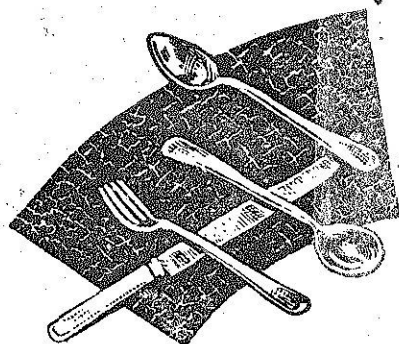


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**THE DUTCH CANAL SYSTEM BETWEEN
KALUTARA AND COLOMBO**

A REVIEW

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In our enthusiasm for the much more speedy, certain and efficient road and rail communications of the present day, we have perhaps been unmindful of the water transport system of the past. Few engineering projects of the Dutch period of occupation in Ceylon have contributed in a larger measure to the splendid prosperity of the districts they served than the canals built by their hydraulic engineers.

Writing to the *University of Ceylon Review*, Vol. V, No. 1, Mr. S. A. W. Mottau, Asst. Government Archivist, calls to mind the story of the canals in the Colombo Disavany. He tells, among other facts, of the difficulties faced by those by-gone engineers who planned and constructed the miles of water communications which linked the flourishing trade centre of Colombo to Puttalam on the north, and Kalutara on the south. This well documented contribution is entitled: *Governor van Imhoff and his Scheme of Inland River Communications in the Colombo Disavany*. The author shows that it was entirely as a result of the zeal and personal endeavours of Governor van Imhoff, (1736-1740) that a definite plan for solving the problem of inland transport was evolved, and work was started.

From the details discussed, we learn that the reasons which induced this Governor to formulate his schemes were threefold:—

Firstly: The advantages offered by the general lay of the land in the areas to be opened up, namely the facility with which the various streams, lakes and lagoons could be connected up to form one continuous line of water-way from the District of Kalutara and beyond to that of Colombo by means of canal-links between the existing lakes and streams. The grand result of the completion of the details of his scheme was to be the operation of a direct line of river transport and communication between the main agricultural supply centres in the Kalutara district and the surrounding regions of the "King's adjoining corles" and the chief distribution of depots in the "capital city of Colombo."

Secondly: The general safety of this new means of transport as compared with the hitherto dangerous and expensive method of transporting by sea the essential articles of food and other produce from the fertile district of Kalutara to the central storehouses in Colombo for distribution among the Company's outposts and outstations. It seems abundantly clear from the text that this "desirable aim" as he calls it weighed heavily in the mind of Governor van Imhoff, particularly in connection with the benefits and advantages it offered to the Company's trade in cinnamon and other articles of general use, such as arrack, coir, etc.

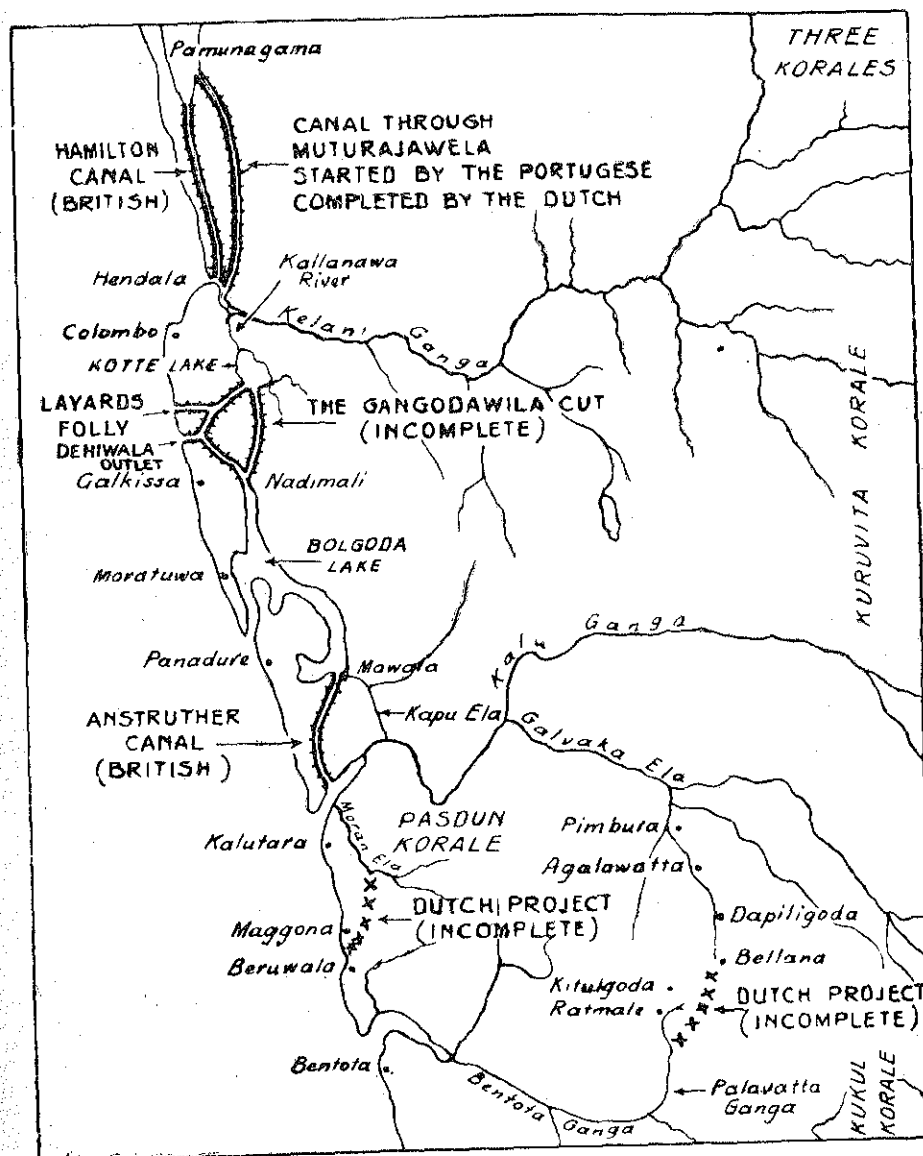
Thirdly: The general benefits and profits which both the Company and the inhabitants would derive therefrom, through the more economic transport and disposal of the agricultural produce of the land and the opening up of the same, with the consequent improvement in the general living conditions and welfare of the inhabitants.

Mr. Mottau explains there is no doubt too, that the Governor's recommendations "were made with due and careful regard to the repercussions of the execution of the scheme on the native inhabitants; for he refers to the hardships which such works had already caused to the people in the district in regard to the earth-cutting operations at Kotte, and suggests that the work be carried out on a more definite plan. What that plan is exactly he does not specify; but it is possible that even at that time he foresaw the need for providing more adequate remuneration to the workmen in their labour and subsistence, as an inducement to them to expedite the work.

The canal from Tudella to Pamunugamuva through the Maturajawela swamps off the north of Colombo, which was started by the Portuguese and completed by the Dutch, was apparently in service when Governor van Imhoff took over the administration of Coastal Ceylon. This, of course, as a glance at the map will show, provided a continuous water-way from the Kelani River to Negombo. The parallel "Hamilton Canal," was built in early British times, with a view to protecting the Maturajawela from sources of saline infiltration. It is not impossible too, that the small cuts needed north of Negombo to link up the natural water-spreads and afford communications as far north as Puttalam, had also been completed before van Imhoff arrived. Work on the canal between Negombo and the Maha Oya was in progress in 1706. This perhaps explains why the *Memoir of considerations of Governor van Imhoff, submitted to the Council of Ceylon, dated 12th February, 1740*; refers only to works south of the Kelani River.

The projects mentioned in this memoir are:

- Scheme (i) A link connecting Nedimala and Kotte, which provides a continuous water-way from the Kelani Ganga to the Kalu Ganga.
- Scheme (ii) A link connecting Moran Ela and the Kalamoderam Ela which provides communication between the Kalu Ganga and the Bentota Ganga.



of the hillocks below could give work for a couple of years, while the low land on the other hand could be opened on both sides with little labour." The point was that even if the bill was not cut through, the inhabitants would profit by the opening of the canals on both sides for a padda boat service, and that by experiencing the advantages of this limited service, the inhabitants would demolish the bill in course of time to get full measure of the benefits. His great concern, as he put it, was, "after my departure, perhaps these schemes may run the risk of being suspended as being impracticable or under some other pretence, as was already the case because it turned out to be more difficult than originally anticipated."

The following orders were issued in this connection by the Governor-General and the Council at Batavia in 1740:

"From the reasons adduced, it appears that the earth-cutting in the Colombo disavany would prove beneficial and useful in every way, and the ministers (Councillors) are therefore hereby definitely recommended to expedite the progress and completion of this work, even by the employment of the 200 eastern artificers sent out to Ceylon both direct and via Mallabar (if the Councillors consider such a step expedient and necessary), in order further to expedite this work.

The project was still under construction in 1743, and the canals from the two ends terminating at the hill at Gangodavilla through which the Kelani Valley railway runs today in deep cutting were eventually completed. The intervening distance was said to have been 120 Rhenish Roods, or nearly 500 English yards. Nevertheless, van Imhoff's convictions that the inhabitants would effect the connection by cutting through the hill, turned out after all to be a case of wishful thinking.

The canals which were cut can be traced to this day in sections along their routes. They have been long out of use.

Scheme (ii), was an equally ambitious undertaking. The object was to link up the port at Barberyn (Beruwala), for two principal reasons: First, to transport arrack from the distilleries, the coir fibre and other articles, to the warehouses for shipment by vessels which called at that port. Secondly, to transport the cinnamon delivered at the warehouses at Barberyn, and the other produce mentioned, by padda boat to Colombo, when the monsoons prevent ships from finding anchorage in that roadstead.

Construction on this project too appears to have been started in 1740. In the month of March, three years later, the Hon'ble Arent van Broyel, Disava of the Colombo suburbs, reporting to the then acting Governor, Daniel Overbeek, said:—"In this district (Kalutara) the earth cutting for the new watercourse which is to extend from the river here (Kalu Ganga) beyond Payegalle towards Makoene (Maggona), has been completed for about 1400 Roods (3 miles, 474 yards) or 3/5 of the entire distance, leaving a stretch of only 1000 to 1200 roods (about 2 miles) to be completed, for which 200 men are required, who, with a spell of good weather, could complete the work within 4 or 5 months."

The endorsement made thereon by the acting Governor, was that the Disava and the Commandant of Kalutara are earnestly recommended to expedite the construction of this canal as a very useful work with a view to its early completion.

Finding five months later that the work was not proceeding up to expectations in spite of every possible encouragement, "owing to the indifference of the inhabitants, who appeared to seem to work with much reluctance (disgust)" the Political Council resolved to pay the men "one light stiver per day", and to allow them to draw two or three rations of rice, pepper and salt monthly. It was hoped that this would serve as an inducement and speed up progress.

This waterway is shown on the modern 1" maps as the Dummala-modera Ela, and does not appear to have been carried beyond the cabook hills of Maggona. Apparently enough labour could not be found to work the deep cutting that an extension would have entailed.

The third and last scheme was intended to tap the remote areas of the Pasdum Korale, and is of special interest since it has never been mentioned before.

The most outstanding feature of this proposal is its political rather than economic significance. While ostensibly it was to open up the back blocks of a district from which produce, principally valuable timber, could not be transported without considerable expense, it held out the possibility of communication from the very gates of Colombo to an inaccessible but none the less important frontier separating the Dutch Maritime zone and the territory of the Sinhalese King. To the west of the country through which the canal was to pass, there lay the Kuruvita and Kukul Korales of Saffragam.

The story of the attempt to connect the two natural waterways is told in a Resolution of the Dutch Political Council which is dated the 26th April 1747, seven years after van Imhoff's departure from Ceylon:—

The Lieutenant Disava Coenraat Pieter Keller, having been ordered by decision of this Council of the 11th February to make a personal inspection of the proposed earth-cutting in the Pasdum Corle between the two streams Galwecke and Pellewatte, in order to furnish the necessary information regarding that work, he has accordingly submitted to the Governor on his return from there the following report of his findings:

To the Right Honourable Julius Valentyn Stein van Gollenesse, Councillor Extraordinary of the Netherlands-Indies, the Governor and Director of the Island of Ceylon and its dependencies,

Noble and Right Honourable Sir,

In compliance with honoured resolution of the Council of Ceylon of the 11th February last, I proceeded to the Pasdum Corle to make a careful inspection of the streams there between Galwecke and Pellewatte. The position is as follows:

At Alloegamgange there are three estuaries which unite with the river of Alikan (commonly known as the Bentota river), one of which is that of Pellewatte, from the mouth of which it is possible even now to proceed upwards in dhonies to Nakandele in two hours and then come to Pellewatte to a place called Ambelantotte, a distance of half an hour further upwards. The dhonies generally come up to this place; but there are some sandbanks in the stream, and it is quite shallow. Quite an hour's journey further up, you arrive at a place called Ratmalle Ambelam, where the inhabitants informed me that the Portuguese in their time had dug up the stream and sailed up to this place. It was in fact apparent that it was possible to have this stream cleared up to this place and the profuse growth with low-hanging branches cut down with a little expense. But from here onwards to Kittoelgodde, a distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, the flow of water is considerably diminished, though three or four rivulets from the huge mountain ranges help to supply and replenish it, and the river thus rises somewhat until the ovitas of Kittoelgodde, where the furthest mountain range is situated, and you come to Hellepotte, which (being a valley) has numerous springs. In this valley there came to view as it were some rounded hills emerging upwards, but I could not say for certain whether they would eventually be found to be really existing there as I had no telescope with me at the time. Coming downwards from this hill of Kittoelgodde past the village Billanelle, Danpilligodde, Kakkoelangtotte, Aglewatte (which is a rest-house) and Gorkegodde, you come to Hiemberre where there is the Company's paddy store. The dhonies from the river Calloegange (or the Caliture river) come up to this point to transport paddy and the other goods, the stream here too being navigable from Kittoelgodde as it is replenished in its course by other rivulets which flow into it; and you have to proceed for quite four hours before you come to the Calloegange, (Kalu Ganga).

From the above report it will be seen that there is a valley from the Caliture to the Bentotte rivers across the Pasdum Corle (which is otherwise mostly high mountain land) for a distance of about $11\frac{1}{2}$ hours, 6 hours distance of which is already navigable, $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours distance of which (namely from Nakandelle to Ratmalle) could be made navigable with a little labour, leaving yet $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours distance of highland to be cut through from one valley to the other in order thereby to connect up the two rivers; for one part of the stream runs South-East and South-South East from Kittoelgodde to Alikan while the other runs North-West and West-North West to the Calloegange.

I trust that I have hereby executed my commission, and I beg respectfully to remain, Right Honourable and Noble Sirs,

Your humble and obedient servant,
(Signed) P. C. KELLER.

(In the margin): Hulitsdorp, 11 April, 1747.

Whereupon, it was observed that this report in no way helped further in the matter, for it furnished no additional information to what was already a matter of common knowledge, namely, that the channel

from one river to the other is a distance of $11\frac{1}{2}$ hours, that 6 hours distance of this was already navigable, that a distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours could be made navigable with a little labour, and finally that the hill would have to be cut through a distance of $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours, with the impudent remark that no telescope was available to ascertain whether the area was generally hilly, which is all the less pardonable as the lay of the land was visible here and there. Therefore, since Keller himself is not so ignorant as to be unaware of the fact that the main point in this matter and one which we particularly wish to have information on is the extent of the hills that have to be negotiated in this earth-cutting and as to require telescopes and other instruments for ascertaining this, it is resolved to send the said Lieutenant Disava Keller thither once again, accompanied by the Engineer and Second Lieutenant of the Artillery, Jacob Hendrick de Vries, strictly enjoining them to proceed with this work with greater circumspection and provide themselves beforehand with the tools required for clearing the necessary gaps for discovering the cliffs, and also ascertain from the water levels to what depth it would be necessary to cut through the cliffs in order to render this channel navigable and to connect up the aforesaid two streams of Galwecke and Pellewatte.

In the more recent decades since Lieutenant Disava Keller reconnoitered this tract of country, the rubber lands which were opened in the locality have silted the valley and considerably altered the topography. Nevertheless, a chain of paddy fields and water-logged *deniyas* (marsh-lands) reveal the only possible trace. There is not a fragment of evidence which shows that construction was ever attempted.

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GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF SIEBEL OF CEYLON.

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Altendorff).

I

Johan Siebel of Olwilden arrived in Ceylon in 1768, married 12th June 1774, Christina Minna Lantowe of Galle, and he had by her:—

- 1 Johan Pieter, who follows under II.
- 2 Francina Carolina, baptised 21st September 1777.

II

Johan Pieter Siebel, born 11th August 1775, died 22nd July 1822, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 8th July 1804, Florentina Apolonia Goutyahr, born 21st May 1789, died 24th June 1852, daughter of Johan Leonhard Goutyahr and Apolonia Florentina Goutyahr. He had by her:—

- 1 Johan Leonhard, who follows under III.
- 2 Engeltina Christiana, born 18th November 1808, married Pieter Samuel Fermer.
- 3 Wilhelmina Hermina, born 6th September 1811.
- 4 Petrus Wilhelmus, born 8th June 1814, died 12th November 1840, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 1st October 1840, Charlotte Carolina LaBrooy, born 25th June 1814, daughter of Erhart Johannes LaBrooy and Anna Catharina Piekzen. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXIV, page 69).
- 5 Elalia Johanna, born 8th December 1816.
- 6 Arnoldus Henricus Ferdinand, who follows under IV.
- 7 Johan Everhardus Pieter, who follows under V.

III

Johan Leonhard Siebel, Legislative Council Clerk, born 5th October 1805, died 7th May 1870, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 10th May, 1830, Jane Hortentia Hughes, born 23rd November 1812, died 4th January 1878, daughter of James Henry Hughes and Julia Brohier. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 195). He had by her:—

- 1 John Boyle, who follows under VI.
- 2 Samuel William, who follows under VII.
- 3 Henrietta Margaritta, born 30th September 1835.
- 4 Arnold Edmund Lauzun, who follows under VIII.
- 5 Charles George Edwin, born 19th October 1842.
- 6 Julia Eliza Ann, born 10th December 1844, died 10th January 1925.

7 John Henry Alexander, born 28th December 1848, died 6th September 1849.

8 James Peter Louis, who follows under IX.

VI

Arnoldus Henricus Ferdinand Siebel, born 13th May 1820, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 18th November 1874, Emelia Henrietta Tissera, widow of Cornelius Martin Bastiaensz, born 1830, died at Galle, 7th November 1914. He had by her:—

- 1 James Arnold, born 8th November 1853.
- 2 Anna Mary, born 6th June 1857, died 23rd January 1935, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th January 1880, John Frederick Woutersz, Station Master, Ceylon Government Railway, born 15th May 1857, died 29th June 1924, son of Petrus Albertus Woutersz and Catharina Wilhelmina Selman.
- 3 Ellen Alice, born 11th April 1859, died 13th July 1937, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 6th April, 1896, James Martin Mortimer.
- 4 Agnes Amelia, born 18th January 1862.
- 5 John Wilfred Peter, who follows under X.

V

Johan Everhardus Pieter Siebel, Chief Clerk, Audit Office, born 17th November 1822, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 10th February 1851, Louisa Clout, born 1834, died 16th December 1860. He had by her:—

- 1 Walter Horatio, who follows under XI.
- 2 Rosalind Hortensia, born 4th June 1853, died 16th June 1853.
- 3 Arthur Warkus, who follows under XII.
- 4 Eugenie Sophia Margaret, born 31st December 1857, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 5th January 1880, Charles Peter Shaw.
- 5 Frances Grace, born 25th August 1860, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 25th August 1888, Cecil Edmund de Wolff.

VII

John Boyle Siebel, J.P., Crown Proctor, Kandy, born 20th March 1831, died 30th January 1907, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 30th September 1858, Georgiana Margaretta Van Dort, born 18th December 1837, died 11th April 1891, daughter of Johannes Jacobus Van Dort and Petronella Margaretta Kalenberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 156, and Vol. XXVIII, page 20). He had by her:—

- 1 John Augustus.
- 2 Nellie.
- 3 William.
- 4 Hugh.

VII

Samuel William Siebel, born 1st January 1833, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 28th January 1856, Sophia Eleanor Baillie, died 6th September 1886. He had by her:—

- 1 Justin Harris, born 23rd November 1858.
- 2 Reginald William, born 25th July 1860.
- 3 Cyril Osmond, born 11th August 1862.
- 4 Terence Alaric, who follows under XIII.
- 5 Ella Marian, born 12th July 1856.
- 6 Percival Dick, born 31st May 1868, died 5th August 1925, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 18th December 1895, Sophia Charlotte de Boer, born 13th October 1867, daughter of Henry Arnold de Boer and Eliza Joseline Van Geyzel. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 73, and Vol. XXXIV, page 79).
- 7 Florence Adeline, born 9th March 1870, died 16th November 1944, married in St. Michael's and All Angels' Church, Colombo, 6th July 1908, Edgar Harris Schokman, born 12th March 1858, died 24th November 1937, son of Johan William Schokman and Anne Louisa Ohlmus. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 106 and 110, and Vol. XXVIII, page 169).
- 8 Lloyd Evan, who follows under XIV.
- 9 Clarence Ernest, born 30th April 1870, died 31st August 1924, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 16th September 1909, Elsie Arabella Nelson, born 26th June 1882.
- 10 Jessie Lillian, born 4th June 1875.

VIII

Arnold Edmund Lauzun Siebel, Proctor, born 5th July 1839, died 23rd April 1917, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th April 1866, Jane Alice Wendt, born 3rd March 1846, died 20th June 1911, daughter of Daniel Henry Wendt and Cornelia Arnoldina Gratiaen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 65, and Vol. VI, page 9. He had by her:—

- 1 Edmund Daniel Wendt, who follows under XV.
- 2 Alice Hortensia, born 13th February 1869, died 1st July 1893, married in Trinity Church, Kandy, 15th April 1891, William Wendt Margenont, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin), L.F.P. and S. (Glas), Provincial Surgeon, Civil Medical Department, born 21st February 1863, son of John William Margenont, Surgeon, and Marion Henrietta Wendt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 65, and Vol. XXV, page 157).
- 3 Evelyn Norah, born 25th June 1870, died 4th September 1928.
- 4 Lillian Sophia, born 9th September 1873.
- 5 James Lauzun, born 8th January 1879, died 17th June 1893.

IX

James Peter Louis Siebel, born 30th July 1851, died 7th September 1917, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 14th May 1877, Julia Rosella Sisouw, born 6th February 1853, died 15th May 1893, daughter of Eugene Godwin Sisouw, Proctor, and Eliza Georgiana Brohier. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 196). He had by her:—

- 1 Claribel Janet, born 14th March 1879, died 4th November 1905, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 13th August 1904, John Ernest Spaar, born 4th April 1874, son of James Alfred Spaar, Minister of the Methodist Church, and Clara Jane Vander Straaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 160, and Vol. XXV, page 122).
- 2 Gwendoline Hortensia Ruth, born 23rd June 1880, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 22nd April 1924, Henry Arthur Victor Speldewinde, born 18th January 1867, died 16th September 1930, widower of Josephine Cecilia Nancy Matthysz, and son of Simon Johan Speldewinde and Frances Ann Riberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, pages 74 and 77).
- 3 Muriel Beda, born 17th June 1882, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 15th November 1924, John Wilmot Perera, Advocate.
- 4 Beryl Rosella, born 17th October 1883.
- 5 Alwyn James, who follows under XVI.
- 6 Giles Louis Eustace, who follows under XVII.
- 7 Hyacinth Violet, born 26th September 1890, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 3rd April 1918, Eustace Conrad Brohier, born 26th August 1890, son of Simon Horatio Godfrey Brohier and Ada Gertrude Siegerts (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 206).
- 8 Beatrice Maud, born 11th December 1891, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 7th August 1913, Edmund Hugh de Wolff, born 5th May 1890, son of Cecil Edmund de Wolff and Frances Grace Siebel. (Vide V, 5, supra).

X

John Wilfred Peter Siebel, born 25th April 1866, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 3rd June 1903, Mildred Evangeline Gomes, daughter of James Joseph Gomes, Medical Practitioner, and Lillian Schokman. He had by her:—

- 1 Wilfred Arnold, born 29th April 1904, died 18th January 1908.
- 2 John Hubert Mervin, born 7th April 1906.
- 3 Alaric Herman, born 8th December 1908.

XI

Walter Horatio Siebel, Chief Clerk, Audit Office, born 2nd December 1851, died 17th March 1914, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 10th December 1873, Alice Arabella Van Geyzel, born 12th March 1856, died 11th December 1915, daughter of Frederik Hendrik Van Geyzel and Louisa Raffel (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 174). He had by her:—

- 1 Walter Horatio, who follows under XVIII.
- 2 Reginald Edward Duncan, born 5th September 1880.
- 3 Sybil Elaine Louisa, born 27th February 1883, died 23rd June 1884.
- 4 Cyril, born 6th December 1884, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 16th September 1914, Cecilia Maria Cooper nee de Silva.
- 5 Ruth, born 1887, died 29th April 1905.

XII

Arthur Warkus Siebel, born 27th October 1854, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 17th May 1877, Maria Eliza Spaar, born 29th August 1849, died 8th October 1918, daughter of John William Spaar and Maria Cecilia Andree. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 14, and Vol. XXV, page 122). He had by her:—

- 1 Arthur Lisle, who follows under XIX.
- 2 Linda Violet Beryl, born 3rd June 1879, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 20th June 1907, John William Jansz.
- 3 Alwynne Spaar Millmont, born 18th September 1880.
- 4 Vernon Clout Stanley, who follows under XX.
- 5 Claude Brooke William, who follows under XXI.
- 6 Aelian Harold Osborne, born 10th September 1884.
- 7 Louise Blanche Marion, born 13th November 1886, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 11th April 1912, Nathaniel Joseph Jansz.
- 8 Clarence Methwin, born 27th July 1890.
- 9 Elsie Mildred Clare, born 21st April 1894.

XIII

Terence Alaric Siebel, born 23rd December 1864, died 12th September 1893, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 22nd June 1892, Helen Cecilia Vander Straaten, born 13th June 1869, died 2nd September 1893, daughter of Edmund Arthur Vander Straaten and Drusilla Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 161, and Vol. XXV, page 107). He had by her:—

- 1 Helen Drusille, born 29th March 1893, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 15th April 1914, John Gordon Trevail.

XIV

Lloyd Evan Siebel, born 9th December 1871, died 9th June 1938, married in St. Stephens's Church, Negombo, 7th June 1905, Dora Eliza Sparkes, daughter of William Hewitt Sparkes and Ann Caroline Andree. He had by her:—

- 1 Henrietta Doris, born 9th May 1906.
- 2 William Lloyd, who follows under XXII.
- 3 Eleanor May, L.M.S., (Ceylon) born 3rd January 1909.
- 4 Percival Dick, born 15th June 1910.
- 5 Terence Michael, born 27th November 1915.
- 6 Reginald Harris Baillie, born 26th February 1918.

XV

Edmund Daniel Wendt Siebel, born 28th August 1867, died 12th February 1912, married in Christ Church, Matale, 11th January 1893, Adeline Theodora Georgiana Prins, born 26th August 1868, died 6th March 1944, daughter of Francis Albert Prins, Proctor, and Adeline Elizabeth Muller. He had by her:—

- 1 Adeline Alice, born 11th November 1895, married in St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur in Federated Malay States, 8th November 1917, Clair Alexander Speldewinde, Senior Assistant Conservator of Forests, Perak, born 1st May 1887, son of Francis Adolphus Speldewinde and Eliza Alexandra Maartensz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, pages 41, 75 and 79).

XVI

Alwyne James Siebel, born 12th June 1885, married:—

- (a) In Holy Trinity Church, Kandy, 8th February 1909, Hazel Elvina Brohier, born 13th December 1887, died 18th April, 1946 daughter of Simon Horatio Godfrey Brohier and Ada Gertrude Siegertsz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 206).
- (b) In Registrar-General's Office, Colombo, 21st July 1924, and in Christ Church, Dehiwala, 16th May 1929, Unit Hope de Zilwa, born 25th May 1895, daughter of Edmund de Zilwa and Hope Augusta Kelaart.

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Gloria Ada Brohier, born 1911, died 1913.
- 2 Bianca Elvina Brohier, born 14th January 1913, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 6th June 1942, Vera Keppel Maartensz Daniel, born 30th November 1907, son of Arthur Justin Daniel, Government Surveyor, and Agnes Beatrice Maartensz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXIII, page 41).
- 3 Bertha Hannah, born 11th July 1914, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 26th December 1942, Eustace Lorenz Matthysz, born 19th April 1919, son of Ernest Sydney Matthysz and Ethel Lorenz Andree.

Of the second marriage, he had:—

- 4 Alwyne James, born 10th October 1925.
- 5 Angela Jeanne, born 11th May 1931.

XVII

Giles Louis Eustace Siebel, born 16th September 1888, died 29th January 1943, married:—

- (a) In the Methodist Church, Pettah, Colombo, 30th December 1912, Isla Glen Adel Ebert, born 7th April 1888, died 13th May 1916, daughter of Victor Henry Reginald Ebert and Adela Henrietta Koelmeyer.
 - (b) In St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 21st April 1919, Muriel Gilles, born 11th September 1898, daughter of John Edmund Gilles and Anna Beatrice Fernando.
- Of the second marriage, he had:—
- 1 Cedric Malcolm Giles, born 21st October 1920.
 - 2 Arthur, died in infancy.
 - 3 Isobel Doreen Muriel, born 10th May 1924.
 - 4 Norman, died in infancy.
 - 5 George Louis Victor, born 7th June 1927.
 - 6 Gwendoline Ursula Moira, born 3rd August 1928.
 - 7 Leonord Eustace James, born 8th June 1930.

XVIII

Walter Horatio Siebel, Assistant Storekeeper, Civil Medical Stores, born 25th July 1875, died 6th December 1933, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 20th April 1908, Hilda Elaine Vanden Driesen, born 4th May 1878, daughter of Richard Vanden Driesen and Lucy Emelia Andriesz. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 59). He had by her:—

- 1 May Alexandra, born 25th May 1909, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 26th December 1935, Frederick Clifford Berenger, born 14th November 1907, son of Edward James Berenger and Augusta Hope da Silva.
- 2 Phyllis Nelliya, born 27th August 1910, married in St. Luke's Church, Borella, 14th June 1945, Henri Edward Stork, born 14th April 1910, son of Ralph Henry Stork and Lottie May Sisouw.
- 3 Doreen Elaine, born 29th August 1911, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 10th June 1937, Marconi Hillebrand Sisouw, born 11th June 1912, son of Guy Hillebrand Sisouw and May Teresa Christobel Van Langenberg.
- 4 Walter Neil VandenDriesen, who follows under XXIII.
- 5 Esme Verna, born 17th August 1915, married in All Saints' Church, Borella, 28th December 1946, Baxandhall Hillebrand Sisouw, born 29th August 1917, son of Guy Hillebrand Sisouw and May Teresa Christobel VanLangenberg.

XIX

Arthur Lisle Siebel, born 13th September 1877, married:—

- (a) In the Methodist Church, Pettah, Colombo, 22nd July 1903, Christine Edna Rebeira.
- (b) In St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 24th June 1927, Gladys Estelle Cockburn, daughter of Montague Dundas Cockburn and Hester Alice de Kretser.

Of the first marriage, he had:—

- 1 Christine Edna Lisle, born 30th April 1904.
- Of the second marriage, he had:—
- 2 Phyllis Norma Lisle, born 15th March 1908.
 - 3 Arthur Lisle, born 10th April 1909.

XX

Vernon Clout Stanley Siebel, born 18th November, 1881, married:—

- (a) In St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 2nd September 1903, Clarice Violet Kriekenbeek, born 10th January 1884, died 15th June 1923, daughter of Thomas Henry Kriekenbeek and Elizabeth Kriekenbeek.
- (b) In St. Matthew's Church, Demetagoda, 30th July 1924, Alice Hannah Stork, born 16th August 1880, daughter of Clarence Charles Stork and Alice Elizabeth Gillan. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 24).

Of the first marriage he had:—

- 1 Irene Violet Beryl, born 6th August 1904, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 21st November 1925, Onword Stephen Augustus Vander Ziel.
- 2 Neville Vernon Stanley, born 1st February 1907.
- 3 Arthur Elmar, born 23rd February, 1908.
- 4 Reginald St. Clair, born 28th December 1909.
- 5 Iris Gwendoline Marie, born 23rd March 1911, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 26th December 1931, Bernard Meerwald, son of Walter Clement Meerwald and Eleanor Augusta Wendt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. V, page 66).
- 6 Christobel Marguerite Viola, born 10th January 1913, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 28th December 1932, Alfred Edward Grenier Reimers, born 20th August 1905, son of Charles Annesley Reimers and Ethel Grace Grenier. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 64, and Vol. XXXII, page 50 and 52).

XXI

Claude Brooke William Siebel, born 5th July 1883, married in St. Paul's Church, Pettah, Colombo, 18th November 1908, Gertrude May Potger, born 11th July 1887, daughter of Justin Charles Potger and Evelyn May Rodé. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 111, and Vol. XXIX, page 101). He had by her:—

- 1 Arthur Ernest Claude, born 22nd August 1909, died 1st February 1911.
- 2 Gertrude Merle, born 9th July 1911.
- 3 Esther Evelyn Joyce, born 23rd March 1913, died 15th November 1920.
- 4 Rachel Edith Maria, born 2nd August 1914, died 6th July 1925.

- 5 Warkus Annesley Brian, born 15th January 1917, married in the Booth Memorial Hall, Slave Island, Colombo, 28th December 1942, Primrose Kraese.
- 6 Kingsley Shelton Everard, born 26th October 1917, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 5th June 1943, Harriet Rose (Nina) Bartholomeusz, born 28th January 1919, daughter of Frederick Roland Bartholomeusz and Harriet Atwell.
- 7 Charles Elred Matthew, who follows under XXIV.
- 8 Mark Edgar Spaar, born 28th January 1922.
- 9 Phyllis Brenda Dorcas, born 29th October 1924, died 7th July 1927.

XXII

William Lloyd Siebel, Inspector of Police, born 3rd August 1907, married in St. Paul's Church, Kynsey Road, Colombo, 23rd July 1932, Edith Dulcie Austin, born 16th September 1908. He had by her:—

- 1 Dorothea Marlene, born 10th February 1934.
- 2 Wilhelm Lloyd Haig, born 25th March 1936.
- 3 Druscille Edith May, born 29th May 1938.
- 4 George Devereux, born 16th September 1939.
- 5 Trevor Michael, born 11th June 1940.
- 6 Winsome Margriet Cherrie, born 2nd October 1945.
- 7 Percival Dick, born 7th October 1946.

XXIII

Walter Neil Vanden Driesen Siebel, born 17th October 1913, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 20th July 1938, Noeline Sybil Mary (Babsie) Ohlmus, born 1st December 1905, daughter of Austin William Ohlmus and Louise Rosebel Holmes, (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, page 175). He had by her:—

- 1 Walter Brian Anthony Ohlmus, born 16th May 1939.
- 2 Andrew Trevor, born 1st December 1942.

XXIV

Charles Elred Matthew Siebel, born 7th October 1920, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Bambalapitiya, 7th June 1944, Louise Naney Beatrice Keegel, and he had by her:—

- 1 Nanette Amarayllis, born 2nd April 1945.

Note: The following are translations of documents in Dutch, and they refer to Johan Siebel mentioned under I:

(a)

Act of Appointment.

(Government Archives, Dutch Records,

No. 2531, page 117).

Johan Siebel of Olwilden, arrived in India in the year 1763 on the ship "De Jonge Lieve" as "Zoldaat" (soldier) on 9 guilders per month, is, by these presents, on his application, and on expiry of his term of agreement, advanced in salary to 13 guilders per month, on a new bond for five years from this date, but his salary is to take effect from the 24th July last, the date on which his present bond expired.

Dated: the 8th September 1768.

(b)

Extract from Minutes taken
at a Sitting of the Commissioners
of Marriage Causes on Thursday
the 26th May 1774.

At the request and after the examination of the parties as regards their marriage with each other, it is hereby registered: Johan Siebel, Soldier in the Militia of this place, Bachelor, and Christina Minna Lautowe of Galle, Spinster.

Colombo, 12th June 1774.

J. C. Frankimont
Sworn Clerk.



CEYLON IN THE SIXTIES.

(Continued from our last Issue).

John Parsons was Government Agent of the Southern Province. He had seen service in Kandy and had done well during the Matale rebellion, but he committed a grave indiscretion by informing a third party that his Chief, C. R. Buller, had appropriated some drums and tusks belonging to the Kandy Maligawa, the former supposed to have been taken from the British during the massacre at Davie's ferry in 1803. The matter went as far as the Supreme Court, which held that although Parsons had been imprudent and wanting in loyalty to his Chief, he had been the victim of the person who had gained his confidence and magnified what he had told him.

The Head Clerk of the Kacheheri was Henry Frederick Jansz, among the other five clerks being Henry Bogaars, Charles William Jansz, and Frederick William Booy, the last-named belonging to a family that is now almost extinct. In the Native Department we find as Third Interpreter the name of Edmund Rowland Goneratne, a great friend of the Burghers, who was afterwards to hold a high place in his community. The Muslims were represented in the Shroff's Department, the Shroff Mudaliyar being Ahamdo Lebbe Markar Mascos Wil Casim, and this tradition was carried on until quite recently, the office being probably handed down from father to son.

A member of the Provincial Road Committee was Captain Francis Bailey, the Agent of the P. & O. Company, who was stationed there when Galle was the principal port of call. He resided at *Closenbergh*, a house jutting into the sea, which may be seen from the Fort across the harbour. Daniel Blyth, the Master Attendant, was a member of the District Road Committee. He was regarded as a handy man, and would on occasion even officiate for the District Judge. Louis Nell once told the Chief Justice, who had expressed his astonishment at Blyth's ignorance of the law, that he only signed papers put before him by the Secretary. The Customs was staffed by members of families who, up to recent times, were represented in that Department, among them being Joseph, Jansz, Anthonisz, Deutrom, Daviot.

The Municipality had Edwin Ludovici as its Secretary, while Henry Frederick Jansz, Head Clerk of the Galle Kacheheri, represented the Hirimbura Ward. There were three Inspectors, and Cyrus Henry Speldewinde was Superintendent of Roads. A Bench of Magistrates dealt with offences against the by-laws. The assessment tax was comparatively light—5 per cent—while taxes were also levied on horses, mules, bullocks and asses. There were two road tolls, one at Galupidde in the South, and the other at Piadigama in the west.

The Secretary of the District Court was John Henry de Zilwa, and he had two clerks under him, Charles Benjamin Bogaars and Albert Ernest Jansz. Louis Nell, the father of Dr. A. Nell, was Deputy Queen's Advocate. Among Proctors we find the names of de Vos, Ludovici,

Jansz, Keegel. The Fiscal's Office had John Edwin Kellar as Deputy Fiscal, while Johannes Everhardus Jansz was "Jail Master". Two Inspectors of Police, 5 sergeants, and 31 constables sufficed to maintain law and order in the town. Two clerks, William Tranchell and Don Hendrick Dissanaiké, comprised the office staff.

The Church of England had, as Colonial Chaplain, Dr. G. J. Schrader, whose connection with All Saints', Galle, is perpetuated by a bell placed in the Church tower in 1876. Dr. J. K. Clarke was in charge of the Dutch Presbyterian Church. Peter Balkhuysen was Vice-President of the Consistory, the elders being John Ursinus Wittensleger and Cyrus Henry Speldewinde. Joseph Richard Anthonisz, the father of Mr. R. G. Anthonisz, held the office of "Precentor".

As already stated, Daniel Blyth was Master Attendant. To the duties of this office he superadded those of Justice of the Peace and Superintendent of the Basses Light-ship, the present lighthouses being not yet built. The Pilots were all Burghers, a profession in which they are now not represented at all. The Basses Light-ship was named *Ceylon* and was manned by a Master, a Chief Mate, and a Second Mate. The Registrar of Lands was J. F. Lorenz, a brother of C. A. Lorenz. Francis Ernest Goneratne, another member of a well-known Sinhalese family, was Registrar of Marriages, Births and Deaths.

The Headmaster of the Government Central School was James Edmund Anthonisz. He was the father of J. O. Anthonisz, who after filling the office of Treasurer of the Straits Settlements, was appointed to act as British Resident of Selangor. On Edwin Ludovici's appointment as Secretary of the Colombo Municipality, J. E. Anthonisz succeeded him in the Galle Municipality and served for many years with much acceptance. William Auwardt and Francis Ebenezzer de Zilwa were Assistant Teachers in the Galle Central School, while Joseph Richard Anthonisz was a teacher in the Elementary School. It is much to be regretted that the Burghers, who were pioneers in this field, have now hardly a place in it.

Charles Peter Gerard de Vos enjoyed the imposing designation of Deputy Postmaster General and Imperial Packet Agent. He had four clerks to assist him, all Burghers. Dr. P. D. Anthonisz was in medical charge of the District, with Dr. J. L. VanderStraaten as his assistant. The Galle General Hospital was apparently a private establishment, and was managed by a Board consisting of a President (the Government Agent), a Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary, and ten Committee members. The income, including a Government grant of £150, was £1,096, and the expenditure £842. The number of indoor patients treated in 1867 was, European, 65, Sinhalese 311, Malabars 95. There was also an outdoor dispensary, at which 5,614 patients were treated during the year.

Benevolent, educational and literary societies received full support. The Buona Vista Native Female Orphan Asylum had as Trustees the Bishop of Colombo, the Hon'ble Mr. W. C. Gibson, Charles Peter Layard, Archdeacon Mooyaart, and Captain T. H. Twynam, with the Rev. Philip Marks and Mrs. Marks in charge. The Wesleyans also

carried on educational work, a Society being responsible for this under the Secretaryship of Joseph Richard Anthonisz, already referred to. The Friend-in-Need Society had a strong Committee on which the Burghers were well represented. The Galle Book Club had as Librarian George Edward Jansz.

Eight countries had Consulates in Galle, three members of the Vanderspaar family sharing among themselves four of these. Two Banks had branches here, the Oriental Bank Corporation and the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China. Five clerks sufficed for all the work, among them being Charles William Perkins, who afterwards became well known in Mercantile circles in Colombo. As already stated, Captain Francis Bailey was the Agent of the P. & O. Company, and Edward Becket Creasy the Store-keeper. The cost of a passage from Galle to Southampton was £85, to Sydney £40, and to Singapore £30. A horse coach ran between Galle and Matara, the fares being based on a classification that must have presented some practical difficulties. The highest fare was payable by Europeans, then Proctors and Modliars, next followed Burghers, and Natives brought up the rear. The Manager was William Frederick Jansz.

There were no fewer than eight Hotels in Galle. Familiar names occur, such as Oriental, Eglinton and Royal. Sea View Hotel was in charge of Reginald Clement Ephraums. There were five Auctioneers bearing the familiar names of Armstrong, Blok, de Zilva, Baptist and Eaton. Dealers in wines and spirits comprised no fewer than nine persons, among them being a lady. The town could boast a French Milliner in the person of Madame C. Sineau, while the male sex had their sartorial requirements attended to by Joachim Barsenbach. Jewellery, both genuine, as well as, it is feared, faked, had a ready market, and this profitable trade was shared by ten merchants.

Private medical practitioners were represented by John Valentine Loftus and Simon Richard Muttukistna, and the photograph art found its votaries in Adolphus William Andree, Jr., and Augustine Berteaux, the latter evidently a Frenchman. The Albion Press, in charge of Matthew Armstrong, was even then in existence, its rival being the Galle General Printing Office. The shops, all owned by Moors, were twelve in number, while one shop is shewn under the designation of "European Bazaar". Watchmakers were three in number, all bearing the surname of Flerk—Harry, George and James.

Balapitiya—spelt Ballepittymodara—had then, as until recently, only a Police Court, a Fiscal's Office, and a Customs. Insignificant as the place was, the Police Magistrate had an imposing array of designations after his name. There were only two Proctors practising. The Chief Clerk of the Fiscal's Office was Henry Barnes Fontyn, probably the father or a close relative of the bearer of that name who in recent times was an Assistant Conservator of Forests. The Sub-Collector of Customs was Albertus Carolus Anthonisz, and James Adriaan Van Rooyen practised his profession as a Notary. The Dutch spelling of Sinhalese names was still retained, as for instance in Senanaika.

The Matara Kacheheri was a small one, the entire staff not numbering more than eight, with Edward Elliott as Assistant Government Agent. It is interesting to recall that Elliott, some time after his retirement, returned to this District to embark on paddy cultivation, in which he was a firm believer. Among the Mudaliyars of the day was John Valentine David Abaysiriwardene Illangakoon, the bearer of an illustrious name. As shewing the ease with which the Burghers can become proficient in the vernaculars, it may be mentioned that one of them, William Darley Altendorff, was Translator of the District Road Committee. A much respected member of the Sinhalese community, David Abraham Gooneratne, Mohotty Mudaliyar, was Head Clerk of the Fiscal's Office, while Henry James Woutersz, who afterwards was raised to the ranks of the Magistracy, was third Clerk.

Among Proctors we find representatives of such well known families as Buultjens, Altendorff, Keuneman, Jansz, Kellar, Poulier and de Zilva. Robert Leembruggen, destined to rise to high office in the Education Department, was first Teacher of the Government Boys' School, while his wife discharged similar functions in respect of the Girls' School. The Registrar of Lands was William Louis Wallet Ludekens. William Arnold Woutersz was in medical charge of the District.

The Presbyterian Minister was the Rev. Wilfred Charles VanderWall, the father of E. H. VanderWall, a past President of the Union. The Elder in the Consistory was Jurgen David B. Keuneman, while the Deacons were R. A. de Zilva, C. H. B. Altendorff, G. H. Speldewinde, and R. H. Leembruggen. The S.P.G. Mission was in charge of the Rev. Abraham Dias, and the Wesleyan Mission in charge of the Rev. Zacchaeus Nathanielsz. Matara boasted a Hotel in those days. The Victoria was in charge of Fretz Arnold Altendorff, who also carried on the business of an Auctioneer. Two ladies figure among Stamp Vendors.

James Rudolph Ludovici, the father of a famous son, Lep Ludovici, was a clerk in the District Court of Tangalle, while Charles Hay Andree was Deputy Fiscal, and John Richard Buultjens was Jailer. There were only two Proctors, one of whom was William Anthony Claessen. The Medical Officer was Dr. John Attygalle, who was well known to a later generation.

Hambantota was a very insignificant place. Three clerks sufficed for the Kacheheri, the Head Clerk being Eugene Rosé. The Superintendent of the Salt Department was Joseph Lambert Kellar, and John George Wootler, a name that is now almost extinct, was Jailer, while Arthur Francis Koch was Inspector of Police, with 3 sergeants and 21 constables under him. The only person classed under merchants was one bearing the euphonious name of Wilhelmus Dolpheus de Zilva.

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(To be continued).

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF WERKMEESTER OF CEYLON.

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Altendorff).

I.

Jan Carel Werkmeester of Hartgerod, Sergeant in the Dutch East India Company's Service, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 18th December 1757, Anna Maria Stevens, and he had by her:—

- 1 Christina Elizabeth, baptised 3rd December 1758.
- 2 Sara Eleonora, baptised 22nd February 1761.
- 3 Carel Hendrik, baptised 12th May 1765.
- 4 Johan Christiaan, who follows under II.
- 5 Frederik Benjamin, who follows under III.
- 6 Johanna Christina Jacoba, married at Mannar, John Hatch.

II.

Johan Christiaan Werkmeester, baptised 22nd August 1768, married.....Hatch, and he had by her:—

- 1 Anna Catharina, born 15th January 1794, died 5th January 1877, married at Mannar

(a) By Governor's licence dated 3rd July 1810, Johannes Christopher van Braunhoff, Head Clerk of the Kachcheri at Mannar, baptised 18th March 1787, died 5th February 1818, son of Christopher Sigismond van Braunhoff of Mittau, Koerland, and Carolina Catharina Jacobsz.

(b) By the Reverend Joseph Knight, 18th January 1823, Abraham Ewert Bartholomeusz, Secretary of the District Court at Mannar, died 21st November 1853, son of Abraham Ewert Bartholomeusz and Jacoba Cornelia Liendersz.

III.

Frederic Benjamin Werkmeester, married Johanna Jacoba Bruger, and he had by her:—

- 1 George Alexander, who follows under IV.

IV.

George Alexander Werkmeester, born 6th July 1815, married Geraldina Petronella van Braunhoff, and he had by her:—

- 1 Dorothea married Samuel Herft.
- 2 Robert Wilmot, who follows under V.
- 3 Jane } died young.
- 4 Harriet }
- 5 John Richard, who follows under VI.
- 6 Gerald Agnew (Garret), died unmarried.
- 7 Georgiana, died young.
- 8 William Alfred, who follows under VII.
- 9 Edwin Colin, who follows under VIII.

V.

Robert Wilmot Werkmeester, married in Christ Church, Mannar, 27th November 1863, Winifred Elizabeth Bartholomeusz, died 1926, daughter of John William Frederick Bartholomeusz and Dorothea Mary Herft. He had by her:—

- 1 Camilla Annette, born 10th September 1867, married in Christ Church, Mannar, 1886, William Kiel.
- 2 Lillian Maud, born 8th July 1869, died 5th January 1938, married at Vavoniya, John Randolph Barbet, born 15th August 1865, died 7th August 1915.
- 3 Pring Albert Edward, who follows under IX.
- 4 Eugenie Josephine, born 18th July 1874, married at Vavoniya, 24th May 1893, Robert Constantine Manger.
- 5 Oliver Duncan, who follows under X.
- 6 Florence Clotilda, born 5th October 1885, married in Christ Church, Mannar, James William Duckworth.
- 7 Olive Roseneath, born 26th January 1886.
- 8 Muriel Irene, born 14th December 1887, married in Christ Church, Mannar, 8th April 1918, Juvenal Clement Chapman, son of Elyrold Bradman Chapman and Nancy Bates.

VI.

John Richard Werkmeester, died 13th January 1915, married Agnes Sarah Honter, died 16th July 1934. He had by her:—

- 1 Nancy Mabel, born 5th February 1879, married in the Methodist Church, Mannar, 11th April 1898, Eugene Julius Meurling, Inspector in the Irrigation Department, born 11th March 1870, son of Richard Gerald Meurling and Harriet Charlotte Kellar. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, page 33).
- 2 Analeen Florence, born 1883, married Christian Victor Honter, born 25th December 1879, died 10th March 1928, son of Jeremy Arthur Honter and Laura Dorothea de Hoedt.
- 3 Godwin, died young.

VII.

William Alfred Werkmeester, Chief Clerk, Railway Audit Office, born 1857, died 18th March 1909, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal:—

- (a) 27th December 1883, Agnes Sophia de Waas, daughter of Charles Adolphus de Waas and Juliette Henrietta Adelaide Leembruggen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV page 24).
- (b) 20th November 1897, Ada Emelia Baillie, born 22nd May 1865, died 21st October 1934, daughter of Charles Edward Baillie and Amelia Henrietta Schokman. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 108).

Of the first marriage, he had.

- 1 Daisy Agnes, born 16th September 1884, married in the Methodist Church at Vembadi, Jaffna, 18th June 1915, Francis George Roelofs, born 30th March 1885, son of Francis George Roelofs and Jane Elizabeth Toussaint. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IV, page 43).
- 2 Lillian Gertrude, born 6th November 1885.
- 3 Rose Mildred, born 12th February 1888, died 12th September 1907.
- 4 Pansy Etaine, born 11th May 1891, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 12th December 1917, Richard Leslie de Boer Brohier, O.B.E., F.R.G.S., Assistant Surveyor-General, born 5th October 1892, son of Richard Annesley Brohier, V.D., Assistant Postmaster-General, Major in the Ceylon Light Infantry, and Marian Almeera de Boer. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, pages 203 and 209, and Vol. XXXIV, page 79).
- 5 Marguerite Agnes, born 10th February 1894, married in the Methodist Church, Kollupitiya, 25th April 1931, James Herbert Lourensz, born 1st July 1898, son of James Alexandre Lourensz and Lucille Flanderka Weinman.

Of the second marriage, he had :—

- 6 Vyvil William Baillie, born 22nd February 1906.

VIII

Edwin Colin Werkmeester, born 1862, married in the Methodist Church, Kalutara, 15th September 1886, Lillian Catherine Poulter, born 1865, daughter of George Poulter and Georgiana Louisa de Hoedt. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 29). He had by her :—

- 1 Neville Edwin Wrightson, born 9th April 1888.

IX

Prins. Albert Edward Werkmeester, Superintendent of Mails, General Post Office, born 27th October 1872, died 16th October 1943, married in Christ Church, Dickoya, 18th July 1904, Florence Ann Vanden Driesen, born 16th July 1883, died 24th April 1934, daughter of Arthur Francis Vanden Driesen and Harriet Matilda Martin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, pages 59 and 60). He had by her :—

- 1 Robert Arthur Prins, born 13th June 1906, died 28th March 1930.
- 2 Princesse Florence Maisie, born 28th September, 1908, died 20th May, 1921.
- 3 Queenie Prudence, born 8th August 1910, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 27th December 1933, Walter William Driberg, born 28th January 1904, son of Bertram Lambert Driberg, O.B.E., (Military Division), J.P., U.M., Crown Proctor, Avisawella, Lieutenant Colonel, Ceylon Engineers, Ceylon

Defence Force, and Alice Helena Hoffman. (D.B.U. Journal Vol. XXXIV, pages 16 and 18).

- 4 Vernon Rex, who follows under XI.
- 5 Hubert Earle, born 21st February 1914, married in St. Mary's Church, Dehiwala, 29th November 1942, Elaine de Bruin, born 28th September 1916, daughter of William Norman de Bruin and Ada Julia Vanden Driesen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 58).
- 6 Randolph Kingsley, who follows under XII.
- 7 Douglas Haig, born 3rd March 1919.

X

Oliver Duncan Werkmeester, Superintendent of Minor Roads, Jaffna, born 20th February 1877 married in St. Mary's Church, Veyangoda, 6th July 1910, Priscilla Prudence Vanden Driesen, born 31st March 1890, died 1929, daughter of Arthur Francis Vanden Driesen and Harriet Matilda Martin. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXV, page 59). He had by her :—

- 1 Harold Oliver, born 14th April 1911.

XI

Vernon Rex Werkmeester, born 5th August 1912 married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, 26th December 1936, Dorothy Eunice Anthonisz, born 24th January 1916, daughter of Peter Daniel Anthonisz and Rita Irene de Zilwa. He had by her :

- 1 Wendy Jennifer, born 11th January 1943.

XII

Randolph Kingsley Werkmeester, born 5th May 1916, married at Leicester in England, 4th September 1946, Miriam Hilda Kirchim, and he had by her :—

- 1 Diane, born 27th December 1946.

Notes : (1) The correct spelling of the surname of the family is Werkmeester, but by common usage the spelling now is Werkmeister.

(2) John Hatch referred to under I, 6, was Ensign in the 19th English Regiment. He succeeded Major Ford as Commandant at Mannar in December 1800, and in October 1801 he was succeeded by Major Vincent of the same Regiment. His widow, Johanna Christina Jacoba Werkmeester, received assistance from a remittance sent in 1847 by the Government of the Netherlands possession in the East Indies for the relief of widows and orphans of the servants of the late Dutch Government, who were not already in the receipt of any pension from Government (Government Notification dated 17th July 1847).

(3) Christopher Sigismond Van Braunhoff of Mittau, Koerland, referred to under II (a), was a Vaandrig at Colombo. He married Carolina Catharina Jacobsz on 4th July 1786.

GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF LANDSBERGER OF CEYLON.

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Altendorff).

I.

Johannes Landsberger, born at Zwighausen, living in Ceylon 1766—1775. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. I, page 88) married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 12th October 1766, Maria Koits. He had by her:—

- 1 Jan Philip, who follows under II.
- 2 Libertina Maria, born 1775, died 6th June 1858, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 18th May 1800. Berhardus Alvis, Chief Clerk, Office of the Commissioner of Revenue, baptised 8th September 1776, son of Jeronimus Alvis and Leonora Maria Paulusz.

II.

Jan Philip Landsberger, born 3rd November 1773, died 11th December 1820, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 28th December 1800, Wilhelmina Hermina de Waas, and he had by her:—

- 1 David who follows under III.
- 2 Solomon, born 17th February 1803, died 12th October 1849.
- 3 Martha Euphresina, born 28th August 1804.
- 4 Carolina Wilhelmina, born 11th April 1807, married at Kandy by Governor's licence dated 13th March 1823, Philip Lucas Misso, son of Pierre Henri Misso and Anna Maria Jansen. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIX, page 55).
- 5 Johannes, born 10th July 1808.
- 6 Bernhardus, born 27th February 1810, died 1841.

III.

David Landsberger, baptised 25th November 1801, died 8th October 1856, married:

(a) 20th September 1826, Sara Taylor.

(b) 6th March 1838, Merciana Van Langenberg.

Of the first marriage, he had.

- 1 John Philip, born 24th July 1827, died 4th May 1828.
- 2 Ellen Barbara, born 3rd April 1829, died 3rd January 1885, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 27th November 1850, Cornelius Felsianus (Francis Charles) Daniels, born 10th June 1822, son of Petrus Arnoldus Danielsz and Alida Appelboom. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXVIII, pages 49 and 51).

- 3 William David, who follows under IV.
Of the second marriage, he had.
- 4 Walter David, born 5th February 1839, died 11th April 1896.
- 5 Pierre David, who follows under V.
- 6 Henrietta Blandina, born 6th April 1847, died 16th October 1865.
- 7 Mary Ursula, born 20th January 1856, died 12th October 1923, married.....Van Langenberg.

IV.

William David Landsberger, born 23rd February 1831, died 6th July 1896, married at Kurunegala, 20th June 1862, Susan Magdeline de Niese, born 18th August 1844, died 18th November 1883. He had by her:—

- 1 William Francis, who follows under VI.
- 2 Ellen Emily, born 4th March 1865, married at Galagedera, 8th August 1889, E. P. Schuiling.
- 3 James Peter, born 25th June, 1867, died 26th April 1923.
- 4 Susan Magdeline, born 10th August 1869.
- 5 Louise Mary, born 9th November 1871, married at Galagedera, 16th July 1894, John Wylie.
- 6 Aloysius, born 19th June 1873, died 29th October 1881.
- 7 Joseph Philip, who follows under VII.
- 8 Alice Maude, born 18th October 1877, died 8th April 1901.
- 9 Caroline, born 21st August 1879, died 30th March 1909.

V.

Pierre David Landsberger, born 25th September 1841, died 16th July 1899, married in St. Mary's Church, Negombo, 2nd October 1876, Agnes Matilda Misso, born 26th March 1852, daughter of Michael Bartholomew Misso, Surgeon, and Josephina Wilhelmina La'Brooy. (D. B. U. Journal, Vol. XXIV, page 70, and Vol. XXIX page 57). He had by her:—

- 1 Cyril Walter, born 5th April 1881.

VI.

William Francis Landsberger, born 6th June 1863, died 15th February 1925, married in St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna, 27th June 1895, Florence Mary Miller, born 15th January 1876. He had by her:—

- 1 Charles William Melville, born 15th May 1896, died at Shrewton in Salisbury, England, 15th September 1924, married in St. George's Church, Orcheston in Wiltshire, England, 11th July 1923, Irene Maggs.
- 2 Helen Louise, born 29th July 1897, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 20th June 1923, Emil Camillus Berenger, born 14th July 1899, son of Edward James Berenger and Augusta Hope da Silva.

- 3 Leslie David, who follows under VIII.
- 4 Stella Hyacinth, born 26th June 1900, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 17th April 1922, Harold Joseph Herft.
- 5 Frederick Alphonsus, born 12th October 1903, died 18th September 1915.
- 6 Dagmar Florence, born 25th April 1905, married in St. Anthony's Cathedral, Kandy, 28th October 1930, Hendrikus Georgius de Rooy, born 13th August 1903, son of Hendrikus Georgius de Rooy and Mary Helen Strantenberg.
- 7 Margery Eleanor, born 3rd October 1906, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 26th December, 1932, Wilmot Justin Edmund Ekanayake.
- 8 Reinhardt Mathias, who follows under IX.
- 9 Iris Gwendoline Louise, born 8th January 1910, died 31st May 1911.
- 10 Richard Francis Lancelot, who follows under X.
- 11 Florence Pauline Maude, born 13th November 1913, married in St. Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 25th June 1938, Edward Francis Young, son of Henry Thomas Young and Agnes Rosalind Draper.
- 12 Kingsley Mervyn Joseph, born 26th January 1916.

VII

Joseph Philip Landsberger, born 16th July 1875, married at Trincomalee, 10th February 1904, Agnes Mary de Jong, and he had by her:—

- 1 Joseph David, born 9th January 1905, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 30th December, 1931, Mabel Juliet Brohier, born 12th January 1906, daughter of James George Edgar Brohier and Emmie Annette Elias. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXI, page 207).

VIII

Leslie David Landsberger, born 17th October 1898, married at St. Bernardos, Port Elizabeth, Cape Province, South Africa, 10th February 1927, Bertha Ellen Kwankis, and he had by her:—

- 1 Emma Florence, born at Georgetown, Cape Province, South Africa, 29th September 1928.
- 2 William John, born at Berchenham in Kent, England, 9th March, 1931.
- 3 David Melville Thor, born at Berchanham in Kent, England, 4th November 1939, died 19th March 1934.

IX

Reinhardt Matbias Landsberger, born 27th February 1908, civilly married at Colombo, 16th March 1929, Esme Lilith Balthazar, born 12th April 1912, died 8th May 1945, daughter of John Joseph Balthazar and Ada Lilian Jansz. He had by her:—

- 1 Carman Reneira, born 5th April 1930,
- 2 Ada Lillian, born 12th June 1931.
- 3 Yvonne Christine, born 17th December 1932.
- 4 Roselita Margarita, born 24th March 1934.
- 5 Roselle Annette, born 24th August 1940.

X

Richard Francis Lancelot Landsberger, born 11th January 1912, married in the Church of St. Mary and St. John, Nugegoda, 18th December 1943, Olivia Florence Kwesius, daughter of Oswald Stanley Kwesius and Mildred Florence Rodrigo. He had by her:—

Elmo Richard, born 11th April 1945.

Notes: (1) Lieutenant Hendrikus Georgi de Rooy, referred to under VI, 6, was a Boer prisoner-of-war. He took out papers under the Naturalization Ordinance, secured employment in the Ceylon Government Railways, and retired after many years of service. He married in St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna, on 27th August 1902, Mary Helen Strantenberg, born at Jaffna, 18th April 1880, died at Colombo, 19th April 1945. She was a daughter of Charles Alphonsus Strantenberg, Proctor, born at Jaffna, 20th November 1833, died at Kandy, 8th September 1909, married in St. Mary's Cathedral, Jaffna, 27th June 1861. Mary Louisa Jan, born 22nd May 1846, died at Jaffna, 3rd November 1907.

(2) Joseph David Landsberger, referred to under VII, 1, changed his surname to "Borger".

WRIGHT GENEALOGY.

(Correction.)

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1. On page 19, delete subsection (b) in section II, and alter subsections (c) and (d) to (b) and (c) respectively.
2. On page 24, in section VIII (b), insert "St. Mary's Church" between "at" and "Badulla".

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GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILY OF MARTIN OF CEYLON.

(Compiled by Mr. D. V. Altendorff).

I

Samuel Algernon Martin, born in County Tyrone in Ulster, Ireland, married in 1807 at County Waterford in Munster, Thomasine Lane, born in County Tipperary in Munster, daughter of Lieutenant William Lane of the Royal Artillery. He had by her several children including John, who follows under II.

II

John Martin, born at Linlithgow in Scotland, 26th February 1826, arrived in Ceylon in 1848, died at Chilaw, 20th January 1884, married in St. Mary's Church, Chilaw, 11th November 1865, Harriet Jane Cooke, born at Chilaw, 23rd August 1846, died 20th October 1918, daughter of Nathaniel James Cooke and Louisa Arnoldina Pierz. He had by her:—

- 1 Nathaniel John, J.P., U.P.M., Proctor and Notary Public, born 14th October 1865, died 12th April 1935, married in St. Stephen's Church, Negombo, 8th September 1892, Millicent Bianca Sansoni, born 9th June 1873, died 9th September 1928, daughter of William Michael Sansoni, Proctor, and Rosamond Lydia Aldons. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, page 117).
- 2 Justin William Cecil, born 11th November 1866, died at Ipoh in Federated Malay States.
- 3 Thomasine Lillian, born 20th April 1868, married in St. Stephen's Church, Negombo, 20th June 1888, George Archibald Schrader, born 4th May, 1858, died 21st March 1923, son of Frederick Justus Schrader and Harriet Andr  . (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 72).
- 4 Walter George, who follows under III.
- 5 Arthur Douglas, who follows under IV.
- 6 Samuel Algernon, who follows under V.
- 7 James Lealie Bertram, born 2nd October 1884, died 14th April 1920.

III

Walter George Martin, born 19th July 1869, died 16th February 1895, married in St. Stephen's Church, Negombo, 4th July 1892, Elsie Lydia Sansoni, born 1st April 1872, died 27th August 1898, daughter of William Michael Sansoni, Proctor, and Rosamond Lydia Aldons. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXII, page 117). He had by her:—

- 1 Beryl Lydia Sansoni, born 11th December 1893, died 14th September, 1920, married in St. James' Church, Chilaw, 27th

December 1916, George Justus Schrader, born 30th April 1895, son of George Archibald Schrader and Thomasine Lillian Martin (vide II, 3, supra, and D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VI, page 72).

- 2 Noble Sylvia, born 23rd April 1895, married in St. James' Church, Chilaw, 16th February 1920, Roy Eversley Austin, Proctor and Notary Public, born 5th September 1891, son of Cyril Thomas Austin and Ada Lillian May Vander Straaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 164).

IV

Arthur Douglas Martin, born 30th April 1872, married at Ipoh in the Federated Malay States, Evelyn Colomb, and he had by her:—

- 1 Margaret.
- 2 Lyn.

V

Samuel Algernon Martin, Proctor, born 10th March 1879, died 6th June 1931, married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, 22nd June 1903, Zillie Elfrida de Kretser, born 27th January 1883, daughter of Horace Egerton de Kretser, Landing Surveyor, Customs Department, and Ellen Georgiana de Waas. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. X, page 21). He had by her:—

- 1 Algernon John Horace, A.M.I.E.E., Engineer in the Department of Government Electrical Undertakings, born 24th March 1904.
- 2 Walter Douglas, who follows under VI.
- 3 Zillie Dorothy, born 2nd January 1908.
- 4 Christine May, born 28th September 1909, married in St. James' Church, Chilaw, 16th September, 1929, Hubert Lorraine Austin, born 13th December 1893, son of Cyril Thomas Austin and Ada Lillian May Vander Straaten. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 164).

VI

Walter Douglas Martin, Inspector of Excise, born 11th April 1906, married in Holy Trinity Church, Colombo, 24th June 1933, Harriet Agnes Celia Drieberg Jonklaas, born 2nd December 1905, daughter of Algernon Clarence Byrde Jonklaas, V.D., Provincial Engineer, Public Works Department, Colonel Commanding the Ceylon Light Infantry, 1923—1927, and Harriet Agnes Celia Drieberg. (D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXIII, page 208, and Vol XXIV, page 12). He had by her:—

- 1 Pauline Anne, born 4th May 1934.
- 2 Michael Douglas, born 8th December 1936.

Notes:—(1) Nathaniel James Cooke, referred to under II, was born at Galle on 17th August 1815, and died at Chilaw on 23rd March 1883. His parents were John Cook of Cork in Ireland, who died at Galle, and Sophia Frederica Wilhelmina Calesky. The latter was

widow of Nathaniel Austin referred to in D.B.U. Journal, Vol. VII, page 28, when she married John Cook. Her father was Friederich Wilhelm Galesky of Grandsee in Brandenburg, who came to Ceylon as a Sergeant in the Wurttemberg Regiment, and married in the Dutch Reformed Church, Wolvendaal, on 13th May 1793, Elizabeth Rodriguez, widow of Jan Harmensz of Amsterdam, Cannonier, whom she married in the same Church on 21st October 1787.

(2) In the re-constitution of the Legislative Council in 1924, the Burgher Community alone was entitled to return two elected members. In addition, the Burghers were assigned a nominated seat. In the contest for the elected seats, Nathaniel John Martin referred to under II, 1, supra, and George Alfred Henry Wille, referred to in D.B.U. Journal, Vol. XXXVII, page 18, were returned. The nominated seat went to Hermann Albert Loos, referred to in D.B.U. Journal, Vol. IX, page 99, and Vol. XXXV, page 17.

Ourselves. We regret that a mistake has occurred in the numbering of the last two issues of the Journal. Will members kindly note the following corrections:—

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