Assistant District Commissioner attended the Overseas Services Training Course "B" at Oxford University.

(iii) Mr. L. Ramotar and Mr. W.A. Rajroop Class I Clerks attended a 5 month Local Government Training Course at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford under Dr. L.C. Hill, and during this period were attached to various local authorities in Berkshire.

Staff Co-ordination

4. (i) Two Senior Staff Conferences were held during the year: one on 13th March and the other on 14th and 16th November. The Minister of Community Development and Education attended both Conferences. Mr. V.H. Chinn, C.M.G. Social Welfare Advisor to the Secretary of State attended the Conference in March. He addressed the Conference on "Social Development".

(ii) Among the more important matters discussed at the Conferences were those dealing with:-

- (a) Local Government Development in Amerindian areas;
- (b) Land Registration;
- (c) Rural Self Help Policy;
- (d) The Committee System in Local Government;
- (e) Staff Training;
- (f) Pure Water Supply in Rural Areas;
- (g) Local Government Elections.
- (h) Exchange of visits between District Commissioners on the Coast and in the Interior.

Boards and Committees.

5. The Commissioner of Local Government served on the following during the year:-

as Chairman

- (a) The Local Government Board.

as Vice-Chairman

- (b) The Drainage and Irrigation Board.

as a member

- (c) Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee;
- (d) Population Census Demarcation Committee;
- (e) Pure Water Supply Standing Committee;
- (f) Whitley Council for Professional and Administrative Officers (Official side);
- (g) University College of the West Indies Advisory Committee on Extra Mural Studies;
- (h) Public Free Library Committee;
- (i) Standing Committee for the Protection and Preservation of Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites;

(k) .../

(j) One ad hoc Committee -

Special Committee of Whitley Council to review subsistence, field, station and local allowances.

The Deputy Commissioner of Local Government is a member of the following:-

- (i) Central Board of Health;
- (ii) Prison Officers Appointments and Promotions Committee.

Local Government Reform

6. (i) Steps were taken in 1956 to recruit the specialist staff required to formulate the new system of Local Government, and to work out its application to individual areas, as recommended in the 1955 Report by Dr. A.H. Marshall. By the end of 1957 all of the five Commissioners had been appointed, but in December, 1957, Dr. L.C. Hill, one of the Commissioners, relinquished his appointment. In March, 1958, Mr. J.H. Robinson was granted permission to terminate his agreement.

(ii) Dr. Marshall's recommendations for the reform and extension of Local Government in the Colony envisage, among other things, a single tier system of local government under which the whole of the coastlands and riverain areas, excluding Greater Georgetown and New Amsterdam, but including unorganised areas and sugar estates, should be divided into not more than eighteen Rural Districts to be administered by Rural District Councils. This involves the abolition of the existing village councils and country authorities. The proposed Rural District Councils would each consist of not more than twenty-four members of whom some would be nominated for the first term only. The franchise, which is at present restricted to owners of property above a certain value, would be extended to include tenants occupying lands or buildings above a certain value.

(iii) As far as the Municipalities are concerned, Dr. Marshall recommended a single tier system of Local Government for the Greater Georgetown Area with a separate Ordinance for its government - the Council to consist of twenty-four elected members with six additional nominated members for the first term of four years; that the town of New Amsterdam should retain its separate identity but that its boundaries should be extended and that it be brought under the general local government legislation while retaining its borough status and some other privileges.

(iv) On the question of universal adult suffrage for Local Government, Dr. Marshall recommended that if adult suffrage were maintained in respect of the central government it should be applied to local government.

(v) Government's proposals for giving effect to the principal recommendations in Dr. Marshall's report, were embodied in Sessional Paper No. 5/1958 which was laid in Legislative Council on 28th August, 1958. It is not proposed to give effect to certain of Dr. Marshall's recommendations, the most important variations being -

- (a) the elimination of appointed members of Local authorities; and

(b)/.....

(b) the basis of property valuation in Georgetown and New Amsterdam,

(vi) In 1959, the Local Government (Valuation of Property) Ordinance 1959 was enacted. This Ordinance provides for a uniform system of valuation of property for rating purposes. A Valuation Officer was appointed under this Ordinance in 1959. It is intended that he should commence the valuation of properties in Greater Georgetown, New Amsterdam and No., 52 to Crabwood Creek area in 1960.

(vii) Further legislation relating to the proposed local government reforms will, it is hoped, be introduced in 1960 to provide for the constitution and election of the new local authorities, the financial and general powers of the authorities and the setting up of a Local Government Service Commission.

(viii) As from 1st December, 1958, it was decided that the team of Local Government Commissioners and their staff should be fully integrated with the Ministry and that such co-ordination as might be desirable should be undertaken by the Commissioner of Local Government as Permanent Secretary. Meetings were held from time to time with the Commissioner of Local Government as Chairman.

Municipal Administration

7. (i) GEORGETOWN - The city of Georgetown comprising an area of 1612 acres and a population of 97,000 (approximately) is administered by a Mayor and Town Council and is divided into nine wards, for each of which one councillor is elected; in addition, three councillors are nominated by the Governor in Council. All councillors normally hold office for a period of two years.

(ii) The following were members of the Council during the year:-

Mr. L.F.S. Burnham	-	Mayor	(elected)
Mr. R.B. Gajraj	-	Deputy Mayor	"
Mr. E.M. Gonsalves	-		"
Mr. C.V. Wight, C.B.E.	-		"
Mr. P.C. Wight, O.B.E.	-		"
Mr. J. Singh	-		"
Mr. L.A. Luckhoo, Q.C.	-		"
Mr. G.F. De Sebastiani	-		"
Mr. C.A. Merriman	-		"
Mr. E. S. Stoby	-		(nominated)
Dr. A. S. Chickerie	-		"
Mrs. R.T. Bayley	-		"

Mr. P.C. Wight, O.B.E. resigned as a Councillor with effect from 23rd March, 1959; no one was nominated under Section 4(i) of the Municipal Councils (Postponement of Election) Ordinance 1958, to fill this vacancy.

(iii) In addition to a Town Clerk, there is a Medical Officer and a City Engineer.

(iv) The revenue of the Council is derived from a tax and rate on the assessed annual rental value of lands and buildings within the municipal boundaries and from market fees, water rates, etc. Government's subvention towards maintenance of roads and streets was \$110,000.

(v) .../

(v) The estimated expenditure to be met from revenue for 1959 amounted to \$2,444,284.

(vi) Since 1951, Georgetown has been served with a potable water supply, provided by a ~~Capacity~~ Rapid Gravity Filter and Treatment Plant which delivered 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons per day. The water supply is obtained from a conservancy augmented by two artesian wells. Daily bacteriological tests are carried out on the treated water with highly satisfactory results.

(vii) In accordance with Sections 81 and 84 of the Georgetown Town Council Ordinance, Mr. L.A. Luckhoo, Q.C. was elected Mayor and Mr. G.F. De Sebastiani elected Deputy Mayor respectively of Georgetown for 1960.

8. (i) NEW AMSTERDAM - The Town of New Amsterdam is administered by a Mayor and Town Council, and is divided into six wards for each of which one councillor is elected; in addition, three councillors are nominated by the Governor in Council. All councillors hold office for a period of two years.

(ii) The following were members of the Council during the year:-

Mr. W.O.R. Kendall	- Mayor	(elected)
Mr. F.J. July, M.B.E.	- Deputy Mayor	(nominated)
Mr. S.F. Carew	-	(elected)
Mr. H. Bartrum	-	"
Mr. C.J.E. Fung-a-Fat	-	"
Mr. J.G. Pimento	-	"
Mr. M. Ganpatsingh	-	(nominated)
Mrs. L.D. Cooper	-	"

(iii) Like the City of Georgetown, New Amsterdam has a Town Clerk and maintains its own Health Department. The Government Medical Officer of Health is, however, honorary Health Officer to the Municipality.

(iv) The Council operates its own electricity works, supplying electric current in a franchise area within a five mile radius of the town.

(v) It also provides a piped water supply for domestic and fire-fighting purposes from a conservancy, but no facilities are available for purification.

(vi) The revenue of the town is raised in a similar way to that of Georgetown. The estimated expenditure to be met from revenue in 1959 amounted to \$681,938. The subvention paid by Government for the maintenance of roads and streets was \$20,000.

(vii) During December, in accordance with sections 87 and 90 of the New Amsterdam Town Council Ordinance, Mr. W.O.R. Kendall was elected Mayor and Mr. F.J. July was elected Deputy Mayor of New Amsterdam for 1960.

Town Council Elections.

9. (i) Under the provisions of section 26(1) of the Georgetown Town Council Ordinance, Chapter 152, and 34(1) of the New Amsterdam Town Council Ordinance, Chapter 161, elections in respect of the Georgetown and New Amsterdam Town Councils were due to be held during the first fifteen days of December, 1958. As steps were being taken to introduce legislation early in 1959 to reform the Georgetown and New Amsterdam Town Councils in pursuance of recommendations made

by Dr. Marshall it was not considered desirable to proceed with the elections until the reform had been achieved.

(ii) The Municipal Councils (Postponement of Elections) Ordinance, No. 32 of 1958, accordingly made provisions for the postponement of the election of members of the Georgetown Town Council and New Amsterdam Town Council.

(iii) Legislation to reform the Georgetown and New Amsterdam Town Councils was not introduced in 1959 and no Town Council Elections were held during the year.

Georgetown Sewerage and Water Commissioners.

10. (i) The Georgetown Sewerage and Water Commissioners Board is a corporate body constituted by the Georgetown Sewerage and Water Ordinance, Chapter 153, as amended by Ordinance No. 19 of 1957 and is vested with responsibility for the water works and sewerage system of Georgetown. The Board is constituted as follows:-

(a) seven persons appointed by the Governor in Council of whom three at least shall be elected members of the Georgetown Town Council nominated by the Council;

(b) the Mayor of Georgetown.

Appointed Commissioners hold office for two years, but are eligible for re-appointment.

(ii) The Chairman of the Commissioners is appointed by the Governor and holds office for two years and is eligible for re-appointment.

(iii) The following were Commissioners during 1959:-

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Mr. L.F.S. Burnham |) | - Chairman |
| Mr. R.B. Gajraj |) | - elected members |
| Mr. G.F. De Sebastiani |) | of the Georgetown |
| Mr. C.V. Wight, C.B.E.) |) | Town Council. |
| Mr. B.L. Greathead | | |
| Mr. I. Grant | | |
| Mr. J. Thompson | | |
| Mr. Azeem Khan | | |

Administration of the Coastlands.

11. (i) British Guiana is divided into nine Administrative Districts, as follows:-

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Coastal districts | - | East Berbice, West Berbice, East Demerara, West Demerara, Essequibo Islands , Essequibo. |
| Interior districts | - | North West, Mazaruni-Potaro and Rupununi. |

(ii) The Commissioner of Local Government is responsible for the administration of the coastlands of the Colony. The bulk of the Colony's population is resident in the coastal district in villages with inhabitants numbering between 100 and 6,000, some of the villages being potential towns because of their area and the size of their population.

(iii) Each administrative district on the coastlands is administered by a District Commissioner over whom the Commissioner of Local Government exercises general supervision and guidance. Correspondence and matters relating to district administration are dealt with by the Commissioner of Local Government who acts as a liaison officer between the Central Government and local administration.

(iv) The principal duties of the District Commissioner are to co-ordinate the activities of the various Government Departments in his district and to provide advice and assistance to the village communities especially in the management of village affairs.

Village Administration.

12. A system of Local Government is maintained in the coastal and interior districts and for this purpose certain areas have been declared village or country districts under the provisions of the Local Government Ordinance, Chapter 150. At the end of 1959 there were forty-nine (49) villages and forty-five (45) country districts in existence.

13. (i) The central authority of this system of administration is the Local Government Board, a corporate body, constituted as follows:-

- (a) Three ex-officio members: the Commissioner of Local Government, the Director of Medical Services or in his absence an officer of the Medical Department authorised by him, and the President of the Association known as the Village Chairmen's Conference.
- (b) Seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:-
 - (1) Two persons who are members of village councils or of country authorities;
 - (2) one person nominated by the British Guiana Sugar Producers' Association; and
 - (3) four other persons.

(ii) The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Board are appointed by the Governor. Appointed members hold office for two years from the date of their appointment and are eligible for re-appointment.

(iii) The Board was reconstituted on 7th December, 1959, the following persons being its members:-

The Commissioner of Local Government (Chairman)
Mr. R.J. Semple (Deputy Chairman)
The Director of Medical Services
Rev. D.C.J. Bobb
Mr. Mohabeer
Mr. W.E.V. Harrison
Mr. S. Seegobin
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
Mr. G.J. Chhangur
Mr. G. Younge

(iv) The following members are directly connected with Local Government in the rural areas:-

The Rev. D.C.J. Bobb - President of the British Guiana Village Chairmen's Conference.

- Mr. Mohabeer - Chairman, Melville & Sans Souai Village District.
- Mr. G.J. Chhangur - Chairman of the Upper Corentyne Ratepayers Association.

(v) The undermentioned members from time to time have served as members of Local Authorities:-

The Rev. D.C.J. Bobb
Mr. R.J. Semple
Mr. S. Seegobin
Mr. E.M.G. Wilson
Mr. G. Younge

(vi) The Board met on eighteen occasions. In addition the Estimates Committee met on seven occasions and the Staff and Contracts Committee on four occasions.

14. (i) The affairs of the village and country districts are under the immediate direction of local authorities. Subsequent to September, 1959, the village council of a village district consisted of not more than nine elected and appointed councillors in the proportion of two to one. In September, 1959, the Local Government Ordinance was amended to provide for the council consisting of only elected councillors.

(ii) Each village council consists of such number of councillors as the Local Government Board may from time to time determine. A village council cannot however consist of less than six councillors.

(iii) In the case of country districts all members are appointed by the Local Government Board.

(iv) Since the close of the year several country districts have been elevated to village districts and six amalgamated to form three village districts.

(v) A list giving the names of the village and country districts as at 31st December, 1959 is at Appendix I.

15. (i) Local Authorities are responsible for the maintenance of proper means of communication within their districts. The main roads passing through the villages are maintained by the central government, but village roads and the irrigation and drainage canals and dams not under the control of the Drainage and Irrigation Board have to be maintained by the Local Authorities.

(ii) Local Authorities are concerned with the provision of potable water. The cost of all earth works necessary for the laying of pipes and the annual maintenance and operational costs of overhead tanks from which water is supplied are borne by the Local Authorities. The Central Government provides the artesian well, pipe lines, sumps and overhead tanks.

(iii) The provision of irrigation water, proper drainage, pasture lands, the laying out of land for building purposes, the establishment of community centres and the control of trades are all matters which concern local authorities.

(iv) Local Authorities are the local sanitary authorities under the Public Health Ordinance and are responsible to the Central Board of Health for the general sanitary condition of the villages. They may provide markets, abattoirs and cemeteries.

(v) .../

(v) Local Authorities are represented on the Local Government Board, the Drainage and Irrigation Board, the Sea Defence Board, the Central Board of Health, the District Drainage Advisory Committees, the Regional Development Committees and the Local Board of Guardians.

16. (i) The District Commissioners are the channels of communication between the Local Authorities and the Local Government Board, through the Commissioner of Local Government. The Local Government Ordinance, Cap. 150, confers on District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners the right to attend meetings of Local Authorities and to take part in the business of meetings, but not to vote.

(ii) During the year the District Commissioners and Assistant District Commissioners attended 243 meetings of the Local Authorities.

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of L.A.'s in District</u>	<u>No. of meetings attended.</u>
East Berbice	21	69
West Berbice	12	29
East Demerara	23	80
West Demerara	18	9
Essequibo	9	33
Essequibo Islands	9	12
Mazaruni-Potaro	1	6
North West	1	5

(iii) Revenue collected by the Local Authorities is paid weekly to the District Commissioners of the respective administrative districts, and is deposited in a special account in the bank. Reserve funds for general or specific purposes are deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank and may not be withdrawn unless with the approval of the Local Government Board. Payment of all liabilities incurred by Local Authorities is made by authority of the District Commissioner.

(iv) Supplies of materials or stationery were previously ordered through the District Commissioners but late in 1959 the law was amended to enable the Chairman of the Local Authorities to order direct from the suppliers.

17. (i) There exist within each of the six administrative districts in the coastal region Unions of Local Authorities, voluntary associations which as a rule meet quarterly. The objects of these Unions are -

(a) to promote co-operation and mutual understanding in dealing with matters affecting local authorities; and

(b) to co-operate with Government in all schemes for the general improvement of the Colony.

(ii) The District Commissioners or the Assistant District Commissioners attend and address the meetings, reviewing the main events of the preceding quarter, commenting on the affairs of the day and the plans for the future, and stressing important matters raised by the Local Government Board and previously circulated to Local Authorities.

(iii) Union meetings are also attended by other Senior District Government Officers e.g. the Agricultural Officer, the District Engineer and the District Social Welfare Officer. In recent years the practice of inviting guest speakers has been adopted and addresses by Ministers of the Government and by specialist officers are frequently arranged. Government's policy in many fields is explained and discussed on these occasions.

(iv) .../

(iv) There is also an annual assembly of the Village Chairmen's Conference which has been in existence since 1901. The Conference provides the opportunity for representatives of all rural local authorities to meet and consider matters of common interest and to decide on means of improving conditions and the administration of villages generally. On occasions, His Excellency the Governor attends and declares Conference open.

(v) These voluntary Organisations fulfil a useful service to the Community by focussing attention on matters of importance. The decisions made are not binding on any one, but, nevertheless, their influence is felt. The evolution of local government will no doubt be greatly influenced by the experience of these organisations and the knowledge which the representatives of the local authorities have gained through friendly intercourse not only among themselves but in association with Government Officers.

Local Authorities - Election of Village Councillors

18.(i) General elections of Village Councillors for the period 1960-1961 were held during November. In previous years 1/3 of the members were appointed by the Local Government Board but in September, 1959 the Local Government Ordinance, Chapter 150 was amended to provide for wholly elected councils.

(ii) In the villages in which contested elections were held 8,506 voters (57.7%) of a total of 14,697 registered voters exercised the franchise. There were 467 rejected votes.

(iii) Every person who -

(a) has attained the age of 21 years;

(b) is under no legal incapacity;

(c) is a British subject;

(d) is the proprietor of land, or of a building, or of land and a building in the village of the value of not less than \$50.00 as recorded in the assessment book of a village

is entitled to be registered as a voter in a village district.

(iv) Every registered voter is entitled to one vote for every seat to be filled. Where a district is divided into electoral divisions a voter is, however, only entitled to as many votes as there are seats to be filled for the division in which he is registered.

(v) Details of the election are at appendix II.

Local authorities - Finance

19. The following table shows the total rates and revenue collected from all sources and the total expenditure of the local authorities in the various administrative districts at the end of 1959. The percentages of rates collected in 1958 are shown for the purpose of comparison:-

ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT	RATES		% 1959	% 1958	REVENUE ALL SOURCES*	EXPENDITURE #
	COLLECTIBLE	COLLECTED				
<u>East Berbice</u>						
Upper Corentyne	237,296.25	185,973.07	78.7	84.3	321,510.92	287,074.55
Central Corentyne	54,691.68	42,123.20	77.0	83.7	62,232.26	53,997.13
Lower Corentyne	101,216.80	60,472.32	59.7	66.3	94,251.73	88,231.63
East Coast and East Bank Berbice						
<u>West Berbice</u>	56,409.40	29,702.95	56.2	55.15	83,877.23	77,539.67
<u>East Demerara</u>						
East Coast Section	175,332.56	133,198.63	75.9	80.6	222,314.36	203,591.34
East Bank Section	234,916.59	216,943.80	92.3	89.5	291,556.91	279,475.19
<u>West Demerara</u>	109,529.63	90,694.46	83.0	86.5	126,656.14	124,992.45
<u>Essequibo Islands</u>	14,927.33	13,075.72	87.6	88.9	20,713.91	14,349.25
<u>Essequibo</u>	23,134.23	22,192.72	73.7	86.1	53,710.25	33,038.14
<u>North West</u>	2,492.51	2,305.31	92.5	88.3	3,099.85	3,593.63
<u>Mazaruni-Potaro</u>	25,161.60	19,402.35	77.1	83.7	33,980.43	32,009.31
	1,040,153.33	816,091.03	78.5	82.4	1,314,753.64	1,197,932.89

* excludes loan balances, loans received during 1959 and Government's contribution towards Drainage and Irrigation Rates.

excludes Government's contribution towards Drainage and Irrigation Rates and expenditure from loan balances.

20. (i) The total collection of rates was \$816,091.08 which is \$449.49 more than that collected in 1958. The total amount of rates collected amounted to 78.5% of that collectible as compared with 82.4% in 1958.

(ii) A statement showing the total revenue and total expenditure in respect of each local authority is given at Appendix III.

(iii) Details of expenditure in respect of each local authority are set out in Appendix IV.

(iv) A comparative statement of total rates and total revenue collected over the period 1940 - 1959 is at Appendix V.

Arrears Rates

21. (i) Of a total of \$230,099.63 arrears rates outstanding at 1st January, 1959, a sum of \$163,582.92 had been collected at the end of the year leaving \$66,516.71 uncollected.

(ii) An amount of \$221,083.44 out of a total of \$1,040,158.88 collectible in rates for the year 1959 was outstanding at the end of the year. The total amount of arrears rates outstanding at the end of 1959 was therefore \$287,600.15.

(iii) Particulars of each administrative district are set out in the following table:-

DISTRICT	COLLECTIBLE	COLLECTED	PERCENTAGE		BALANCE OUT- STANDING AT	1959 RATES OUTSTANDING AT	TOTAL ARREARS AT
			1959	1958			
<u>EAST BERBICE</u>							
Upper Corentyne	51,517.97	38,887.82	75.5	80.0	12,630.15	51,323.18	63,953.33
Central Corentyne	18,019.20	10,250.56	56.7	61.0	7,768.64	12,568.68	20,337.32
Lower Corentyne, East Coast & East Bank Berbice	33,191.48	22,515.97	67.8	60.2	10,675.51	40,743.98	51,419.39
<u>WEST BERBICE</u>	36,904.70	20,413.40	55.3	60.3	16,491.50	26,706.45	43,197.38
<u>EAST DEMERARA</u>							
East Coast Section	37,880.01	27,720.01	73.2	75.6	10,160.00	42,133.88	52,293.88
East Bank Section	25,395.38	23,626.07	93.3	94.7	1,769.31	17,967.79	19,737.20
<u>WEST DEMERARA</u>	15,347.12	11,694.82	76.2	71.5	3,652.31	18,835.22	22,487.53
<u>ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS</u>	1,543.40	1,233.64	79.9	71.6	309.76	1,846.17	2,155.93
<u>ESSEQUIBO</u>	5,346.41	3,189.11	59.6	66.4	2,151.30	5,991.56	8,148.86
<u>NORTH WEST</u>	381.61	296.29	77.64	81.4	85.32	186.70	272.02
<u>MAZARUNI-POTARO</u>	4,572.34	3,755.23	89.07	89.01	817.11	2,779.83	3,596.94
	230,099.63	163,583.92	73.1	71.5	66,518.71	221,083.44	287,600.15

Proceedings by Parate Execution

22. A total of 1440 proceedings for the recovery of arrears rates were lodged by local authorities during 1959. There were 2381 proceedings outstanding at 31st December, 1958 making a total of 3829 in progress during the year. Of this total 727 were withdrawn and 629 completed, leaving a total of 2473 outstanding at the end of the year. Details in respect of each administrative district are set out below:-

Administrative District	Outstanding at 31.12.58	Lodged in 1959	Total	Withdrawn	Completed	Outstanding at 31.12.59
East Berbice	479	237	716	154	195	367
West Berbice	337	225	562	123	98	341
East Demerara	731	685	1,416	78	157	1,161
West Demerara	475	131	606	254	65	287
Essequibo Islands	130	-	130	-	-	130
Essequibo	190	51	241	34	58	149
North West	1	19	20	-	12	8
Mazaruni-Potaro	33	100	133	84	44	10
	2,381	1,443	3,829	727	629	2,473

Orders on Collectors of Rates

23. Under Section 120 of the Local Government Ordinance, Chapter 150, whenever it appears to the Local Government Board that the collection of rates or rents of any local authority is unduly delayed, it may by an order signed by the Secretary of the Board, require the Collector of Rates forthwith to proceed in the manner prescribed by the Ordinance for the recovery of rates or rents overdue. If the Collector of Rates fails to comply with the order, the Board has the power of removing him from office and of appointing a successor. Eleven orders were made in 1959.

Loans and Grants to Local Authorities

24. (i) The following table shows the total liability of local authorities to Government on ordinary loan account at 31st December, 1959 exclusive of interest charges and loans obtained during 1959:-

Administrative District	Total loans at 1.1.59	Total amount paid at 31.12.59	Balance
	\$	\$	\$
East Berbice	150,850.00	62,654.58	88,195.42
West Berbice	72,496.00	35,393.95	37,102.05
East Demerara			
(a) East Coast Section	175,314.88	42,323.13	132,991.75
(b) East Bank Section	476,466.37	102,547.80	373,918.57
West Demerara	50,249.99	21,434.05	28,815.94
Essequibo Islands	18,893.50	12,232.46	6,661.04
Essequibo	33,446.49	18,900.09	14,546.40
North West	5,225.00	810.01	4,414.99
Mazaruni-Potaro	6,300.00	4,355.93	1,944.07
	989,242.23	300,652.00	688,590.23

(ii) Details are contained in Appendix VI in respect of each administrative district.

(iii) Interest at the rate of 6% per annum is charged by Government on all loans made to local authorities. Prior to 1st January, 1957, the rate of interest was 4%. The period of repayment varies according to the nature of the work and the ability of the local authority to meet the annual charges.

(iv) Sections 176(2) and 177 of the Local Government Ordinance provide the following:-

"176(2). The Local Authority of a village or country district may, with the sanction of the Board, borrow any sum of money required for the purposes of the district, and may pledge the security of the rates and of the property generally of the local authority for the repayment of the loan together with interest."

"177. In every case of borrowing it shall be the duty of the Board, and it is hereby empowered, to cause adequate provision to be made in the annual rate of the village or country district as the case may be, for repayment of the loan together with interest; and if it thinks it necessary so to do, to levy a further rate or rates for the purpose; and such rate shall have the same preference and be recoverable in the same manner as the annual rate of the village or country district."

(v) It has been the practice for a block vote to be provided in the Annual Estimates of the Colony for granting loans to local authorities and they were restricted until 1956 to borrowing from this source only.

(vi) The amount provided in 1959 was \$100,000.

(vii) In 1956 it was decided by the Governor in Council that local authorities should be permitted to seek and obtain loans from the British Guiana Credit Corporation provided that each application was approved by the Local Government Board and was made with the concurrence of the Member for Local Government, Social Welfare and Co-operative Development (now the Minister of Community Development and Education). It was also decided that a block vote should continue to be provided in the Colony Estimates to enable loans to be made to Local Authorities, such provision to be used principally in cases where the loan required was for purposes of the kind which were not normally considered by the Credit Corporation.

(viii) Loans totalling \$100,000 were sanctioned by Government during the year as follows:-

<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Amount of loan</u>	<u>Period of Repayment</u>	<u>Purpose of loan</u>
Rose Hall	\$15,000	12 years	To develop swamp and reef sections for residential occupation.
Limlair	7,300	7 years	To recondition drainage works.
Limlair	1,400	7 years	To survey boundaries
Whim	4,000	10 years	To clear 3rd depth and dig trench.
East Coast Berbice	1,200		To empolder 100 acres of rice lands.
Clonbrook	4,600	7 years	To recondition Middle Walk trench.
Agricola	19,220	10 years	To recondition Brutus Street.
Beterverwagting-Triumph	14,308	7 years	To recondition drainage and irrigation trenches.
Plaisance	18,840	15 years	To rebuild main roads.
Central Mahaicony	4,967	15 years	To erect market.
La Grange	4,630	10 years	To recondition drainage and irrigation trenches.
Den Amstel/ Fellowship	685	-	To finance cost of proceedings instituted for recovery of rates.
Best	250	at the end of 1960	To relay pipe lines.
North Klien Pouderoyen	800	5 years	To construct canal for irrigation.
Phoenix	700	5 years	To carry out drainage works.
Morawhanna	2,100	15 years	To recondition 1st streets.

Short-Term Advances to Local Authorities.

25. (i) A sum of \$15,000 was provided on the Colony Estimates for the purpose of making short-term advances to local authorities to enable them to carry out urgent seasonal works and to meet urgent commitments in the early part of the year pending the collection of rates.

(ii) Previously the rate of interest charged on these advances was 4% but this rate was increased as from 1st January, 1958 to 6%.

(iii) Advances are made on certain conditions, one of which is that the Local Authority must have collected in the preceding year not less than 80% of the collectible rates and rents.

(iv) The following local authorities obtained short-term advances during the year and the amounts and the purposes for which they were required are stated opposite each:-

Lots 47-48	\$3,000.00	To carry out urgent drainage works.
Huis t'Dieren	2,000.00	To carry out urgent drainage works.
La Grange	1,000.00	To carry out urgent seasonal works and to meet urgent commitments.
Best	500.00	To relay pipe lines.
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(v) In addition to the assistance given to local authorities by way of loans, annual grants towards administrative expenses were made as follows:-

Bartica	\$1,500
Best	180
Beterverwagting & Triumph	180
Buxton & Friendship	278
Central Mahaicony	75
Christianburg & Wismar	180
Clonbrook	41
Danielstown	104
Den Amstel & Fellowship	360
Golden Grove & Nabaclis	45
Mahaica-Helena-Supply	161
Huis t'Dieren	6
La Bagatelle	30
La Grange	60
Melville & Sans Souci	15
Morawhanna	300
Parika	30
Plaisance	120
Pouderoyen	75
Sheet Anchor-No. 2-Palmyra	90
Sparendaam	75
Suddie	1,200
Unity & Lancaster	83
Vergenoegen	360
Vreed-en-Hoop	30
Whim	180
Eastern Mahaicony	100
East Coast, Berbice	75

\$5,935

(vi) .../

(vi) The Morawhanna Country Authority receives a special grant of \$400.00 per annum towards the cost of river defences.

(vii) The whole question of grant aid to local authorities will be reviewed when the new district councils have been established - vide paragraph 6.

26. (i) Reserve Funds were introduced many years ago with the object of providing funds for the reconditioning of drainage works and to meet unforeseen expenditure that might arise. In recent years local authorities have provided funds in their reserve for the erection of new village offices and community centres and for the maintenance and replacement of radio sets.

(ii) Reserve Funds are paid into the Post Office Savings Bank Account and interest is added every year. Details of the amount at credit of the local authorities with reserve funds are shown at Appendix VII.

Inspection of Books and accounts

27. (i) Section 102 of the Local Government Ordinance, empowers the Director of Audit or District Commissioner, or any person authorised in writing by either of them, at any time to call for, examine and make extracts from the books, documents, plans, charts, vouchers and accounts of a village or country district and to require the Collector of Rates or other officer to produce for his inspection any moneys in his custody.

(ii) Inspections are carried out annually by the members of the staff of each District Commissioner. During the year 51 local authorities were so inspected. Details are as follows:-

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of Local Authorities in district</u>	<u>No. inspected</u>
East Berbice	21	7
West Berbice	12	8
East Demerara	23	9
West Demerara	18	17
Essequibo Islands	9	3
Essequibo	9	5
Mazaruni-Potaro	1	1
North West	1	1
	<u>94</u>	<u>51</u>

(iii) During 1956, proposals were put forward by the Director of Audit whereby his Department would undertake an annual audit of the accounts of local authorities and at the same time, if necessary advise the Local Government Board as to the proper form and method of accounting for the revenue and expenditure of the local authorities. The Director of Audit also indicated that he would be prepared to undertake the training of the accounts personnel of the local authorities.

(iv) It was agreed that the Director of Audit would undertake, initially, the audit annually of twenty of the more important local authorities and that the local authorities concerned should be required to contribute a fee calculated at the rate of $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1% of the aggregate of the annual income and expenditure of each local authority, excluding Government's contribution towards the Drainage and Irrigation Board's assessment.

(v) These proposals were, however, dependent on the additional staff sought by the Director of Audit being approved.

(vi) The local authorities and Union of Local Authorities concerned were notified and their views invited. Sixteen local authorities agreed to have their books audited by the Audit Department and to pay the fees as stipulated above. Of these 16 local authorities 7 were audited during 1959 as follows:-

Crabwood Creek
Lots Nos. 52-56
Rose Hall
Whim
Kitty and Alexanderville
Plaisance
Lodge

(vii) It is not intended that District Commissioners should be relieved of the duties of inspecting the books and accounts by this arrangement. They, however, collaborate with the officers of the Audit Department.

Districts Guarantee Fund

28. (i) Section 84(4) of the Local Government Ordinance, Chapter 150, provides that -

"Every overseer, assistant overseer, clerk or other officer shall when required so to do give security for the faithful performance of his duties in the sum and in the manner directed by the Board."

(ii) A fund known as the Districts Guarantee Fund has been in existence since 1924. The local authority subscribes in respect of each officer one quarter of the amount in which it is desired to be guaranteed for in the event of embezzlement of funds by that officer and pays an annual contribution thereafter of one half of one per centum per annum of the amount guaranteed. Reimbursements are made from the Fund to the local authority of the amount of any defalcations to the limit of the amount for which the local authority is guaranteed.

(iii) Officers of the local authorities who are guaranteed under the Fund are required to contribute annually one half of one per centum of the amount guaranteed. Their contributions are refundable to them on termination of their appointment.

(iv) In 1956 the fund was placed on a legal basis and an Ordinance was enacted establishing the Local Authorities Guarantee Fund and validating all previous acts done by the Board in relation to the Districts Guarantee Fund.

(v) The Ordinance contains provision for the making of Regulations by the Board for the following purposes:-

(a) prescribing the manner in which accounts relating to the Fund shall be kept;

(b) .../

- (b) providing for the auditing of accounts;
- (c) prescribing the payments to be made into the Fund by local authorities and by officers; and
- (d) generally, for the proper administration of the Fund and the carrying out of the provisions of the Ordinance.

(vi) The Balance Sheet of the Fund as at 31st December, 1959, is reproduced below:-

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Fund Account	18,021.93	Post Office Savings Bank	10,021.93
Overseers' Contributions	1,285.69	Collectors' Account	1,671.75
Interest on Overseers' Contributions	386.06	British Guiana 3½% Debentures	8,000.00
	\$19,693.68		\$19,693.68

Pensions and Gratuities to Officers and Servants of Local Authorities.

29. (i) In 1956, an Ordinance (No. 24 of 1956) was enacted to amend the Local Government Ordinance, Chapter 150 to empower local authorities to pay pensions and gratuities to its officers and servants and to empower the Board to make by-laws for the purpose of regulating the payment of pensions and law gratuities by local authorities. The Ordinance also validated payments of pensions and gratuities made by the local authorities prior to the commencement of the by-laws made by the Board.

(ii) The by-laws made by the Local Government Board were approved by the Governor in Council on 18th January, 1957. The by-laws made provision for -

- (a) The payment of a pension to every employee holding an approved appointment who has been in the service for 20 years or more;
- (b) The payment of a gratuity to every employee who has been in the service of a local authority for 7 continuous years or more but not exceeding 20 years;
- (c) The payment of a gratuity to every employee not holding an approved appointment who has been in the service of a local authority for at least 7 continuous years.

(iii) An approved appointment means an appointment declared as such by the Local Government Board and published in the Official Gazette.

RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

30. (i) Community Development is an integral part of the Development Programme in British Guiana and channels through the Regional Development Committees established since 1954 under the Chairmanship of District Commissioners. These Regional Development Committees cover all the rural areas in the Colony and their functions are as follows:-

- (a) to arouse interest in economic and social development and to stimulate discussion;
- (b) to encourage a spirit of enterprise and self help;
- (c) to promote and supervise community self help schemes which may be aided by government grants;
- (d) to encourage the development of Co-operatives;
- (e) to determine priorities for the hire of machinery under the Machinery Hire Pool Service;
- (f) to advise the Credit Corporation on applications for loans; and
- (g) to advise Government on schemes for development on matters referred to them.

(ii) The Agricultural Superintendent and District Engineer are ex-officio members of the Committees. All other members are appointed by the District Commissioners ranging over a wide field including the Local Authorities.

(iii) Amerindian affairs are dealt with by the Central Amerindian Committee with the Commissioner of Interior as Chairman.

31. In 1954 a Community Development and Welfare Grant of \$250,000 (\$52,083) was approved for the promotion of Rural Self Help Schemes. On 12th April, 1957 and 19th February, 1959 further grants of \$224,640 and \$225,000 were approved respectively to meet 90% of the cost of continuing the self help programme.

32. (i) On the coastlands, Government grants are limited to the amount of self help labour provided up to 50% of the estimated total cost of a project to cover the cost of materials, technical assistance and the purchase or hire of equipment.

(ii) In the interior grants may be made up to 75% of the total cost of a scheme. The group or community benefiting from the scheme, usually meets their part of the cost by contributing their labour without payment. It is gratifying to note that in many Interior schemes the Amerindians contribute very often more than 50% of the total cost.

33. Regional Development Committees may approve grants not exceeding \$1,000.00. The Commissioner of Local Government and the Commissioner of Interior may authorise grant contributions up to \$2,500. Those which require more than \$2,500 but less than \$5,000 require the approval of Executive Council, while those of over \$5,000 must be submitted to Executive Council and to the Secretary of State for approval.

34. (i) A total of 700 schemes have been approved from the inception in 1954 to September, 1959, valued at \$1,170,103.90 and requiring Government funds of \$537,059.79. Schemes have been approved in the several Administrative District as follows:-

<u>District</u>	<u>Nb. of Schemes</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Government Grant</u>
<u>East Berbice</u>			
(a) Upper Corentyne	57	87,934.83	41,120.90
# (b) Lower Corentyne	126	230,053.10	111,637.77
<u>West Berbice</u>	54	80,318.76	37,582.37
<u>East Demerara</u>			
East Coast Section	128	170,577.60	76,094.11
East Bank Section	12	11,511.70	5,485.66
<u>West Demerara</u>	61	84,991.87	38,611.03
<u>Essequibo Islands</u>	123	202,446.05	96,486.66
<u>Essequibo</u>	47	62,801.59	25,394.57
<u>Mazaruni-Potaro</u>	10	17,046.73	7,698.57
<u>Rupununi</u>	31	87,079.03	52,907.02
<u>North West District</u>	17	15,542.47	7,021.37
<u>Central Amerindian</u>	54	119,800.17	37,019.76
	700	1,170,103.90	537,059.79

Included in the 1958 Annual Report was the application by the Port Mourant United Co-operative Land Society, Ltd. to empolder and drain 1,600 acres of land for cultivation with rice and other crops. This Scheme involved a total cost of \$110,563.00 and a government grant of \$45,617.79 but was turned down by the Secretary of State.

RURAL SELF HELP SCHEMES

From 1954 to 31st December, 1959.

<u>District</u>	<u>No. Completed</u>	<u>No. Abandoned</u>	<u>No. in Progress</u>
<u>East Berbice</u>			
(a) Lower Corentyne	71	7	48
(b) Upper Corentyne	8	-	32
<u>West Berbice</u>	38	3	13
<u>East Demerara</u>			
East Coast Section	89	1	38
East Bank Section	9	-	3
<u>West Demerara</u>	44	7	10
<u>Essequibo Islands</u>	80	32	11
<u>Essequibo</u>	33	1	13
<u>Mazaruni-Potaro</u>	8	-	2
<u>Rupununi</u>	19	-	12
<u>North West District</u>	12	-	5
<u>Central Amerindian</u>	34	2	18
	<u>442</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>205</u>

(ii) The schemes approved in 1959 are classified by types as follows:-

A. Social Welfare

<u>Type</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Government Grant approved.</u>
Community Centres and Recreational Facilities	6	\$11,174.95	\$ 5,434.83
Improvement of Schools and Compounds	12	22,122.48	12,140.93
Roads & Streets (Residential Areas)	11	13,895.32	6,267.42
Co-operative Buildings and Shops	2	3,671.98	1,825.98
Improvement of Medical and Health Facilities	3	2,837.34	1,228.25
Miscellaneous	2	4,477.31	715.00
TOTAL "A"	36	56,779.38	27,612.41

B. Economic Development

<u>Type</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Government Grant approved</u>
Drainage & Irrigation	4	\$ 1,035.83	\$ 995.65
Agricultural Improve- ments	6	5,743.05	2,501.32
Stellings & Bonds	1	724.96	323.66
Access Roads & Bridges (in agricultural areas)	5	7,866.58	3,801.98
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TOTAL "B"	16	15,370.42	7,622.61
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TOTAL "A" & "B"	52	72,149.80	35,235.02
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35. Among several good schemes which were completed in 1959 was a \$13,000 Community Centre at Victoria, East Demerara, which was opened on 30th August by the Minister of Community Development and Education. This was done purely by self help efforts. Another important scheme was the construction of a $\frac{5}{4}$ mile long metal road at No. 1 Village, which has greatly helped the people of the area by providing easy passage for both pedestrians and vehicles.

36. Another scheme was the enclosing of the bottom flat of the Community Centre at Deterverwagting-Triumph which was opened on 28th September. Good progress is being made also on the hostel at St. Ignatius in the Rupununi for which a Government Grant of \$38,750.00 was approved in 1958. It is hoped that the hostel will be completed in 1960.

37. Although most of the schemes have been successfully completed or are making satisfactory progress, there are a few that have been ill-conceived, poorly planned and badly executed. In many cases there had been insufficient preliminary work done, and many of these schemes have been held up or have had to be abandoned.

38. The maintenance of all schemes is now the responsibility of the local authority or some other corporate body.

39. In 1959 the number of schemes approved has not been as great as in previous years, but schemes have been more carefully checked with regard to their suitability, related estimates and designs. There is still inadequate supervision of schemes due to lack of field staff; but it is hoped that the Assistant Social Welfare Officers in the districts will be in future able to give greater help in this respect and in community development generally.

40. The Community Organisers with the permission of the Commissioner of Housing continued to render valuable assistance in the promotion and execution of self help schemes.

41. At Queenstown, Essequibo, a new Community Development Project was launched. "Community Education Week" was held from the 19th to the 23rd of July, and was well attended by some 250 to 300 people. The object of the week was to stimulate interest in

Community Development and to create an awareness of the problems in the community and the desire to solve them by community action. A leadership course was also arranged from the 7th to 10th June inclusive. It is hoped that this course would be of benefit to likely leaders attached to the various statutory and voluntary organisations in the Queenstown Village District. The approach differed from that used in three pilot projects at Crabwood Creek, Golden Grove/Mabaclis and Huis t'Dieren. At Huis t'Dieren from the 24th to the 28th of August, there was a very successful "Food, Health and Home Week" Exhibition sponsored by the Huis t'Dieren Community Development Council.

42. At Savannah Park, the new housing area just outside New Amsterdam a "Better Homes Week" was held from the 26th to the 31st October, and the people participated keenly in all that took place.

43. The new project at Rosignol, West Berbice has not yet got underway.

Drainage and Irrigation

Drainage and Irrigation Rates

44. (i) The total drainage rates for 1959 payable by local authorities within drainage and irrigation areas declared under the Drainage and Irrigation Ordinance, amounted to \$289,746.77. Of this amount Government contributed \$131,114.47 and the local authorities \$158,632.30. Details are given in Appendix VIII.

(ii) In 1959 Government's contribution towards the drainage rates payable by individual local authorities in pump areas ranged between 66% and 90% of the total rates payable. Of the total rates of \$97,125 payable by local authorities in pump areas, Government contributed \$80,294 or 83% (approximately). The rate per acre in pump areas ranged between \$6.99 and \$26.31 and in gravity areas between 53¢ and \$16.88.

North Klien Pouderoyen Drainage Area.

45. (i) During 1954 the execution of the drainage works in this area was suspended because of certain legal difficulties and a special ordinance was passed in December, 1954 to enable the work to proceed. By the end of 1955, the main works had all been completed and the internal works started. Owing, however, to certain objections raised by proprietors in the area, work was suspended during 1956.

(ii) In 1957 the local authority, who had been informed that the alterations suggested by the proprietors would cost an extra \$6,000 asked the Drainage Board to divest itself of the works and undertook to do the work itself. Subsequently, however, the local authority reconsidered its decision and has asked the Drainage and Irrigation Board to continue with the works and has agreed to meet the additional costs of alterations estimated at \$6,000. Work on the scheme was completed in 1959 at a cost of \$33,000.00 (approximately). The improved drainage and irrigation system will ensure that farmers will no longer have to depend solely on rainfall for the cultivation of rice which is the main crop in the district.

Den Amstel and Fellowship:

46. (i) During 1958 arrangements were made for declaring Den Amstel and Fellowship a drainage and irrigation area. The

proposed/.....

proposed drainage scheme involves a capital expenditure of \$154,000 of which the Local Authority will be required to repay \$50,000 over a period of 25 years.

(ii) Work commenced on the project during 1959. The work has been given out under contract and already farmers are clearing their lands to make them ready for cultivation.

La Retraite:

47. The Drainage and Irrigation Department has prepared a scheme to improve the drainage and irrigation of La Retraite at a cost of over \$45,000. The Local Authority has agreed to the implementation of this Scheme and it is expected that work will commence in 1960. It is expected that as a result of this scheme more lands will be brought under cultivation and the yield from existing lands improved.

Bagotville:

48. A proposal to provide irrigation water to this district, recondition the drainage system and to declare the district under the Drainage and Irrigation Ordinance was under consideration by the Drainage and Irrigation Board.

Block III Cattle Pasture:

49. (i) Work continued in preparing 10,000 acres of land in the third and successive depths of the Block III area Corentyne for a cattle pasture. The area reserved for cattle comprises approximately 28,000 acres of Crown Land but due to the inadequacy of the existing drainage works it has been decided that only a portion (10,000 acres) of the area should be utilised in the first instance.

(ii) The capital cost of the scheme estimated at \$114,000 is to be met by Government in the first instance but will be repayable by the Local Authorities in the area (Lots Nos. 52-56, Lots Nos. 57-66 and Lots Nos. 67-74) with interest over a period of years.

(iii) A committee of management was formed early in 1958 to control and manage the pasture pending the establishment of a single local authority for the whole area between Lot No. 52 and Crabwood Creek. In the meantime the Committee will co-operate with the Drainage and Irrigation Department and co-ordinate their work with the drainage scheme as a whole so that there should be no time lag between the completion of the drainage works and the occupation of the area.

(iv) When the proposed local authority is established, it may with the approval of the Local Government Board fix grazing fees, make by-laws for the appointment of a committee or joint committee of management for the management and supervision of the grazing lands.

Lancaster-Liverpool-Manchester:

50. (i) The Drainage and Irrigation Department has prepared a scheme to carry out major drainage improvement works in the Lancaster-Liverpool-Manchester area at an estimated capital cost of \$45,000. Government has decided that the Local Authority should bear 50% of the capital cost which it should repay over a period of 20 years with 6% interest.

(ii) It is expected that this scheme would greatly improve the productivity of approximately 1180 acres of agricultural land in the area and would therefore be of immense benefits to the farmers. Provision was made in the 1959 Development Estimates for this scheme and work started on it late last year.

Partition of village lands

51. (i) Partition and re-allotment of lands, under the District Lands Partition and Re-allotment Ordinance, makes possible the more beneficial occupation of lands owned in undivided shares; the issue of firm titles to the persons who have established their claims to the land, and the utilisation of more land for cultivation in areas where there is pressure of population on the land.

(ii) The shortage of surveyors continues to hinder the progress of Partition programmes. Only four surveyors were allocated by the Lands and Mines Department in 1959 to carry out partition works and on account of leave and acting arrangements, the surveyors are not always engaged in partition work.

(iii) The following shows the progress made in respect of the Partition Programme for 1959:-

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Position at 31.12.59</u>
Surveys of -	
(a) Bachelor's Adventure	Survey completed.
(b) S $\frac{1}{2}$ Zorg-en-Hoop, Ithaca	Survey completed.
(c) Lot No. 51, Corentyne	Survey completed.
(d) Arcadia, East Bank	Survey completed.
(e) Ridge, Wakenaam	Postponed till 1960.

Simultaneously with the carrying out of the surveys listed above partition work was undertaken in connection with the following areas which had already been surveyed -

<u>Area</u>	<u>Position at 31.12.59</u>
(a) Bush Lot, Lot 27, Corentyne	Awards being prepared.
(b) Woodley Park, West Coast Berbice	Draft awards and plans with the petitioners.
(c) Good Hope, Essequibo	Draft awards and plans with the petitioners.
(d) Rosignol	Awards finalised; appeals to be determined and transports to be issued.
(e) Lots Nos. 54, 0, 55 & 56 Corentyne	75% of the transports has been passed in respect of Lots 54, 0 & 56. Lot No. 55 is still subject to action.
(f) Buxton and Friendship	Awards being prepared.

(iv) The Programme for 1960 is as follows:-

Surveys of -

- (a) Plantation Ridge, Wakenaam
- (b) Craig
- (c) Cotton Tree-Zee Zight
- (d) Parika
- (e) No. 55, East Coast Berbice (if the petitioners lodge the required fee)
- (f) Good Intent and Sisters.

In addition partition work will be carried out in respect of those areas which have already been surveyed.

Revenue Collection.

52. (i) District Commissioners are responsible for the collection of certain licences under the Tax Ordinance, Chapter 298, e.g. stores, shops, bicycles, hucksters, sale of tobacco, drugs etc. and also of fees for inspection of weights and measures under the Weights and Measures Ordinance, Chapter 343. They are also empowered to collect on the behalf of the Commissioner of Lands Mines all fees, e.g. rental and royalty in respect of Crown and Colony Lands.

(ii) The total revenue collected from these sources by District Commissioners during the year amounted to \$227,651.49. Details are set out in Appendix IX.

Inspection of Scales, Weights and Measures.

53. Inspection of scales, weights and measures used in shops, markets and other places of business were carried out regularly by officers of the Department. No prosecutions were brought against persons for offences against the Weights and Measures Ordinance.

PART II SOCIAL WELFARE

Staff

54. The effective strength of the staff at the end of the year 1959 was as follows:-

- The Social Welfare Officer
- 3 Senior Assistant Social Welfare Officers
- 13 Assistant Social Welfare Officers
- 1 Senior Clerk
- 3 Class II Clerks
- 1 Senior Clerical Assistant
- 3 Clerical Assistants.

There was one vacant post of an Assistant Social Welfare Officer. Miss E.A. Simon was appointed Senior Assistant Social Welfare Officer with effect from January, 1959.

Staff Training

55. (i) Mr. T.A. Pooranshing returned to the Colony on the 2nd of August, 1959, after successfully completing the two years' Course for a Certificate in Social Science at the University of Liverpool, and resumed duty on the 16th of August, 1959.

(ii) A one week training course in Voluntary Action and Social Progress was held in November, 1959. This course was attended by senior officers of the Probation, Social Assistance and Social Welfare Departments.

Organisation

56. (i) The Commissioner of Local Government is responsible for the general supervision of the work of the Division.

(ii) At the end of the year 1959, the Social Welfare Division of the Department had twelve (12) Assistant Social Welfare Officers stationed in the rural areas. Their duties were the promotion of social, educational, economic and recreational activities in the villages and the stimulating of group activities in close co-operation with other Government Department and organisations.

(iii) One Assistant Social Welfare Officer is stationed at Head Office to assist the Senior Officer in youth work.

(iv) The three (3) Senior Officers at Head Office paid particular attention to:-

- (a) the development of work among youth;
- (b) the development of work among women;
- (c) the development of community services and the general supervision of the field staff of the Social Welfare Division.

(v) In general, the Social Welfare Officer is responsible for the direction and supervision of field work; for administrative and ministerial duties connected with lotteries, the Social Assistance Department; the Probation Service; the two approved schools; the Remand Home and the Prisons; the handling of special cases not covered by existing services; and for matters relating to Social work done by voluntary organisations.

Voluntary Organisations

57. A number of voluntary organisations of a charitable, social and cultural nature supplement the statutory welfare services. Some of these organisations are local branches of international organisations; the majority, however, are indigenous organisations usually located within the city of Georgetown. Their chief means of obtaining funds depends on private contributions and special money-raising efforts. Ten organisations receive small annual grants from Government, and eleven of them benefit from the distribution of funds available through the Sweepstakes (Charity) Committee.

Community Services

58. (i) The activities of the various groups in the rural areas are social, educational, recreational and economic. Indoor

games .../

Indoor games, concerts, plays, and discussions are among the activities of Women's Institutes and adult groups. In youth clubs, the emphasis is on outdoor games, and many villages have playing fields. Cricket clubs and other groups interested in sports are encouraged to join the Community Councils, which have been formed to plan, promote, and co-ordinate the development of community activities.

(ii) The formation of community councils is encouraged in all areas where community centres exist, and where there is every likelihood of a community centre being built. These Councils which consist of representatives of the Local Authority, of youth clubs, of Women's Institutes, of cricket clubs, and of organisations which desire affiliation have been mainly engaged in establishing, managing equipping, and maintaining community facilities. These Councils are now being encouraged to take a greater and wider interest in village life and development. Many have sponsored aided self-help projects such as the making of roads, fencing of playing fields, and the building of their own centres.

(iii) The relationship between Local Authorities and Community Councils has been most cordial and as a result many projects are tackled with zeal and determination.

(iv) The various Local Authorities have invited the Assistant Social Welfare Officers stationed in their respective areas to attend their monthly meetings and their advice has been sought from time to time particularly in connection with welfare and aided self-help schemes. As a result of the good relationship, which has been built up between the Local Authorities and the Community Councils, many Local Authorities have provided sums on their estimates for welfare work. Welfare Officers also attend the quarterly meetings of the Unions of Local Authorities in their respective areas, and assist in their annual fairs and exhibitions.

(v) Financial assistance to the extent of 50 per cent is offered to any village where the desire to build a community centre exists. For this purpose an amount of \$20,000 was provided in the Estimates of the Colony. The basis on which the Local contribution of a village is calculated is as follows: cash contributed by the Local Authority; cash contributed by organisations or by persons resident in the area; the value of materials - lumber, zinc sheets, cement, etc., given for use in the construction of the building; and the value of voluntary labour given by the villagers in the clearing, levelling, and making up of the site and transportation of materials. The centres established so far are situated in the following areas;

Essequibo Coast	6
Wakenaam Island	1
Wismar Christianburg	1
Bartica, Essequibo	1
East Coast Demerara	9
East Bank Demerara	2
West Coast Demerara	5
West Bank Demerara	6
West Coast Berbice	1
Corentyne, East Berbice	3

(vi) In addition to these Community Centres, four pavilions had been built. Proposals for the construction of nine new centres are under consideration. In addition, Regional

Development Committees had made grants for the erection and improvement of the Community Centres through self-help schemes. In ten centres, the Public Free Library had established depots for its Rural Library Service, and would extend its activities to other centres as books become available. These Centres generally house the office of the Local Authority, and a kitchen is usually attached to the building. The Assistant Social Welfare Officers arrange classes in domestic subjects and teachers are provided by the Carnegie School of Home Economics.

Work among Women

59. (i) The main emphasis in work among women is the promotion and development of Women's Institutes throughout the rural areas of the Colony.

(ii) The number of registered Institutes has now risen to 68 with a total membership of 1500.

(iii) The Women's Institute Executive Committee functioned well during the year and is gradually taking on greater responsibility in the management of Women's Institute affairs in the Colony.

(iv) Regional Councils have made progress in their co-ordinating activities and generally are becoming more effective. During the year, these bodies, with the help and guidance of the Social Welfare Division sponsored regional Training Courses in Group Management, Programme Planning and Leadership. Due to the growing interest among members some training was attempted in the following - singing, folk dancing and verse speaking. It is proving extremely difficult however, to secure teachers in these subjects, in many of the rural areas.

(v) The Rural Education Scheme has helped considerably in providing home-making activities for the women. Unfortunately, due to the lack of Trained Domestic Science Teachers, some districts have not yet been provided with these classes.

(vi) The Annual Meeting of Women's Institutes was held at Bartica last year and was attended by over 200 delegates and observers. A very pleasing feature was the exhibition of work done by Institutes, which was well attended by members of the Bartica Community. It was the largest exhibition ever held during an Annual Meeting and the standard of work was high.

(vii) The Colony President, Mr. E. Forde, through the British Council visited the United Kingdom for three months to observe Women's Institutes. Opportunity was also given her to represent British Guiana at the Triennial Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World which was held in Edinburgh during August.

(viii) Other organisations which received the attention of the Senior Assistant Social Welfare Officer (Women) were the Women's League of Social Services, the Infant Welfare Central Committee and the Home Economics Association, the Visiting Committee of the Belfield Girls' School.

Youth Service

60. (i) The primary object of the Youth Section of the Division has been to encourage the growth and development of voluntary organisations which provide programmes of informal education and

recreation .../

recreation. The Senior Assistant Social Welfare Officer responsible for this section is assisted by an Assistant Social Welfare Officer stationed with him at Head Office, and also by the Assistant Social Welfare Officers in the field, who, in addition to other duties, service youth clubs in their districts.

(ii) As before, the main emphasis was on the training of voluntary leaders. During the year under review training courses were conducted at nine different centres for the benefit of 329 youth leaders - an increase of four courses, and 169 youth leaders - on the previous year. These courses were all arranged at the request of the British Guiana Youth Council, acting on behalf of their Regional Councils who were responsible for selecting the trainees and making on-the-spot arrangements whilst the Division provided the instruction and subsidised the funds. Trainees were required to pay an admission fee in every case.

(iii) Six of the courses dealt with various aspects of club management and included instruction in group leadership, programme planning, keeping of records, and the duties of officers. The other three courses were games clinics conducted with the help of the appropriate sports associations. The courses were made available to youth leaders from the sugar estates who participated on the same conditions as other leaders. The sugar estates' authorities co-operated by placing their splendid community centres at the disposal of the regional councils and, in some cases, by lecturing at the training courses.

(iv) The equipment provided by the Division, i.e. canvas cots; crockery, games equipment and a battery-operated record player, was fully used in connection with the training programmes.

(v) Visits to clubs made regularly by the Assistant Social Welfare Officers in the districts, and by the Youth Officers at Head Office helped in no small measure to improve the quality of youth organisations and were regarded as essential for the proper functioning of the youth movement in the rural areas. Opportunity was taken during the visits to advise leaders on their problems and to offer them suggestions for improving their programmes.

(vi) The bi-monthly publication "The Youth Leader" has improved its circulation from 400 during 1958 to over 500 in 1959, and is in great demand by leaders of youth as well as other social organisations. The magazine serves as aid to leaders in planning programme activities and in dealing with club problems, and giving general information

(vii) With a view to acquiring greater knowledge of youth and the problems affecting them, a number of local surveys were contemplated. The first of these surveys which had as its aim to find out the leisure time activities of youths, was conducted at Beterverwagting/Triumph, East Coast Demerara with the aid of the regional youth council in the district.

(viii) In view of unavailability of funds in the Development Estimates for implementing their recommendations, the Youth Advisory Commission did not hold meetings after the first quarter of the year.

(ix) The work of the Youth Council is decentralised through regional councils and a new regional council was organised at Bartica, in the Mazaruni District, making the total number of such councils twelve. Almost all youth organisations in towns,

villages .../

villages and sugar estates are affiliated to the British Guiana Youth Council which is responsible for coordinating the work of the organisations and promoting their interests. Commonwealth Youth Sunday was again taken as the occasion for these organisations, gathering together, to affirm their common purpose.

(x) Further improvements were effected by the Social Welfare Division at Camp Madewini which is under the charge of the Youth Council. A lavatory building provided with sanitary facilities and showers to accommodate both males and females was constructed at the end of the year and additional equipment was installed. Repairs to the Den Amstel Camp has not yet been undertaken.

(xi) The sum of \$10,000 was provided under the Annual Recurrent Estimates for sports development. This subvention was distributed to Sports Associations undertaking international tours or visits.

Coordination of Government and Industrial Welfare Services

61. (i) A Joint Committee consisting of three representatives each of the British Guiana Sugar Producers' Association and the Social Welfare Division (with the Social Welfare Officer as Chairman) was resuscitated in 1958. The main object of the Committee is to promote as far as possible a common approach to welfare activities on the sugar estates and in the villages, for the benefit of all concerned.

(ii) One of the matters which the Committee has been asked to consider is the future control, management and maintenance of community centres on the sugar estates and in the villages.

(iii) Liaison between the Department and the Sugar Estates has existed to some extent through the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund Committee on which the Commissioner of Local Government is a member. Closer contact between specialist officers in the field is, however, desirable and the Joint Committee should provide this.

(iv) The Sugar Producers Association was represented at the annual conference of Social Welfare Workers held by the Social Welfare Division.

PART III LEGISLATION

62. (i) At Appendix C is a list of the Ordinances passed during the year which concern the Department.

(ii) The object of Ordinance No. 5 of 1959 is to create a uniform system of valuation for all local government areas in British Guiana under the control of a Valuation Officer. The Ordinance provides for -

(a) the appointment of a valuation officer with power to prepare valuation lists for all property in a local government area; draft valuation lists are to be prepared on the new basis of the capital value of property and in accordance with rules set out in the schedule to the Ordinance;

(b) .../

- (b) the constitution of local valuation panels from which local valuation committees are to be appointed to hear appeals from assessments by the Valuation Officer;
- (c) further rights of appeal from the decision of a local valuation committee to a judge in chambers and thereon a question of law to the Federal Supreme Court.

(iii) Ordinance No. 11 of 1959 provides for the release on licence of persons serving imprisonment for life and for the release on licence of young offenders.

(iv) Ordinance No. 19 of 1959 provides -

- (a) for the abolition of the nominated element on village councils;
- (b) for a minimum of six councillors on any village council;
- (c) for the prohibition of the nomination of any candidate for election to a village council in more than one division of the village district;
- (d) for a local authority of a village or country district to award a gratuity to the legal representative of any of its officers or servants who have qualified for a pension or gratuity;
- (e) beyond doubt for the Local Government Board to increase or decrease the annual estimate or rate of a local authority;
- (f) that a local authority may enter into any contract which does not involve expenditure exceeding one thousand dollars without the approval of the Local Government Board.

(v) Ordinance No. 30 of 1959 empowers the New Amsterdam Town Council to borrow from their bankers by way of overdraft an amount not exceeding at any time fifteen per centum of the annual expenses of the Council without the consent of the Governor in Council. This power is similar to that conferred upon the Georgetown Town Council by section 203(1) of the Georgetown Town Council Ordinance, Chapter 152.

PART IV GENERAL

63. The work of the Department is steadily increasing and shortage of qualified staff placed a heavy burden on many senior officers. In particular the District Commissioners had a very difficult year. The senior staff has stood up well to the strain.

APPENDIX I

LIST OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN EXISTENCE
AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

EAST BERBICE ADMINISTRATIVE
DISTRICT

Village Districts

Cumberland
Letter Kenny-Bloomfield
Lot No. 27
Rose Hall
Sheet Anchor-No.2-Palmyra
Whim

Country Districts

Crabwood Creek
East Coast Berbice
Friendship
Fyrish
Gibraltar-Courtland-Nos. 0 & 1
Limlair
Lancaster-Liverpool-Manchester
Lots Nos. 47-48
Lots Nos. 52-56
Lots Nos. 57-66
Lots Nos. 67-74
Lots Nos. 78-79
Nurney-Kildonan
Sisters
Ulverston-Alness-Salton

WEST BERBICE ADMINISTRATIVE
DISTRICT

Village Districts

Bush Lot
Cotton Tree-Zee Zight
D'Edward
Hopetown-Bel Air

Country Districts

Belladrum-Eldorado
Britannia
Golden Fleece-Paradise
Golden Grove
Kingelly
Lichfield
Seafield
Woodley Park

EAST DEMERARA ADMINISTRATIVE
DISTRICT

Village Districts

Agricola
Ann's Grove and Two Friends
Beterverwagting and Triumph

Buxton and Friendship
Clonbrook
Central Mahaicony
Craig
Eastern Mahaicony
Golden Grove and Nabaclis
Kitty and Alexanderville
Lodge
Mahaica-Helena-Supply
Mocha
Plaisance
Sparendaam
Unity and Lancaster
Victoria

Country Districts

Bagotstown
Bel Air Park
Meadow Bank
Newtown
Peter's Hall
Relief & Support

WEST DEMERARA ADMINISTRATIVE
DISTRICT

Village Districts

Bagotville
Best
Canals Polder
Christianburg & Wismar
Den Anstel & Fellowship
Goed Fortuin
Good Intent & Sisters
La Grange
Pouderoyen
Stanleytown
Vreed-en-Hoop

Country Districts

Farm
Hyde Park and Grove
La Retraite
North Klien Pouderoyen
Parika
Salem
Vergenoegen

ESSEQUIBO ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT

Village Districts

Adventure
Bush Lot
Danielstown
Henrietta and Richmond
Queenstown
Suddie

APPENDIX I (cont'd)

Country Districts

Aurora
Dartmouth
Huis t'Dieren

ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS ADMINIS-
TRATIVE DISTRICT

Leguan

Village District

La Bagatelle

Country Districts

Canefield, Endeavour &
Amsterdam
Louisiana
Phoenix

Wakenaam

Village Districts

Maria Johanna
Melville & Sans Souci
Noitgedacht

Country Districts

Arthurville & Fredericksburg
Maria's Pleasure

MAZARUNI-POTARO ADMINISTRATIVE
DISTRICT

Village District

Bartica

NORTH WEST ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT

Country District

Morawhanna.

APPENDIX II

Village Elections Results

District	No. of Voters on Register	No. of Candidates	No. of Seats	No. voting	Votes re-jected during count
<u>EAST BERBICE</u>					
Cumberland	410	20	9	201	34
Letter Kenny - Bloomfield	279	13	12	161	12
Lot No. 27	98	7	7	No contest	-
Rose Hall	749	25	12	220	41
Sheet Anchor					
Sheet Anchor Division	220	8	4	133	Nil
No. 2 Division	198	7	4	139	1
Palmyra Division	141	5	4	101	1
Whim	215	13	9	88	3
<u>WEST BERBICE</u>					
Bush Lot	519	26	12	283	18
Cotton Tree-Zee Zight	150	12	12	No contest	-
D'Edward	107	19	9	74	6
Hopetown - Bel Air					
Firebrace Division	308	8	6	124	Nil
St. John Division	129	4	3	34	Nil
Bel Air Division	132	3	3	No contest	-
<u>EAST DEMERARA</u>					
Agricola	337	25	12	209	2
Ann's Grove & Two Friends	336	15	9	186	32
Beterverwagting & Triumph					
Beterverwagting Division	399	11	6	256	32
Triumph Division	678	17	6	455	15
Buxton & Friendship					
Buxton Division	577	13	7	400	19
Friendship Division	454	13	7	281	15
Central Mahaicony	150	18	9	105	11
Clonbrook	206	9	9	No contest	-
Craig	235	16	9	153	12
Eastern Mahaicony	167	19	12	92	Nil
Golden Grove and Nabaclis					
Golden Grove Division	242	6	6)	No	
Nabaclis Division	279	6	6)	contest	-
Kitty and Alexanderville					
North Division	479	7	5	279	3
Central Division	519	99	5	338	12
South Division	421	8	5	272	4
Lodge	717	15	12	406	-
Mahaica, Helena & Supply					
Mahaica Division	137	3	3	No contest	-
Helena Division	599	11	6	321	16
Supply Division	69	3	2	42	1
Mocha	90	7	7	No contest	-
Plaisance	556	15	12	301	21
Sparendaam	275	12	9	183	14

District	No. of Voters on Register	No. of Candidates	No. of Seats	No. voting	Votes rejected during count.
<u>EAST DEMERARA (cont'd)</u>					
Unity and Lancaster	206	16	9	144	7
Victoria	369	12	9	244	3
<u>WEST DEMERARA</u>					
Bagotville	194	14	9	125	5
Best	132	10	9	89	Nil
Canals Polder					
Canal No. 1 Division	507	10	6	265	8
Canal No. 2 Division	404	12	6	242	16
Christianburg & Wismar	283	18	12	142	17
Den Amstel and Fellowship	192	10	9	51	2
Goed Fortuin	50	6	6	No contest	-
Good Intent and Sisters	157	15	9	110	4
La Grange	428	21	9	259	28
Pouderoyen	134	13	9	63	6
Stanleytown	193	12	9	127	2
Vreed-en-hoop	213	9	9	No contest	-
<u>ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS</u>					
La Bagatelle	123	11	6	87	3
Maria Johanna	77	6	6	No contest	-
Melville and Sans Souci	106	11	7	67	7
Noitgedacht	76	12	6	55	3
<u>ESSEQUIBO</u>					
Adventure	71	9	6	54	5
Bush Lot	83	11	7	69	Nil
Danielstown	101	10	6	66	2
Henrietta and Richmond	270	16	9	188	17
Queenstown	313	14	9	151	4
Suddie	112	9	7	71	3
<u>MAZARUNI-POTARO</u>					
Bartica					
North Division	187	5	5)	No	
Central Division	101	3	3)	contest	-
South Division	119	4	4)		
	16,778	753	491	8,506	467

Total number of voters on register of villages where there were contested elections - 14,697.

APPENDIX III

Rates, Total Revenue and Expenditure, 1959.

District	Rates Collectible	Rates Collected	% 1959	% 1958	Revenue Collected All Sources 1958	Expenditure 1959
	\$	\$			\$	\$
<u>EAST BERBICE</u>						
<u>Upper Corentyne</u>						
Crabwood Creek	42,318.68	33,313.33	78.7	67.1	51,187.52	48,490.48
Lots Nos. 78-79	7,457.18	6,510.44	87.3	91.3	8,704.34	7,747.39
Lots Nos. 67-74	53,039.35	46,969.08	88.6	88.6	100,181.23	77,674.05
Lots Nos. 57-66	77,044.34	60,389.31	78.4	89.6	121,119.62	100,738.00
Lots Nos. 52-56	49,005.10	31,465.62	64.0	80.4	57,658.93	46,171.28
Lots Nos. 47-48	8,431.70	7,325.29	98.6	96.2	8,872.53	6,253.35
	237,296.25	185,973.07	78.3	84.3	321,510.92	287,074.55
<u>Central Corentyne</u>						
Lot No. 27	8,481.60	5,939.62	70.0	80.0	7,518.30	7,843.61
Friendship	5,377.30	3,883.37	72.2	85.8	4,847.91	5,108.63
Kildonan Residential Section	1,164.36	1,028.69	88.3	100.0	1,684.81	1,216.27
Kildonan Cultivation Section	1,416.85	1,281.42	90.5		3,526.86	3,210.79
Nurney Residential Section	973.84	756.05	77.7	83.6	1,599.93	1,151.27
Nurney Cultivation Section	2,754.89	2,231.76	81.0		3,204.40	3,046.59
Limlair	5,094.05	3,979.09	78.1	71.0	6,746.20	5,299.91
Salton	2,718.90	2,177.53	80.1	83.8	2,910.72	2,289.53
Alness	9,709.60	7,743.99	79.7	88.7	10,226.05	8,435.29
do. (N.P.R.)	704.41	452.01	64.2	60.0	984.31	438.45
Ulverston	3,679.08	2,721.78	73.9	75.5	4,136.34	3,651.29
Manchester	4,145.00	3,231.21	77.9	78.2	4,549.93	4,065.34
Liverpool	4,272.00	3,098.94	72.5	75.6	5,052.44	4,122.54
Lancaster	4,200.00	3,597.74	85.6	88.0	5,294.06	4,072.67
	54,691.88	42,123.20	77.0	85.7	62,282.26	53,997.18
<u>Lower Corentyne</u>						
<u>East Coast and East Bank Berbice</u>						
Whim	18,047.87	11,048.72	60.6	59.7	17,592.55	17,589.59
Bloomfield	4,526.34	2,878.58	63.6	66.3	4,312.26	4,352.98
do. 3rd Depth	9,682.84	4,425.39	45.7	63.5	5,330.73	5,391.63
Letter Kenny	7,477.01	4,649.55	62.2	85.2	5,795.01	6,101.85
do. 3rd Depth	13,860.00	6,925.83	50.0	81.4	8,875.91	8,886.44
Rose Hall	22,301.99	12,136.29	54.4	58.3	20,509.25	20,569.58
Fyrish	2,602.11	1,610.19	62.0	65.5	2,843.63	2,843.39
Nos. 0 & 1	859.86	545.20	63.5	66.5	908.81	827.53
Courtland	923.58	431.27	46.7	52.9	1,325.94	1,227.36
Gibraltar	1,302.96	692.55	54.1	52.5	1,782.63	1,446.33
East Coast Berbice	5,242.65	4,382.28	80.5	99.8	4,718.62	4,637.39
Palmyra	1,744.39	1,416.20	81.2	76.6	2,955.26	2,574.81
No. 2	2,887.01	1,752.77	60.7	59.7	4,181.46	4,150.06
Sheet Anchor Residential Section	2,271.85	1,482.15	65.2	64.4	2,991.67	2,434.11
Sheet Anchor Cultivation Section	571.33	358.66	62.7	73.7	611.57	249.18
Cumberland	6,384.65	5,267.36	82.5	83.5	8,592.09	4,413.64
Sisters	530.36	469.81	88.5	89.4	924.39	535.81
	101,216.80	60,472.82	59.7	66.8	94,251.78	88,231.68

APPENDIX III (Cont'd)

District	Rates Collectible	Rates Collected	% 1959	% 1958	Revenue Collected All Sources	Expenditure 1959
<u>NORTH WEST DISTRICT</u>						
Morawhanna	2,492.51	2,305.81	92.61	88.8	3,898.85	3,598.63
<u>MAZARUNI-POTARO</u>						
Bartica	25,161.60	19,402.85	77.1	83.75	33,980.48	32,009.31

APPENDIX IV

Detailed expenditure of Local Authorities

	Crabwood Creek	Lots Nos. 78-79	Lots Nos. 67-74	Lots Nos. 57-66	Lots Nos. 52-56	Lots Nos. 47-48	Lot No. 27	Friend- ship	Nurney- Kildonan	Limlair
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ABATTOIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APPRAISEMENT	40.00	-	-	40.00	40.00	-	-	-	-	-
AUDIT FEES	106.60	-	-	771.52	-	-	-	-	-	-
APPLICATION FEES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BURNING CANES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCIES	48.40	170.19	730.59	1,026.31	206.09	65.07	98.20	415.53	199.74	98.79
DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION	24,355.96	641.52	25,251.49	43,329.34	23,490.09	1,617.01	3,837.37	2,788.18	2,917.18	1,932.20
ELECTION EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-	-	51.00	-	-	-
EMERGENCY WORKS	-	-	-	-	129.00	-	-	-	-	-
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	82.50	-	-	-	78.36	-	-	-	-	-
IMPROVEMENT - RESIDENTIAL AREA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAW COSTS	96.54	47.52	1,128.24	1,351.64	486.71	50.00	25.44	7.68	-	24.00
LOAN REPAYMENT	3,360.00	970.37	9,982.24	9,267.86	1,140.00	3,051.29	1,031.00	-	2,328.40	424.37
MARKET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	3,180.36	348.03	1,598.31	1,836.59	964.52	569.54	218.90	176.40	361.55	268.39
OFFICE	101.63	69.10	-	288.71	152.83	68.00	-	-	-	125.80
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS	5,916.83	-	2,380.59	1,593.68	4,329.70	114.85	-	-	-	127.72
OUTSTANDING PAYSHEETS	-	-	-	-	-	-	263.40	-	-	-

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APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Crabwood Creek	Lots Nos. 78-79	Lots Nos. 67-74	Lots Nos. 57-66	Lots Nos. 52-56	Lots Nos. 47-48	Lot No. 27	Friend- ship	Nurney- Kildonan	Limlair
PURE WATER SUPPLY	3,457.59	470.66	7,439.77	9,682.91	3,032.99	-	-	-	200.00	241.50
PLAYGROUND	-	1,675.35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RENTS CROWN LANDS	41.00	-	1,427.86	580.10	230.00	158.20	-	293.97	29.52	117.94
RESERVE FUND (DEPOSIT)	1,125.00	100.00	5,372.29	3,960.00	2,578.00	537.50	-	-	200.00	49.20
RESERVE FUND (WITHDRAWAL)	-	-	3,647.92	317.55	2,578.00	-	-	-	-	-
ROADS, DAMS AND BRIDGES	823.57	1,149.93	15,173.90	19,873.07	4,208.25	1,472.42	651.50	491.14	21.62	-
RIVER DEFENCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SALARIES	5,334.00	1,920.00	5,861.25	7,486.50	4,883.83	1,322.50	1,350.00	924.00	1,842.00	1,890.00
SANITARY WORKS	420.50	247.72	519.84	103.94	120.91	56.48	102.00	11.73	524.91	-
WIRE FENCES	-	-	807.69	-	-	221.58	214.80	-	-	-
	48,490.48	7,747.39	81,321.97	100,738.00	48,749.28	9,304.64	7,843.61	5,108.63	8,624.92	5,299.91

APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Ulverston- Alness- Salton	Lancaster- Liverpool- Manchester	Whim	Bloomfield Letter Kenny	Rose Hall	Fyrish	Gibraltar- Courtland- Nos. 0 & 1	East Coast Berbice Lots 1-25	Sheet Anchor No.2- Palmyra	Cumber- land	Sisters
ABATTOIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APPRAISEMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50.00	16.00	-
AUDIT FEES	52.21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APPLICATION FEES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BURNING CANALS	-	-	-	-	79.12	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCIES	209.98	216.51	480.68	474.92	679.55	449.72	772.76	43.82	869.23	214.75	18.53
DRAINAGE & D IRRIGATION	6,271.55	5,534.88	9,003.60	19,665.85	9,759.89	285.11	768.87	3,191.11	1,257.21	429.60	45.60
ELECTION EXPENSES	-	-	156.50	41.50	212.31	-	-	-	186.45	130.00	-
EMERGENCY WORKS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INSURANCE PREMIUMS	-	-	-	25.00	-	-	-	-	48.48	-	-
IMPROVEMENT - RESIDENTIAL AREA	300.18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAW COSTS	167.00	241.28	675.21	35.09	24.00	49.00	174.00	-	106.50	78.75	14.68
LOAN REPAYMENT	2,770.50	1,142.80	2,190.00	-	-	574.60	-	531.43	1,899.23	208.53	-
MARKET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	455.33	840.77	640.00	105.00	345.91	256.13	148.17	151.03	337.01	140.51	92.73
OFFICE	60.70	-	-	-	234.12	60.00	47.69	-	108.81	6.61	-
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS	-	-	21.89	-	-	94.20	159.00	-	290.26	-	12.72
OUTSTANDING PAY SHEETS	260.00	-	-	-	629.75	-	19.32	-	-	-	-

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APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Ulverston- Alness- Salton	Lancaster- Liverpool- Manchester	Whim	Bloomfield Letter Kenny	Rose Hall	Fyrish	Gibraltar- Courtland- Nos. 0 & 1	East Coast Berbice Lots 1-25	Sheet Anchor No.2 Palmyra	Cumberland	Sisters
PURE WATER SUPPLY	570.03	530.03	628.69	817.25	2,825.02	47.25	42.25	-	730.32	518.50	5.68
PLAYGROUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RENTS CROWN LANDS	31.31	52.79	390.20	265.99	10.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND (DEPOSIT)	-	600.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	125.00	100.00	50.00
RESERVE FUND (WITHDRAWAL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROADS, DAMS AND BRIDGES	495.45	1,041.49	1,467.82	301.78	1,868.66	338.39	356.49	-	1,875.28	1,572.34	31.87
RIVER DEFENCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.20	-
SALARIES	3,036.00	1,980.00	1,910.00	3,000.52	3,521.85	688.99	996.00	720.00	1,200.00	960.00	264.00
SANITARY WORKS	-	-	25.00	-	379.49	-	-	-	41.52	11.85	-
WIRE FENCES	170.32	80.40	-	-	-	-	130.88	-	83.04	-	-
	14,814.56	12,260.55	17,589.59	24,732.90	20,569.58	2,843.39	3,538.43	4,637.39	9,208.34	4,413.64	535.81

APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Sparendaam	Plaisance	Betverwagting	Triumph	Buxton & Friend-ship	Golden Grove-Nabaclis	Victoria	Ann's Grove Two Friends	Clonbrook
ABATTOIR	\$ -	\$ 925.69	\$ 169.82	\$ 336.91	\$ 180.00	\$ 23.49	\$ -	\$ 70.75	\$ -
APPRAISEMENT	94.00	99.00	64.00	108.00	47.32	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCIES	162.79	578.78	366.85	407.76	2,079.37	576.64	605.52	229.32	169.53
DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION	676.05	3,858.99	1,963.63	4,257.30	6,123.22	4,873.21	2,071.46	3,376.54	3,807.49
ELECTION EXPENSES	94.30	183.58	73.05	148.20	137.12	28.66	61.44	75.20	30.30
LAW COSTS	2.88	111.50	59.50	21.00	43.60	550.51	619.35	743.86	46.97
LOAN PAYMENT	448.14	2,949.84	310.98	3,598.01	1,334.25	-	2,451.39	3,774.61	554.64
MARKET	-	5,473.32	-	3,873.69	4,489.78	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	495.33	620.45	723.98	911.52	2,273.77	783.14	735.99	576.58	804.38
OFFICE	-	297.54	-	-	-	289.31	7.50	1,077.26	56.21
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS	354.34	-	2,639.52	3,701.60	11,830.38	-	76.76	699.45	371.94
PURE WATER SUPPLY	64.13	557.54	897.33	1,110.89	2,067.08	5,338.04	999.66	647.52	589.80
RENTS - CROWN COLONY LANDS	-	68.03	-	-	80.00	101.20	55.29	13.58	13.52
RESERVE FUND	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROADS, DAMS AND BRIDGES	3,057.57	3,176.28	2,529.10	2,256.16	2,754.60	3,262.35	463.59	409.80	1,076.56
SALARIES	1,088.00	3,096.00	1,417.59	2,800.57	6,638.80	3,138.00	2,651.74	2,067.12	1,959.90
SANITARY WORKS & SOCIAL SERVICES	42.00	822.09	197.29	224.06	838.20	245.89	488.78	333.07	655.10
REFUND OF INTEREST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6,579.53	22,818.63	11,412.64	23,745.67	40,917.49	19,210.44	11,288.47	14,134.66	10,138.34

APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Unity and Lancaster	Mahaica Section	Helena Section	Supply Section	Central Mahaicony	Eastern Mahaicony	Agricola	Craig Front Lands	Craig Back Lands	Craig 2nd Depth
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ABATTOIR	-	-	169.00	-	140.36	-	-	-	-	-
APPRAISEMENT	-	28.90	-	14.45	150.00	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCIES	45.04	71.15	276.28	73.15	188.44	53.28	568.43	160.29	97.96	127.52
DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION	2,749.34	507.45	7,319.59	601.38	248.30	4,370.67	337.50	-	1,765.50	1,217.81
ELECTION EXPENSES	59.93	10.18	54.41	24.91	31.76	1.14	211.64	57.49	86.43	52.52
LAW COSTS	93.58	183.81	304.18	97.39	129.80	87.25	-	98.50	-	-
LOAN REPAYMENT	377.14	12.48	1,378.28	12.47	580.46	265.14	542.16	228.02	228.02	860.59
MARKET	-	-	2,087.80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	502.25	116.37	264.29	112.96	285.23	291.65	1,131.16	901.37	204.38	85.92
OFFICE	76.30	-	-	4.72	7.50	99.00	35.00	326.83	-	-
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS	-	1.35	2.70	1.35	72.69	49.85	631.69	30.00	15.23	-
PURE WATER SUPPLY	344.05	155.00	1,906.23	105.00	685.98	10.50	3,619.09	-	-	-
RENTS - CROWN AND COLONY LANDS	-	-	49.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND	-	-	-	-	160.00	-	200.00	75.00	60.00	40.00
ROADS, DAMS AND BRIDGES	724.20	241.88	1,696.78	142.00	62.69	370.77	1,470.21	36.04	-	-
SALARIES	1,798.00	792.00	2,405.50	795.00	1,041.66	2,448.00	1,365.36	528.01	527.98	527.98
SANITARY WORKS AND SOCIAL SERVICES	319.31	438.76	1,525.15	403.85	29.06	-	400.39	353.90	-	-
TOTAL	7,089.14	2,559.33	19,439.69	2,388.63	3,812.93	8,047.25	10,512.63	2,795.48	2,985.50	2,912.34

APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Kitty and Alexanderville	Lodge	Mocha	Bagotstown	Bel Air Park	Meadow Bank	Newtown	Peter's Hall	Relief and Support
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ABATTOIR	1,386.69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APPRAISEMENT	300.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCIES	2,388.08	460.99	136.80	95.60	565.58	75.06	136.54	14.76	23.50
DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION	7,354.23	2,422.09	344.85	57.90	5,469.41	310.55	511.16	9.86	168.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	-	303.32	49.74	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAW COSTS	11.11	51.00	257.64	-	-	32.24	-	-	-
LOAN REPAYMENT	6,103.64	5,312.51	165.72	320.38	22,898.48	1,091.19	12,480.00	160.22 ¹	-
MARKET	12,564.49	-	-	72.63	-	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	6,572.28	2,635.93	439.09	434.78	2,103.96	179.56	1,834.09	274.57	82.40
OFFICE	-	308.05	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS	16,568.55	3,902.53	30.00	70.00	390.89	58.78	2,077.54	-	-
PURE WATER SUPPLY	28,060.63	5,008.03	-	934.60	-	626.72	6,763.14	350.00	-
RENTS - CROWN AND COLONY LANDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND	866.66	-	100.00	-	-	25.00	-	-	-
ROADS, DAMS & BRIDGES	49,560.98	6,402.09	257.19	588.96	3,164.42	237.00	415.16	-	-
SANITARY WORKS AND SOCIAL SERVICES	9,497.19	837.36	382.80	136.54	2,490.52	234.87	198.22	126.32	-
SALARIES	6,904.75	4,043.50	728.00	221.64	4,969.00	404.64	3,450.27	106.08	108.00
WIRE FENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	148,139.28	31,687.40	2,891.83	2,933.03	42,052.26	3,275.61	27,866.12	1,041.81	381.90

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APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Belladrum- Eldorado	Britannia	Bush Lot	Cotton Tree-Zee Zight	D' Edward	Golden Fleece- Paradise	Golden Grove	Hopetown Bel Air	Kingelly	Lich- field	Seafield	Woodley Park
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
API-RAISEMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	312.00	-	-	-	-
BURIAL GROUND	-	-	-	-	88.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCIES	232.28	250.05	444.18	97.98	801.06	348.43	64.75	675.90	95.55	103.59	222.41	131.93
DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION	494.88	-	432.55	3,705.18	74.80	4,079.03	341.37	1,888.70	65.19	711.50	-	388.95
ELECTION EXPENSES	-	-	214.00	63.83	-	-	-	148.00	-	-	-	-
LAW COSTS	128.18	37.86	987.62	13.50	249.79	152.09	184.44	397.01	4.80	49.80	77.93	12.96
LOAN REPAYMENT	-	1,449.12	-	1,143.42	313.59	-	1,750.91	3,480.33	435.90	366.00	2,864.77	510.00
OFFICE	17.00	1.00	40.00	7.06	80.00	17.00	18.00	231.30	-	-	24.00	72.00
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS	-	53.30	4,345.22	-	595.96	60.15	-	152.23	-	103.84	6.96	-
MISCELLANEOUS	193.24	174.65	409.50	454.16	426.17	184.00	182.56	687.34	278.35	229.74	225.63	178.16
PREMIUMS (FIRE INSURANCE)	-	-	-	3.00	-	-	-	-	-	90.00	-	-
PURCHASE OF TYPEWRITER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00	-	-	-	-
PURE WATER SUPPLY	12.60	-	-	200.00	40.00	43.78	-	11.40	-	-	40.00	-
RENTS CROWN LANDS	-	125.00	565.40	250.14	-	-	304.20	432.50	592.10	62	88.50	-
RESERVE FUNDS	-	-	2,006.36	920.00	-	1,194.36	646.20	-	-	625.00	-	1,588.62
ROADS, DAMS & BRIDGES	264.73	76.32	3,291.15	613.74	287.58	32.71	-	80.64	210.00	765.33	-	113.04
SALARIES	903.00	476.16	4,834.00	1,636.41	927.90	903.00	1,104.00	4,439.06	490.00	733.50	522.00	1,104.00
SANITARY WORKS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	379.84	-	-	-	-
WITHDRAWAL FROM RESERVE FUND	500.00	-	400.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WATER PUMPING	-	-	-	-	227.90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WIRE FENCES	72.54	-	43.09	618.44	227.90	21.07	220.72	90.00	-	342.49	172.70	-
TOTAL	2,818.45	2,643.46	18,013.07	9,528.86	4,112.95	7,035.62	4,817.15	13,606.25	2,171.89	4,467.41	4,274.90	4,099.66

APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Vreed-en-Hoop	Canals Polder	Farm	Hyde Park and Grove	La Retraite	North Klien Pouderoyen	Parika	Salem
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ABATTOIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APPRAISEMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCIES	63.05	269.97	35.50	45.00	81.65	234.98	103.34	42.00
DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION	695.17	24,540.06	254.98	273.93	459.96	5,394.04	475.76	479.82
ELECTION EXPENSES	32.12	446.46	-	-	-	-	-	-
LAW COSTS	-	145.11	-	18.75	74.13	61.50	27.11	-
LOAN REPAYMENTS	230.00	-	99.46	66.31	1,058.32	158.22	-	-
MARKET	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	132.69	1,349.32	177.98	161.18	329.11	1,398.72	216.48	138.21
OFFICE	-	111.38	-	-	-	-	-	-
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS	-	60.00	-	8.00	31.20	-	-	24.00
PURE WATER SUPPLY	3,223.04	164.26	8.00	-	9.00	678.53	-	-
RENTS - CROWN AND COLONY LANDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND	-	650.00	75.00	30.00	-	-	200.00	195.00
ROADS, DAMS AND BRIDGES	14.00	510.90	154.95	28.70	-	668.15	-	53.67
SALARIES	612.00	2,869.87	72.00	132.00	830.00	923.00	132.00	84.00
SANITARY WORKS AND SOCIAL SERVICES	191.53	858.68	13.00	18.50	44.00	41.37	28.00	7.50
WIRE FENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5,193.60	31,976.01	890.87	782.37	2,917.37	9,548.88	1,182.69	1,024.20

APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Bagotville	Best	X'burg & Wismar	Den Amstel & Fellowship	Good Intent & Sisters	Goed Fortuin	La Grange	Pouderoyen	Stanleytown	Vergenoegen
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ABATTOIR	-	-	471.97	120.58	-	-	-	36.80	-	-
APPRAISEMENT	-	-	-	30.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCIES	185.70	23.11	605.44	548.65	340.52	177.03	271.573	190.51	118.56	194.51
DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION	282.52	921.60	885.91	1,585.66	448.94	339.25	2,365.39	219.35	389.20	494.76
ELECTION EXPENSES	113.91	79.54	108.18	117.58	64.30	24.98	108.82	87.72	60.76	-
LAW COSTS	136.91	2.46	33.12	180.93	118.55	54.91	218.59	60.30	187.43	37.80
LOAN REPAYMENTS	590.00	1,293.39	1,464.00	1,661.52	1,576.31	-	1,650.80	709.00	970.62	-
MARKET	-	-	6,986.67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MISCELLANEOUS	304.40	199.03	1,255.19	376.74	407.75	227.60	393.79	714.25	253.28	957.95
OFFICE	-	-	-	-	-	11.28	178.95	-	-	-
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS	-	7.00	370.93	-	-	38.10	39.76	-	-	-
PURE WATER SUPPLY	1,040.80	1,070.20	2,090.47	279.20	435.84	4.50	1,735.28	946.20	35.40	694.60
RENTS - CROWN AND COLONY LANDS	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.00	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND	60.00	-	250.00	-	75.00	818.00	-	-	-	140.00
ROADS, DAMS & BRIDGES	179.78	128.60	4,197.32	374.46	150.50	50.00	389.43	-	161.00	334.69
SALARIES	1,614.00	564.00	3,934.92	2,040.00	1,608.00	312.00	2,597.00	672.00	804.00	1,019.00
SANITARY WORKS AND SOCIAL SERVICES	74.69	128.39	680.55	136.18	167.93	170.63	123.41	123.34	116.88	771.61
WIRE FENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	4,582.71	4,417.32	23,334.67	7,451.50	5,393.64	2,228.28	10,105.95	3,759.47	3,097.13	4,644.92

APPENDIX IV (Cont'd)

	Amsterdam Canefield Endeavour	La Bagatelle	Louisiana	Phoenix	Arthurville & Fredericksburg	Maria Johanna	Maria's Pleasure	Melville & Sans Souci	Noitgedacht
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ABATTOIR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
APPRAISEMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRAINAGE & IRRIGATION	1,503.62	272.70	223.50	545.50	62.64	805.56	819.20	101.66	223.34
ELECTION EXPENSES	-	68.20	-	-	-	8.84	-	52.00	60.76
LAW COSTS	-	11.52	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LOAN REPAYMENT	900.00	-	-	200.00	57.14	111.42	100.00	300.00	280.00
MISCELLANEOUS	108.92	235.19	107.02	211.68	32.90	88.54	34.40	82.40	94.90
OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS	245.92	40.00	-	-	63.72	-	-	-	-
PURE WATER SUPPLY	-	343.59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONTINGENCIES	158.40	183.54	71.00	26.83	.36	33.91	8.00	6.83	5.80
ROADS, DAMS & BRIDGES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE FUND	-	60.79	2.25	-	-	67.78	-	23.98	2.88
SALARIES	961.20	305.48	211.68	211.68	146.52	342.56	442.80	482.76	370.08
SANITARY WORKS AND SOCIAL SERVICES	61.75	89.65	56.15	24.00	-	64.50	27.50	83.64	35.00
WIRE FENCES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INTEREST ON LOAN REPAYMENT	209.00	-	-	24.00	11.44	17.82	17.50	82.50	33.60
TOTAL	4,148.81	1,610.66	671.60	1,243.69	374.72	1,540.93	1,449.40	1,215.77	1,106.36

APPENDIX VI (Cont'd)

District	Loan	Paid to 31.12.59	Balance at 31.12.59
<u>WEST DEMERARA</u>			
Bagotville	3,000.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
do.	1,000.00	800.00	200.00
Best	500.00	500.00	-
do.	200.00	200.00	-
do.	2,000.00	400.00	1,600.00
do.	600.00	100.00	500.00
Christianburg & Wismar	12,000.00	5,535.20	6,464.80
Den Amstel and Fellowship	1,300.00	1,040.00	260.00
do.	900.00	900.00	-
do.	2,279.99	606.00	1,673.99
Farm	600.00	600.00	-
Hyde Park and Grove	400.00	400.00	-
La Grange	6,720.00	60.00	6,660.00
La Retraite	4,250.00	4,200.00	50.00
North Klien Pouderoyen	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Pouderoyen	2,000.00	200.00	1,800.00
Stanleytown	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Vreed-en-Hoop	1,000.00	400.00	600.00
Good Intent & Sisters	6,450.00	1,742.85	4,707.15
do.	550.00	550.00	-
	50,249.99	21,434.05	28,815.94
<u>ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS</u>			
Amsterdam Section	7,500.00	3,000.00	4,500.00
Canefield Section	1,000.00	800.00	200.00
Endeavour	7,213.50	5,963.94	1,249.56
Phoenix	1,000.00	800.00	200.00
Maria Johanna	780.00	668.52	111.48
Noitgedacht	800.00	640.00	160.00
do.	600.00	360.00	240.00
	18,893.50	12,232.46	6,661.04
<u>ESSEQUIBO</u>			
Suddie	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
do.	8,214.00	3,518.84	4,695.16
do.	2,705.00	1,082.00	1,623.00
Dartmouth	1,000.00	800.00	200.00
do.	1,000.00	500.00	500.00
Huis t'Dieren	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
do.	3,000.00	2,400.00	600.00
do.	2,727.49	1,909.25	818.24
Queenstown	3,200.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
do.	1,700.00	510.00	1,190.00
Danielstown	2,300.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
Henrietta/Richmond	2,500.00	750.00	1,750.00
Bush Lot	600.00	180.00	420.00
	33,446.49	18,900.09	14,546.40
<u>NORTH WEST DISTRICT</u>			
Morawhanna	925.00	370.00	555.00
do.	2,200.00	440.01	1,759.99
do.	2,100.00	-	2,100.00
	5,225.00	810.01	4,414.99
<u>MAZARUNI-POTARO</u>			
Bartica	4,800.00	3,855.93	944.07
do.	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
	6,300.00	5,355.93	944.07

APPENDIX VII

Reserve Funds at 31st December, 1959.

District	Amount
<u>EAST BERBICE</u>	
	\$
Crabwood Creek	2,635.39
Lots Nos. 78-79	4,351.29
Lots Nos. 67-74	
Lot No. 67 Section	2,740.11
" 68 "	2,520.37
" 69 "	2,555.16
" 70 "	3,507.27
" 71 "	2,867.54
" 72 "	2,930.52
" 73 "	1,722.40
" 74 "	1,798.75
Lots Nos. 57-66	
Lots Nos. 57-60 Section	6,472.11
Lot No. 61 Section	825.25
" 62 "	1,786.69
" 63 "	1,378.21
" 64 "	3,371.24
" 65 "	2,970.69
" 66 "	1,363.41
<u>Lots Nos. 52-56</u>	
Lot No. 52 Section	1,341.84
53 "	1,008.53
54 "	2,593.18
0 "	2,847.99
55 "	3,203.27
56 "	2,009.20
Lots Nos. 47-48	5,570.85
Lot No. 27	504.14
<u>Nurney Kildonan</u>	
Nurney Residential Section	531.06
Nurney Cultivation Section	50.00
Kildonan Residential Section	481.06
Kildonan Cultivation Section	50.00
<u>Limlair</u>	
Limlair	358.48
Limlair Special	100.80
<u>Ulverston-Alness-Salton</u>	
Ulverston Section	220.55
Alness "	859.78
Alness Section 'A'. (N.P.R.)	12.60
Salton Section	299.38
<u>Lancaster-Liverpool-Manchester</u>	
Lancaster Section	500.00
Lancaster Special	100.00
Liverpool Section	100.00
Liverpool Special	100.00
Manchester Section	292.72
Whim	70.21
<u>Letter Kenny-Bloomfield</u>	
Letter Kenny Section	530.23
Bloomfield Section	510.76
Rose Hall	1,068.69
Fyrish	379.44
<u>Gibraltar-Courtland-Nos. 0 & 1</u>	
Gibraltar Section	141.50

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District	Amount
East Coast Berbice	
East Coast Berbice	732.99
East Coast Berbice Special	100.00
Sheet Anchor-No. 2 Palmyra	
Sheet Anchor Section	659.16
Sheet Anchor Cultivation Section	25.00
No. 2 Cultivation Section	100.00
Palmyra Cultivation Section	100.00
Cumberland	593.26
Sisters	250.00
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	74,193.07

WEST BERBICE

Belladrum-Eldorado	1,452.77
Britannia	514.72
Bush Lot	2,533.04
Cotton Tree-Zee-Zicht	1,250.24
D'Edward	1,550.49
Golden Grove	658.23
Hopetown-Bel Air	228.00
Kingelly	31.96
Lichfield	886.36
Seafield	3.47
Golden Fleece-Paradise	
Golden Fleece Section	2,606.37
Paradise Section	991.07
Woodley Park	2,785.94
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	15,492.66

EAST DEMERARA

Plaisance	19,092.49
Beterverwagting Section	2,525.82
Triumph Section	15.13
Beterverwagting and Triumph Empolder	49.98
Beterverwagting and Triumph Market	57.62
Beterverwagting and Triumph Creche	201.92
Buxton and Friendship	649.98
Buxton and Friendship Community Centre	1,779.83
Golden Grove and Kabaclis	398.54
Victoria	13.87
Victoria Community Centre	951.75
Ann's Grove and Two Friends	31.45
Clonbrook	74.13
Unity and Lancaster	22.52
Mahaica Section	162.11
Helena Section	160.01
Supply Section	369.44
Mahaica-Helena-Supply Community Centre	609.58
East Mahaica	45.33
Central Mahaicony	257.24
Central Mahaicony Community Centre	3,211.99
Eastern Mahaicony	356.77
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	31,037.50

APPENDIX VII (Cont 'd).

District	Amount	
<u>East Bank Section</u>		
Agricola	1,432.36	
Craig Front Lands	75.00	
Craig Back Lands	60.00	
Craig Second Depth	40.00	
Kitty and Alexanderville - Market	70.05	
Lodge	779.52	
Mocha	537.44	
Bagotstown	84.77	
Bel Air Park	50.00	
Meadow Bank	416.19	
Peter's Hall	122.51	
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	3,667.84	
<u>WEST DEMERARA</u>		
Bagotville	450.33	
Best	8.37	
Canals Polder	3,157.89	
Christianburg & Wismar	3,547.82	
Christianburg & Wismar (Market)	5,570.40	
Christianburg & Wismar (Community Centre)	150.00	
Den Amstel & Fellowship Farm	42.92	
Goed Fortuin	561.56	
Good Intent and Sisters	340.78	
Hyde Park and Grove	178.82	
La Grange	67.86	
La Retraite	35.00	
North Klien Pouderoyen	71.75	
Parika	50.00	
Pouderoyen	1,057.91	
Salem	64.46	
Stanleytown	1,016.60	
Vergenoegen	61.97	
Vreed-en-Hoop	684.02	
	410.80	
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	17,529.26	
<u>ESSEQUIBO ISLANDS</u>		
Louisiana	30.22	
La Bagatelle	119.08	
Noitgedacht	88.02	
Maria's Pleasure	70.87	
Maria Johanna	522.93	
Endeavour	4.88	
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	836.00	
<u>ESSEQUIBO</u>		
Danielstown	160.19	
Henrietta-Richmond	579.44	
Dartmouth	161.80	
Huis t'Dieren	57.41	
Aurora	135.00	
Suddie	1,015.89	
Adventure	50.00	
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	2,159.73	
<u>Special Reserve Funds at 31.12.59 for replacement of radio set and battery.</u>		
Belladrum-Eldorado	}	35.30
Golden Fleece-Paradise		
Golden Fleece Section		17.60
Paradise Section		17.72
Bush Lot		70.70
Cotton Tree-Zee Zight		70.70
Lichfield		71.54
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		283.56

APPENDIX VIII

Drainage and Irrigation Rates, 1959

Area	Acreage	Rate per acre	Total Rates	Contri- bution by local authorities	Contri- bution by Govern- ment
		\$	\$	\$	\$
#Craig	1,137.	6.02	6,844.74	5,244.74	1,600.00
+Plaisance	505.	26.31	13,286.55	1,507.43	11,779.12
+Beterverwagting/Triumph	1,487.	12.39	18,423.95	2,921.96	15,501.97
+Buxton/Friendship	2,176.	10.91	23,740.16	3,459.84	20,280.32
<u>+Golden Grove/Victoria</u>					
Golden Grove/Nabaclis	2,331.18	6.99	16,294.95	2,063.09	14,231.86
Victoria	1,028.28	6.99	7,187.18	910.04	6,277.64
<u>@Ann's Grove/Lancaster</u>					
Ann's Grove-Two Friends	744.	3.47	2,581.68	2,165.04	416.64
Unity/Lancaster	408.75	3.47	1,418.36	1,189.46	228.90
Clonbrook	720.	3.47	2,498.40	2,095.20	403.20
<u>Mahaica & Helena</u>					
Mahaica/Helena/Supply	2,496.	2.55	6,732.67	5,087.76	1,271.94
<u>Park/Abary</u>					
Eastern Mahaicony	2,327.00	1.56	3,630.12	2,904.10	726.02
*Sisters, E.B. Berbice	77.	16.88	1,299.76	38.50	1,261.26
*Gibraltar/Courtland/Nos. Nos. 0 & 1	2,023.00	2.84	5,745.32	606.90	5,138.42
Lots Nos. 1-25, East Coast Berbice	6,938.	.53	3,677.14	2,941.71	735.43
*Lancaster-Liverpool- Manchester	2,160.	1.80	3,888.00	1,036.80	2,851.20
*Ulverston/Alness/Salton	3,380.	1.44	4,867.20	1,487.20	3,380.00
<u>@Limlair/Kildonan</u>					
Friendship	695.	2.14	1,487.30	417.00	1,070.30
Limlair	722.	2.14	1,545.08	433.20	1,111.88
Nurney/Kildonan	1,142.	2.14	2,443.88	785.20	1,758.68
<u>Bloomfield/Whim</u>					
Letter Kenny/Bloomfield	991.05	8.30	8,225.79	6,580.58	1,645.14
Whim	461.58	8.30	3,831.11	3,064.89	766.22
<u>Lots Nos. 52-74</u>					
Lots Nos. 67-74	6,869.337	3.51	24,111.37	19,289.10	4,822.27
Lots Nos. 57-66	10,482.93	3.51	36,795.08	29,436.07	7,359.01
Lots Nos. 52-56	5,000.	3.51	17,550.00	14,040.00	3,510.00
Crabwood Creek	4,365.	3.07	13,400.55	10,720.44	2,680.11
+Rose Hall	755.	24.10	18,195.50	5,972.05	12,223.45
<u>Zorg-en-Vlygt/Aberdeen</u>					
Queenstown	534.	3.00	1,602.00	1,281.60	320.40
<u>Three Friends/Walton Hall</u>					
Danielstown	53.125	2.50	132.81	106.25	26.56
Henrietta-Richmond	102.095	2.50	255.22	204.18	51.04
Bush Lot	46.05	2.50	115.25	92.20	23.05

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APPENDIX VIII (Cont'd)

Area	Acreage	Rate per acre	Total Rates	Contri- bution by local authorities	Contri- bution by Govern- ment
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Vreed-en-Hoop/La Jalousie</u>					
Vreed-en-Hoop	70.	5.31	403.56	322.85	80.71
Best	200.	5.31	1,062.00	849.60	212.40
<u>Canals Nos. 1 and 2 Polder</u>					
Canals Polder	13,419.31	2.10	28,180.44	22,544.55	5,636.11
La Grange	1,044.	2.10	2,192.40	1,753.92	438.48
North Klien Pouderoyen	635.3	10.19	6,473.70	5,178.96	1,294.74
TOTAL			289,746.77	158,632.30	131,114.47

Government contributes a fixed amount of \$1,600 annually.
 x Pump Areas. Local Authorities contribute fixed amounts.

APPENDIX Y

Legislation enacted during 1959.

<u>Ordinance No.</u>	<u>Title</u>
No. 5 of 1959	An Ordinance to provide for valuation of property for rating purposes and for purposes connected therewith.
No. 11 of 1959	An Ordinance to amend the Prisons Ordinance.
No. 19 of 1959	An Ordinance further to amend the Local Government Ordinance.
No. 30 of 1959	An Ordinance to amend the New Amsterdam Town Council Ordinance.
